

# CLARION

APRIL 2023

FROM PASTOR'S DESK



## RAGMAN

*On April 9 we gather together to celebrate Easter. It is a time of joy as we celebrate the gift of salvation that comes to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This month I share a story by Walter Wangerin, Jr., who was a Lutheran author, professor, and pastor who taught at Valparaiso University in Indiana. He died in 2021, but his words live on through his many writings, including this one: "Ragman."*

I saw a strange sight. I stumbled upon a story most strange, like nothing my life, my street sense, my sly tongue had ever prepared me for. Hush, child. Hush, now, and I will tell it to you.

Even before the dawn one Friday morning I noticed a young man, handsome and strong, walking the alleys of our city. He was pulling an old cart filled with clothes both bright and new, and he was calling in a clear, tenor voice: "Rags!" Ah, the air was foul and the first light filthy to be crossed by such sweet music.

"Rags! New rags for old! I take your tired rags! Rags!"

"Now, this is a wonder," I thought to myself, for the man stood six-feet-four, and his arms were like tree limbs, hard and muscular, and his eyes flashed intelligence. Could he find no better job than this, to be a Ragman in the inner city?

I followed him. My curiosity drove me. And I wasn't disappointed. Soon the Ragman saw a woman sitting on her back porch. She was sobbing into a handkerchief, sighing, and shedding a thousand tears. Her shoulders shook. Her heart was breaking. The Ragman stopped his cart. Quietly, he walked to the woman, stepping round tin cans, dead toys, and Pampers.

"Give me your rag," he said so gently, "and I'll give you another."

He slipped the handkerchief from her eyes. She looked up, and he laid across her palm a linen cloth so clean and new that it shined. She blinked from the gift to the giver.

Then, as he began to pull his cart again, the Ragman did a strange thing: he put her stained handkerchief to his own face; and then HE began to weep, to sob as grievously as she had done, his shoulders shaking. Yet she was left without a tear.

"This IS a wonder," I breathed to myself, and I followed the sobbing Ragman like a child who cannot turn away from mystery.

"Rags! Rags! New rags for old!"

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In a little while, when the sky showed grey behind the rooftops and I could see the shredded curtains hanging out black windows, the Ragman came upon a girl whose head was wrapped in a bandage, whose eyes were empty. Blood soaked her bandage. A single line of blood ran down her cheek. Now the tall Ragman looked upon this child with pity, and he drew a lovely yellow bonnet from his cart. "Give me your rag," he said, tracing his own line on her cheek, "and I'll give you mine."

The child could only gaze at him while he loosened the bandage, removed it, and tied it to his own head. The bonnet he set on hers. And I gasped at what I saw: for with the bandage went the wound! Against his brow it ran a darker, more substantial blood – his own!

"Rags! Rags! I take old rags!" cried the sobbing, bleeding, strong, intelligent Ragman. The sun hurt both the sky, now, and my eyes; the Ragman seemed more and more to hurry.

"Are you going to work?" he asked a man who leaned against a telephone pole. The man shook his head.

The Ragman pressed him: "Do you have a job?"

"Are you crazy?" sneered the other. He pulled away from the pole, revealing the right sleeve of his jacket – flat, the cuff stuffed into the pocket. He had no arm.

"So," said the Ragman. "Give me your jacket, and I'll give you mine."

Such quiet authority in his voice!

The one-armed man took off his jacket. So did the Ragman – and I trembled at what I saw: for the Ragman's arm stayed in its sleeve, and when the other put it on he had two good arms, thick as tree limbs; but the Ragman had only one. "Go to work," he said.

After that he found a drunk, lying unconscious beneath an army blanket, an old man, hunched, wizened, and sick. He took that blanket and wrapped it round himself, but for the drunk he left new clothes.

