



The Epistle

St. Luke's

Lutheran Church

April 2026

*Helping people make
life-changing connections
with God through
Jesus Christ.*

The Annual Focus of Holy Week

Once a year, we make our way through the rhythms of Holy Week. And as we practice the traditional rituals, we remain open to hearing the call of the Spirit to deepen our faith in the one who gives Himself for us.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning, as we gather in the entrance of the church, bless palms, and hear the Gospel proclaimed that Jesus enters Jerusalem like a king. As the service shifts to the sanctuary, so does the tone. It moves from celebration to reflection as we focus on the story of Christ's passion. The whole story of His arrest, suffering, and crucifixion is recited. We gather at the table to receive His presence.

Maundy Thursday remembers the night before his death. We remember how He gathers his followers and teaches them about the mandatory (maundy) commandment to love one another in the manner He loves us. We again receive the sacrament, to strengthen us for the days that follow. Then, we strip the altar as a sign of Jesus' betrayal and arrest.

Good Friday is a day of contemplation and sorrow. The church gathers to hear the passion story in its fullness, to practice the "adoration of the cross," to pray the bidding prayers, and to hear the sorrow of a God who laments the death of His Son.

On Holy Saturday, the church remains quiet. We do not gather for worship on Holy Saturday. We contemplate the events of the week and prepare for the celebration of Easter. Christians intensify their prayers at home and remain quiet.

Then comes Easter. It is the Great and Holy Festival of the Christian Year – the most important of all the feasts. The church gathers on Sunday morning to celebrate that Christ's victory over death is complete. Our faith is renewed as we hear the proclamation that Christ is the Life all the Living.

We call on all our members to fully engage the services of Holy Week and Easter. These are the central worship services of our faith. Be present. Observe the silence. Enter into prayer. Contemplate the gift God gives us through Jesus Christ.

SLLC Heads to Greece

In celebration of Easter, a group of thirty – mostly members of St. Luke's – are heading to Greece. We will walk the footsteps of the apostle, Paul, who was the first to spread the Christian faith through Western Asia and into Europe. Pastor Jordan is leading this group, which will stop at many places, including Thessaloniki, Ephesus, Corinth, and Athens. We will also visit the Island of Patmos, where John received and recorded the visions of the Revelation. Pray for the group. They will be traveling April 20-29.



God's Love Reigns Forever

Let us hold our broken world – and our own brokenness – in compassion, light, and love. For God's love reigns forever, forgiveness is the key, reconciliation is the goal, and love is always, always, the answer." – Dr. Westina Matthews



Maybe some of you read this quote recently - it was featured March 23 in our "Living Well Through Lent" devotional booklet. I'm hanging on to it, maybe you will too, as a good reminder of truths to cling to when the world seems overwhelming (which let's be honest, seems to be *most* days these days.)

"God's love reigns forever": At a time when there is much geopolitical instability, and some are again using Christianity to justify war, it's important to remember that the "reign of Christ" spoken about is not a reign of domination. It is rather what we witness as we move from Good Friday to Easter – as Jesus took on the worst the world and empire could dish out on the cross.

And on the third day rose again. THAT is the reign that we are called to proclaim and hold close: that not even the strongest powers of death could keep love from bursting forth again on Easter morning. So may we continue to pray and work for resurrections of love in our current times and places too.

"Forgiveness is the key": As Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said, "There can be no future without forgiveness."

"Reconciliation is the goal": Not easy, not always possible – either on a global or personal level – but always the goal. Seeking to repair, and mend, and heal in whatever ways we can.

"Love is always, always, the answer": Enough said!

Whatever this Spring and Easter season hold in store for you, I pray you may stay rooted and grounded in the One who is Love Incarnate.

God's blessings to you, Pastor Maren Hooper

National Volunteer Week Thank You

As National Volunteer Week begins (April 19-25), we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers! Whether you serve on a recurring basis or participate in select projects, we are so very grateful for you. Your service enhances our community life, and you extend God's love and care out to the larger community in so many ways too. We will be recognizing all volunteers in a special way during the weekend of April 18-19!

