

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022



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"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it..."
Psalm 24:1

Spring is here. The old English word *lenten* means "spring." From that word we get the name of our season of preparation before Easter. In a sense, Lent is a springtime for the soul. An invitation to dig around in the soil of our lives. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can loosen what has become packed down and hard. We can remove debris that has gotten mixed in. We can add fertilizer so the soil in which we live becomes more nourishing for us. Then we will be ready to bloom where we are planted – in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and volunteer sites.

New life bursting forth from the earth coincides with Easter in our northern hemisphere. The grasses and the trees become green. Sap rises, buds appear, and the scents of flowers fragrance the air. Just seeing and smelling the earth come to life gives a lift to our emotions and our energy levels. We humans are so connected to the earth that its changes affect us deep inside. "Our Stewardship of God's Creation" is our April theme. Throughout the month we will focus on our responsibility as caretakers of God's creation. Earth Day is on April 22, the Friday after our big Easter weekend celebration. Caring for the earth is certainly an appropriate way to respond to the life-giving good news we receive at Easter. The apostle Paul writes, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God... that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (Romans 8:19 and 21) The resurrection of our Lord is good news for both people and the earth! May these final weeks of Lent bring springtime into your soul and your soul into communion with the earth.

-Pastor Darla Ann



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APRIL SERVICES

SCRIPTURES FOR MID-WEEK SERVICES

Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer

6:30 pm

April 6 – John 11:1-44

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm

April 14 – Exodus 1-4, 11-14;

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Individual Absolution, Foot washing,
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

6:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Maryville

“Seven Last Words from the Cross”

Preachers: Pastor Nelson (St Luke) &
Pastor Kratzer

Musicians: Cady Thomas & Olivia Cross



Changes that enliven Sunday Worship
Services during the season of Easter:

- Hymn of Praise instead of a Kyrie
- “Alleluia” to returns to services
- Celebratory Post-Communion Canticle
 - Celebratory liturgical setting

In planning for Easter Day, we thought it important to have an early service since we are not holding a sunrise service. We chose 8 am as the time for the early service. A full breakfast follows beginning at 9:15 am and continuing up until 10:30 am. Second service will then begin at 10:45 am.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEKEND WORSHIP

April 2 & 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

“Costly Actions”

Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8

April 9 & 10

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

“Two Acts”

Luke 19:28-40, Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

April 16

Easter Eve mini-Vigil

“While It Was Still Dark”

Select Old Testament Readings
and John 20:1-18

April 17

Easter Day

“An Idle Tale”

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Luke 24:1-12

April 23 & 24

Second Sunday of Easter

“Hard to Believe”

Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

April 30 & May 1

Third Sunday of Easter

“Breakfast on the Beach”

Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Saturday Service | 5:00 PM

Sunday Service | 9:00 AM

5:00 pm, 9:00 am, and mid-week services will be livestreamed. Not all scriptures listed to the right will be used for Saturday services.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 14

Worship Service at Our Lord's

6:30 PM

In Building + Livestreamed

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15

Community Worship Service

6:00 PM

First Baptist Maryville

7110 Illinois 162

Maryville, IL 62062

As many eagerly look forward to the joy of Easter Sunday, Good Friday offers the chance to pause & consider the cost of the cross. In this expression of God's mercy, we see the full depths of Jesus' suffering and also the extent of his love. During this community Good Friday service, we will ask: "what did those gathered hear as Jesus spoke from the cross?" Reverends Kratzer and Nelson will bring the voices of two women to life as we reflect on Jesus's passion and death.



EASTER EVE - APRIL 16

Praise Worship Service at Our Lord's

5:00 PM

In Building + Livestreamed

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17

Traditional Worship Service at Our Lord's

8:00 AM

Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Traditional Worship Service at Our Lord's

10:45 AM

CHILDREN'S EVENT: "AN AFTERNOON IN JERUSALEM"



On Saturday, April 2, we will be having a children's event from 1 pm - 4 pm in the Worship Center. Children ages 3-10 are invited to participate. This event includes a Holy Week Walk and two kinds of baking (pretzels and "Resurrection Cookies"). As always, parents are welcome to stay and see what this event is all about. So that we can have adequate supplies for baking and crafts, please let the church office or Pastor Kratzer know as to whether you anticipate your children will be able to attend.



