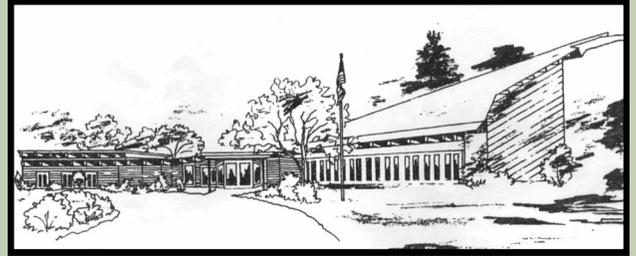




Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Spirit  
30 Riverwoods Road  
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April 2022

### Palm Sunday

April 10

9:30 AM Worship Service

### Maundy Thursday

April 14

7:30 PM Worship Service



### Good Friday

April 15

7:30 PM Worship  
Service

### Easter Sunday

April 17

8:30 & 10:45 AM  
Worship Service  
9:30 AM Easter Breakfast

## *A Note from Our Pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As our congregation prepares to worship and journey through that sacred time we call Holy Week, I pray that you will participate as fully as you are able in the life of Jesus and his disciples, as we remember Jesus' celebrated entrance into Jerusalem, the last supper with the disciples, the pain and suffering of the cross, and the glorious resurrection to new life that Jesus brought to all who believe in him. For many of us, Holy Week is the most powerful week of the year to experience the grace, love, and joy that Jesus has brought to our lives.

During a presentation I attended recently, the presenter discussed one of the characters of this divine drama that we often don't give any attention to, the unnamed owner of the donkey, whose donkey Jesus rode as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of them into the village, he said, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back immediately.'" And that is exactly what happened. The disciples retrieved the donkey, some asked what they were doing, and the disciples said what Jesus told them. The presenter then challenged us to consider this passage, and whether if we were the donkey owner, if we'd be as generous. In today's context, if an out-of-town preacher or teacher and his followers were to come to our door and asked to use our car, would we simply hand over the keys? And we wondered what allowed this person to be so generous. Did he know Jesus? Did an angel give him a vision? Did he have second thoughts about giving?



Sometimes I get the impression that God wants me to give him something and sometimes I don't give it because I don't know for sure, and then I feel bad because I missed my chance. Other times I know he wants something but I don't give in because I'm too selfish. And other times, too few times, I hear him and obey him and feel honored that a gift of mine would be used to carry Jesus to another place. And still other times I wonder if my little deeds today will make a difference in the long haul. Maybe you have those questions, too. All of us have a donkey. We each have something in our lives, which, if given back to God, could, like the donkey, move Jesus and his story further down the road. Maybe we can sing, or hug, or program a computer, or speak Spanish, or write a check. Whichever gift we have, that's our donkey. Whichever gift we have, our donkey belongs to him. It really does belong to him. Our gifts are his.

As we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection, Christ's victory over sin, death, and the devil, let us celebrate his presence in our lives as well. And let's celebrate the life he gives us, for Jesus calls us each by our name. He calls us to be his beloved disciples. He calls us to follow him so that we can do something beautiful with our lives. He calls us to use our gifts to help bring his story further down the road. He calls us to be awakened to the miracle of Christ's resurrection and to proclaim the Good News to all. Christ is Risen! Our Lord is Alive! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Tim*

## Quilters

The quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of every month. No experience necessary to join them.

## Meet & Greet

We reserve the last Sunday of the month at 9:30 AM for a special time of fellowship as we gather as a family of faith to renew, sustain, and form new friendships.

## Prayer Group

Our prayer group meets at 9:30 AM every Thursday morning in the sanctuary as we lift up those in need of prayer. Join us as you are able.

## EXPOS—April 12

We will meet at church at 10:30 AM in room 6 to watch the video “Rick Steves’ European Easter.” In this video, Rick observes Easter across Europe, from Carnival through Lent to Easter Sunday. Afterwards, we will discuss the video and share some of our own traditions for observing the season. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy some time for fellowship while we eat.

