

# MESSIAH MESSENGER



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## A Season of Preparation

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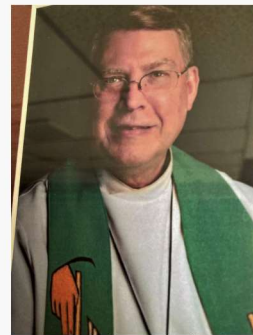
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### "Lent A Time to Refocus"

Optometrists suggest that people who wear eyeglasses or contacts should have their eyesight checked once a year. Why? Because people's eyesight changes over time. When they have their eyes examined, they may learn that their eyesight hasn't changed. Great! Oftentimes, however, they will learn that their eyesight has changed and that they need new lenses or contacts. Again, great! Now they can refocus their eyesight to see things clearly once again.



Just as people should regularly have their physical eyesight checked, so also they need to have their spiritual eyesight checked regularly. The church has developed special seasons of the year for such check-ups to take place: Advent and Lent. Both Advent and Lent are known as penitential seasons, times for repentance, that is, contrition and sorrow over sins and faith in the grace and forgiveness of God offered to all in Jesus Christ. When we look at ourselves in the mirror of God's law, we see how far short we fall in fulfilling God's will for us, and when we see God's grace and forgiveness offered to us in the person and saving work of Jesus Christ on our behalf, the Holy Spirit works faith in our heart to believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Do you see Jesus clearly as the Son of God and the Savior of the world—your Savior and my Savior—or is it time for you to come in to Messiah and have your spiritual eyesight checked?

If you have been attending our Midweek services, you already know that this Lenten season Messiah Lutheran Church is providing spiritual vision checks by following a sermon series entitled, Honest Repentance. Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. By using Holy Scripture and Lutheran doctrine, the sermons identify sin as the thing that stifles our humanity while repentance results in our natural impulses functioning more as God designed them. As we come to Messiah to have our spiritual eyesight checked, we will not only see our sins more clearly, but we will also hear about God's enormous love and grace displayed for the whole world to see in the passion, suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Trusting in Christ for the forgiveness of all your sins, God promises that you will come away with 20/20 vision for daily living. See you in church,

*Pastor Richard Lofgren*



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# From the Board of Elders

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## Messiah's Transition Teams (Learning Groups)

If you were in church last Sunday, you heard Pastor Lofgren announce that all **five of the Transition Groups** have been formed and will soon go to work on their respective assignments. As you recall, the Transition Team is comprised of ***three learning teams, a vision team and a mission statement team.***

The three Learning Teams are as follows:

**(1) Community Partnerships and community involvement.** Messiah currently has working relationships with the Hill Country Pregnancy Center and the Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries, along with sponsoring a cub scout pack and probably others of which I am not aware. This group will determine how well we are doing in support of those ministries and what other ministries are in the Boerne community that warrant our involvement and could have an impact in spreading God's word.

**(2) Culture.** What is the culture and demographics of the Boerne community? How do the demographics of Messiah compare to the community at large and how do we leverage of our similarities and alter our differences in order to draw more people to the church? (*I'm talking ethnic, age, language, etc. not doctrinal issues*).

**(3) Leadership structure.** The last group will look at how the leadership of the church is set up and determine whether changes are warranted. We currently have a **two board system with Lay Ministers addressing the ministries of the church and a Board of Directors that oversees the business dealings of the church.** There was a committee that put in many hours in updating the existing constitution, which has been in place since 2011, and was recently finalized between the church and the district. It may be as simple as affirming the new constitution, or the group may determine that the church should return to a simpler set of by-laws with a single board of directors consisting of officers of the congregation and the elected Lay Ministers.

Once these three groups have completed their tasks, they will give that information to the **Vision Team**, which will use that information to formulate a vision for Messiah's future. Once the team has determined it's vision for Messiah, that vision will be presented to the voters, probably first, in a workshop format to get member input and then after finalized, to the voters for formal approval by the voting members. Once approved by the voters, **the vision team will hand the vision to the Mission Statement Team**, who will come up with a Mission Statement that reflects the vision of the church.

As to the timing of this effort, the three Learning Teams will be asked to complete their respective assignments within 60 days, around the end of April. It is hoped that the Vision Team can complete its work in the ensuing 30 days and then have the two mentioned meetings within 30 days of completing their initial proposal. When voter approval is received, it is hoped that the Mission Statement team will be able to come up with the mission statement within a 30 day period as well. If this schedule were accomplished, Messiah would have a Vision and Mission Statement by the end of July and would be prepared to provide that information for a call document.

