

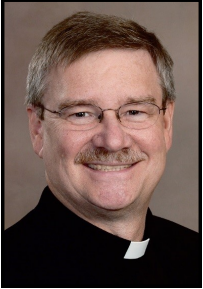


CALL TO SERVICE

A PUBLICATION OF ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ☩ FAIRMONT, MN

meet our STAFF

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Music Vacant **Pre-K** Kathy Gratz, Kara Closs, Angela Preuss, Michelle Schultz
MLHS Band Instructor Phillip Schult **Latin** Barb Matthees

SPL is a Full Association Member of

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Development Director Marge Thiesse

Office Manager Sarah Odgaard

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“I’m Praying for You, Pastor”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the pastoral vacancy I received an incredible amount of care and concern from you, the members of the congregation. You kept asking how I was doing, how I was holding up. You asked if there was anything I needed or any help that you could provide for me. You were patient with me when I was not able to provide in a timely way the pastoral care you needed.

I have to admit that the past 13+ months were more stressful to me while being responsible for work normally given to two pastors; no one man is able to do everything (except Jesus), and I certainly did not do everything needed. When under stress our weaknesses and inadequacies shine forth for everyone to see. Please forgive me for not being the pastor I needed to be when you needed him. One person who took the brunt of the vacancy was my wife. She supported me and was patient with me as I put the needs of the congregation ahead of her own. This was not fair to her, but without her love and support I would not have been able to do as much as I did.

Throughout the vacancy, when people would express concern (especially after another call had been declined) that we were not getting another pastor, my stock reply was, “God will provide.” I firmly believed this whenever I said it, and God has proven faithful in sending us Pastor Holmen. Another thing that sustained me was the knowledge that you were praying for me. I couldn’t begin to keep track of the number of you who have said to me on a regular basis, “I’m praying for you, Pastor.” Thank you for those prayers! They worked. Or, maybe I should say, God answered your prayers for me.

I thank God that He answered all our prayers by sending Pastor Holmen and his family to us. I am confident that your prayers will go up to God for him as they have for me.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter (No “Call Update” Needed!)

Lent is drawing to a close as we enter Holy Week April 1/2 with Palm Sunday. In this holiest weeks of the Church Year, it is proper for Christians to make it their discipline to set aside extra time to attend the additional services: 6:30 PM, (Maundy) Thursday, April 6, Divine Service; 1:00 & 6:30 PM, (Good) Friday, April 7, services; 5:30 PM, Saturday, April 8, Vigil of Easter Divine Service (with Holy Communion), though this is not the main Easter Service and serves as a time of preparing to celebrate (“vigil”); 9:00 AM, (Easter) Sunday, April 9, Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Festival Divine Service.

In Christ,

Pastor Bertram



Weather Policy

If the weather is questionable, or if for some other reason you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please check our website's Home page at www.splfairmont.org or call the CHURCH OFFICE (238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the entire first message on the answering machine (do not press "4").

If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message WHENEVER POSSIBLE. If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.



The Gala Committee's next meeting is
Monday, April 17th
at 6:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Room.

LCEF Young Investors Program

The LCEF Young Investors Program is changing its format. Your child will continue to bring money on Thursdays. Mrs. Lieder will stamp a sheet. When it is full, she will send the form, an envelope, and a check with your child. Fill out the information and mail as usual. If your child has a partial sticker sheet filled, the first deposit will be a combination sheet.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice Dollars received during March 2023 to SPL Church totaled \$683. SPL School also received \$114 in February. If you are eligible to give Choice Dollars, please consider designating to SPL Church, SPL School, or MLHS. Brochures with more information are located in the Welcome Center.



DEADLINE

MAY
NEWSLETTER/
CALENDAR
DEADLINE

Sunday, April 16

Email splcoffice@splfairmont.org

Worship Services & Bible Studies:

Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

April 6 — Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; April 7 — Good Friday, 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Sat., April 8 — Easter Vigil, 5:30 p.m.; Sun., April 9 — 9:00 a.m. — Easter Service

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class/Youth Bible Class, & Young Family Bible Studies:
Sundays at 10:15



Other Worship Opportunities:

Sundays, 9:00 am

Worship Service Livestream
(or watch on demand any time on our website)

Sundays, 10:00 am

Worship Service broadcast on KSUM

Saturdays, 12:00 noon

Worship Service on
local cable access channel 12



Council of Deacons

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Below is a listing of the Council of Deacons. If you have a concern, you may contact any one of the following:

POSITION

Name (Years) Phone

CHAIRMAN

Justin Jobe (2) 236-2276

SECRETARY

Richard Eyerly (3) 238-1802

BUDGET & FINANCE

Corey Simpson (1) 605-480-1982

CALLING DEACON

Chuck Northwick (1) 236-0257

CALLING DEACON

Richard Behrens (2) 236-4955

CALLING DEACON

Open position (2)

EVANGELISM

Jim Utermarck (1) 236-3942

PARISH MINISTRIES

Duane Rosburg (2) 920-9797

SCHOOL

Matt Singleton (3) 848-0324

STEWARDSHIP

Jeff Eversman (1) 236-9140

TRUSTEES

Merle Boesch (3) 236-4641

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Matt Northwick (3) 236-1531

Congregational Assembly

PRESIDENT

Joe Kallemeyn 848-0266

SECRETARY

Pam Carlson 236-5347

TREASURER

Brad Appel 236-8455

This Month's Faithful Servants

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.splfairmont.org

Altar Guild

April 1-2..... Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Rebecca Taylor, Natalie Taylor
(Maundy Thursday & Good Friday)
April 8-9..... Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett, Anna Utermarck (Easter)
April 15-16..... Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich
April 22-23..... Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Rebecca Taylor, Natalie Taylor
April 29-30..... Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett, Anna Utermarck

Ushers

9:00 a.m. — Bruce Peymann, Merle Boesch, Doug Closs, Terry Leiding, Chuck Schaefer, Chuck Schrader, Don Wohlrabe, Jeff Zarling, Rob True, Larry Behrens, Forrest Hungerholt, Justin Jobe, Brian Kiehl, Ben Rosol, Dale Ruschy, Matt Singleton, Ryan Singleton, Jacob Singleton.

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., April 1, 5:30 p.m. Larry Behrens, Jeff Eversman
Sun., April 2, 9:00 a.m. Brad Appel
Thurs., April 6, 6:30 p.m. (Maundy Thursday) Rob True, Matthew Northwick
Fri., April 7, 1:00 p.m. (Good Friday) Matthew Northwick
Fri., April 7, 6:30 p.m. (Good Friday) Matthew Northwick
Sat., April 8, 5:30 p.m. (Easter Vigil) Matthew Northwick
Sun., April 9, 9:00 a.m. (Easter) Josh Laven, Matthew Northwick
Sat., April 15, 5:30 p.m. Rob True, Jim Harley
Sun., April 16, 9:00 a.m. Jamie Tordsen
Sat., April 22, 5:30 p.m. Charles Northwick, Dave Kumm
Sun., April 23, 9:00 a.m. Dylan Kallemeyn
Sat., April 29, 5:30 p.m. Matthew Northwick, Jim Utermarck
Sun., April 30, 9:00 a.m. Richard Behrens

Sunday Greeters

April 2..... Rod & Peggy Elbert, Deb Bertram
April 9..... Russ & Joan Luedtke, Lori Chirpich
April 16..... Rob & Ruth True, Mary Schmitt
April 23..... Jim & Sara Utermarck, Marv Goebel
April 30..... Terry & Judy Leiding, Chris Engelby

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

April 2..... Sarah Odegaard
April 9..... April Tordsen
April 16..... Chris Engelby
April 23..... Angela Preuss
April 30..... Lisa Rosburg

Attendance Cards/Pencils

Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)

Deb Eversman and Amy Anders
(Ruth, Ashley, and Emily Engelby, Subs)

Thank you, volunteers!



Mark Your Calendar

Dates/times subject to change

Circles

Clara Circle

April 12, 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Room

Eve Circle

April 10, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Room

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LWML

No April Meeting

***Each woman of the LCMS
is a part of the LWML***

**Lutheran Women's
Missionary League,**
as the official women's auxiliary
of the LCMS, encourages
and equips women to live out
their Christian lives in active
mission ministries and to
support global missions.

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Lutheran Laymen's League

April 1, 9:00 a.m.
McDonald's

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Charity Club

(Subject to change)

Activity Days

April 11 & 12

Meeting

April 25, 2:00 p.m.

MLHS Upcoming Events

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School National Honor Society is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, April 24 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call the school at 436-5249 or go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter MLHSMN to schedule an appointment.