Theology Uncorked

Due to Easter weekend, Theology Uncorked has been moved to the second Monday of the month instead of the first. Our next fellowship gathering will be on Monday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet again at Cantarito's, 408 E. Main St., in the restaurant's dining room. Please come and be part of this special group that gathers for uplifting spiritual conversation and warm fellowship. This is a "come-as-you-can" group—no commitment required. Come and join members of St. Luke's and enjoy the lively atmosphere. Consider bringing a neighbor or a friend!

Want to Become a New Member

We would be thrilled to welcome you into our church family! New members will be formally received during an upcoming worship service, a special moment for our whole congregation. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about becoming a member, please reach out to Shari Higgins, Assistant for Engagement. She'd love to help! You can call the church office at (262) 542-2545 x113 or email shigs@stlukeslutheran.org.

Calling All Alumni of Joyful Noise

During our Maundy Thursday worship on Thursday, April 2, Sing for Joy invites all alumni who know Helen Kemp's *A Lenten Love Song* to come sing with us. For more information, contact Mr. Schaner at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org.



Upcoming Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Events

We have two concerts coming up in April as a part of our Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's concert series. On **Monday, April 13**, we welcome Jazz Express back along with choirs from Brookfield East, Waukesha North and South High Schools at 7:00 p.m. On **Tuesday, April 14**, at 6:30 p.m. the Wisconsin Philharmonic presents their Shining Stars recital featuring students from Waukesha County. Tickets will be available at the door.

In May, our final program of the year is a recital by Thomas Weis, baritone, and Maggie Rodewald, piano, on **Sunday, May 17**, at 4:00 p.m. Thomas Weis has appeared at St. Luke's before in recital and as the baritone soloist last year on Good Friday. A freewill offering will be collected. You do not want to miss this amazing recital!

Music Camp 2026

Registration for Music Camp 2026 will open in the middle of April. We have two camps operating the week of July 27. For students entering kindergarten and 1st grade we have a morning camp from 9:00-11:30 a.m. For students entering 2nd-7th grade we have a full day camp from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Our days are filled with singing, Bible stories, devotions, instruments, fun adventures, and more! The morning session is \$50 per student, and the full day session is \$100 per student. For more information, contact Mr. Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org.

Search Bible Study Break and Wrap Up

Search Bible Study will be taking a short break, due to recent events, PJ breaking his leg. There will be no Bible Study from Wednesday, March 25 through Wednesday, April 8. We will resume on Wednesday, April 15. May 13, will be the final session of Search Bible Study for this season. We will continue exploring the theme we've been developing: "Thy Kingdom Come." It is an exploration of the Biblical narratives behind this prayer. All continue to be welcome. There is room for you!

Saturday Social April 14

Join the Youth on Saturday, April 25, for dinner, conversation and a little laughter after the 5:00 p.m. service. April's Theme is Taco/Nacho Bar. Sign up at Sign Up Central.

Healing Hearts Celebration of Hope

Healing Hearts of Southeast Wisconsin invites you to join us for Celebration of Hope: April Showers: Hope Flowers on Saturday, April 18, at Tuscan Hall in Waukesha. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with raffles, silent auction, balloon pop, and wine toss, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Get your tickets to join us at <https://www.healingheartswisconsin.org/events-2/> In order to make this even a success, we're looking for help from our amazing community! We are currently collecting donations for our auction and raffle, and are looking for items such as: *Themed gift baskets (coffee lovers, family movie night, self-care, sports fans, etc.), *Experiences (event tickets, golf outings, classes, tours, or weekend getaways), *Restaurant or coffee shop gift cards, *Gift cards to local shops or services (salons, spas, boutiques, etc.), *Home or seasonal items, *Handmade items or unique local goods. Your donation will help us raise critical funds to support the grieving children and families who participate in Healing Hearts programs. If you or your business would like to donate, please reach out to us. Every contribution, big or small, helps make a meaningful impact. Thank you for helping us create a night filled with hope and support for our families. Contact info: Thaiz Soto tsoto.hhwc@gmail.com or (262) 751-0874, Katie Connor kconnor.hhwc@gmail.com, Courtney Stangl at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org.