COOLING OUR LORD'S HOUSE

Winter is over and summer is just around the corner! Now is the time to replace the HVAC system for the rear portion of the Worship Center, including the Fellowship Hall. The furnace units are 30+ years old, and the AC units are not working properly. The Church Council sought bids from three companies to replace both the cooling units and the heating system. A bid from Polar Aire Heating & Air, Maryville, was accepted. The bid of \$33,741.09 includes installation of four 96% 2 stage high efficiency gas furnaces and four 16 seer high efficiency air conditioners. Work is scheduled to begin in May; by summer we will have a high efficiency system in place!

April will kick off a 3-month endeavor to increase giving over and above our regular giving to support Cooling Our Lord's House. The nearly \$34,000 needed may seem a large amount of money to collect in a relatively brief amount of time, but it is possible with your financial support. The balance from Restoring Our Lord's House, \$4540, will be applied to the Cooling campaign. We are asking that everyone prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to Cooling Our Lord's House. Each family's/individual's financial needs and responsibilities vary; therefore, one-time contributions or 3 monthly installments are options. The campaign goal can be reached if everyone contributes.

For example, if

- 2 families/individuals contribute \$1500 per month,
- 3 families/individuals contribute \$1000 per month,
- 4 families/individuals contribute \$500 per month,
- 5 families/individuals contribute \$200 per month,
- 6 families/individuals contribute \$100 per month, and
- 7 families/individuals contribute \$50 per month

we will achieve the goal of Cooling Our Lord's House! Funds received beyond the HVAC system installation cost will be used to install LED lighting in the sanctuary. We can reach the campaign goal if we work together.

Please prayerfully consider making a contribution above and beyond your regular giving. Contributions to Cooling Our Lord's House can be made by writing a check to Our Lord's noting "Cooling Our Lord's House" in the memo line, arranging an ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or making an online contribution by going to the church website. With your financial support we can achieve the campaign goal.

CAMPERSHIP FUND

Have you made camping plans for this summer? At Camp Wartburg, children and families become immersed in God's awesome creation where the traditional pursuits of sports and academics become secondary to the values of curiosity, tolerance of others, self-discovery and learning-by-doing. Please visit <https://campwartburg.com/> to sign up, and please contact the church office at Our Lord's for more information about scholarships offered via the **John Mohl Campership Fund** for these wonderful, Christ-centered, summer camp

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opportunities!





EVENTS

Please save the date
We'd love to see you.



KITCHEN SHOWER / LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

Now that the dust has settled and the paint has dried, we are ready to stock the OLLC kitchen with new items in anticipation of some magical church potlucks and exciting events. Plus, we thought this was a great opportunity to get together - to renew friendships and make new friends. Join us on **Sunday, May 22** immediately following the morning service (11:00-1:00). Lunch will be provided. *Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.*

We have registered for items needed at Amazon and Target to make it super easy! More information will follow in the weeks ahead. Gift cards & cash contribution are greatly appreciated as well. Questions? Contact Cindy Pugh (334-1046), Karen Cummings-Larson (314-306-5987) or call the church office.

MAYOR'S PRAYER DINNER MAY 5, 2022 - 6:30 PM

With great joy, the Maryville Ministerial Alliance announces the resumption of the Mayor's Prayer Dinner. They are so thrilled to be able to bring the Maryville Community together again for prayer and fellowship that they are covering the cost of dinner for all attendees. In order to have the correct amount of food, tickets are required. You may pick up a ticket at the church office or from Pastor Kratzer. (If for any reason your plans change, return your ticket so someone else can use it. This helps minimize food waste. Thank you!)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OPEN GATE GARDEN SPRING CLEAN UP

Help get the Open Gate Garden ready for spring!

Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 - 9 AM - 11 AM
Drost Park, #8 Schiber Court, Maryville, IL



Assist with weeding and cleaning out beds. Bring trowels, pruners, and gloves. For more information, please contact Sarah at 618-344-4230 or ruth1@illinois.edu - rain date is April 9th.

Fellowship Hall
6325 West Main Street
Maryville, IL 62062

BLOOD DRIVE
MARYVILLE COMMUNITY
ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday, April 19, 2022
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm



American Red Cross

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StLukesUMC to schedule an appointment.



TAKE A STEP TOWARDS STAYING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE!

Monday, May 9, 2022
Maryville - St. Luke's United
Methodist Church

LifeLine Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health. Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. That's why 9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors support preventative screenings for those with key risk factors (those age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease).

To register for your appointment and to receive



the special discount, please call 1-800-324-1851 or

EDUCATION MINISTRY

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am

We are currently watching "The Chosen," the "first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him." For more info, please visit: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

"MAKING CONNECTIONS" NEW MEMBER COURSE

Monday, April 4 at 1 pm

This new member class is a set of three gatherings that will conclude on April 4. We meet in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall. This time of conversation and learning is truly for everyone. Meetings will last approximately an hour and a half.

FEEDING THE SOUL

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

In addition to sharing highs and lows from daily life, this group will use "Faith Out Loud: Talking About What Matters Most" as a springboard for conversation and exploring scripture. We meet in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

"The kingdom of God: What does it mean for God to be in charge?"

by the Rev. Mark Allan Powell

April: Looking to the future: Life forever with God – Most of the time that Jesus talks about the kingdom of God or eternal life, he is referring to something we experience here and now—not later in heaven. But sometimes, he does talk about that future life and in this final session we will learn as much as we can about "the glory that awaits us." What will it be like to be perfect people in a perfect world, living forever with God and one another?

CONFIRMATION

Sundays at 10:15 am

Our April Schedule (we are resuming in-person meetings in the Life Center conference room):

April 3 (Lent 5) - The Revelation To John (Ed Foppe)

April 10 (Palm Sunday) - Passion/Palm Sunday, Review of Bible/Bible Fun Quiz (Ed Foppe)

April 14 (Maundy Thursday) - Worship Service

April 17 (Easter) - No Class

April 24 (Easter 2) - Claiming My Calling (Pastor Kratzer)

During Lent, we are using a Lenten calendar based on Pastor Johanna Rehbaum's "40 Days Of Simplicity" (inspired by "40 Days For Keeping A Holy Lent" and the ELCA's resource "Living Simply With God").

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am

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EDUCATION MINISTRY CONT.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 10:15 am

Elementary Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th grade) meets at the Life Center weekly at 10:15 am. We are currently looking for donations of individually pre-packaged snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.), construction paper, glue sticks, and other miscellaneous craft supplies. Please contact Lisa White or Kathy Nehrt for more details.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 10:15 am

High School Sunday School meets every week in Harry's Hangout. Metro-area Lutheran churches are taking turns hosting youth-oriented events. In April, our next event is planned for April 24. More details will be released soon.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 18 at 11:30 am** in the Life Center conference room. Bringing your lunch is optional. We will be reading "My Name Is Mary Sutter" by Robin Oliveira. The meeting will also be available on zoom for anyone who may find that more convenient.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728416039?pwd=NVI2VGh2QmU5NVJ2czZFd24xUUVMUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 2841 6039 Passcode: 388782

TUESDAY TEA



Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us for conversation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGwQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171



OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

Our first Crafters meeting was on Wednesday, March 30. Details about future plans will be released soon! Please call with any questions or suggestions. Kathie Brady at 618-623-9238 or Kathy Nehrt at 618-304-0473.