## Thursday Bible Study — Weekly 10:15-11:30 AM

We are currently studying Richard Rohr's book, "The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe". Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus' life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us and in everyone we meet. Join us as we delve into how our faith informs our dealing with the challenges of today. We always close out time together in prayer.

## Prayer Concerns

We freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks so the list remains current. Please remember to email Laurie in the church office at [lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com) when prayer concerns change or to update your request.



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# Children's Ministry News

by Jennifer Williams, Children's Ministry Director - [jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com)

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16  
3:00-4:30 PM

### Bring the whole family!

Join us on Saturday, April 16 for a family Easter Event! We'll begin in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 with an interactive telling of the Easter story followed by an egg hunt around the church. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 13 to [Jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com)

### Can't attend but would like to help?

We need you! It takes a lot of eggs for an egg hunt! Please donate 1 dozen filled, plastic eggs to church. There's a box in the narthex for the collection. Fill the eggs with Skittles, Starbursts, M&Ms etc. (all packaged, nothing loose). Bring in all donations by Wednesday, April 13. Thanks!

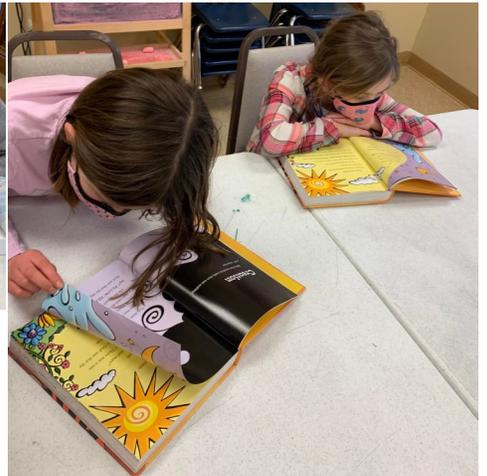
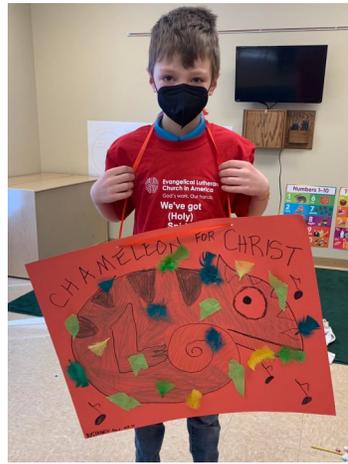
Please contact Jennifer for information or if you'd like to help.



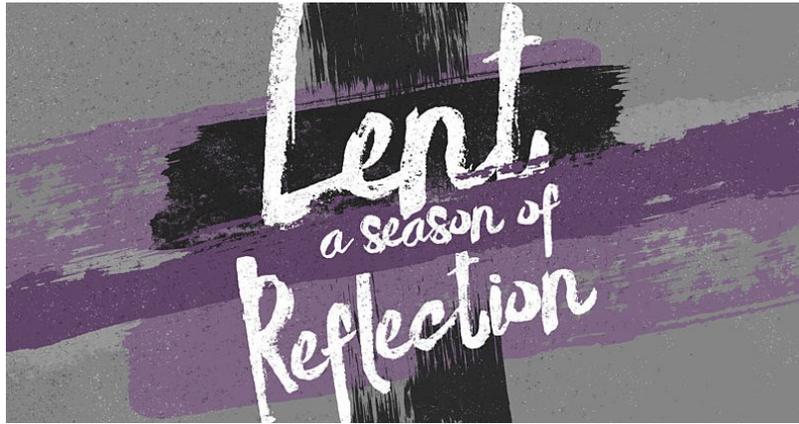
First Holy Communion



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LYFE Bible Lesson



## SELF EXAMINATION & SELF REFLECTION for the SEASON of LENT

Lent is a time of self-examination where solid spiritual disciplines can become a permanent part of our lives. Rather than just giving up chocolate or adding a Bible reading for six-an-a-half weeks, Lent challenges us to drive deeply into ourselves and ask questions such as these:

- What progress am I making in sharing gladly what I have with others, particularly with the stranger and the poor?
- What attitudes do I convey to those who irritate me? How can awareness of my own need of God's grace enable me to be more gracious to them?
- How has my sense of interconnectedness in corporate worship grown of late, and how can I move ahead in appreciating the contributions and need of other members in the congregation to which I belong?
- Am I as charitable and thoughtful to family members as to others? Or do I "take it out" on my family when life at school or work gets hectic?
- Can I redistribute my long-range personal budget in order to have more money to give away?
- When I hear someone being unjustly maligned, do I speak up to correct the record, or am I a silent accomplice?
- How can I more effectively and consistently support legislation and social programs that help the disadvantaged rather than hurt them?
- In devotional acts of prayer and reading, am I increasing my attention span and discovering new ways of listening rather than of talking, of giving thanks rather than complaining?
- As I uncover and attempt to deal with one level of prejudice in my life, what other levels do I find lurking underneath, and how can I confront them?
- In addition to intercessory prayer, what habits can I develop that allow me to be more responsive to the sick, the distressed, and the bereaved, particularly when the needs emerge suddenly and require immediate attention? Can I plan spaces into my life to allow for such unanticipated opportunities to minister to others?
- Am I, by consistent attendance in worship, a witness to others of the worthiness of the God I follow? Or am I, by more sporadic attendance, suggesting that God is worth serving some times, but not others?

From: "Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church" By: Laurence Hull Stookey



## Support PADS in 2022

PADs donation drives are ongoing and will continue through April, as PADs continues to provide shelter and necessities to members of our community experiencing homelessness. Many thanks to everyone who has generously donated.

Items can be dropped off in the Narthex at any time. Alternatively, donations can be made to PADs' Amazon Wish List ([https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK4KVX8VAV3A?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK4KVX8VAV3A?ref_=wl_share)).

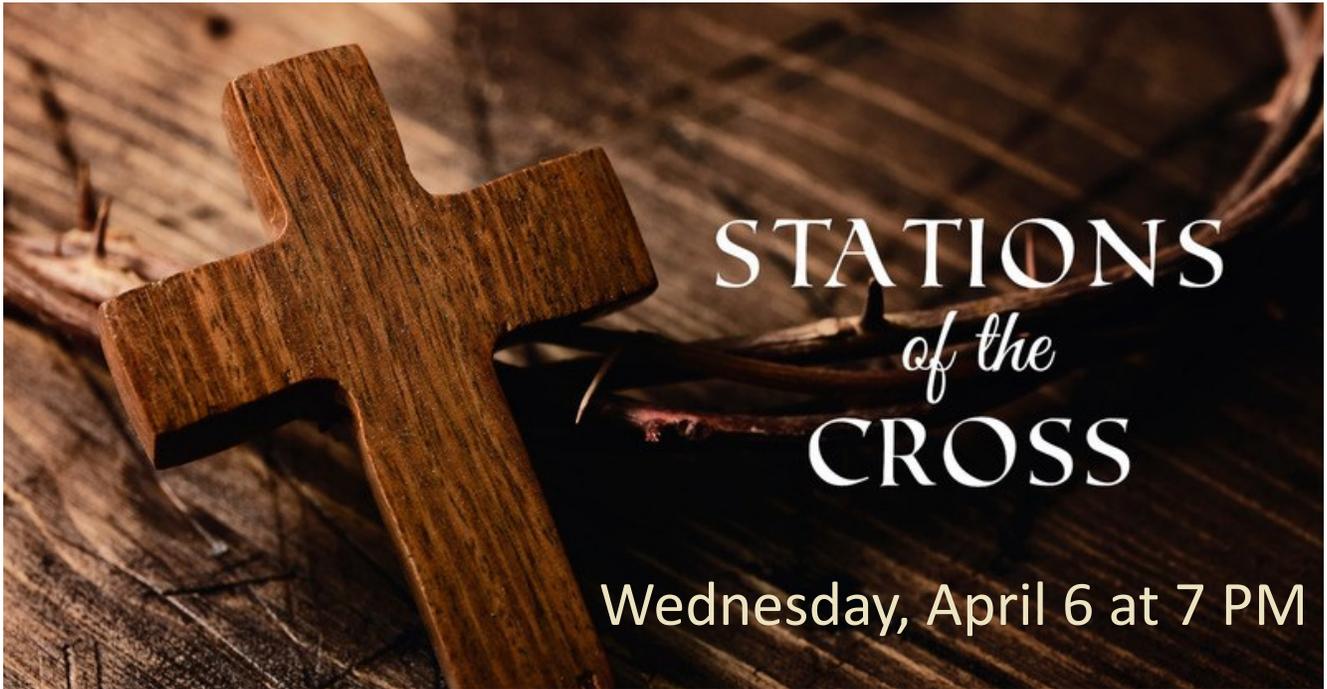
PADS has requested specific items for donation to serve individuals receiving emergency shelter. If you are able to help, please consider donating any of the following:

- Hand sanitizer
- Latex gloves
- Jewel, Walmart, and gas station gift cards
- Non-perishable, microwavable meals (Easy Mac, Barilla pasta, Hormel Completes, ramen bowls), bread, peanut butter/jelly, fruit cups (with pull tabs), chips/pretzels/snacks, bottled water
- Reusable shopping bags
- Men's and women's sweatpants and sweatshirts in new, unused condition



To learn more about PADs' current needs, please use the following link: [www.padslakecounty.org/in-kind-donations/](http://www.padslakecounty.org/in-kind-donations/)





In preparation of Holy Week, you are invited to walk through several Stations of the Cross surrounding the events of Holy Week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion for a time of reflection.



Pastor Tim will lead us in a special Prayer Worship Service on May 5 at 7:30 PM. The Caring Community Team and the Prayer Group invite everyone to join in prayer for our nation and all of God's creation on the day when churches across the nation will join together to pray for God's help and mercy.

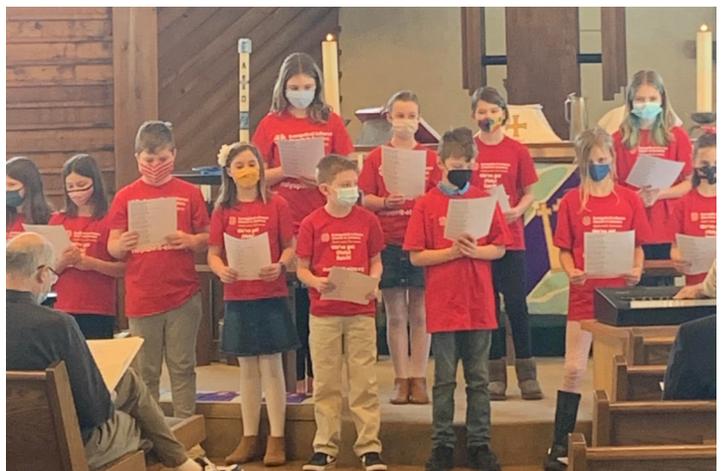


Friday - April 22 - 7pm

Let's reconnect with friends socially for a fun evening of laughs and guesses! There's no better way to boost your Friday night than to add an evening out! For \$15.00 per person - share in the fun with a professional Trivia host in Fellowship Hall to jump start all that lost information from the last 2 years. Sign up in the narthex.

Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Questions - Jeanne Nelson [jnelson814@comcast.net](mailto:jnelson814@comcast.net)



Jazz Sunday



- 5- Joel Utterback
- 6- Chris Wittich
- 10- Greg Olson
- 22- Collin Becker
- Daaron Dohler
- 23- Katie Bittner
- 25- Rory Fencil

<h1>APRIL 2022</h1>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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10 <b>9:30am Palm Sunday Service</b>	11 7:30pm Council Mtg	12 10:30am EXPOS	13 7:30 pm Choir 8:10pm Bells	14 <b>7:30pm Maundy Thurs. Service</b>	15 <b>7:30pm Good Friday Service</b>	16 Easter Breakfast Set-up <b>3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt</b>
17 <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45am Easter Services</b> <b>9:30 Breakfast</b>	18 <b>Office Closed</b>	19 10am Quilters 4pm LYFE	20 7:30 pm Choir 8:10pm Bells	21 9:30am Prayer Group 10:15am Bible Study	22 <b>7pm Trivia Night</b>	23
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# church council MEETING

## Highlights from March

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on March 14th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$46,187 for February (YTD total is \$81,096 (including a transfer from the Building Fund for furnace repairs)). Operating expenses were \$38,920 in February (YTD total is \$85,158).

**The Pastor's report:** Mardi Gras/Jazz Sunday on February 27 was well-attended and well-received. Attendance at services and activities increases. A sizeable group of students made their First Communion. Various upcoming special events and services are being planned and underway, including Lenten and Easter services and preparations. **Christian Education** reported that fun events recently have brought excitement and participation. The Mardi Gras celebration on Jazz Sunday was a lot of fun, with decorated poster boards, a dragon, and a lot of beautiful colors. Nine students took their first communion on 3/13 after 2 classes led by pastor. A single Sunday School class at 9:30 continues, after the children's sermon. LYFE and Confirmation participation has been strong. The LYFE choir will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter. A family activity is being planned for Holy Saturday to replace the Good Friday activity, a combination of faith activity and an egg hunt; with congregation members being asked to help fill eggs for the egg hunt. Work continues on the First Aid for Mental Health program, likely to be scheduled for the fall. **CUFF** reported on a trivia night event on April 22. **Finance** reported that the line of credit has been renewed, signature cards for accounts have been finalized, and the cost to repair lightning damage to the organ was within the insurance deductible. **Growth** reported with thanks that Jan Schwanke and Katie Bally have been instrumental in assisting with outreach and fellowship activities, and that work continues on securing replacement coffee makers. **Human Needs** reported that PADs donation drives are underway with many members generously donating items, which Donna has delivered to PADs, and that donations drives will continue in March, concluding in April. **Long-Range Planning** reported that focus group meetings have been paused during Lent and will resume after Easter. **Property** reported that several cleaning service providers have been interviewed and submitted quotes that Joel will pursue, and that sanctuary floor repairs are being explored. A work day has been scheduled for March 26. **Technology** reported that software and camera equipment are being programmed and set up for upcoming installation and connection. **Worship and Music** reported that a single service on Sunday will continue, with ongoing Facebook and YouTube live streaming of services, and with Communion at the rails. LYFE choir performed an original Mr. V song, adult choir sang, and the brass played throughout Jazz service. Ash Wednesday service was on 3/2, and mid-week Lenten services began on 3/9. The choir rehearses following Wednesday service. Looking forward, Palm Sunday will be one service. There will be 2 services on Easter Sunday, with the Adult and LYFE choirs as well as the brass playing at both services. Help still is needed to fill assisting and ushering spots. **Old Business:** Ryan Hathaway and Cory Kalas have agreed to assist with coordinating Easter breakfast, and a sign-up genius will be prepared for donations of needed items. A variety of views have been expressed by members regarding masks; mask-wearing is optional, and individual choice regarding mask-wearing will be respected. **New Business:** Continuing resolutions will be circulated to Council for consideration at the next Council meeting. Endowment, Mutual Ministry, and Columbarium Standing Committee terms that are expiring are being addressed and Council will vote on appointments at next month's meeting. Synod Assembly delegates will be needed for the upcoming meeting. A rolling stand with large screen TV has been donated by the Edwards family for use by the congregation, and narthex enhancements are being considered.

**Next council meeting currently is scheduled for April 11th at 7:30 PM.** All council meetings are open to Holy Spirit members. Minutes and reports of the council are kept in a public notebook in the narthex.



# HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

April 2022

More information may be found on our website: [www.holyspirit-elca.org](http://www.holyspirit-elca.org)



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