

The Messenger



2023



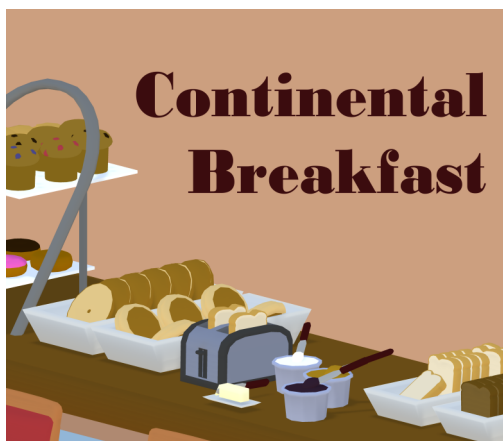
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD, ESSEX MD 21221**

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

- April 2th Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 AM
- April 6th Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM
- April 7th Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM
- April 8th Easter Vigil Service *Online only* at 7:00
- April 9th Easter Sunday Services *at* 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Please join us for a **Continental Breakfast** between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services on Easter Sunday. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship in the Narthex on blessed Easter morning.



Crowns have always been the sign of authority and Kingship. Charlemagne, whom historians say should deserve to be called "great", wore an octagonal crown. Each of the eight sides was a plaque of gold, and each plaque was studded with emeralds, sapphires, and pearls. The cost was the price of a king's ransom. Richard the Lion Heart had a crown so heavy that two earls had to stand, one on either side, to hold his head. The crown that Queen Elizabeth II wore is worth over \$20 million. Put them all together, from

all of Europe and from the archives of the East, all of them are but trinkets compared to Christ's crown.

Revelation 19 says he had many diadems. He wears a crown of righteousness. He wears a crown of glory. He wears a crown of life. He wears a crown of peace and power. Among those crowns, one outshines the rest. It was not formed by the skilled fingers of a silversmith, nor created by the genius of a craftsman. It was put together hurriedly by the rough hands of Roman soldiers. It was not placed upon its wearer's head in pomp and ceremony, but in the hollow mockery of ridicule and blasphemy. It is a crown of thorns. The amazing thing is that it belonged to me. I deserved to wear that crown. I deserved to feel the thrust of the thorns. I deserved to feel the warm trickle of blood upon my brow. I deserved the pain. He took my crown of thorns--but without compensation. He offers to me instead His crown of life, the crown that fadeth not away.

Springtime is round about us with the bursting forth of life. The air is full of the fragrant smell of flowers, the chirp of birds and the buds of trees. This is a welcome arrival from winter. We are moving toward the climax of the Lenten Season, with all of our Holy Week worship and contemplation of Christ's sacrifice bedecked in his borrowed robe and crown of thorns. Our God's love, which bestows upon us the crown of life, is so marvelous and forgiving it is beyond our understanding.

As we travel through these last days of Lent and as we begin the journey with Jesus in Holy Week starting this Palm Sunday, April 2nd., it is appropriate to survey the many blessings God has given us and our congregation.

We pray this Easter will be one in which you and yours are strengthened in faith through Word and Sacrament. We rejoice in the opportunity to respond to God's love and serve him with joy and faith through each of our ministries.

The seed of God stirred, shoved, and sprouted. The ground trembled, and the rock of the tomb tumbled. And the flower of Easter blossomed.

Easter blessings,

Pastor Meheret

Holy Week



Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 2nd **Palm Sunday Service** at 10:00 AM