Discipleship Training

Discipleship Training (DT) is St. Luke's middle school youth ministry and is open to all 6th grade and older youth who wish to affirm their baptism. Pastor Jordan, Pastor Jim and Cari look forward each week to walking beside our youth on their faith journey with our middle school and older youth who wish to affirm their baptism through stories, service projects, conversation, food, silly games, fun and laughter. It is not too late to join us in the Youth Room on Wednesday nights. DT will generally meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with additional learning, service and community time outside the normal class time. Contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org, for additional information.

April 2026 Activities

- 4/1 No DT-Easter
- 4/8 No DT-Easter
- 4/12 Cinnamon Roll Sunday-Youth Fundraiser
7:30 a.m. frost & box; 9:00 a.m. sell rolls; 11:30 a.m. cleanup
- 4/15 DT in Youth Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Theme: The Lord's Prayer 1: The Greatest Prayer
- 4/22 DT in Youth Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Theme: The Lord's Prayer 2: God's Kingdom and Will
- 4/29 DT in Youth Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Theme: The Lord's Prayer 3: God Gives and Forgives

Looking Ahead

- 5/10 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 7:30-11:30 a.m.
- 5/20 Activity Off Site-Last Night Celebration

Youth Group

Youth Group is open to all in 9th-12th grade. Friends always welcome.

April 2026 Activities

- 4/3 Egg My Yard delivery-meet at St. Luke's 4:30 p.m.
- 4/4 Egg My Yard delivery-meet at St. Luke's 4:30 p.m.
- 4/12 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 7:30-11:30 a.m.
- 4/18 Host Social Dinner after 5:00 p.m. service 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Taco/Nacho Bar
- 4/19 Mission Trip 2026 Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room
Mission Trip 2026 Get to Know You Activity #1, Cookout at St. Luke's with participants from St Stephen the Martyr 1:00 p.m.
- 4/26 Youth Group 12:00-2:00 p.m. Escape Room
RSVP to Cari REQUIRED by 4/12, so that we can reserve rooms

Looking Ahead

- 5/10 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 7:30-11:30 a.m.

High School Graduate Recognition

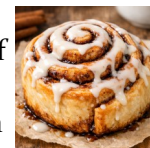
We look forward to lifting up the accomplishments of our high school graduates and celebrating with their families Sunday, June 7, at the 9:30 a.m. service followed by a brunch honoring the graduates and their families. If you do not receive the request for information by mid-April, please contact Cari for a copy. The deadline to return the information form and picture, to be included in the June Epistle, is May 10. Contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org, to sign up or with questions.

Kwik Trip Fundraiser

This is an ongoing year-round fundraiser for the youth. If you frequent Kwik Trip on a regular basis, please consider purchasing gift cards through St. Luke's to use for your gas and grocery purchases. The youth will get a portion of your everyday purchases. In addition to the gift, gas, and grocery cards, we also have 5-count car wash cards available. Cards are available for purchase either via order form, available on the Welcome Station or directly from the stock Sunday mornings. Additional denominations are available upon request, usually within two weeks of the order. Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org with questions or to order cards.

Youth Fundraisers

Cinnamon Rolls return the Sunday after Easter, April 12. A sweet treat to celebrate the return of Spring and say goodbye to Wisconsin winter weather, hopefully!



The Penny War is returning. April 18-May 3, with the prize awarded in between services May 10; final details are pending. Watch for details in Connections and the bulletin.



Pop's Kettle Corn will be sold by the youth starting April 18. The cost will be \$8 per bag. Per Pop's, unopened bags will last for 3 months. Flavors available are, OG Kettle Corn, Coconut Oil & Sea Salt, OPE Mix, Muskego Mix and Yellow Cheddar. Contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org.



Church Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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Our St. Luke's Child Life Ministries Scrip Account through RaiseRight is now active! What is Scrip? It's a place where you can purchase gift cards and CLM will get a portion of your purchase kicked back! Going shopping? Get a gift card to pay for your purchase and donate to CLM at the same time, it's that easy! You can order your gift card and have it instantly available to use, right from your phone. There are two easy ways to sign up, follow this link OR scan the QR code. Share with your friends and relatives by sending them a text or email! There's no cost or upcharge, just purchasing gift cards that helps CLM.