And now I had to run to keep up with the Ragman. Though he was weeping uncontrollably, and bleeding freely at the forehead, pulling his cart with one arm, stumbling for drunkenness, falling again and again, exhausted, old, old, and sick, yet he went with terrible speed. On spider's legs he skittered through the alleys of the City, this mile and the next, until he came to its limits, and then he rushed beyond.

I wept to see the change in this man. I hurt to see his sorrow. And yet I needed to see where he was going in such haste, perhaps to know what drove him so.

The little old Ragman – he came to a landfill. He came to the garbage pits. And then I wanted to help him in what he did, but I hung back, hiding. He climbed a hill. With tormented labor he cleared a little space on that hill. Then he sighed. He lay down. He pillowed his head on a handkerchief and a jacket. He covered his bones with an army blanket. And he died.

Oh, how I cried to witness that death! I slumped in a junked car and wailed and mourned as one who has no hope – because I had come to love the Ragman. Every other face had faded in the wonder of this man, and I cherished him; but he died. I sobbed myself to sleep.

I did not know – how could I know? – that I slept through Friday night and Saturday and its night, too.

But then, on Sunday morning, I was wakened by a violence.

Light – pure, hard, demanding light – slammed against my sour face, and I blinked, and I looked, and I saw the last and the first wonder of all. There was the Ragman, folding the blanket most carefully, a scar on his forehead, but alive! And, besides that, healthy! There was no sign of sorrow nor of age, and all the rags that he had gathered shined for cleanliness.

Well, then I lowered my head and trembling for all that I had seen, I myself walked up to the Ragman. I told him my name with shame, for I was a sorry figure next to him. Then I took off all my sin in that place, and I said to him with dear yearning in my voice: "Dress me."

He dressed me. My Lord, he put new clothes on me, and I am a wonder beside him. The Ragman, the Ragman, the Christ!

*May God bless you in all things through Christ!*



# From the office...



## Food Pantry 2022 Year in Review

Total Households = 357 (1210 people total)

Adults (18-60) = 653  
Children (0-17) = 397  
Senior Citizens (61+) = 131  
Other (Unknown) = 28

## Care Fund 2022 Year in Review

Total Households = 197 (613 people total)  
Total Assistance Total = \$27,317.03

Adults (18-60) = 653  
Children (0-17) = 397  
Senior Citizens (61+) = 131  
Other (Unknown) = 28



## Winter Coat Care Fund Project

We want to thank you all so much for your help with our fall/winter coat project! It was wonderful to have the chance to bless those in need during our cold weather months. Those that we have left and cannot be used will be donated to one of our partners in service. Thank you all for your help and support!



## FOOD PANTRY

### Hours

**Tuesday-Friday**  
**2 pm-4 pm**

## PASTOR'S CARE FUND

### Hours

**Thursday & Friday**  
**2 pm-4 pm**

## A Friendly Reminder

Any information you need put into our weekly **NEWS & NOTES** needs to be submitted to the office by **NOON** on **WEDNESDAY** of each week.

Any information you'd like put into the **CLARION** is due to the office by **NOON** on the **15th** of every month.

# HOLY TRINITY NEWS

2023 EDITION



## UNITY SUNDAY & POTLUCK

Be sure to join us **Sunday, April 16th** for our first Unity Service of 2023! **Education** begins at **8:45 AM**, **Worship with Holy Communion** at **10:00 am**. After worship, join us in the Life Center for a potluck meal and our Voters' Assembly! We are asking members to bring a dish according to the first letter of their last name as follows:

**A-G Meat**

**H-M Sides**

**N-R Salads**

**S-Z Desserts**

## NURSERY ROLL



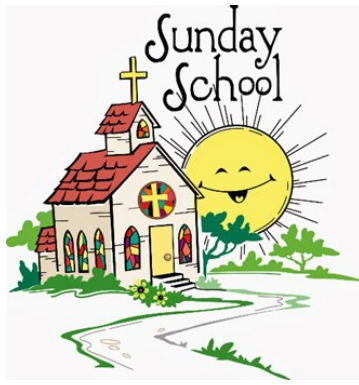
Attention all parents of 'littles' under age 3, we are re-starting our Nursery Roll ministry. We would like to share booklets, Bibles, and small children's books for parents to read with their child. The Enduring Faith Beginnings booklets and materials are designed to help our new parents share the love of Jesus from birth through the first three years of life. This will primarily be a "mailing ministry" and is funded by the church's education ministry. If you would like to add your child to the Nursery Roll, please contact the church office or Melinda Miller at [themillers2@cox.net](mailto:themillers2@cox.net) or 479-295-2978.

## PINOCHLE

**Friday, April 14th** will be our next date for playing cards. Hopefully you have your calendar marked and will be ready to help set up at 6:00 pm and get cards in your hand for play at 6:30. Don't forget to bring a little something to share for a snack. Looking forward to seeing everyone and perhaps a few new faces!







## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it."*

*Proverbs 22:6*

Calling all children and teens! Sunday school begins at 9:30 with donuts and an opening message from one of our members. New this month, we will begin talking about tithes and take an offering during the opening section. We are excited to be working with our music ministry team to help get our children involved in the service.

Here is a list of our small groups and wonderful teachers!

**Kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup>: Leah O’Ryan & Karen Kvamso**

**5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>: Amy Wright & Heather Stottlemeyer**

**9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>: Dean Eisma & Casey Bolte**

If you have a pre-k child they are welcome to join our elementary class! Parents can stay with the child to help them feel more comfortable if needed.

Thank you all!

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## CHURCH BUS

We offer rides to our Sunday services in the church van. The van does **NOT** have wheelchair access so riders will need to be able to get in and out with a hand from the driver. We are looking for drivers to help with this ministry as well. If you could help even one or two Sundays a year it would be greatly appreciated!

If you are interested call or text Ted Reinker at (409) 750-9633.



## CRAFTY CREW

Enjoy some relaxing fellowship time **the last Thursday** of each month from **4-8 pm**. We have people who scrapbook, crochet, embroider, make ornaments, and other various crafty goodness. Come check us out!

## **SMALL GROUP STUDIES**

Did you know that we have six Connection Groups available here at Holy Trinity? Six groups of 10-14 people are meeting regularly for a deeper dip into God's Word. Several of the groups are already at capacity, but three of the groups have openings and will be starting new studies soon. If you are interested in getting to know your fellow parishioners better, consider joining a group! You're always welcome!



### **Paul and Roberta Belviy**

*meets at the Tontitown Winery every other Thursday evening.  
They can accommodate up to 14 members there.*

### **Matt and Casey Bolte**

*meets at their home on 2nd and 4th Friday evenings.  
This is a great group for people with school age children.*

### **Dave and Christy Lehenbauer**

*meets in their home 2nd and 4th Friday evenings.*

These groups are open to any age, single or married. Sign up sheets with additional information, dates, and times are available in the narthex. These groups are limited in size, so add your name ASAP.

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

Our library has fiction and nonfiction books that are Christian based for ALL ages! DVDs, CDs, puzzles, and Bible study materials for groups or individuals are also available. No due dates or late fees! Please come enjoy our library!



## **WEDDING SHOWER FOR OUR ALECIA GUTCHE**

Our Alecia Gutche will be getting married on June 16th, 2023 and we want you to come celebrate this joyous occasion with us. We will be giving Alecia a Wedding Shower on April 15th at 10:00 am in the Chapel. Alecia is registered at Amazon, Crate & Barrel and Pottery Barn. It has been such a joy to watch Alecia grow up in this church so ladies please plan to join us for the party celebrating this event. Please RSVP to Pam Pickett so we can make the final plans.





It's that time again! The Annual 1517 Regional Conference held at the Meteor Guitar Gallery in Bentonville will be held May 5-6th!