April 6th **Maundy Thursday Service** at 7:00 PM

April 7th **Good Friday Service** at 7:00 PM

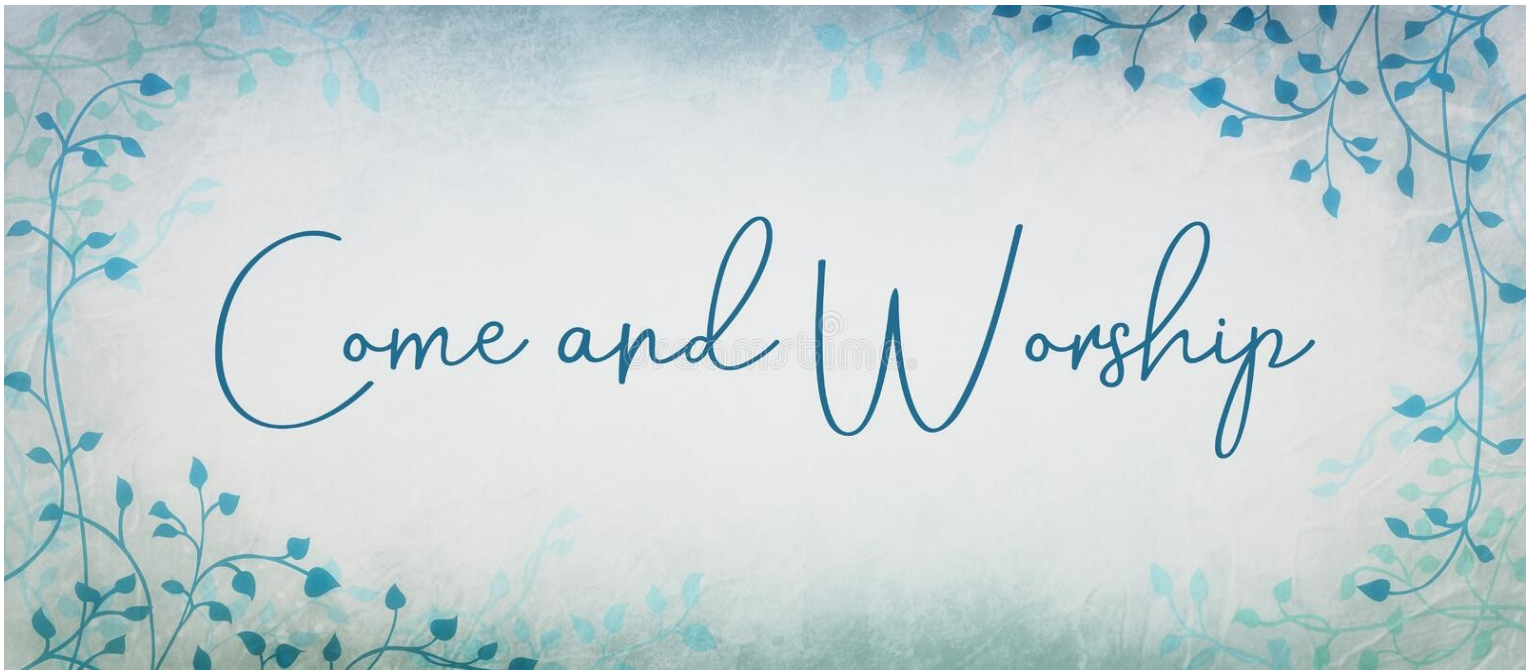
April 8th **Easter Vigil Service** Online only at 7:00 PM

April 9th **Easter Sunday Services** at 8:30 AM Traditional Service with Holy Communion and 10:30 AM Contemporary/Family Service with Holy Communion.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Please join us for a continental breakfast between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services on Easter Sunday.



Holy Week



**Join us on Sundays in the Sanctuary at
10:00 am. for worship.**

We are currently offering one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sundays. We are alternating between our Traditional and Family Worship Service format each Sunday, with a children's message and Children's Church/

KBZone. Please join us for in-person Worship Service and Holy Communion in our sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 AM or live on our

Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

Mission Statement

We are here to celebrate our faith, grow in faith and in God's Word, and reach out in service to our community.

Go in peace to celebrate, grow and serve"!