**Preschool Registration 2026**

Limited openings still remain for children who meet the age requirements and are toilet trained by September 1, 2026. 3-year-old classes meet two mornings/week, and 4-year-old classes meet two or three mornings/week. Classes run from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and follow the school year calendar. One popular option for 4-year families at St. Luke's is to attend Preschool classes in the mornings and School District of Waukesha 4K classes in the afternoons. There are still a few opportunities this spring to visit and participate in a class before the school year ends in May! Call now to set up a time to see our classrooms in action and bring your child or grandchild to join in the fun! Preschool classes are open to all, and St. Luke's members receive a 5% tuition discount. Contact Liz at (262) 522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org.

CLM Celebrates Week of the Young Child

To kick off this year's Week of the Young Child, CLM students and teachers will be singing at the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 12. You will also be able to purchase raffle tickets - all proceeds will go to our teacher fund for continuing education, appreciation, and classroom wish lists. The raffle will last all week, and winners will be pulled Friday morning, April 17. We are collecting donations for raffle. If you have anything to donate, please let Courtney know by stopping in or emailing cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org, or calling (262) 522-6738.

CLM Preschool Scholarship

Did you know that you can make an offering towards the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund? This fund is set aside specifically for families within our half-day Preschool program that need financial assistance, or for families that wish to enroll in Preschool but cannot afford full tuition. Offerings to the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund can be made through your regular giving envelope or through online giving. Thank you!

Needle & Thimble

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. They meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be able to sew. There are other things that can be done. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have questions, (262) 844-2519.

Prayer Shawl: There is Still a Need

Busy knitters and crocheters, please do not stop! The items you donate will still be blessed and packaged. Lap robes and prayer shawls are available in the display cabinet located in History Hall. If you know someone who needs a hug from God, feel free to choose an appropriate one from the display. There is a clipboard to record the recipient's name. Share the LOVE! Also, thank you for keeping our prayer patches full! Please feel free to take yarn from the shelves by the History Hall. Please call Gloria for dimensions of what you make and with any questions at (262) 547-8096.

Look at This Return on a \$19.99 Thrivent Investment

The decision was easy after discovering that a Thrivent Associate Membership costs \$19.99 and allows the applicant to lead one Thrivent Action Team. In December, Janet took advantage of the opportunity and wrote for a grant to help Hadfield students during the holidays. She applied for the "\$250 seed money" to buy winter gear and items for the Hadfield Holiday Shop. Part of the \$250 was donated to buy gloves, snow pants, and snow boots as needs were identified at the first signs of winter. St. Luke's members generously also provided many items on the wish list that was posted. An outreach to Home Depot prompted a donation of hats and mittens, too. Another need the Hadfield PTO suggested was to buy items for the annual "Holiday Shop" where each student can select a free gift for someone special in their life. The PTO President purchased many gift options: blankets, candles, games, holiday decorations, and much more. An appeal to Gallery 1 resulted in extra funds to make a wide variety of gift items available for the kids to choose from. It was fun to see the Christmas spirit as volunteers wrapped the special gifts that each student selected. The students at Hadfield were very appreciative of the many things received from the \$19.99 investment that turned into a Thrivent Action Team and a \$250 grant. Thank you to all for your holiday generosity! Would you like to write for a Thrivent grant in 2026? If you do, Contact Diane Voit (262-993-0104) for assistance in writing for a Thrivent grant. Once granted, please let Cindy Maigatter, Financial Administrator, know at finance@stlukeslutheran.org. Cindy will log the generosity shown by Thrivent.

Communication is Important

Communicating when, where, what, why, and how is important. If there is something you would like communicated in the weekly bulletin, weekly *Connections* email, or the monthly Epistle newsletter, it's as easy as writing the announcement and emailing it to office@stlukeslutheran.org or stopping by the office with your article by the deadlines. The deadlines for the bulletin and *Connections* are 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Thursday or the weekend you would want the information in *Connections* or bulletin. The deadline for the monthly Epistle newsletter is the 15th of the month unless the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday; then, the deadline is the Friday before. If you have any questions, please reach out either by email or call the church office at (262) 542-2545.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have a special designation for your Thrivent Choice dollars? All Thrivent Choice dollars are held in the Memorial Fund as undesignated and will be assigned a purpose as needed. If you know where you want your Thrivent Choice dollars to go, please let us know by calling or emailing Cindy in the finance office. Thank you!

