

The Communicator

April 2017



Palm Sunday-April 9

Modern Traditional Service 9:00 AM

Traditional Service 11:15 AM

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM



Maunday Thursday, April 13,

Noon and 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service, April 14, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday-Communion Service

10:00 AM One Service with Child Care

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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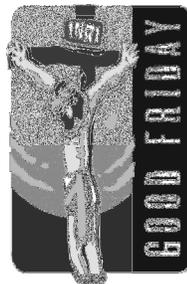


MAUNDY THURSDAY is April 13. Holy Communion is celebrated 12 Noon and at 7:00 PM New time. On this day Christians gather to share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unending love for the human family. Jesus demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word and giving us his body and blood. We realize that as Christ's followers we are sent to continue Jesus' actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed those who are hungry.

Holy Communion will be around a table set at the front of the church. We remember Jesus and his disciples gathering for this meal as we gather in groups of 12 to receive the sacrament. Distribution is by Individual Cup.

This service also concludes with a focus toward Good Friday in the Stripping of the Altar.

On **GOOD FRIDAY**, April 14. The Service of Tenebrae at 7:00 PM New time. The people of God gather to hear the proclamation of the passion, to pray for the life of the world and to meditate on the life-giving cross. The ancient title for this day – the triumph of the cross – reminds us that the church gathers to offer thanksgiving for the wood of the tree on which hung our salvation. Through scripture readings, hymns, the extinguishing of candles and gradual dimming of the sanctuary lights we focus on the crucifixion of Jesus in this powerful and moving service.



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FROM THE PASTOR:

One of the greatest preachers of the 19th century was the Reverend Philips Brooks, Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts. On July 4, 1880, he preached a powerful sermon in London's Westminster Abbey. The sermon's theme was built around the candle as a commanding symbol of the Easter life. Human nature, Brooks declared, is like an unlit candle—dim, cold, waxy, and rigid. But when the candle is lit, something happens, bringing warmth and light to the darkness around it.

The message of Easter is this: Human life is a candle to be lit. Christ, the light of the world has risen from the dead, and calls all people to the resurrection faith that transforms their lives. The resurrection is like a lighted candle burning brightly with the light that guides and cheers them through the darkness of this world. "The human spirit, said the writer in Proverbs, is the lamp of the Lord" (Proverbs 20:27)

The first witnesses to the resurrection were the women who went to the tomb at early dawn. They were perplexed by what they found—the stone rolled away and the body gone. Their perplexity turned to fright when they met two men in dazzling apparel who asked them the best question in all the Gospels: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5) Suddenly, the light began to dawn. Jesus had risen, as he had told them.

When the candle of faith is lit, its fire must first warm the rigid, waxy fears that prevent us from believing. Often, this takes time.

The reaction of the women moved from fear to faith, as does ours when the resurrection is announced. We, too, are afraid to believe what goes against the grain of all human logic. It was the same with the other disciples. The text ends on a note that doesn't surprise us—"but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them" (Luke 24:11) But faith soon came, the candle was lit, and the light of the resurrection shone brightly, overcoming the darkness around it.

Each day is a resurrection day when we celebrate the light that God kindles in each believer—a candle burning brightly with Christ's glory.

Prepare and celebrate Holy Week and Easter with us. Our schedule is as follows:

April 9 Palm Sunday – Services at 9:00 (modern-traditional) and 11:15 (traditional)

LYO Breakfast 8-11 AM

April 13 Maundy Thursday – 12:00 Noon (spoken communion) 7:00 Service, Table communion

April 14 Good Friday: 7:00 PM Tenebrae service of Shadows

April 16 Easter Sunday Service of Holy Communion at 10:00

Please note the time changes for our evening services at 7:00 PM and only one service Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM

Pastor Wilck

Evangelism Committee is looking for basket donations for our annual basket raffle. We will want the baskets to the church by May 14th which is when we will start selling tickets.