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

OLLC CHANCEL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Performances: 2 Sundays a month

Location: Worship Center

OLLC HANDBELL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Performances: Monthly on the 3rd Sunday

Location: Worship Center



Greetings from the Council,

As I look out my window I see evidence of Spring— the grass is greener, the daffodils are blooming, and the trees are starting to bud. Spring is a time for new life, new beginnings and new ideas. It was these concepts that connected the topics addressed during the March Council meeting. Highlights from the meeting included:

- Discussed and accepted a contract for a new HVAC system for the rear portion of the Worship Center and outlined the capital campaign to fund cost. (see Cooling Our Lord's House article within this newsletter for additional information).
- Approved the job description for a Director of Non-Traditional Music and discussed the next steps in hiring someone to fill the position.
- Continued the discussion of the Mission, Vision, Values, and Core Strategies outlined during 2021.
- Pastor reported there are seven individuals participating in "Making Connections" New Members Course.

Your Council is proud to serve and is always willing to answer your questions the best we can. Council meetings are open to all congregation members. If you are interested in attending a meeting, held the third Monday of each month via Zoom, contact the church office for access information.

Spring is all about new life! Look to a new, brighter future at OLLC and know that God is leading us toward something incredible.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Cummings-Larson



Read February's approved minutes:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z6-pRPlzs_xN05Rk91DIs27VbgZcff5t?usp=sharing

FAIR TRADE



THE FAIR TRADE SHOP

As many of you have noticed, the Easter/Spring Catalogs are in. As I mentioned last month, SERRV has a \$200 minimum order for me to place. GREAT NEWS!! I have already placed my first order for the season and am halfway to my second one. I am excited about the early responses. Remember, Easter is a bit later this year than some years - it's on April 17th. The items pictured here are not available in the Shop, but can be ordered. You can order only one item or as many as you would like, I'm the one with the order minimum. If I am able to make the minimum order amount, I should be able to order as late as April 6th with no worries of getting it before Easter. Please keep in mind, a lot of the seasonal items move quickly. Check out the catalog and the SERRV.org website for ideas. Call or text me the SKUs and I will get your discounted prices right back to you. Thank you for the Ministry support.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Williams - (618) 772-9260



FINANCIAL NEWS

Excerpts from TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of February As of February 28, 2022

From report to council submitted by Max Eakin

General benevolence for February 2022	\$34,311	(anticipated budget amount of \$23,500)
VIF/BOOM (mortgage reduction campaign)	\$3,670	(anticipated budget amount of \$3,500)
Designated Pass-Through Income	\$3,318	
Designated Fair Trade Ministry Income	\$370	
Total:	\$41,669	

General Budgeted Expense	\$22,273	
Synodical Mission Support	\$4,000	
VIF/BOOM Payment	\$5,224	(corresponds to amount donated in Jan)
Designated Pass-Through Exp (Social Ministry)	\$1,593	
Designated Fair Trade Ministry Expense	\$211	(anticipated budget amount of \$31,748)
Total:	\$33,301	

Mortgage principal paid in February 2022	\$5,062
Mortgage interest paid in February 2022	\$163
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$34,104

Cash - Unrestricted	\$61,789
Cash - Designated	\$67,083
Total:	\$128,872

Balances In Select Designated Funds On February 28, 2022

Our Lord's Youth	\$15,320	People in A Pickle	\$1,113	Restore Our	
Memorials	\$4,835	Mind the Gap	\$2,672	Lord's House	\$4,540
Camperships	\$3,750	Kitchen Team	\$1,540		
Storybook Project	\$6,270	IT designated giving	\$2,081		
Funeral Luncheons	\$450	Building and Grounds	\$3,703		
SOS Soup Kitchen	\$1,336	Choir	\$1,000		

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Masks are not required on Our Lord's campus. You may sit wherever you want during worship services. Spaces in the Worship Center and Life Center Buildings may be reserved for group meetings by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Olivia, via phone or email (listed below) and we ask that you continue to disinfect the space after your group has used it. We will continue to update building usage policies in accordance with national and local safety guidelines regarding COVID-19. Reserve your space: **(618) 345-5692** or love2haveu@ourlords.org



REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST - Please let Olivia know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for May's Newsletter): Friday, April 15.

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES - Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc.

PRAYER VENTURES - Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures

CENTRAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (CSIS) WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

If you would like to receive text message updates regarding outdoor services, special events, and emergency notifications such as cancellations, you can sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions below to be added to our list.