Community Meal

We will have our community meal for families of our musical ensembles and anyone else who wants to come join us at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We serve family friendly meals each week. For more information, talk to Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, or take a look at the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board.

Help For the Hope Center

There are many ways to help the Hope Center. Sorters are needed in the Clothing Shop, prep and serve breakfast and lunch, dates can vary. You can volunteer by contacting (262) 549-8726. Check out their website for their weekly donation request list at hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/. Hope Center address is 101 W. Broadway, Waukesha 53186.

Support the Food Pantry

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website. Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store, or bring to church to drop in the cart by door.

Planning a Wedding

Our website has information about getting married at or through St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Download the *Preparing for a Wedding* booklet from the weddings page of our website and you can learn about ceremonies in our sanctuary, chapel, or offsite. Visit www.stlukeslutheran.org for information.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make visits and calls to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care, please call the church office at (262) 542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office.

Preparing for a Funeral

Our ministry of walking with people at times of death is an important work of this church. To help families prepare for a funeral, we've developed a booklet entitled, *Preparing for a Funeral*. You can download this resource from the funerals page of our website. Our pastors are available for any who would like to prepare for a funeral.

Use Your Phone to Give

Point your camera at the QR code to use Omella to make an online gift. Your gifts will be counted as offerings and will support the ministry of St. Luke's Lutheran.



A Court Order Protecting Our Church

A recent federal court decision has placed a preliminary injunction that directly affects congregations like ours in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This order comes in response to increasing concerns about immigration enforcement actions taking place in and around places of worship, and it is intended to ensure that churches remain spaces for worship, ministry, and community life without disruption.

Under this injunction, our church buildings, ministry spaces, and surrounding property—including areas just outside our entrances—are designated as protected areas. In these spaces, federal immigration authorities such as ICE and CBP are generally prohibited from carrying out routine enforcement actions like arrests or questioning. There are limited exceptions to this prohibition. Agents may act if there is an immediate threat to human life or safety, or if they present a valid judicial warrant. An administrative warrant does not grant permission to enter private areas without consent, while a judicial warrant, signed by a judge, may allow entry as specified.

If ICE agents come to our property, they should be asked with all courtesy and respect to wait there until a pastor or another staff member can review the warrant they present. If the warrant is a judicial warrant for someone present in our community, we will step aside and allow the agents to carry out their work as required by law – just as we would if the police presented any other judicial warrant. If they present a different type of warrant—or have no warrant at all—they will be reminded that the church is a protected area under a federal court order, and that the injunction prohibits warrantless or non-judicial warrant immigration enforcement actions in or around our place of worship.

As in any situation before us, our response should remain calm and non-confrontational. Never physically interfere, even if the injunction is not honored. Rather, if it is safe to do so, document what occurs and notify church leadership immediately. This federal court order helps preserve the church as a place set apart for worship, refuge, and care. It allows us to continue our life together with clarity and confidence, grounded in our commitment to welcome and serve all people.

For more information, use google to read the injunction. That injunction is entitled Preliminary Injunction in New England Synod v. DHS, 4:25-cv-40102-FDS. The Greater Milwaukee Synod is one of several church bodies covered by this injunction, which includes four other Synods of the ELCA, the American Baptist Churches USA, the Alliance of Baptists, and Metropolitan Community Churches.

Are You Receiving Our Weekly Connections Email

Each week we send out an email called *Connections*. It includes announcements, links, information about worship schedules, community events, and so much more. If you are not receiving it, email the office (office@stlukeslutheran.org) to be added to the email list.

Congregation Council News

1. Celebrating Our Volunteers: April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! We'll be celebrating everyone who gives their time to St. Luke's with a special coffee hour and a "thank you" giveaway. We are also making plans to work on a new volunteer booklet to help everyone find the perfect place to serve and get involved.

