

FROM THE PASTOR:

The Communicator

April 2016



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

# The Communicator

This past month you received a letter from me announcing the time and format changes for our Sunday morning worship. I have reprinted a portion of that letter below. I would only underscore the need for your feedback as we go through the trial period and your openness and patience as we review this process.

“Over the past several months we have been in discussion about our worship times and formats. The discussions have been prayerful and difficult. The congregation is in agreement that we should go to two services to enhance our fellowship and hopefully our attendance.

We have been wrestling with time and format. The questions have centered around how to maintain the traditional liturgical service, how to provide a service that adds some contemporary feel as well as how to maintain the integrity of our Sunday School.

The church council and elders are recommending a two and a half month trial period, April 3-June 12, of the following schedule: A modern-traditional service at 9:00, Sunday School at 10:15 and a liturgical service at 11:15.

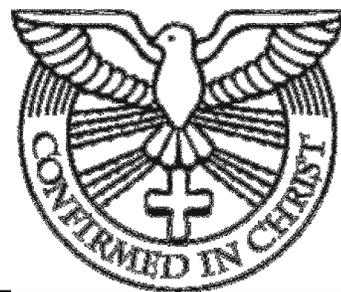
The modern-traditional service will seek to maintain our Lutheran emphasis of confession, prayer, scripture, sermon, creed, communion; word and sacrament. The hymnody is a blend of traditional hymns and very familiar contemporary tunes (from the With One Voice, and Worship and Praise hymnals as well as our summer books).

I recognize this is an adjustment, especially for our members who worship at 8:00 and 9:30. It is my hope that this change will draw us together and not separate us. Worship is always defined as our response to the love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ. Our Lord comes to us to bind us together as his children not to drive us apart because of time and format of worship.”

April is a time for new beginnings and celebrations. We continue to celebrate the resurrection and the life of our young people. On April 14th I will be meeting with the parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to discuss first communion. We meet at 7:00pm. We will be discussing class times and the day of first communion.

Three of our young people, Emily Yackel, Keeley Lyons, and Teliah Cramer, will enter our churches life through the rite of confirmation on May 15. This is Pentecost Sunday, traditionally the birthday of the church. I rejoice in welcoming these young people into full membership.

I continue to hold our parish in prayer as we travel the road of Christian worship and service.



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## Ecopark Wants Our Waste

Earth Day is a great time to learn about the Monroe County Ecopark. The facility is an innovative venture by the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services and Waste Management of New York. Its goal is to keep reclaimable materials out of landfills and the county sewer systems.

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks opened the ecopark in September of 2011 at 10 Avion Drive in Chili (near the intersection of Beahan Road and Paul Road). It is a state-of-the art recycling facility. Monroe County residents drive their cars through the large building, stopping at each well-marked station to drop off items. At each stop, dumpsters and huge metal bins keep everything neat and contained. People must unload their own vehicles.

The ecopark facility is open each Wednesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It accepts the following items:

- appliances (not air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators, etc.)
- batteries (including vehicle batteries; must be non-alkaline; includes rechargeable, lithium ion, but-ton, and sealed lead batteries)
- paper & cardboard
- commingled recyclables (cans, bottles, jars, etc.)
- cooking oil and grease in closed containers (fryer oil, lard, and animal fat drippings)
- electronics (cell phones, TVs, computers, monitors, printers, etc.)
- fluorescent light bulbs
- magnetic media (CDs, DVDs, audiocassettes, videotapes, 8-track tapes, etc)
- large plastic items (patio furniture, toys, shower stools, etc.)
- printer cartridges
- propane tanks (1 lb and 20 lb)
- scrap metal
- sharps (needles) and syringes
- shredded documents – also provide document destruction (done off site)
- sneakers
- Styrofoam packing material (but NOT egg cartons or food/drink containers)
- clothing and fabric (good quality items will be given to Goodwill or Salvation Army)
- EMPTY prescription bottles

It will also take anything accepted at the Monroe County Recycling Center via the curbside collection program; visit [www.monroecounty.gov/des-residentialrecycling.php](http://www.monroecounty.gov/des-residentialrecycling.php).