	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 17
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<p>Last Mid-week Service, April 5 at 7:15 PM Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:30 PM.</p>	
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Birthdays

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
10—Katelyn Meise
11—Todd Pearce
11—Robert Sihto
13—Kristen Peters
14—Herbert Renke
15—Anton Suk Jr.
16—Linda Richards
17—Debbie Wilck
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—Corinne Lee
26—Julianna Gatto
26—Madilynn Walberger
27—Mark Henry
28—Jacob Foltz



April Anniversaries

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
3—Hans and Margaret Witt
12—Thomas and Cornelia Glanville
12—Larry and Janie Hopkins
13—Nicholas and Linda Gatto
13—John and Sally Shannon
15—John and Donna Hladis
18—Richard and Ruthann Pearce
19—Gerald and Donna Miller
22—Thomas and Krista Vasile
24—Brad and Ann Morningstar

25—James and Agnes Richardson
Happy 64th Anniversary
26—Damon and Jennifer Carpenter
30—Dan and Pam Ford



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

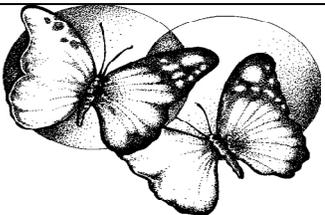


Congregational Meeting

**SUNDAY
April 30
5:00 PM
Light Supper
CONGREGATION
MEETING
FOLLOWING
AT
6:00 PM**



LYO
serve breakfast
Palm Sunday, April 9, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
in the Augsburg Room.
Please join us!
Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM



RECENT BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RYDER JON EARLE
MARCH 12**
PLEASE KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS AS HE
JOINED OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LYO GARAGE SALE

The youth will be holding their **Annual Garage Sale April 29th 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.



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THANK YOU



❖ Donna Miller, Mary Ellen Saur, Ann and Gordon Seppa, Carol Werth, Jean Lombard and Alexandra Pond collating, stapling, ad-

addressing and mailing the March newsletter.

- ❖ Ed Jarvis and 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 and April.
- ❖ Rich Yackel for continuing to oversee the cleaning volunteers.
- ❖ Many, Many thanks to the upper level cleaning volunteers.
- ❖ Ann Seppa, Helga Mitchell, Marilies Renke, Ann Marie MacBride, Colleen Forsey and Daryl Jarvis, the polishing of the pews in the church.

- ❖ Deb Housel and Linda Loughlin for leading the singing.
- ❖ Richard and Sharon Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur for assembling Sunday bulletins.
- ❖ Linda Loughlin for proofing the newsletter.

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 MEETING
April 2 at 12:15 PM

CHURCH COUNCIL
Monday, April 10
6:30 PM.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS ONLY MEETING
Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 PM

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.
Women of the E.L.C.A. meet Tuesday,
April 11 at 6:00 PM. At Yiannias

VBS COMMITTEE MEETING,
Thursday, April 27, 7:00 PM



EVANGLISM MEETING
In recess

THE CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB —
April 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

CONGREGATION MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 6:00 PM
Light supper at 5:00 PM

LYO GARAGE SALE
Saturday, April 29, 9AM till 3PM

GENESSEE FINGERLAKES ASSEMBLY
At Our Saviour
Saturday, April 29, 9:00 to Noon



Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA did not meet in March due to the “snowstorm”. We hope that everyone was warm and safe.

We would like to take a minute to say a big “thank you” to Becky Wiesmore for planning and coordinating the Knot Nodding Off Blanket workshop held on Sunday, March 19th. Also, thank you to Girl Scout Troop 60543 for attending this workshop and assisting us in making 23 blankets. The blankets will be donated to the soon to open Women & Children's Shelter in Gates and to Lutheran World Relief. We are so proud of everyone who helped make this workshop a “success”. A special thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring this project.

We are having a second Knot Nodding Off Blanket workshop on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 11:30 am. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Lunch will be provided. (Don't forget to bring a “sharp” scissor)

The Women of the ELCA Genesee Finger Lakes Conference will hold their Spring Communion Brunch on Saturday, April 8th at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1548 Dewey Avenue, Rochester. Registration is at 10:00 am with a \$3.00 registration fee. Program will begin at 10:30 AM.

You are asked to bring a dish to pass and a donation of juice boxes for Maggie's Place summer program or a food item for Redeemer's Food Cupboard. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

We will be going to Yianni's restaurant in Gates on Pixley Road for our annual dinner out on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 pm. 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 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 9th at 6:30 pm. We are fortunate to have Donovan Shilling as our Guest Speaker. Mr. Shilling will speak to us on products “Made in Rochester”. Everyone is invited to attend and MEN ARE WELCOME. Simone Harter will be the hostess for this meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

On Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 pm, we will hold our annual end of the year potluck dinner at the home of Ann Seppa. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

The Women of the ELCA would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter!