This two day conference will be full of speakers, music, and fellowship that will point you back to the limitless grace of God found in the gospel of Jesus Christ over and over. Don't miss this opportunity to rest and rejoice in the good news of all that God has done for us!

**For more information or to register go online:**

<https://www.1517.org/events/2023-regional-conference-bentonville>

## **Friday, May 5th**

**6:00 pm** - Doors Open

**7:00 pm** - Singing with Blake Flattley

**7:20 pm** - Daniel Emery Price: Galatians One

**8:00 pm** - The Arcadian Wild in Concert

*\*Beer on tap from Ozark Brewing Company*

## **Saturday, May 6th**

**8:30 am** - Doors Open

*\*Onyx Coffee and Bagels from Ozark Mountain Bagels*

**9:00 am** - Devotions & Coffee with Chad Bird

**9:15 am** - Singing with Blake Flattley

**9:30 am** - Gretchen Ronniviik: Galatians Two

**10:15 am** - Kevin Hale: Galatians Three

**11:00 am** - Matt Popovits: Galatians Four

### **LUNCH**

**1:45 pm** - Singing with Blake Flattley

**2:00 pm** - Steve Paulson: Galatians Five

**2:45 pm** - Scott Keith: Galatians Six



# Welcome!

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# Camp Trinity on Petit Jean Mountain 2023

## SPRING EVENTS

*Mark your calendars for other events coming up at Camp Trinity!*

**Summer Camp Early Registration Deadline** - Parents who register their children for summer camp at Camp Trinity and pay the fees in full by midnight April 1 can deduct \$50 off the fees for each child registered. Registering early also helps the camp with planning, especially staffing. Other discounts are also available. Check the camp website to learn more: <https://lutherancamp.org>.

**April 21-23 Crop and Craft Women's Retreat** - All women scrapbookers and crafters are invited to attend. Registration is easy; just email the camp office to let them know you plan to come: [director@lutherancamp.org](mailto:director@lutherancamp.org)

**April 29 Trivia Night** - Teams have already begun registering for the 14th annual Trivia Night, the biggest annual fundraiser for Camp Trinity. Congregations are encouraged to field teams for some friendly competition with other congregations while supporting the ministry of Camp Trinity. Christ Little Rock is again the host for Trivia Night. Doors open at 4:30 pm, with announcements at 5:45. Concessions will be serving up burgers, dogs, and more. The event includes a silent auction which this year will include lodging at the Oar on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs and one night's stay for up to 30 people in the new retreat lodge at Camp Trinity. You can register now, even if your team is not yet complete. Sign up at the camp website: <https://www.lutherancamp.org/trivia-night>

**May 21 40th Anniversary** - Camp Trinity will celebrate it's 40th anniversary in conjunction with the dedication of the new retreat lodge at camp. Open house at the lodge and the rest of camp will take place all afternoon, with the dedication service at 4 pm. The event will include a free barbeque dinner after the service for all who notify the camp in advance.

*[www.lutherancamp.org](http://www.lutherancamp.org)*

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Parents' Day Out

In February we continued wondering what animals do in the winter when it's very cold. We also talked about the Transfiguration and what that must have been like to witness. As we started into March, we began talking about Lent. We remember the great love Christ has for us.

We are noticing signs of Spring now. We observe red buds on the trees and flowers peeking out from the ground. We are noticing robins looking for things to make nests with. In March we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, pointing to a three leaf clover as a symbol of the Trinity.

If you're curious to see what we're working on, please feel welcome to take a look in the classrooms! We have artwork hanging on our walls. We're also happy to have volunteers come and read to the children or play with the babies during operating hours.

Thank you for your continued support in our PDO program!





# God's Sabbath Sleep:

## **How Christ Filled in the Gap in the Creation Story**

The Bible has God-designed gaps in it. These literary holes are designed to trip us up so that we pause, look, ponder. Something is missing. Something we expected to be there. What is it? And what does its absence imply?