The ecopark schedules specific dates to collect the following:

- household hazardous waste (paint, stain, paint thinners, pesticides, fuel, etc.) (by appointment ONLY)
- prescription and over-the-counter medications
- tires: \$3 each (credit/debit card only)
- appliances containing CFC/Freon (air conditioners and refrigerators): \$15 each (credit/debit card only)

The ecopark's web page ([www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark)) has a search tool (ecopark Prospector) to give Monroe County residents alternative options that may be closer and/or more convenient than driving to the ecopark. Residents are encouraged to use the most environmentally-friendly way to manage their items (generally, the closest to their homes).

The ecopark empowers Monroe County citizens to reduce the amount of waste that goes into sewers and landfills--not just on Earth Day--but every day. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark) for more information.



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## Birthdays

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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS . . .** HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of April. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

3—Kenneth Turner  
3—Laura Schwach  
3—Mary Ellen Saur  
3—Chloe Crnkovich  
5—Shelby Gear  
5—Mary Yagel  
5—Linda Loughlin  
5—Lisa Stuver

6—Alexia McEathron  
6—Madelyn Peters  
7—Nedra Keller  
7—Christopher Albano  
8—Ashley Kuscsik  
9—Christopher Chapin  
9—Tanner Brightman  
10—Nikole Nash  
10—Lillian Eldred  
11—Todd Pearce  
11—Robert Sihto  
13—Kristen Peters  
14—David Lane  
14—Herbert Renke  
14—Brian Kitts  
15—Anton Suk Jr.  
16—Linda Richards  
17—Amanda Carpino  
17—Debbie Wilck  
18—Helen Stewart  
18—Gretchen Carletta  
18—Katherine Hyatt  
18—Vincent Marcera  
19—James Yackel  
19—Joseph Scuderi  
20—Jack Greeley  
20—Joyce Nelson Hasenstab

21—John Dietrick  
21—Avery Pharmakis-Keegan  
21—Sabrina Walker  
21—Evelyne Lance  
21—Kira Peacock  
22—Jennifer Oehlbeck  
22—Camden Mills  
24—David Duthoy  
24—Abbey Modeen  
24—Margaret Meli  
25—Bonita Hartfiel  
25—Corinne Lee  
26—Julianna Gatto  
26—Madilynn Walberger  
26—Randall Graupman  
27—Mark Henry  
28—Jacob Foltz  
28—Amy Priestley



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## April Anniversaries

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**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES . . .** Congratulations and Best Wishes to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate Wedding anniversaries during the month of April. May God continue to bless you and increase your love for one another!

3—John and Linda Richards  
*Happy 45th Anniversary*  
3—Hans and Margaret Witt  
12—Thomas and Cornelia Glanville  
12—Larry and Janie Hopkins  
13—Nicholas and Linda Gatto  
*Happy 20th Anniversary*  
13—John and Sally Shannon  
15—John and Donna Hladis  
18—Richard and Ruthann Pearce  
19—Gerald and Donna Miller  
24—Brad and Ann Morningstar

25—James and Agnes Richardson  
*Happy 63rd Anniversary*  
26—Damon and Jennifer Carpenter  
29—Marc and Molly Sidare  
30—Dan and Pam Ford



## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MISSION STATEMENT

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We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

*Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010*



**Congregational  
Meeting**

**SUNDAY  
April 24  
5:00 PM  
Light Supper  
CONGREGATION  
MEETING  
FOLLOWING  
AT  
6:00 PM**



### RED WINGS BASEBALL EVENING

We are looking at a possible Red Wings baseball game for our church people this summer since Thrivent will no longer be sponsoring a game/picnic this year. We are looking for ideas and dates for this event so if anyone has any thoughts please contact Dick Ransom or Ed Jarvis. Hopefully we can plan a fun day at Frontier Stadium.

### JUBILLEES PICNIC

The Jubilees will be having their annual progressive picnic on Friday, June 10th, for additional information and signing up watch for the sign up sheet on the Narthex table this month. Ed and Daryl Jarvis are coordinating this event.

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### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY EXTENDED



The members of Our Saviour extend sympathy to the family of Jim Clark

Jim died on March 4. He was a long time member of Our Saviour. His Funeral Service was held at Burger's Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 8th at 11:00 AM.

*Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;  
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

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❖ Daryl Jarvis, Mary Ellen Saur, Ann and Gordon Seppa, Cheryl Stone, Linda Loughlin for collating, stapling, addressing and mailing the

- ❖ Linda Loughlin and The Wiesmore Family for leading the singing and helping with the Power Point at the 9:30 AM Service.
- ❖ Richard and Sharon Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur for assembling the Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Services.
- ❖ Sharon Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur for assembling Jim Rath's Memorial Service Bulletins.