Edgar Amos, Jr.	Lois Farber	Lynn Kincaid	Peddicord
Gail Anuszewski	Richard Fifer	Michelle Kincaid	Krista Pellegrimi
Kaitlyn Floyd-Baier	Cassandra	Ed Klingenstein	Evelyn Porter
Connie Baker	Fleckenstein	Irene Klingenstein	Inez Rasinski
Susan Baucom	Allen Fleischmann	Mickey Koontz	Cass Rayman
Travis Bender	Amy Folk	Matt Kretzschmar	Yvonne Ryan
Gail Berry	Mike Gerald	Sharon LaBelle	Jeff Sanders
Pat Berry	Russ Getz	Christina Lacko	Jeanine Schenning
Kathy Binas	Pierre Gibbons	Leah Lane	Frank Schmidt
Mary Bodenschatz	Family of	Family of June Leap	Sarah Schnept
Ryan Boninu	Beth (Haught) Gibson	Harriett Lloyd	Nancy Scott
Christie Booth	Jim Gibson	Karen Louden	Trina Sharfe
Ken Brazerol	Joyce Glover	Robyn Marshall	Barbara Shelly
Aiden Brown	Cassidy Gore	Michael McCoy	Donna Shrouder
Debbie Bryant	Trudy Grauer	Aiden McDermott	Vivian Smith
Bill Brynes	Corrine Guernsey	Ellen McKenna	John Stiemly
Brooke Burns	Barbara Hanke	John Melissari	Eloise Stumpf
William Byrne	Donna Hanke	John Micklos	Mike Stumpf
Jim Caris	Dennis Harris	Marsha Millender	Phyllis Sult
Eric Carl	Shirley Harrison	Brian Miller	Teresa
Tom Cincinnati	Juliana Hasson	Joanne Miller	David Vega
Sharyn Clark	Beverly Hoffman	Jim Nemec	James Wallace, Jr.
MaryJane Conrad	Karen Hoffman	Laurie Nemec	Zach Wallace
Ed Cornelius	John Hoffman	Frank Neukam	Jeff Wiley
Shirley Cosgrove	Karen Holzopf	Terry Novak	Gail Wilson
Chuck DeWitt	Scott Hower	Rick O'Dea	Norbert Wilson
MaryAnn Donnelly	Leondra Jefferson	Carol Ogle	Richard Wrobel
Austin Dowell	Lillian Jones	Pat Owens	Susan Yelton
Lynn Eckels	Kay	Kathleen Patterson	
Susan Enclade	Joan Kincaid	Judy Crockett	

Bible Study and Small Groups

At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group Bible study.

To register, call 410-686-7587 or email hopelsecretary@outlook.com.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The theme for this Spring season is "Jesus Calls Us" from Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. Please Join Us!

Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study:

Meets via Zoom 9:00 AM-10:00 AM every Saturday. On the third Saturday of the month we will meet at the Two Guys Restaurant. We will be studying "Jesus Calls Us", same as the Wednesday Bible Study Group from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. Please join us!

****If you would like information about these Bible Studies and Zoom, please let Pastor Meheret know and she will forward you the links!*



**Bible Study
Opportunities**

Praise and Worship



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Sunday beginning at 9:30-9:40 AM there will be an opportunity to shout, pray, sing, and give testimony & honor to God. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Colin Eversley, Music Minister



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Happy Spring! We want to start a Children's Choir at Hope Church! For more information and to sign-up see Colin Eversley, Music Minister. We would also need a director to lead and help organize children.

No experience needed.



Spring Congregation Meeting Announcement

It's that time of year! Our Spring Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 after the 10:00am Worship Service & Fellowship. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing and voting on:

1. Approve minutes from December Congregation Meeting
2. HELC Treasurer Report
3. ASLC Treasurer Report

We need to have as many members as possible to attend the meeting, so we meet our quorum requirements. Please mark your calendars and make it a priority to attend the meeting.