One such gap is in the creation story: there seems to be a missing verse.

As we read through Genesis 1, six times we encounter the phrase, "and there was evening and there was morning, the \_\_\_ day." That blank is filled in with "first...second...third" and so forth, all the way to verse 31, where we get to "the sixth day."

The unwritten verse is this: "And there was evening and there was morning, the seventh day." Given the six previous occurrences of this phrase, we naturally expect it to recur on the final day of creation. But it does not. It is left unwritten. Why? And what does this imply?

It suggest that this first Sabbath day is awaiting its true completion. The seventh day, the day God rested from all his work of creation, has a gap that needs to be filled.

When and how would this happen? Welcome to Holy Saturday.

## *Holy Saturday*

Jesus was arrested on Thursday evening and crucified on Friday. After Christ's death, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body (Luke 23:52). "Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning" (23:53-54).

The Galilean women who were disciples of Jesus, "saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment" (Luke 23:55-56)

On the first Friday of creation, the sixth day, "God saw everything that he had mad, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). Then the Lord rested the following day, the seventh day.

On the Good Friday of re-creation, the Friday we dare to call "Good," Jesus as God saw everything that he had done – he saw his miracles; he saw all his teaching; he saw his fidelity; he saw how he ad "borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53:4) – and, behold, it was very good. So he cried out, "Tetelestai," "it is finished," and breathed his last.

Our dead God, our slain Creator, who for the joy before him had endured the cross and labored in love for our peace, entered his Sabbath rest, swaddled in mortality. In so doing, Jesus filled the gap in the creation account. Now he could pull out the scroll of Genesis and write, "And there was evening and there was morning, the seventh day." The first Sabbath, which for ages had awaited its true completion, was finally and fully finished on Holy Saturday. The Son of God, having recreated the world and ushered in a new humanity, took his rest.

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# Laughing at Death

Do not sprint past Holy Saturday in your endeavor to rush through Easter's door.

Stop. Wait. Reflect.

For twenty-four hours, every year, we let seep into our minds and hearts the shocking fact of the death and burial of God. He plunged so deeply into our human condition, embraced so wholly our mortal flesh and blood, that our Lord was crushed and crucified and coffined.

A man named Joseph was there when he was born, a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. And another man named Joseph was there when he was dead, and adult wrapped in a linen cloth.

He went above and beyond for us. Conceived and born. Hungered and thirsted. Tempted and tried. And, as if all that were not enough, he was even dead and buried. He was "all in" for humanity. Not even the cemetery was off-limits for the Savior who came to get us back to his Father.

Jesus can rest in that tomb with a victorious grin on his lifeless face. He knows that his job of atonement is over. Not the slightest sin of the tiniest transgression of the most minuscule iniquity remains in need of sacrificial blood. He has done his job very well. No sin of any person, of any time, survived the cross. It was all there, on him, and him alone.

Apart from the cross, outside that man, sin did not exist. He became sin. And in him, sin became forgiven.

Now the Creator punches his mortal timeclock.

A new creation winks and yawn and stretches on the horizon.

The kingdom has been established, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Tomorrow Jesus will laugh his way out of the tomb, spit in the face death, and kick the devil in the throat as he dances to the clapping glee of angelic masses. But today he just rests. It is the final Sabbath of God.

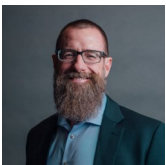
Therefore, when we ourselves are buried, or we bury our loved ones, we escort them into a Sabbath rest. They sleep the sleep of death. For this reason, we call our Christian burial sites "cemeteries," which comes from the Greek word *koimeteria*. This does not mean "place of the dead" or "graveyard" but cemetery or *koimeteria* means "sleeping place."

We bury our dead with the belief that God is not finished with them. We put their bodies in a place where they can rest and await the alarm clock of the trumpet blast on the day of resurrection.

