



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—March 2024

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck

Lent is the time of repentance and renewal. Our midweek services are marked by psalms, hymns, scripture, meditation and prayer. We come face-to-face with both who we are and what we have been, in contrast to our baptismal vows. We rediscover what we can become by God's grace, power, and indwelling.

Throughout this Lenten time we will remember that we are forgiven and restored. Our midweek series have been based on the trials of Jesus. We gather at noon for service and invite you to bring a sandwich as we join for Fellowship following the service. Like a courtroom drama, a series of witnesses come forward to give testimony about their experiences with the accused Jesus. Through their accounts we come to know the truth that Jesus came to take our place in the defendants chair. Services include dramatic monologues thematic hymns prayers and messages that bear evidence to the fact that Jesus truly is the son of God. Here is a list of our Lenten Offerings:

March 6: The voice of Caiaphas

March 13: The voice of Peter

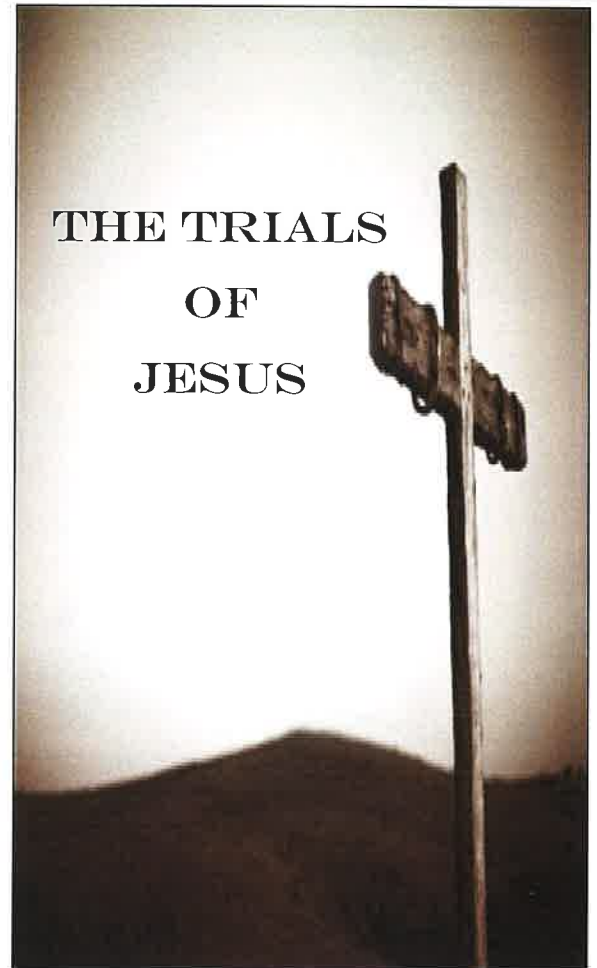
March 20: The voice of Herod

March 24: Palm Sunday

- Where we will greet Jesus as he enters Jerusalem,
- Receive new members, Baptism, and first communion,
- Join us for a continental breakfast at 9 AM

March 28: 6:00 p.m. Mandy Thursday Agape Meal with Holy communion. Please sign up!

March 29 7:00 p.m. Good Friday a Service of Shadows and reflection on the crucifixion



Many people imagine Lent as merely a time of somber self-sacrifice, but the Gospel acclamation for Lent reminds us to return to God, who is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Repentance is not a frightening appearance before an angry God, but a homecoming to one who longs to save us in the midst of our trials and fears. In each of the Gospel readings we hear words of grace in the midst of the fears we face: God longs to hear us as a father wants to listen to his children; Angels accompany Jesus during his time of temptation in the wilderness; Jesus calls Peter to move from confession to discipleship; the corrupt temple cannot throw Jesus off his mission, even the cross becomes a sign of healing; and death is a precursor to new life. So I invite you to embrace this Lenten season: Worship, Pray, and return to your gracious Lord and God, our hope and joy.