God's Blessings,
Colan Kahl, Council President



Congregational Meeting

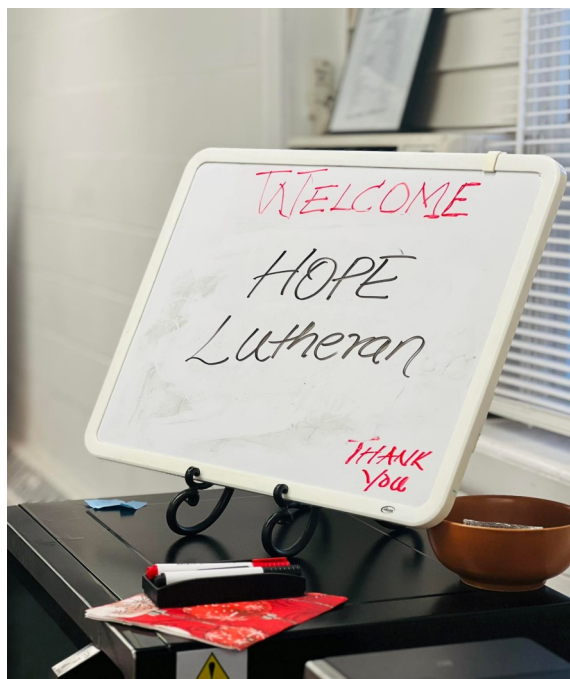
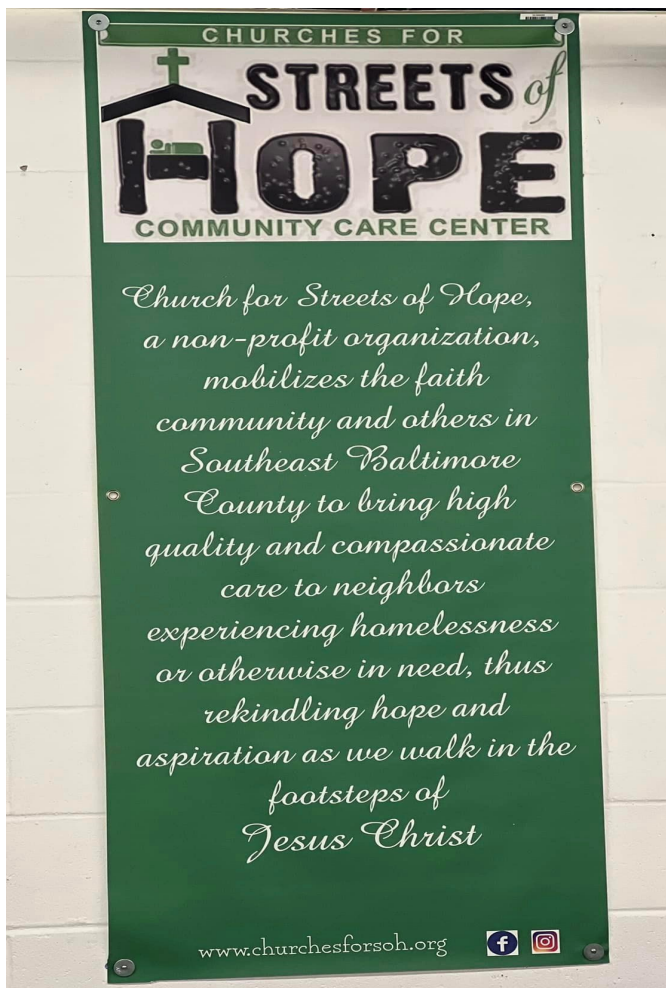


“Thank you” to everyone who came out for our Lenten soup suppers and services during Lent. A big “thank you” to everyone who made soup, bread and food to share for during that time. We were blessed with good friends and fellowship.





The Streets of Hope Men's Shelter is now open for a cold weather. Our church will be providing dinner on the 4th of every month and our next time to serve will be Tuesday, April 4th. If anyone would be interested in providing food, please contact Sandy Cincinnati at 443-324- 8355 for further details.





Join the Quilters!!! We meet every Monday at 10:00 AM in the Choir Room. No professional requirements necessary. You just need to be able to sew a straight line, cut, iron material and enjoy fellowship!

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A Brief History of the Easter Lily

In case you are a little curious, Easter Lilies are native to the Ryukyu Islands of Southern Japan. Introduced in England in 1819, commercial production began in Bermuda in 1853.