For those in Jesus Christ, the grave is the portal to paradise with Jesus, and the bed for our bodies, as we await resurrection. Jesus has dehorned, defanged, and debarked the grave. It cannot hurt, bite, or even bark at us.

Like a menial servant, all the grace can do is bow at our feet and do our bidding.

All because of Jesus. All because of Holy Saturday. For on this day, Christ filled the gap in the creation story and has filled us with a hope that stretches from now until forever and ever, Amen.



**Contributor | Chad Bird**

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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!

## Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maundy Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!



### Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## Why do we celebrate "Palm Sunday"?

The Sunday before Jesus was crucified by the people, they honored and adored Him as their Lord and king with palm branches. We remember this as the beginning of Christ's bitter walk to the cross.



PRAISE HIM!

CRUCIFY HIM!

## Why did the people honor and adore Jesus on Palm Sunday and then kill Him on Good Friday?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people began to praise and honor Him as their king. They believed Him to be a powerful leader who would overthrow the Roman government and restore Israel. When Jesus did not do this, the people wanted Him crucified. You and I know what kind of a king He is. He's a king who came to die for the sins of His people. Wow! What a king!



**Parents:** Remind your children that it was important that Jesus did die for their sins. That is exactly what He came to earth to do. He came to pay the price that we could never pay. Direct your children to the symbols in the church that reflect Christ's death. Remind them that we will hear of His victory over death next Sunday on Easter!!!





# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdalene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



**Parents:** Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!





# Holy week

# FEED MY SHEEP

**February 2023**

*Food Pantry Statistics*

Total Households = 30 (106 people total)

Adults (18-60) = 65

Children (0-17) = 26

Senior Citizens (61+) = 15

Other (*Unknown*) = 0



# PASTOR'S CARE FUND

**February 2023**

*These disbursements are from money designated for the Pastor's Care Fund. Your contributions bring a tremendous relief to your neighbors who are in difficult circumstances.*



Total Households = 34 (92 people total)