March newsletter.

- ❖ Ayden Plowe for continuing to fill the oil candles.
- ❖ Mary Ellen Saur for continuing to update the sign out front.
- ❖ Board of Women of the ELCA, Church Council, Elders, Board of Education, Sunday School, LYO, and the Choirs for hosting the Mid-Week Lenten Soup and Sandwich Dinner during the month of March.
- ❖ Rich Yackel for continuing to oversee the cleaning volunteers.
- ❖ Many, Many thanks to the upper level cleaning volunteers.
- ❖ Ann Seppa, Cheryl Stone, Marilies Renke, Ann Marie MacBride, Marge Kowalski and Daryl and Ed Jarvis, Larry Hopkins for cleaning the cushions and the polishing of the pews in the church.

The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee/Board Chairs and others are asked to share these names with Office Manager, Mary Pleten for inclusion in future issues of the **Communicator**.



**ELDERS**  
April 3 at 12:30 PM; and the

**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
Monday, April 11  
6:30 PM.

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS ONLY MEETING**  
Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM

**WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.**  
Women of the E.L.C.A. meet Tuesday,  
April 12 at 5:30 PM. At D&R Depot in Leroy for dinner.

**CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT**—Friday, April 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The movie is "Woodlawn". Please join us.



**VBS COMMITTEE MEETING,**  
Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM

**EVANGLISM MEETING**  
Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 AM.

**CONGREGATION MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 6:00 PM**  
Light supper at 5:00 PM

**LYO GARAGE SALE**  
Saturday, April 30, 9AM till 3PM

**THE CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB**—April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and we are reading the book "Eve" and the author is William Paul Young.



# Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA hope everyone had a Happy Easter!

During our March meeting, Pastor Wilck conducted a Bible Study with us about the “Crucifixion”.

We chose the D&R Depot restaurant in LeRoy for our annual dinner out on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting promptly at 5:30 pm at the restaurant. There are no stairs for anyone unable to manage them. This is strictly a fun night out with no meeting. All women are invited to join us and get to know each other.

There is a sign up sheet, as well as a copy of the menu on the table in the Narthex.

The Women of the ELCA Genesee Finger Lakes Conference will hold their Spring Communion Pot Luck Luncheon on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Concordia Lutheran Church, 1775 Kendall Rd, Kendall, N.Y.. Registration is at 10:00 am with a \$3.00 registration fee. Program will begin at 10:30 am.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Chris Scribani, from the Open Door Mission and will speak on “Help for Homeless Women and Children”. We are asked to bring a dish to pass and a donation of underwear and socks for women and children.

There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex for anyone wishing to attend.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We are fortunate to have Mike Deming as our Guest Speaker. Mr. Deming is an antique appraiser. Everyone will be allowed to bring “one” antique for appraisal by Mr. Deming. **MEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Daryl Jarvis will be the hostess for this meeting. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

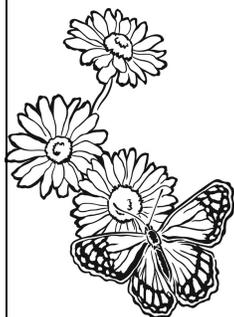
On Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we will hold our annual end of the year potluck dinner at the home of Ann Seppa.



## THANK YOU

I would like to thank of all my friends at LCOS for your prayers, cards, and condolences upon the passing of my Mom to her Lord. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Gene Northrop



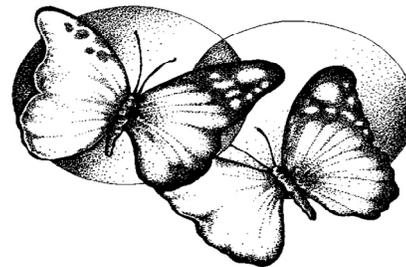
**Evangelism Committee** is looking for basket donations for our annual basket raffle. We will want the baskets to the church by May 22<sup>th</sup> which is when we will start selling tickets.

## NG'US and LYO HAPPENINGS

The youth will be holding their **Annual Garage Sale April 30th from 9am to 3pm**. We welcome all donations. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday during office hours at Dell Hall, Sundays during worship hours and Saturdays (contact office or Janeen ahead of time to set up time). We thank everyone in advance for their continued support.