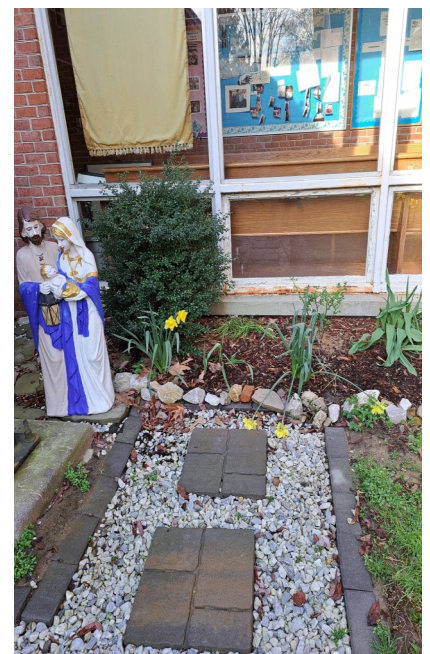


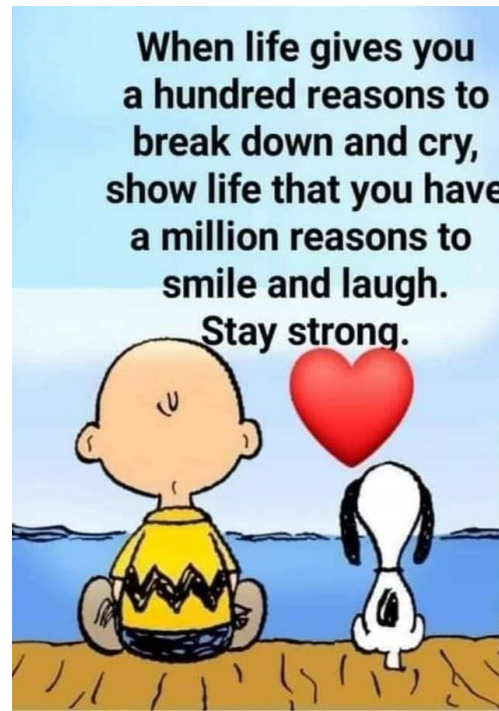
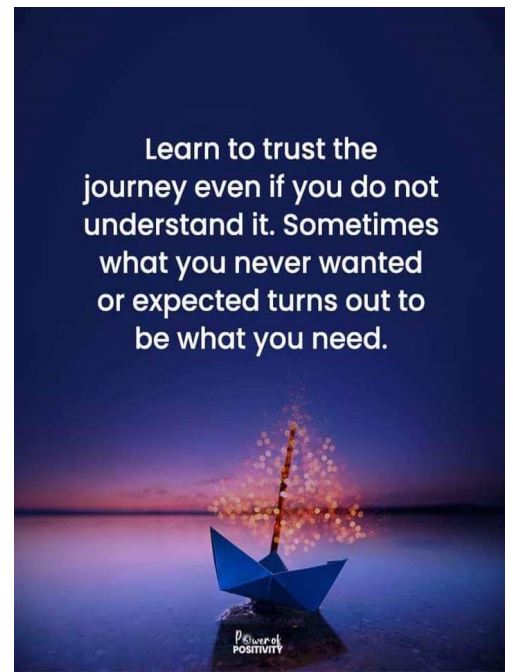
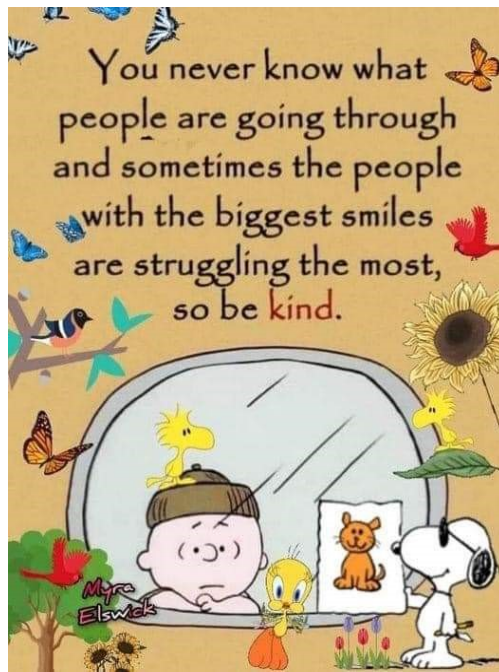
The bulbs were brought to the U.S. in the late 1800's and by 1945 there were approximately 1200 west coast growers producing bulbs for the commercial market. Today, 95% of all Easter Lily bulbs in the world are produced in the U.S. market place and potted Easter Lilies are the fourth largest wholesale crop produced in the U.S. (Poinsettias, mums, and azaleas rank first, second and third,) In the U.S., Easter Lilies are "forced" to bloom in greenhouses like ours and are available for the Easter season only; but in Western Europe and Japan they are sold as cut flowers over an extended season.