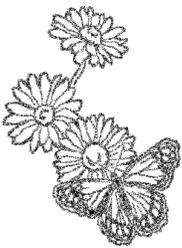
Prayer Shawl

Prayer shawl is alive and well. I have been unable to use my arm due to a fall and surgery. But now it is slowly getting back to normal. Shawls and blankets have been moving out to those who needed them. At the moment we have a large supply of blankets but are in need of shawls. You may leave them in the office with my name on and I will get them, As always if you know of someone in need of a shawl contact me at 293-7136 or call church office. Thanks for all your help in the past.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who called, sent cards, or just checked up on us after my fall and shoulder surgery. Ron and I both appreciated all the kindness. Blessings to you all.

Barbara King



Equal Exchange orders will be taken on Sunday, April 9

As reported in the January newsletter, since its' inception in 1996, the products available for sale by Equal Exchange has increased tremendously. There are whole bean and ground coffees, percolator coffees, single serve cups, organic coffees, decaffeinated coffees and flavored coffees. There are 14 types of black, green or herbal teas. There are 3.5 oz. chocolate bars, mini chocolates, candy bars, chocolate chips and cocoas. There are natural and roasted almonds and cashews, dried fruits (mango, pineapple and raisins) and three types of fruit and nut bars, as well as honey, marmalade, strawberry jam, trail mix, rice cakes and extra virgin olive oil!

Stop by the table in the narthex between services on **April 9** to check out the catalog and place your order. We do need to order in case lots, but individuals can join together to order a case. The number of items per case is noted in the catalog. Purchases are typically available on the following Sunday between services. You pay for your purchase upon receipt.



ALTAR GUILD INVITES CONGREGATION TO HELP MAKE PALM CROSSES

Members of the Altar Guild cordially invite all members of Our Saviour to help prepare Palm Crosses. These special crosses are distributed at worship on Palm Sunday and to the children of the Sunday School. The crosses are prepared on Saturday, April 8 at 9:30 AM.

We make hundreds of these crosses—which is why we need as many people as possible to be present. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come and help. Your efforts are much appreciated by all who receive these beautiful crosses!

PALM SUNDAY, April 9



Palm Sunday is April 9. This day, also known as The Sunday of the Passion, celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds proclaimed Jesus king as they spread branches of palm and shouted praises to God. Our morning Traditional Services at 11:15 AM will include the Distribution and Blessing of Palms and The Passion of Our Lord.

The 9:00 AM Modern Traditional Service will include Distribution and Blessing of Palms and the briefer reading of the Passion story.

The Youth of the congregation will once again serve breakfast this morning in place of the Easter breakfast.

The children of our congregation are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 AM during the Sunday School hour. Please be sure to be on time. Be at church and ready to go by 10:30 AM! Parents should enjoy the LYO breakfast.



Community Food Cupboard coupons

The Community Food Cupboard in downtown Rochester serves a large senior community, as well as others in emergency situations as they arise. We (The Women of the ELCA) feel that this program is another way that Our Saviour can do God's work within the community.

I will send in coupons collected on a weekly or biweekly schedule. The Food Cupboard uses the coupons to buy the products and then distributes the products to their clients. We need to watch expiration dates carefully, thus the weekly or bi-weekly mailings. Coupons requested include: canned goods (especially soups, as well as vegetables and fruits); peanut butter (they stressed this product); cereal products and dairy products. A box for the coupons is located on the table in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your support of this project. Sharon Yackel

CANS & BOTTLES: Tired of bringing your bottles & cans with a 5 cent deposit to the grocery store? Bring them to FLOWER CITY Bottle & Can Return across the street from church. They are open Sundays from 9AM - 4PM, so bring your cans to church and drop them off after. **DID YOU KNOW? You can designate Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Youth Group** to receive credit for your returns. Just drop off the cans & bottles and they will credit Our Saviour's Account.

EARTH DAY

On Saturday, April 22nd there will be a Earth Day litter cleanup in the town of Gates sponsor by the Gates Police Department. They will start at 9:00AM at the Gates Town Hall, a hot dog roast will follow at 11:30AM. A signup sheet is on the Narthex table.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16 ONE SERVICE

AT 10:00 AM WITH CHILD CARE

COME JOIN US!

BINGO PRIZES FOR CREEKEVIEW NURSING HOME

The Women of the ELCA here at Our Saviour continue to collect items to be used as bingo prizes at Creekeview Nursing Home. Members of the congregation are invited (and encouraged) to participate in this activity. A plastic box for donations is located on the large table in the narthex. The suggestions that follow were provided by the Recreation Leader at Westgate Nursing Home.

Women

Stuffed animals
Jewelry*
Lotion (small bottles)
Non-slip stocking slippers
Large Print Word Search Books

Men

Stuffed animals
Shaving cream
Playing cards, large print
Non-slip stocking slippers

* clip-on earrings only, necklaces must be long enough to fit over the head, and bracelets large enough to fit over the hand. Jewelry with clasps is difficult to handle.