During the month of March, the youth held their annual pancake breakfast. It was another successful year! Special thanks to Brian Spencer our head chef, Paul Denz and Mr. Ransom who helped make the breakfast go smoothly as well as tasty. As always we are grateful for the congregation's support and look forward to hosting everyone next year! This year going into the pancake breakfast the youth had a lock-in in which much fun was had by all til the wee hours of the morning. Thank you to Paul and Jessica Denz who chaperoned the evening and prepared Bible Jeopardy and Bible Family Feud. It was a fantastic addition to our lock-in and much fun was had by all.

Also, on behalf of the youth, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Jessica and the Denz family for leading the youth through a passover meal. Much time and love went into the preparation for the meal. We look forward to experiencing the passover meal with Jessica's guidance next year. Our youth have been truly blessed to have such a gift. Thank you Jessica for sharing your culture and precious family memories with us.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday School classes are well into their Spring Session. Hearing all about the Great Wedding Banquet, How God's changes can be very surprising on the transfiguration; and How Jesus gave his life for us during Holy Week.

The Easter Egg Hunt was great fun. Thank you to all who help made it such a success. A special tanks to Mrs. Foltz for organizing.

Thank you all for your continued support. Once again any questions or concerns contact me @mlcoval@frontiernet.net

Hope everyone had a blessed Easter! Sunday School resumes April 3.

He is Risen

Michelle Coval, Sunday School Superintendent



*Those who are homebound or reside in nursing homes...* Audrey Citro (St. John's Home), Hans Strasser (Jewish Home, Winton Road) Helen Pleten (Emeritus Home on Long Pond Road) Edith Pharmakis (Ridgedge Apt. 535 Mt. Hope Ave—part of the Episcopal Home)



As an ongoing mission, Women of ECLA plan to act boldly in their faith by providing food and toiletries for St. Theodore's, a local food pantry in Gates. Deb Housel has volunteered there for 8 years, and she will be transporting the food collected at LCOS to the Cupboard.

St. Theodore's Food Cupboard began in 1982 and is run completely by volunteers. Located in two classrooms of the former school building at 168 Spencerport Road, its entrance is accessible from Dunn Tower Drive.

The Cupboard serves two types of clients: monthly and emergency. Sixty families are supported in the monthly program. These families receive 3 bags of food each month. To become a monthly client, a person must go through a personal interview and disclose finances to demonstrate a true need. This qualification process is repeated annually, so the monthly client list changes as clients' fortunes improve.

Between 30 and 50 families each month request emergency food. They are given a 3-5 day supply of food and a small bag of toiletries. St. Theodore's serves people living in the 14606 and 14624 zip code area, but will not turn away anyone outside that area. If a person comes and says s/he needs food, food is *always* given. No appointment is necessary, but proof of ID and address are required. People are strongly discouraged from declaring an emergency more frequently than every three months, and records are kept to prevent abuse of the system. The Emergency Food Program hours are: Monday 12-2 p.m., Wednesday 11-1 p.m., Thursday 10-12 p.m. Emergency clients are informed about social service programs (such as food stamps) and given the paperwork to apply for them.

Who are the people who rely on St. Theodore's Food Cupboard? You might be surprised. It's within walking distance of Dunn Tower, and some of the elderly living there couldn't make ends meet without it. It's often the working poor. Sometimes it's someone who's been laid off at age 57 and told to use up her entire 401K before she can qualify for food stamps.

To help, bring your donations to church and leave them in the wicker basket below the table in the Narthex. There's a Women of ELCA sign on the table above the basket. If the basket is full, terrific! Just pile your groceries nearby for Deb to collect.

St. Theodore's receives help from Foodlink and New York state. As a result, it must follow guidelines about offering healthy foods. Here's a list of the items most needed:

jello	dry pasta	canned vegetables
rice	canned fruits	canned pasta (like Spaghetti-os)
tuna	salad dressing	cake or brownie mix
jelly/jam	spaghetti sauce	canned or crushed tomatoes
cereal	pie filling	applesauce
soup	mac & cheese	pork and beans
juice	peanut butter	baked beans
coffee	Hamburger Helper	Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper
tea	hot chocolate mix	applesauce
hand soap	toothpaste	toothbrush
shampoo	toilet paper	facial tissue

Note: Household cleaning supplies (laundry soap, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, etc) are *not* distributed.