The significance of Easter Lilies as a symbol of our Christian faith can be traced all the way back to creation. According to legend, when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, Eve wept. Wherever her tears fell to the ground, white lilies sprang up as a sign of God's promise of redemption for all mankind.



*“The First Signs of Spring in
Hope’s Courtyard Garden”
Thank you
Thea Coker for all your
hard work!*





*I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk
with me. (ELW-325)*

All Stars Christian Learning Center

Hope Lutheran Church

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All Stars Christian Learning Center Offers:



Pre-Kindergarten programs for children, ages 3-4

- 2-day, 3-day and 5-day programs
- 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Before & After School Care for children, ages 5-12

- For children who attend Middleborough Elementary School or who can be transported to All Stars
- 6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Summer Program for children, ages 3-12

All Stars Christian Learning Center offers *safe, quality, and affordable* care within a *loving, Christian* setting. Our staff is *committed* to providing children with a *nurturing* environment by continually evaluating, improving, and enriching our teaching skills and techniques. We offer a **range of experiences** through our **Pre-K** program including *math, science, social studies, literature, language development, pre-reading and pre-writing skills, music, and art*. We also offer a range of *hands-on* and *fun* experiences through our **Before and After Care** program, as well as our **Summer** program.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Nicole Raith at 410-686-6060 or email allstarscenter@yahoo.com for more information



**Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Hope Lutheran Vacation Bible School 2023**

VBS 2023!!! Mark your calendar and please spread the word that Hope's VBS 2023 will be **July 17 - 20, 2023, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Dinner, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm VBS.**
Our Theme: "Twists & Turns, Following Jesus Changes The Game - Psalm 25:4"

Come join us!

Stay tuned for more information!

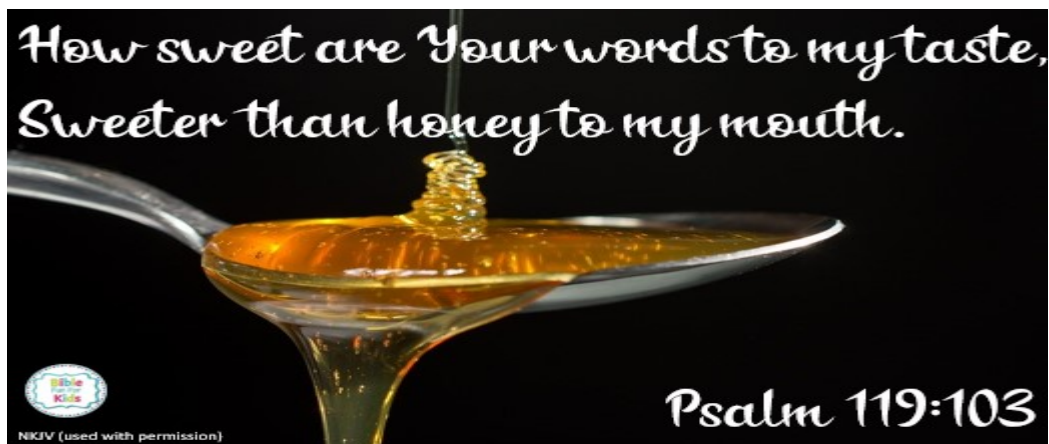


01	Kim Teter
04	Brian Frueh
05	Brooklynn Hays
05	Connie Baker
06	Jackie Eversley
08	Katlyn Smith
09	Susan Yelton
11	Lisa Crout
11	Margo Crout
12	Keith Pickett
17	Cary Koons
23	Doris Salvo
26	Deloris Phillips