To sign up for updates regarding Saturday services, text **@ollcsat** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding Sunday services, text **@ollcsun** to **81010**.



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Harper Lilly	Sean Crosby
Rachel Schoenecker	Blake Trucano
Alison Kirk	Norma Klingsick
Elaine Collier	Katelyn Foppe
Barbara Werne	Marcine Lemke
John Nehrt	JoAnn Hartke
Brian Gunderson	Jake Scheiter
Steve Perry	Julia Scheiter
Olivia Comrie	Lisa Bush
Randy Steele	Glenda Klingsick
Leonard Stensland	Josie Steinmann
	Robert Valentine
	Luke Huster
	Margaret Oberlag
	Isabelle Mize
	Mary Olsen



Robin & Lance Wellener
Jeff & Terry Menz
Robert & Carol Hancock
Zachary & Madeline LaMar
John & Kathy Nehrt
Neil & Lisa Micnheimer
Bill & Cindy Diggs
Tim & Connie Nyland
Ed & Laura Foppe
Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst



FAITH IN ACTION

Partner Church Newsletter Article for April 2022

March 22, 2022

1. Do you have an hour a month to help us? We appreciate all our Partner Churches and their volunteers, and we have volunteer positions for any interest, ability, or time you have! If you want to put your faith into action, please call Lisa at 618-344-8080 to learn more or visit our website at fiacollinsville.org.
2. New Volunteer Orientation and Training Friday, April 8. We appreciate all our Partner Churches and their volunteers! If you know someone who wants to be a Neighbor Helping Neighbors, please call us at 618-344-8080 to learn more or visit our website at fiacollinsville.org.
3. CFIA will be offering free Spring Yard Clean-Up for Collinsville Unit 10 District residents aged 60 and up and adults with disabilities. This was very popular last fall, so call CFIA at 618-344-8080 to register for this free service before all the time slots are reserved. Volunteers will be working across the Collinsville area on Saturday, April 23 from 2-4PM.
4. Social Isolation has reached epidemic levels in the United States, and older people are at higher risk of social isolation resulting in both physical and emotional decline. If you or someone you love need to build or re-build a strong social network, consider joining CFIA's pilot program called Circle of Friends. This free program will begin this summer, but registration is open now. To learn more, contact Lisa at 618-344-8080.
5. Elder Connection is a group that meets once monthly for lunch and activities in and around the region. The next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 13 from 11A-1P. The program is free, but participants must register by calling 618-344-8080. Free transportation also available.
6. Collinsville City-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. CFIA will be participating, so come by 233 N. Seminary and find bargains with us. Our sales benefit CFIA clients and programming.

In gratitude,
Lisa C. Brennan

WORKER BEES

APRIL MOWER SCHEDULE:

	RIDING MOWERS	TRIMMERS
March 30-April 2	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke
April 7-9	Tony DiBartolo	Rod Orr
April 14-16	Ted Nemsky	Tom Messina
April 21-24	Scott Comrie	
April 28-30	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher

Worker Bees will meet on **Saturday, April 2nd**. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Steve Hoelscher.



PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Harleigh Johnson Jodi
KC Jensen Ken Bunetic
Angel Lipham Donald Simonson Jr.
Ron Mueller Shauna Bettorf
Nel Kennedy Timmie David
Pastor Amy Thoren Danny Wollin
Ron Mortland Johnny Glass
Mandi Joan Karvinen

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Kim Payne Brian Kassing
Dan Homes Nancy Lutz
Jim Lemke Don Klingsick
Bill Davidson Don Baden
Dean Lackey Luke Huster
Lisa White

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of:

Bettie Hudgens

Dorris Wollin

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
Major James Carmichael
Capt. Blake Crosby
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
SPC Bill Homes
Charles Homes
Zach Huff
SrA Lucas Maue
John Meyer
Zachary Neubauer
Amador Ochoa
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jake Randall
PFC Eric Shelton
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

We pray for those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries that have been affected by the crisis in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

We pray for those who have been impacted by the recent destructive tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma, and other surrounding states. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver strength to those who are working diligently to care for affected communities.