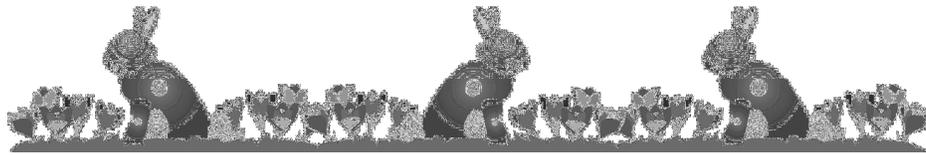
Thank you for your support of this activity and to Donna Evenson who delivers our donations.





NURSERY CARE is now being organized and will be offered during our 9:00 a.m. Sunday service for children aged 6 months through age 5. Be sure to stop in downstairs to see our newly cleaned and arranged nursery room! This service can *only be offered if we have carers* to help watch the little ones. If you can help care for our children, let us know! All you need to do is be sure to arrive 10 minutes before the start of service. Reminders will be sent directly to you, to help you remember your scheduled days. To ensure safety, we need 2 helpers at all times. If 2 helpers cannot be scheduled, nursery care will not be available. We will begin offering this service in April. There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex table for *volunteers*.

- It takes just 1 hour of your time.
- High School students can earn their volunteer hours.
- Parents can take turns helping one another.
- Some employers offer "volunteer match hours" donations. Check with your employer's Human Resource Department.



Celebrating...
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER DAY, April 16

Christ
the
Lord is
RISEN
Today

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour celebrates The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day, with one Festival Services of Holy Communion on Sunday, April 16, at 10:00 AM. The most important of Christian festivals is Easter Day. On this day we and other Christians celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our praise is to God who raised Jesus from death. Through Jesus' resurrection we too have victory over sin and death.

Church and Community

I am sure you have all seen the large container on the table in the narthex. We are sponsoring the collection of can tabs which will be taken to Synod Assembly in June. In the past, tabs collected, once turned in for cash. Donations were made to world hunger, Pheobe Hospital to name a couple. The past two or three years 2 car loads of tabs were taken from the convention center. Sunday school has their own jar and are having a contest to see how many tabs were collected. Stay tuned for the results.

In addition we are looking to add some projects to our agenda. We have been attending meeting with with a group from Gates. Police Chief Jim VonBredero began this group hoping for more community involvement between churches and community. There will be a town clean up with lunch, a new women's shelter for a beginning. Watch for more information. We will still sponsor the things we have done in the past.

We are very much in need of someone who can update the web site and facebook. Once this is done will need someone to update one or both. Please see me, Barbara King, if you are interested and we can get together and work things out.



Trustees news

The wind storm of 3/8/17 did minimal damage to the church property. Some building trim became loose, one rain gutter downspout fell off and some shingles were blown off the Dell Hall roof. The trim has been refastened and the downspout replaced. Shingles on Dell will be repaired when the weather improves; no leaks should occur because there are two layers of shingles on Dell currently and only the top layer was disturbed.

Happy spring - time to put away the snow shovels and prep the lawn mowing equipment for another season. The lawn mowing team could always use other volunteers either as a "regular" or a fill-in to handle those holes in the schedule that pop up from time to time. Let me (Jim Flick 334-5020) know if you are interested in helping out.

TRUSTEES with help from Alexandra Pond have updated the main church sign on Chili Ave. Service times were updated to reflect our current Sunday worship schedule and the Sunday School time was added. Alexandra provided the new vinyl lettering and installed them on the sign. Ed Jarvis removed the old lettering and touched up the paint where needed. Take a look as you drive by.

WEBPAGE—The Events Calendar, Weekly Sunday Announcements, Newsletters, and Newsletter Calendars are all available on our web-page under “News” in the menu Navigation bar.



***A Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day!
Ya gotta love this Judge!***

***You must read this.....
A proper decision by the courts..for a change.***

JUSTICE

In Florida , an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying,
"Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others.

The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, " Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.

Court is adjourned..."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Begin Saturday, April 22

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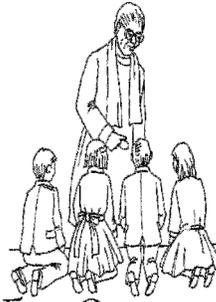
Email: LCOSRochester@frontiernet.net

Www: 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 22, May 6 and 13 at 9:30 to 11:00 AM. First Communion Sunday is, May 14 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 Tuesday
April 11 at 7:00 PM



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