Pastor Lofgren is providing the names and numbers of the members of each of the teams in Friday's newsletter. If you have thoughts or can provide information that might be useful to any of the teams, please contact someone on that team. Even though each team consists of just five members, this is a church wide effort. I know that many of you are very anxious to get on with calling a permanent pastor, so the more quickly this process can be completed, the quicker we can get to the point of being ready to call our next pastor. ***Your brother in Christ, Mike Lang***

**TEXT OR EMAIL  
YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS!**

You can text your prayer requests to (210) 802-9290

You can submit your prayer request on our website:  
[www.messiahboerne.org](http://www.messiahboerne.org)

When submitted online, notifications are sent to the general mailbox: Messiah, Maurine Maloy, Pastor Lofgren, and Messiah Boerne Prayer. These three individuals respect your privacy and the option you select for your prayer request.

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**Texting Prayer Requests** - A decision has been made to discontinue using the Phone Number (210) 802-9290 to text prayer requests. Pastor Lofgren's phone number will be added to the website for use to contact him directly for life or death emergencies.

Please login to our website [www.messiahboerne.org](http://www.messiahboerne.org) to send a prayer request that is sent to Pastor Lofgren, Maurine Maloy and Dennis Parker or contact your Elder directly.



# Messiah Lutheran Church Transition Team

## Learning Groups

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## Looking Ahead Not Behind

Growing up in Nebraska one of the things I remember was how proud my Dad and Granddad were of plowing, planting and cultivating in VERY straight rows. There were no GPS guided tractors in those days. When doing the field work their focus was always keeping the nose of the tractor pointed straight ahead. As we would drive down the country roads Dad and Granddad would always look to see how straight their (and others) rows were.

Jesus made a statement regarding plowing in Luke 9:62 ...

***“No one who puts his hand to the plow  
and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”***

He knew that the only way is forward and not being distracted by the things left behind. As we at Messiah strive to fulfill our calling, I pray that we all look ahead seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance in all that we do. We look forward to serving our community, sharing the love of Christ, offering ourselves to those that need our help while in this world and teaching about God's Kingdom yet to come. To God be the Glory - **David Wendeborn, Discipleship**



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*Psalm 33:20-22 We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.*



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# Refurbishment Update

## Sanctuary



## New Windows



## Bath Rooms



The Refurbishment project continues with some minor setbacks due to weather and fire marshal approvals. Key progress has been made with completing the installation of the water line for the required fire sprinkler system. The sprinkler plan has been submitted and awaiting fire marshal review and approval before installation can begin. This component of the project has been one of the most delayed from what was originally planned.

The new windows are being replaced. They look great and are energy efficient. Nine(9) of the ten (10) stained glass windows have been purchased by generous members. The New Altar window frame for the stained glass has arrived. The installation has been delayed due to a need to have engineering approved for assuring the structure will support the weight of the exterior stone work.

Both the restrooms have been completed, including an additional commode in the lady's restroom. We are awaiting the new ADA sinks and cabinets. The new Coffee Bar Kitchen has been plumbed and wired for a new commercial coffee maker that has been generously donated. It will be like the one in the Family Life Center. The lighting and electrical applications for the Narthex and Sanctuary have been completed and approved by inspection of the fire marshal. Sheetrocking the walls can now be finished. The flooring is waiting to be installed once overhead work can be completed in order to protect it. The sound booth has been rewired and is ready to sheetrock.

While some delays were anticipated, we continue to pray that progress can be made as quickly as possible and we can celebrate in the sanctuary and enjoy an updated bright and beautiful Narthex soon.

**David Wendeborn, Discipleship**



## Helping Hands Needed!

On Saturday, March 4, 2023, we will be having a Church Workday to clean up the exterior grounds. We will start at 9:00 am and plan for drinks and lunch to be provided.

We have several branches down from the ice storm and would like to get them down to the burn pile. Please bring your own clippers, saws, and gloves.

We also have had a request for power washing the flat work at the Family Life Center as well as looking into the FLC irrigation system. If you have pump house experience or irrigation system knowledge, spare irrigation heads/pipes/fittings or a power washer that we could use, these all would be greatly appreciated.

The church train could use a little TLC to prepare for the upcoming Easter jubilee.

The trees and flower beds can always use some sprucing up. Cleaning the rocks up near the Messiah sign from the recent road construction is also on the to-do list.