We pray for the people of Afghanistan in the midst of the ongoing humanitarian crisis. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to care for affected communities.

Please visit <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response> for more information and ways to give.

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

- First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, May 1
- Cinco de Mayo, May 5
- Mayor's Prayer Dinner, May 5
- Mother's Day, May 8
- Rite Of Confirmation, May 15
- Newsletter Deadline, May 16
- OLLC Kitchen Shower, May 22
- Memorial Day (Church Office Closed), May 30

JUNE

- Pentecost Sunday, Jun 5
- Holy Trinity Sunday, Jun 12
- Flag Day, Jun 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Jun 15
- Father's Day, Jun 19
- Juneteenth, Jun 19

JULY

- Independence Day, Jul 4
- Church Office Closed, July 4
- Spoudazo Performance, July 12 or 13
- Newsletter Deadline, Jul 15
- VBS - dates TBD
- Monthly bike ride - date TBD

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances. All events are subject to change due to COVID-19.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
Olivia Cross, Administrative Assistant
Vacant, Director of Non-Traditional Music
Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music for Sundays and Special Services
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech
Jenna Lathrom, Sound

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson, President
Dana Callahan, Vice President
Dr. Laura Schoenecker, Secretary
Dr. Max Eakin, Treasurer
Linda Hester, At Large
The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Vacant Ministry Support Team Coordinators
Vacant (Education)
Dr. Rhonda Comrie (Fellowship)
Matt Blind (IT)
Carol Orr (Service)
Kalonny Short (Worship)

THANK
YOU

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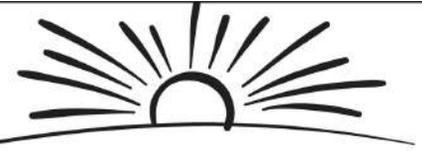
Sunday School & VBS
Lisa White

Newsletter
Olivia Cross
love2haveu@ourlords.org

Facebook
Olivia Cross (*interim*)



He
Is
Risen!



SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center – just like Jesus' empty tomb!

APRIL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>Our Lenten offering emphasis (People In A Pickle) continues through April 15. In addition, we will continue to emphasize the unfolding needs of Ukrainian refugees and those supporting them.</p>					<p>1 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>2 Lent 5 7:00 AM Worker Bees 1:00 PM Children's Event - WC 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>3 Lent 5 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School Class</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - WC 1:00 PM "Making Connections" New Member Course - WCFH 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>5 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>6 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul 6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>8 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>9 Palm Sunday Weekend 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>10 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School Class</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team Meeting</p>	<p>12 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>13 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC</p>	<p>14 Maundy Thursday 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Worship: In-Building Service</p>	<p>15 Good Friday 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Community Worship Service - First Baptist Maryville</p>	<p>16 Easter Eve 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>17 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 9:15 AM Easter Breakfast 10:45 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service</p>	<p>18 Easter Monday Office Closed 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC 11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club - LC 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 Newsletter Deadline 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>20 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul</p>	<p>21 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>22 Earth Day Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>23 Easter 2 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>24 Easter 2 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class 10:15 AM Elementary Sunday School Class</p>	<p>25 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>26 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR - ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>27 5:00 PM Feeding The Soul</p>	<p>28 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>29 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>30 Easter 3 10:00 AM Birthday Party - WCFH 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>

**OUR LORD'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Palm Sunday April 10 9:00 AM Worship Service In Building + Livestreamed	Palm Sunday April 10 5:00 PM Worship Service In Building + Livestreamed
Mundy Thursday April 14 6:30 PM Worship Service In Building + Livestreamed	Easter Sunday April 17 8:00 AM Worship Service In Building + Livestreamed
Good Friday April 15 6:00 PM Community Worship Service - First Baptist, Maryville	Easter Eve April 16 9:15 AM Easter Breakfast 10:45 AM Worship Service In Building

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