Have questions, you can email the director, Kathy Nicol, at [knicol7@rochester.rr.com](mailto:knicol7@rochester.rr.com).

## **Church & Community**

### **Reminder: The Church services are on YouTube**

The youth are taping 9:00am Church service each Sunday, and can be viewed on YouTube.

Thanks go out to Jakob Witt and Jerry Stich, for taping the Church services & uploading them onto YouTube.

They can be viewed through YouTube on a computer, tablet, smart phone, smart TV, ect

There are several ways to find the taped Church services on YouTube some are

- > Subscribe the "LCOS Rochester" group on [www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/)
- >€Go to our webpage ([www.oursaviourrochester.org](http://www.oursaviourrochester.org)) for the last Sunday's posting ([Watch and Listen](#))
- > Search YouTube videos for the Lutheran Church Of Oursaviour Rochester (LCOS Rochester).

Jerry Stich

## **Trustees news**

A few more heating system repairs and we may make it through the season. Some more parts broke and needed replacement to keep things working and leak free. Not a huge amount of money to buy the parts but the real cost saving is in the labor that it would have cost to have an HVAC company in to do the work. Thanks Rick for your expertise in keeping the heat on.

Looking forward to spring and better weather that means the grass will start growing again and exterior maintenance work will resume. Please consider lending a hand with painting, pruning, weeding, etc to keep the church that people see just passing by well cared for. Jim Flick

## **FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL, OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS.**

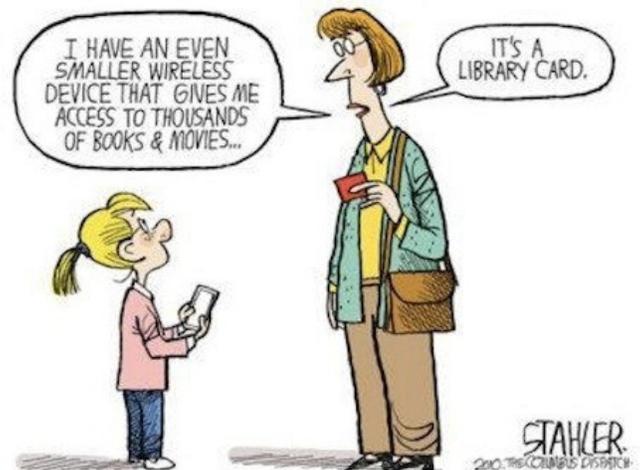
Please read the letter from the Community Lutheran Ministry on Joseph Avenue in this newsletter. The CLM (Maggie Harris' Place) is being re-started for the benefit of providing a safe haven for the local children to grow and develop in the love of God. Maggie is still around, she will provide support and guidance during this transitional year.

Coming up new this year for Our Saviour is the Christmas Child program that assembles and sends out boxes of needed supplies to the children of the world. The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is sponsoring this wonderful program, watch for announcements and postings.

## **SERVING SCHEDULE**

The service schedule does not appear on the back of the calendar this month do to the Services time changes. I will be calling individuals to help with the ushering and the lecturing and Communion Assistants for the 9:00 AM Service and 11:15 AM.. Mary Pletn

**Altar Care** – Debbie Wilck and Marielies Renke  
**Counters** — Rod Potter



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Begin Saturday, April 23

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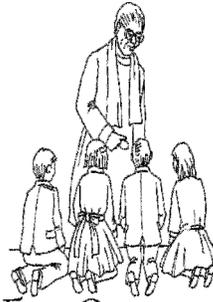
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Www: [OurSaviourRochester.org](http://OurSaviourRochester.org)

**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. On Friday Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor Wilck, when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voice mail.

Please inform Pastor Wilck whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office. ]



*First Communion*

First Communion Class for youth in grade three and four begins in April. Classes are April 23, and 30 and May 7 at 9:30 to 11:00 AM. First Communion Sunday is Sunday, May 8 at the 11:15 AM Service.

The First Communion Class prepares youth of the congregation to begin receiving Holy Communion. The classes study passages in Scripture that help build an understanding of what Holy Communion is. There are activities that help the youth grow in appreciation for the gifts God gives in Holy Communion. And, time is devoted to the "how-to" of receiving Holy Communion.

If you have a 3rd or 4th grader that has not received First Communion and you did not receive a letter, please contact the church office 247-7824.†

**Meeting for parents only is Thursday**  
**April 14 at 7:00 PM**



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