Joachim Wilck

Church & Community

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



Our Peanut Butter & Jelly project for St. Peter's Kitchen is going well. Thank you to Deb Ciccone, Charylne Hickey, Mary Ellen Saur, Diana Yovanovich, Gordon Seppa, Wendy Carrier, Ruth Otto, Steve & Pam Brady, Carol Ransom, Karen Preston, Ray McQueen, Jean Shilling, Cheryl Stone and AnnMarie MacBride for making the 200 sandwiches for February. Thank you to WELCA for their generous donation of \$450. This money ensures that we will be able to continue this wonderful program through August, 2024. The next batch of sandwiches will be made on March 14 at 9:30 am. We are always looking for volunteers, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. It will take about an hour of your time!



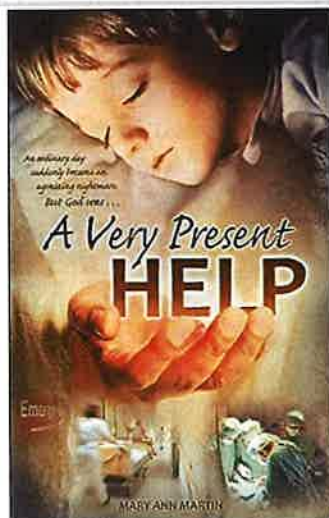
On Thursday, February 14, my husband Gordon and I delivered ten bags of canned soups to St. Theodore's Food Pantry from Souper Bowl Sunday collection. They were so appreciative of this donation. Your donation of food makes it possible to feed so many families from our community that are in need. Thank you!

Church & Community will be sponsoring a LENTEN FOOD DRIVE for St. Theodore's Food Pantry from Sunday, March 3 to Sunday, March 24.

Thank you to everyone who donated money to the Food Ministry Fund during the month of February. This fund will be used for fellowship and outreach that involves food.

Christian Book Club

submitted by Pam Spencer



The Christian Book Club will be reading "Very Present Help" by Mary Ann Martin. When Lloyd and Mary Ann Martin's large family gathered for prayer the morning of May 30, 1986, they had no idea what lay in store. It was farm life as usual, and by lunchtime, they were discussing summer vacation plans. Those plans were about to change. Minutes after they left the kitchen, five-year-old Nathan's head was crushed under a tractor tire. The weeks that followed tested his family's faith as nothing else ever had. Told by Nathan's mother this is the story of that trial—a story of grief, guilt, fear, and suffering; joy, forgiveness, hope, and healing—and a testimony to the God who is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. We will meet April 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. after Bible Study to discuss the book.

Jubilees Luncheon
submitted by Dick Ransom

(The pictures below tell a thousand words. A wonderful time was had by all!)



WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman

The Women of the ELCA met in February.

At this meeting we voted to donate \$450 to the PB&J Project for St. Peter's Kitchen.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12 2024 at 11:30 am. Pastor Wilck will lead us in a Bible Study.. Debi Macksamie will be the hostess for this meeting.

Remember to bring your lunch.



Thrivent at Strong a Success

submitted by Ed Jarvis



On February 18th another sponsored Thrivent event was held at the Strong Museum of Play were members and their guesses had the freedom of enjoying the many activities that the Museum offered.

A total of over 700 members and guesses attended this event.