2. Investing in Our Youth: The Council has approved a new proposal to update how we manage Youth Scholarships. This plan will streamline our Endowment and Memorial funds to ensure we can continue supporting our students.

3. Summer Worship Schedule: Council has approved a single combined service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays for the summer months. This schedule will run from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

April Mission: Tanzania Partnership

We give thanks for our Tanzania partnership and offer our gifts to continue to support five congregations that are arranged into two parishes, Kilimamoja and Mararoni. We support them through prayer, through learning, through relationship building and through financial assistance as well.

Memorials

In gratitude, we received memorials to support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's. You, too, can memorialize with gifts to St. Luke's. You can also honor loved ones with honorariums given to St. Luke's. Memorials and honorariums will be listed here each month. During the month of **February**, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Mary McCoy	Sue Bangle	Choir

Prayer Team

Scripture encourages us to bear one another's burdens. Lifting others up in prayer is a way to do that. The need for prayer and for people to pray grows daily! Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Team. There are no meetings or phone calls. You will receive prayer requests via email and are asked to pray daily. No specific prayer, but suggestions are given. Simply ask God to guide you. Did you know you can pray any time and any place? How about while brushing your teeth or showering, during your kids' practices or games, while waiting for appointments? All that is asked is that you pray daily. Please consider joining this vital ministry. For information, contact Laurie Rohrwasser.

Prayer Ministry

How can our Prayer Team pray for you, a friend or loved one? We are ready to lift up prayers for you during the joys and trials of your life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser, lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org Perhaps you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or well wishes, please let her know.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Core Values Honoring God and serving Jesus Christ:

1. We share Jesus Christ and make disciples.
2. We worship God together.
3. We are curious, courageous, and open to the Holy Spirit.
4. We celebrate children and lift up families as they are.
5. We practice kindness and uphold the dignity of each individual.
6. We are committed to being an inclusive community of grace.
7. We stand ready to serve and advocate for our neighbors.
8. We honor our past and look to God's future for us.

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**The deadline for the next
Issue of The Epistle is
Wednesday, April 15.**

Online Giving

To start giving electronically, or make changes to your online giving, please log on to our website and click on "Online Giving" on the far right. You can also fill out the paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Paper authorization forms are available at the Welcome Center.



St. Luke's Calendar for April 2026

Wednesday April 1

6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday April 2

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Friday April 3

Egg My Yard Delivery
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday April 4

Egg My Yard Delivery
NO SATURDAY WORSHIP

Sunday April 5

EASTER
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday April 6

Church Office is Closed

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 7

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club
7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal

Wednesday April 8

6:00 p.m. CLM Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

Thursday April 9

7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday April 11

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday April 12

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsals
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday April 13

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
1:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
5:00 p.m. M&FAS Jazz Express Concert
6:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 14

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
4:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee
6:00 p.m. M&FAS Wis Phil Shining Stars
6:30 p.m. Church Council
7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal

Wednesday April 15

1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday April 16

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday April 18

5:00 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Saturday Social

Sunday April 19

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Youth Group Summer Trip Meeting
1:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Cookout
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday April 20

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 21

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal

Wednesday April 22

1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday April 23

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday April 25

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday April 26

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
12:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday April 27

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday April 28

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday April 29

1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday April 30

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

**Please Remember
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Holy Week, and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday worship, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday worship, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.
No 5:00 p.m. worship Saturday, April 4.
Easter Sunday worship, April 5, at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours Shifting

This summer, our worship hours will shift. Saturdays will remain the same with worship at 5:00 p.m. Sundays, there will be only one service, and it will be at 9:30 a.m. This is being done so that the community can gather in one service on Sundays, deepen our friendship and build connections with others we may not know because they attend a service different from your normal time.

Committing to Worship

We are encouraging each other all year long to commit/recommit to deeper engagement in worship. Perhaps you've drifted away from regular worship attendance. Come back and let God feed you in the Word and at the table of Holy Communion. Maybe while you're here, you might be called to participate more fully in the liturgies we speak and sing together. Commit yourself/yourselves to deeper engagement in worship. The more you engage God in worship, the deeper your relationship with Him grows.

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