Worship Themes for April 2023

Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
April 2 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66	The servant of the Lord submits to suffering Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Humbled to the point of death on a cross The passion of the Lord
April 9 Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10	God raised Jesus on the third day This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Raised with Christ to seek the higher things Proclaim the resurrection
April 16 Easter 2	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David In your presence there is fullness of joy. New birth to a living hope through the resurrection Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ
April 23 Easter 3	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Receiving God's promise through baptism I will call on the name of the Lord. Born anew through the living word of God Eating with the risen Christ
April 30 Easter 4	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	The believers' common life The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want Follow the shepherd, even in suffering Christ the shepherd





Duty Schedule for April 2023



Date/Duty	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 16	April 23	April 30
Assist	Colan Kahl	Eric Eszes	Bob Schweitzer	Thea Melton
Lector	Passion Readers	Margie Carl	Joan Schweitzer	Thea Coker
Serve if needed	None	Joan Schweitzer	None	None
Ushers	Sandy Cincinnati Eric Eszes	Linda Moler Laurie Koontz	Lynne Lake Rick Calo	Denise McLaughlin Frank Schmidt
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Denise McLaughlin	Colan Kahl Joan Schweitzer	Bob Schweitzer	Linda Moler Thea Melton
Flowers	Steve & Sharyn Kahl <i>Open</i>	Colan Kahl Joan Schweitzer	Tim Leucht Steve and Sharyn Kahl	Jeff and Kate Patten <i>Open</i>
Sunday School	Denise McLaughlin	Carolee Calo	Rachel Morgan	Lynne Lake

Holy Week Services: April 8th - Easter Vigil Service - 7:00 PM Virtual Only

Date /Duty	April 6 Maundy Thursday 7:00	April 7 Good Friday 7:00	April 9 Easter 8:30 a.m.	April 9 Easter 10:30 a.m.
Assist	Bob Schweitzer	Colan Kahl	Joan Schweitzer	John Kelly
Lector	Marge Carl	Joan Schweitzer	Bob Schweitzer	Colan Kahl
Server	/	/	TBD	Bob Schweitzer Denise McLaughlin
Ushers	Eric Eszes TBD	Thea Melton Denise McLaughlin	Thea Melton Linda Moler	Donna Jacob Carolee Calo
Counters	/	/	Donna Jacob Deloris Phillips	Donna Jacob Deloris Phillips
Flowers	/	/	Bob and Joan Schweitzer Judy Eszes	Bob and Joan Schweitzer Judy Eszes
Sunday School	/	/	/	Ruth Kraeger



April

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study</p> 
<p>2 Palm Sunday</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in person and Online</p> <p>11:00 AM Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilters</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 PM Streets of Hope</p>	<p>5</p> <p>No Bible Study or Midweek Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM & 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel Service</p> <p>7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM Good Friday Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study</p>  <p>7:00 PM Easter Vigil Service Online Only</p>
<p>9 Easter Sunday</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Easter Sunday Service In Person & Online</p> <p>Continental Breakfast between Services</p> <p>10:30 AM Family Easter Sunday Service In Person & Online</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilters</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 AM & 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel Service</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Am Bible Study at Two Guys Restaurant</p> 
<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in Person and Online</p> <p>11:00 AM Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilters</p>  <p>7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM & 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel Service</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study</p> 
<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in person and Online</p> <p>11:00 AM Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilters</p>  <p>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM & 4:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel Service</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study</p> 
<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship in person and Online</p> <p>11:00 AM Choir Practice</p>						

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