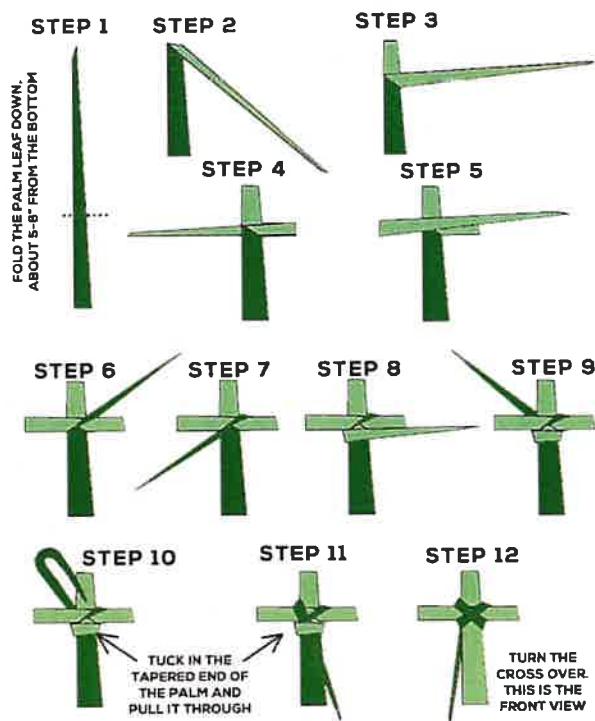
Altar Guild Events

submitted by Cheryl Stone

There will be a Palm Folding Event on Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m. (Please bring scissors!)

There will be a Sanctuary Cleaning Event on Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m. (Please bring a pail and cleaning cloth)

PALM CROSS INSTRUCTIONS



Who Made the Knitted Stuff

submitted by Jonathan Howell



While cleaning out the storage crawl space up in the choir loft I discovered this large bin of knitted items. Some of the items indicates maybe these were garage sale items at one time. There are infant blankets, dolls, and hats. These items are in great shape and were finely crafted. If you know who may have made these please let Cheryl Stone, Daryl Jarvis or any of the ladies know. If you want to take a look at them, they are in a bin under the Narthex table.

Special Giving for the Month of February

submitted by Finance Team

Together we raised almost \$1000 for our Food Ministry Fund! These monies will be used to cover food related events inside and outside of Our Saviour. Our next Special Fund Collection will be in the month of April for Community Lutheran Ministries (Maggie's Place).

Financial Update

submitted by Deb Ciccone

Going forward I will be including a brief report in each Communicator Newsletter in order to keep you up to date on the status of our finances. Each of these reports will be one month in arrears.



January:	Income =	\$36,484.60
	Expense =	<u>\$20,869.74</u>
	Net Income =	\$15,614.86

If you have any questions or comments please contact me directly at (585) 749-7733.

LOOP MINISTRY BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

submitted by Wendy Carrier

Loop is a Food Cupboard Ministry in the City of Rochester. As a result of the merger, Loop is now a ministry of Our Saviour. Loop is looking for someone from Our Saviour to be on our Board. We meet once a month via Zoom. If you would like to know more about Loop or perhaps are interested in joining the Board, please contact Wendy Carrier at wcarrier@frontiernet.net or speak with one of our church's Loop Board Members – Lois Dannenberg, Dave Cuff, or Rainer Stellrecht.



Thrivent Opportunities and Information

submitted by Wendy Carrier

Thrivent Choice Dollars – If you are a Thrivent Member you might have Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can allocate to a church or organization. It is simple to do and doesn't cost anything, except a little bit of your time! The Thrivent Choice Dollars expire on Sunday, March 31, 2024, they do not roll over from year to year. You can either call Thrivent Client Services: 1-800-847-4836 – Monday-Friday 7am-6pm (Central Time) – say 'Choice Dollars'; then press #1 to allocate dollars. Or you can do it on the Thrivent Website:

- Go to www.Thrivent.com
- Scroll down to Giving back is a priority for us and our clients. Click on Explore generosity programs
- Scroll down to Thrivent Choice – Click on Learn more
- Scroll down to Direct Choice Dollars - Click on Direct - Log into your Account and direct your dollars
- You need to allocate Choice Dollars every year – your allocation will not carry over from last year. The deadline is March 31 every year.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Carrier at wcarrier@frontiernet.net.