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Tickets are on sale through April 15th for the **Oh! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction** that will be held at MLHS on Saturday, April 22nd. Auction preview begins at 4:30 p.m. Valet parking service is available. Tickets are \$30 each and are available at area churches, the ML school office, and online at www.martinlutherhs.com. More information is in the weekly church bulletin or on the MLHS website.

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Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now open at MLHS. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Call the office to set up a time. For more information, visit www.martinlutherhs.com.



The Lutheran Women in Mission of the
North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts
Invite you to the
LWML 40th Biennial Convention
in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 22-25, 2023

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).*

Opportunities abound as we:

- † **Worship** together with our sisters and brothers in Christ!
- † **Share** the Good News with everyone the Lord places in our path.
- † **Fellowship** with good friends while meeting new ones.
- † **Enjoy** accomplishing God's work with LWML sisters and brothers in Christ!
- † **Bring** our family and friends to enjoy a city of many cultures.

Milwaukee, called the City of Steeples, is home to the Discovery World Science, Harley Davidson, and Milwaukee Art Museums; the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, the Milwaukee County Zoo, the Historic Third Ward, and much more.

Come enjoy the cool breezes off Lake Michigan, June 22-25, 2023!





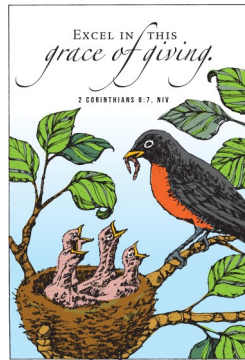
A Better Way

The most common question about Stewardship is not *whether* a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want, or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians *should* tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7-23; 2 Cor. 9:2-7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.



It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let’s answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I’m glad you’re still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God’s promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I’d really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we’re ecstatic that you’re giving, and that you’re giving in all these various ways — time, talents, and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months, and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

~ LCMS Stewardship Ministry
lcms.org/stewardship



A Time and Talents survey is available on the church website.

If you haven’t already done so recently, please complete and return it by mail or in person to the church office.

Thank you!

SCRIP IS NOW RAISERIGHT

The purpose of RaiseRight fundraising is to fundraise while you shop!

Raise money for St. Paul Lutheran School (or a specific family in our school) just by purchasing gas, groceries, and other items with these gift cards. You receive the full value of what you paid plus you earn an immediate rebate percentage of what you spent — typically between 3% and 15%, depending on the retailer.

Use the proceeds to supplement the school budget, or families can receive credit toward tuition & other school expenses.

Go to RaiseRight.com and use our enrollment code **24271B1C5147L** to get started.

Questions? Contact Joan Abel at jabel@splfairmont.org or 507-236-9521.



CALL-EM-ALL OR TEXT-EM-ALL

If you aren't already
signed up / receiving messages...
register on our website's
Home page to be
included in all mass messages
sent out to our members.

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Please note: You are now able
to choose whether you want
a text or phone message.

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www.splfairmont.org



Pastoral Care at Mayo, Rochester

Those hospitalized or receiving medical care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN are now being cared for by the pastoral staff of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rochester. Members in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nate Schwartz at 816-806-6797 or chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org. The pastoral staff at Trinity is honored to assist you in caring for Christ's sheep.

There is also a list of LCMS pastors near other Minnesota hospitals that are willing to provide pastoral care, available by going to Minnesota South's website at www.mnsdistrict.org, then select News & Events—Publications—E-News.



www.splfairmont.org
then select Church Endowment Fund tab

SPL Endowment Fund Committee

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Ed Ritter, 235-6248
Jim Utermarck (Chairman)
238-5457, 236-3942

Automatic Giving: It's easy to give your offering automatically through a program called Give+ Online. You may set up regular giving or give one time. There are also options for giving to other funds in the drop-down list. Enroll or give online at splfairmont.org (click on "Church" then "Give+ Online.") There are also one-time and automatic giving opportunities available through PayPal on various pages of our website.

Contemplating Marriage? If you are contemplating marriage in the coming months, be sure to contact the church office first before setting any wedding dates. The wedding booklet is available on our website, as well as other useful information.

Wanting to Earmark a Gift? On occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays, at the loss of a loved one, or when estate planning, members have asked for ideas to earmark their gifts. Here are some suggestions if you want to give an earmarked item (a complete list is on our website):

- SPL Church & School Operating Budget;
- Sanctuary Repairs;
- Debt Reduction;
- Church Endowment;
- School Endowment;
- Church or School Upkeep & Repair;
- Vernon H. Harley Scholarship;
- Anna Keck School Tuition Aid Fund;
- Operating Reserve Fund; or
- Ask in the church or school office for current special "wish list" items.