Utility Help = 14

Rent/Mortgage = 1

Motel = 19

Transportation = 0



# April

## Birthdays



1 Ben Blaske  
Ava Bowers  
Kelly Faust

2 Justin McCarver

3 Adam Blake  
Zachary Gust

4 Melvin Kvamso  
Jane Means  
Ashley VonRee  
Jennifer Wolgast

6 Caden Adams  
Kati Evans  
Erik Kvamso  
Ted Reinker  
Marlan Wahl

7 Mildred Cearley

8 Rich Rumpf

9 Kaleb Stracar-Pinoski

10 Zachary Sanders

11 Connie Heintz  
Spike Hermes

12 Todd Kruempel

Betty Mayer

15 Riley Fanning  
Harry Gibson  
Amber Kvamso

16 Jenna Anderson  
Rev. John Lindner  
Ainsley Studyvin

17 Kelsey Byrd  
Daniel Schroeder

18 Audrey Bracht

18 Abbey Griffin

20 Andy Boyd  
Ruth Farquhar  
Donna Meyer

22 Annette Garling

23 Dianne Gliedt

24 Kori Bracht

26 Gayle Brewer  
Kevin Brockhoff  
Aubrey Vickers

29 Lauren Hartwig  
Jeanne Meyer  
Gabe Miller

30 Michael Wahl  
Jan Wildenborg

## Anniversaries



1 Nadir & Stephany Franco

7 Tommy & Melissa Black

9 Gilbert & Helen Campbell

13 Brent & Libby Garner

13 Kenneth & Donna Meyer



16 David & Mary Frevert

17 Rob & Kathy Dickerson

20 Daniel & Cherrilyn Schroeder

30 Cameron & Terra Pullman

30 Sam & Kathy Welborn



# SERVING IN APRIL 2023



	APRIL 2 (PASSION SUNDAY)	APRIL 9 (EASTER)	APRIL 16 (EASTER 2) <b>UNITY SUNDAY</b>	APRIL 23 (EASTER 3)	APRIL 29 (EASTER 4)
<b>READERS</b>					
8:00 AM	ELAINE LAUNDERVILLE	JOHN JENKINS	KAREN LAUNDERVILLE	SABRINA ISBELL	JOHN AUGUSTINE
10:45 AM	PAM PICKETT	JEANNE MEYER	--		ELLIE GRIFFIN
<b>GREETERS</b>					
8:00 AM	SAM & KATHY WELBORN	MIKE & LISA NELSON	--	DAVID & MARY FREVERT	LB & ILA TEETER
10:45 AM	BRENT & LIBBY GARNER	MIKE & BETTYE PLATT	LEE & ELAINE LANDAUER	JOHN & KATHLEEN THOMPSON	SKIP & TONI SHANE
<b>MEDIA</b>					
8:00 AM	JENA EISMA	DONNA WINTERS	BETH KIKOEN	DAVID HEINTZ	JENA EISMA
10:45 AM	ZACHARY GUST	LEVI WRIGHT	--	JEAN GREGESICH	ZACHARY GUST
<b>STREAMING</b>	OWEN WINTERS	MAC MACGOWAN	OWEN WINTERS	MAC MACGOWAN	OWEN WINTERS
<b>LEAD COUNTERS</b>	MAC MACGOWAN & HT MEANS	MAC MACGOWAN & HT MEANS	MAC MACGOWAN & HT MEANS	FRED & SHIRLEY LEWIS	FRED & SHIRLEY LEWIS
<b>LAWN CARE</b>	TEAM 5	TEAM 1	TEAM 2 (EDGING)	TEAM 3 (GAS)	TEAM 4

**ALTAR GUILD  
ELDERS**

BRITTANY AUGUSTINE & CATHY PERSON  
8:00 AM – DAVE FERGUSON  
10:45 AM – SKIP SHANE

**USHERS**

8:00 AM – TEAM B  
(JAMES SIJ, RAY ESCHENBURG, BRUCE PILCHER, JOHN AUGUSTINE, STEVE MOELLER)  
10:45 AM – TEAM D  
(JIM WILLIAMS, DON BRACHT, BOB BAUER, PHIL GARLING, CHRIS PLAISANCE, GENE KIESEL)



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<b>2 PASSION SUNDAY</b> <b>(FEED MY SHEEP)</b> 8 AM COMMUNION 9:30 AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY 10:45 AM COMMUNION	<b>3 PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	<b>4</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 6:30 PM ELDERS	<b>5</b> 10 AM WORSHIP 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 5:30 PM SOUP SUPPER 7 PM WORSHIP	<b>6 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 10 AM WORSHIP 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 7 PM WORSHIP	<b>7 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 7 PM TENEBRAE SERVICE	<b>8 HOLY SATURDAY</b>
<b>9 EASTER</b> 7 AM SUNRISE SERVICE 9:30 AM EDUCATION/BELLS 10:45 AM WORSHIP  <i>He Is Risen!</i>	<b>10 PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	<b>11</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>12</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 5:30 PM CONFIRMATION	<b>13</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>14</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 6 PM CARDS	<b>15</b>
<b>16 UNITY SUNDAY</b> 8:45 AM EDUCATION/BELLS 10 AM COMMUNION 11:30 AM POTLUCK 12 PM VOTERS' MTG	<b>17 PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	<b>18</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 6:30 PM COUNCIL	<b>19</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 5:30 PM CONFIRMATION	<b>20</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>21</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>22</b>
<b>23 EASTER 3</b> <b>30 EASTER 4</b> 8 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM EDUCATION/BELLS 10:45 AM WORSHIP	<b>24 PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	<b>25</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>26</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 5:30 PM CONFIRMATION	<b>27</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 4 PM CRAFTY CREW	<b>28</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>29</b>