Thrivent Financial/NorthEast Region FREE Events for everyone – You Don't have to be a Thrivent Member! – The NorthEast Region of Thrivent Financial holds FREE on-line events throughout the year for Members and Non-Members! Go to www.Thrivent.com/Northeast - Click on 'Events' (top of page), then scroll down to see the events. They are all FREE and you do NOT have to be a Thrivent member to attend! Click on Register here for the event(s) you want to attend. They only ask for your name, email address, zip code, and phone# so they can send you the link to the event. I hope you look into these events – they are quite interesting! If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Carrier at: wcarrier@frontiernet.net.

Zoom

submitted by Steve Brady & Charlyne Hickey

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96348140580>

Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

One tap Mobile

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Dial in +1 929-205-6099 US (NY)

Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

Find your local number:

<https://zpoom.us/u/aQEHdZQe2>

On the phone you can unmute yourself by pressing

Zoom Worship Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



(Coming in 2024: Streaming Video!)

Archiving Notes

submitted by Charlyne Hickey

From the ELCA a document listing items that should be stored in a church's archives is a helpful reference for any archiving activities.

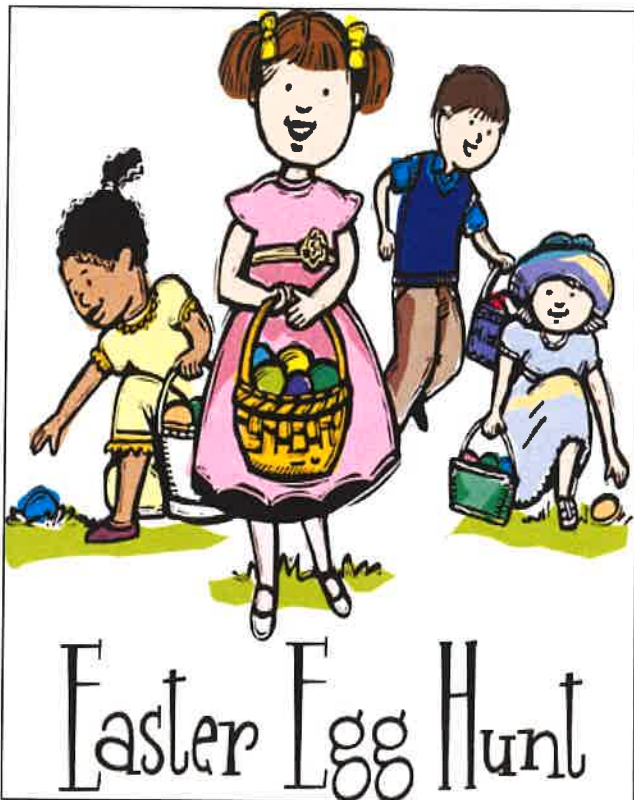
Some of the items that should be stored in a church's archives include Programmatic material such as congregation histories, membership directories, newsletters, news releases, program and training material produced by the congregation and audio and visual materials such as photographs of the congregation's events. Snapshots of information on a church's web site reflect the church's unique life and its community.

The parish register listing baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funeral, Pastors, ELCA rostered workers, organists and choir directors, and a roster of officers of the congregation. Additionally any legal or vital records such as deeds, titles, surveys, constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions, articles of incorporation, insurance policies, copies of letters of call and documentation regarding the creation of endowment funds and for bequests, gifts and endowments. Minutes of congregational and council meetings including those of the executive committee. Documentation of service or construction contracts should be archived. Employment contracts, policy documents, personnel handbooks, service contracts and warranties are also to be archived.

Many more items are included as archivable materials and will be mentioned in the future. What is not needed to be archived are resource materials such as hymnals, worship materials, and curriculum unless small samples may be used to record the history of a church. These items are available nationwide.

"Egg Hunts and More"

submitted by Ann Seppa (excerpted from Hometown Traditions)



Some historians suggest that egg hunts can be traced back to German Protestant reformer Martin Luther, who organized egg hunts for his congregation. The men would hide the eggs for the women and children to find. This symbolized the story of Christ's resurrection, when the tomb was discovered by women.

The eggs also represented Jesus' new life and his emergence from the tomb.