Free small catechism mobile app: <http://sites.cph.org/catechism/index.asp>

Prayer Chain: If you would like to be part of the SPL email prayer chain or have a prayer request, please contact them at prayerchain@splfairmont.org.

LWML Mite Box: The Mite Box will be in the narthex for the collecting of mites the first Sunday of the month. Please empty your mite box into the large mite box and continue saving your coins for the mission of our district and international projects.

Please Let Us Know: If you have a change of address, telephone number, etc.; if you or a loved one are hospitalized or ill; if you have had a recent death in the family.

Lutheran Singles on Facebook: This group is for like-minded single confessional Lutherans: marriage-seeking, liturgical, Christ-centered, Cross-focused.



member spotlight

Welcome to all the new members that we have received recently! We are so happy to have you as part of our St. Paul Lutheran Church family!

Eric Tenney has submitted the following to introduce you to his family; they were received as members March 26th. Welcome!

After questioning why one of my best friends was severely injured on his one-year wedding anniversary, I called my friend (a pastor) and started asking questions. On June 8th, 2016 at 8:40 p.m. I gave my heart to God in the cab of a John Deere tractor. I would move away to NW Iowa a month later. Through all new friends, I would find myself at a Lutheran Church because it had an organ, not a guitar. January of 2018, I would meet my wife at this little country church. A year-and-a-half later, we were married. Another year-and-a-half, we would move back home. We started going to Grandma's church. My wife fell in love with the building. "It is just like Germany," she said. The pastor helped me learn the way, and I'm excited to say after 30 years, I belong to a church. I'm Eric Tenney, and this is my family — Anna and Adam. I'm happy to be here. Thank you for your generosity and grace.



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*Accredited
Small Class Size*



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL (PreK-8)
Fairmont, Minnesota
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

SPL SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4..... Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:15-8:00 p.m.
April 5..... No School (P-T Conferences 9-noon)
April 6, 7, 10..... Easter Break

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

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School Fundraisers

COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM — This fundraiser opens up new funding opportunities to help the learning environment for our students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and then search by zip code, and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products. Each product code scanned or entered on their website has a unique donation value. To learn more, go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>. Thank you!

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HY-VEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS: Save your Fairmont Hy-Vee and Fareway receipts — turn in to the collection bins located in the upstairs school corridor and church basement. For each \$150,000 in receipts collected from their store, they donate \$1,000 to St. Paul Lutheran School. Receipts must be from Fairmont stores only; remember to thank the stores for this program when you shop!

SUBWAY CARDS: If you purchase Subway cards, 2% of your purchase can go to SPLS. If you already have a card or when you purchase one, add our school's code (3TQF) to your card at www.subway.com or call 1-800-564-1343. Subway cards can be purchased at any Subway and are redeemed at full purchase price when you eat at Subway.

OTHER PROGRAMS: Scan Box Tops for Education receipts; save Tyson "Project A+" labels; and Pizza Ranch "wagon" symbols. We also collect used, workable cell phones.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT of our other school fundraisers, such as the Tour of Tables/Cakewalk and Basket Fundraiser.

THE SCHOOL ALSO collects aluminum pop tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. Families receiving care at any Twin Cities area hospital are eligible to stay there, provided their children are being treated for cancer or have other life-threatening illnesses and the family resides 45 miles or greater from the Twin Cities. Yearly, more than 600 families stay there.















HAPPY
Anniversary

James & Kathy Harley April 8
Don & Sue Brammeier..... April 12
Leon & Ardis Schleiningner April 15
Brian & Britney Kawecky April 17
James & Lois Glienke..... April 18
Donald & Cindy Johnson April 20
Justin & Melanie Preuss April 26
Anthony & Deborah Bertram . April 27
Royal & Bonnie Redenius..... April 27
Rick & Mary Kay Smith..... April 28
Terry & Jan Rippentrop April 29
Alan & Angela Wohlrabe April 30

God's Blessings on Your Birthday!