Egg hunts are not the only egg-related games that were hatched for Easter celebrations. According to the website "Learn Religions," some European children go from house to house begging for Easter eggs, like children may ask for treats on Halloween. The custom is called, "pace-egging," a term derived from the old word for Easter, "Pasach." Egg rolls also are symbolic of rolling away the stone from Christ's tomb. Various countries have their own rules for egg rolls. In Germany, for example, children roll their eggs down a track made from sticks.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>25</p> <p>9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Communion Service 11am - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12pm - Midweek Lenten Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3rd Lenten Day 5:30pm - German School Class</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am - German School - Class 21</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Equal Exchange Coffee Sale 9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir 9am - Sunday School Special Activity 10am - Worship Service 11am - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12pm - Midweek Lenten Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm - German School Class</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am - German School - Class 22</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Communion Service 11am - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Properties Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am - Bible Study 11:30am - WELCA 6:30pm - Properties Committee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12pm - Midweek Lenten Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am - PB & J Making @ Augsburg 11am - Worship Committee</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm - German School Class</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am - German School - Class 23 9:30am - Sanctuary Cleaning 2pm - Baptism Eleanor Louise Forsey</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Eagle Ceremony (afternoon) St. Patrick's Day 9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12pm - Midweek Lenten Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm - German School Class</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am - German School - Class 24 9:30am - Palm Folding</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Palm Sunday 9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir 9am - School 9am - Special Continental Coffee Hour 10am - Communion Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Maundy Thursday 6:30pm - Maundy Agape Meal</p>	<p>29</p> <p>FLOWER PICKUP Good Friday 7pm - Good Friday</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1st Saturday</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Easter Sunday 7:30am - Easter Sunrise Service 9am - Our Saviour Chancel Choir 10am - Easter Service</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Easter Monday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30pm - German School Class</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday

March 24

9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m.

Communion Service

Good Friday

March 29

7:00 p.m.

Service of Shadows

Maundy Thursday

March 28

6:30 p.m.