Thomas Hinrichs April 1	Mercedes Johnson April 18
Michael Mueller April 1	Matthew Sutphin April 18
Dawn Garbers April 2	Lucas Rosburg..... April 18
Erin Simpson April 2	Matthew Northwick April 19
Brett Meyeraan April 3	Bradley Olson..... April 19
Nikki Bremer April 4	Katherine Osborn April 19
Kori Oskerson..... April 4	Carmen Deling April 19
Thomas Duer April 5	Crystal Lewis April 20
Lincoln Rosol April 5	Julie Laue April 20
Jean Huttemeier April 5	Abby Meade April 20
Todd Morris..... April 6	Jill Griesse April 20
Rebecca Whitehead April 6	Cheryl Benck..... April 20
Bryan True..... April 6	Harmony Sutphin April 20
Britnie Miller April 7	Douglas Wedel April 20
Lisa Hansen April 7	Delmer Malo April 22
Jamee Pierce April 7	Bob Leet..... April 22
David Olson..... April 9	Brian Kube April 22
Annette Larson April 9	Ruth Emery April 24
Etta Walden April 9	Christopher Osborn April 24
Bill Bremer April 10	Donna Lubenow April 24
April Tordsen April 11	Nyla Anderson April 24
Dustin Theobald April 12	Meela Nigon..... April 24
Richard Schultz April 12	Kathryn Simmering..... April 25
Scott Carlson April 12	Linda Bicknase..... April 25
Elaine Ehrich April 13	Merle Boesch April 26
Benjamin Gratz..... April 13	Billeye Rabbe April 26
Mark Bassett..... April 13	Gabrielle Klug..... April 26
Eunice Ziemann..... April 14	Nicholas Eversman..... April 27
Calvin Bremer April 14	Rodney Malo April 27
Charles Maday..... April 14	Susan Benschoter April 27
Melodie Garbers April 14	Johana Seale April 28
Bonnie Redenius..... April 14	Asher Osborn April 29
Conner Tordsen April 15	Nicholas Bremer..... April 29
Donald Wohlrabe..... April 15	April Garrison April 29
Ruth Engelby April 15	Livia McKean..... April 30
Leslie Zarling April 15	Betty Scheff..... April 30
Jan Rippentrop..... April 16	Deborah Swanson..... April 30
Isla Simpson April 16	
Ashlyn Redenius..... April 17	
Curtis Larson April 18	

APRIL 2023

Mon			Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
KEY: ChB = Church Basement FR = Fellowship Room ABC = Adult Bible Class YBC = Youth Bible Class YFBS = Young Family Bible Study SS = Sunday School AC = Adult Catechumenate DL = Deadline												
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS,ABC/ YBC,YFBS	3 Pastors' Day Off <i>No School (SPL & MLHS)</i> <i>Church Office Closed (Hol.)</i> 7:00pm-Eve, fr	4 3:15-8:00pm-SPLS Parent- Teacher Conferences	5 <i>No School (P-T Conf. 9- noon)</i> 1:00pm-Goldfinch Comm. 3:30pm-Wkdy Catech (6-7 only) 5:30pm-School Board, FR 6:00pm-Bell Choir 6:00pm-Trustees 6:15pm-Parish Ministries 7:00pm-Choir	6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>No School (SPL & MLHS)</i> 10:00am-Messenger DL <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>10:00am-1:00pm</i> <i>No LWM</i> 6:30pm-Maundy Thursday Service	7 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>No School (SPL & MLHS)</i> 1:00pm-Good Friday Service 6:30pm-Good Friday Service	8 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service (Easter Vigil)	<div>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. ~ Psalm 128:4</div>				1 <i>Lockdown Mode Begins</i> 8:00-Noon-MLHS Rummage Sale 9:00am-LTL, McDonald's 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service	
9 <i>Easter</i> 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM <i>No SS,ABC/YBC, YFBS</i>	10 Pastors' Day Off <i>No School (SPL & MLHS)</i> <i>Church Office Closed (Hol.)</i> 7:00pm-Eve, fr	11 Charity Club Activity Day 6:30pm-Stewardship	12 Charity Club Activity Day 12:00pm-Clara, FR 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 6:00pm-B&F, FR 6:00pm-Bell Choir 7:00pm-Evangelism 7:00pm-Choir	13 10:00am-Messenger DL 10:00am-Pastors' Circuit Meeting	14	15 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service					15 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12 5:30pm-Worship Service <i>Auction</i>	
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Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 2 ~ 9:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 6 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7 ~ 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Services

Saturday, April 8 ~ 5:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9 ~ 9:00 a.m.
Easter Service

HOLY WEEK i-SPY

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.