Agape Dinner Service

Easter Day

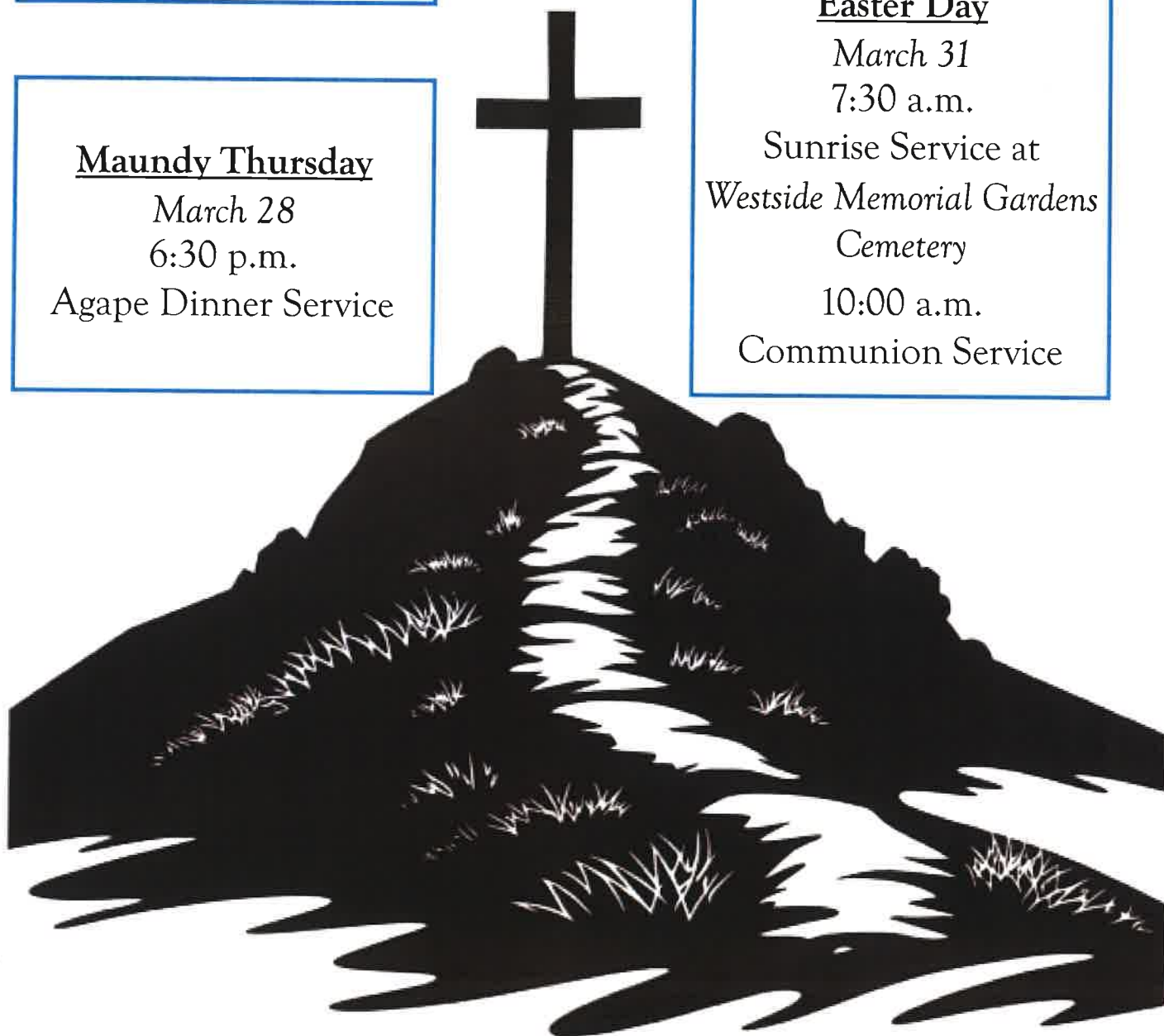
March 31

7:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at
Westside Memorial Gardens
Cemetery

10:00 a.m.

Communion Service



March Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Cheryl Stone

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
March 3 10:00 a.m.	Ed Jarvis	David Nowatka	Wendy Forrest	Jason Stone	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
March 6 12:00 p.m.	Carol Werth	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
March 10 10:00 a.m.	Frank Johnson	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	Paul Hamblin	Dick Ransom	John Macksamie
March 13 12:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen Saur	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
March 17 10:00 a.m.	Pam Brady	Larry & Janie Hopkins	Alice Newbury	Ed Jarvis	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
March 20 12:00 p.m.	Ann Seppa	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
March 24 10:00 a.m.	Diane Parke/Potter	Rod Potter	Rod Potter	Mary Ellen Saur	Rod Potter	Lois Dannenberg
March 28 6:30 p.m.	Frank Johnson	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
March 29 7:00 p.m.	Carol Werth	Deb Frey	Mike Frey	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
March 31 10:00 a.m.	Brian Spencer	Elton & Patti Schulz	Pam Spencer	Jason Stone	Pam Spencer Alice Newbury	Paul Hamblin

Anniversaries in March

Elton & Patti Schulz, March 17
Ron & Sharon Castrichini, March 20

Thirty Four Years
Forty Eight Years

Birthdays in March

Leslie Brightman—March 1	Brandon Morningstar—March 1	Ashley Yackel—March 1
Diane Parke-Potter—March 3	Sheila Foltz—March 7	Lois Russel—March 7
Cassie Forrest—March 8	April O'Connor—March 8	Andrew Loughlin—March 9
Ann Marie MacBride—March 10	Brian Mochrie—March 11	Cameron Ransom—March 14
Tony Pleten—March 15	David Wiesmore—March 16	Pamela Carmichael—March 17
Anette Maas—March 17	Ruth Otto—March 19	Lindsey Emerson—March 20
Christa Witt—March 20	Lisa Loughlin—March 22	Carol Ransom—March 22
Thomas Hartwig—March 23	Gene Northrop—March 23	Michael Christensen—March 26
Sandra Johnson—March 26	Jonathon Green—March 27	Sandy Moncrief—March 28
Johannes Witt—March 28	Michelle Coval—March 31	Andrew Krupnicki—March 31

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer

Barb Collins, Jack Erbelding, Bev Evans, Jim Flick, Meredith Fries, Gerry Haak, Carolyn Hane, Merlyn Hann, Bonnie Hartfiel, Lynn Johnston, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, Elly Mahler, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Pastor Joachim Wilck, Janine Westa, Marilies Renke, Irma Sieg, John Macksamie, David Stone, Alice Crawford, Sharon Nazarian

Extended Family in Need of Prayer

John Aune, Sam Bagdan, Danny Baird, Michael Baird, Jr., Jeremy Balmer, Shannon Balmer, Dan Burrell & family, Anthony Caratello, Rick Conley, Annette & Casey Corbridge and family, Pamela Cross, Marilyn Dawe, Marlene Denz, Family of Cliff Dilg, Rich Doehl, Krystle Earle, Mac Franklin, Valerie Gingello, Gary Gubiatti, Barbara Haefele, Roy & Ann Hamblin, Stacy Harris, Kyle Hopkins, Sean Hopkins, Family of Rick Horn, Nancy Lenox, Greg Lombard, Scott Lynaugh, Zoe & John Marshall, JohnAnthony Neri, Lucy Pilaroscia, Scott Preston, Marianna Reed, Martha Richenberg, Lois Russell, Mary Anne Schnabel, Joseph Seiler, Avrie Sinesiou, Mark Spencer, Denton Sutphen, Glenna Sutphen, Kerri Wallenhorst and family, Judy Whitney, Clarence Wingate, Sammy Zaffuto

Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG
Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard

Others Serving

LTC Paul Graf, Captain Matthew Wormuth
Major Scott Moncrief, Captain Chris Stevenson
Steve Kim, Major Joshua Davis

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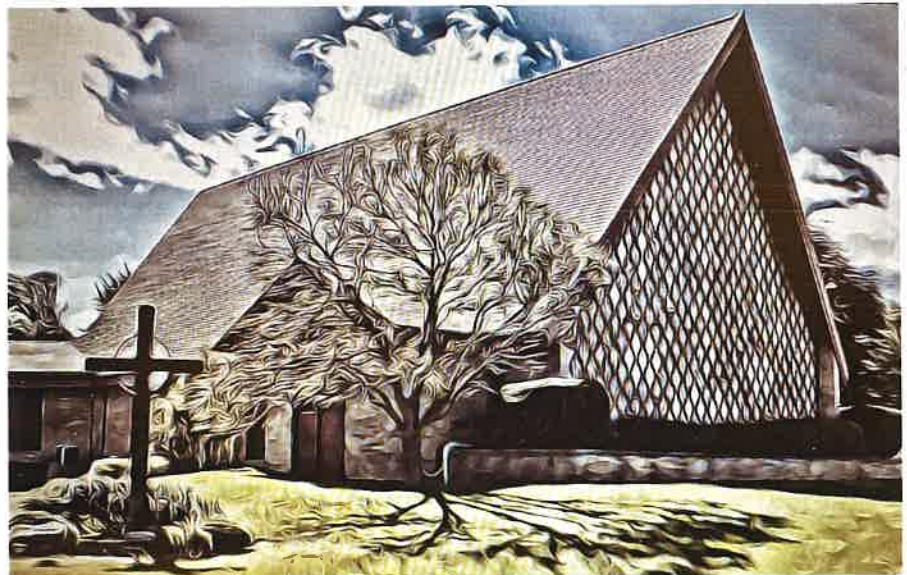
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All People Smile in the Same Language!

Come join us for worship!

God Loves Us All!