The more volunteers we get, the quicker we can get these projects finished -- so join us for some camaraderie as we beautify our church! **David Rhoads, Facilities**



Many hands lighten the load



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**Galatians 1:6-8 Perversion of the Gospel - 6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!**  
NASB

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## Adult Education

The Galatians had been brought to the true Christian faith by Paul, from the law to the gospel, during his first missionary journey. After his departure, however, false teachers came along. They were disciples of the true apostles, but they so turned the Galatians around that they believed they had to be saved by works of the law. The Scripture above was Paul's response to his flock in Galatia. Paul wrote these words in 50 AD, and Satan has been using false teachers ever since.

Today we have some who have been raised in the Christian faith but who are distorting the true Gospel. I have firsthand experience with such teachers in universities influencing our family members. Friends report their children and grandchildren are "losing their faith". The lies are 2000 years old but come in new packages. False teachers, "Progressive Christians", teach "Critical Theory" with a new interpretation of scripture. They raise doubts about the virgin birth of Christ, about His resurrection, and recently have brought doubt on the Penal Substitutionary Atonement (PSA) of Christ for our sins!

Lutherans and Bible believing Christians confess Jesus died on the cross as the substitute for sinners. Christ's death is penal because he paid the penalty for our sins. The description of Messiah in Isaiah 53:4-6 says His suffering is meant to heal our wounds. The fact that the Messiah was to be "crushed for our iniquities" (verse 5) is a direct reference to penal substitution. Jesus claims to be the "good shepherd" who lays down His life for the sheep in John 10:10. Paul, in Romans 3:25-26, says we have the righteousness of Christ because of His sacrifice.

Yet "Progressive Christians" teach that God is love and he would never require His Son to be killed as a substitute for humans. They say teaching PSA is at the root of child abuse and other crimes against humanity. Some even declare such teaching about the atonement of Christ is at the heart of race hatred and war crimes.

How do we respond in love? We must follow Christ and Paul's example, and make sure we know how to share the truth as evangelists and apologists. In March **Pastor Lofgren** will continue teaching the basics of Bible doctrine at 9:15 AM on Sunday's. **Mark Giardinelli** and I will begin teaching about how to deal with Progressive Christians from Alicia Childers book "Another Gospel?". We will look at the Lutheran Difference in LCMS vs. other synods, and **David Wendeborn** will be teaching on the role of discipleship. **Ladies Bible study** at 10 AM Friday mornings will begin with a new minor prophet. Join us. **Dennis Parker**



## Bible Study Opportunities

Pastor Lofgren -  
We Believe, Teach & Confess Class  
Sunday 9:15 am in the FLC Gym

Friday Morning Ladies Bible Study  
10:00 am - FLC Fellowship Room  
March 10th begins a new study "Take  
Courage" by Jennifer Rothschild

## Watch for more information on . . .

Mark Giardinelli & Dennis Parker  
"Another Gospel?" by Alicia Childers

Discipleship by David Wendeborn

Differences in LCMS  
other Synods



In March through April we will continue looking at contemporary issues through Bible basics. We seek to show how our Lay ministries of Adult Education, Discipleship and Missions are tied together to carry out the Mission of Christ's church. That mission, regardless of how one says it, is based on the resurrected Jesus Christ's direction from Scripture: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you ..." Matt 28:18-20 NASB



# What's Happening in March at Messiah?

*Every Wednesday in March - the 1st; the 8th; the 15th & the 22nd !*

*We will be gathering in the Gym at the Family Life Center at 5:30 pm for coffee and sweet treats provided for the best bakers in Messiah Lutheran Church. Then beginning at 6:30 pm we will gather for a Lenten Worship Service. In the Church Season of Lent we take intentional time in the midst of the week to reflect upon the great sacrifice that Christ made on our behalf, and by faith, we begin to comprehend our freedom from sin. From our reflect we repent of our sins, knowing that God promises to forgive and renew us on account of Christ. This Lenten Season offers us the opportunity to once again engage in reflection, repentance, and renewal through our Savior Jesus.*

**March 19th - Feed the Poor**  
*see Page 10 for more details . . .*



## **Bar-B-Que Bash - Sun. Mar. 5th**

*Joint efforts of Messiah's Fellowship Committee and Messiah's Kids Preschool - BBQ Meals will be sold for \$10.00 (Adult) and \$5.00 (Child) a plate between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. The bar-b-que is being provided by John & Erin Stallings benefiting Messiah's Fellowship budget.*

## **Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time**

*don't forget to change your clocks  
we will be springing forward!*

## **Spring Break March 13<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>**

*for Messiah's Kids Preschool and the Boerne Independent School District!*

## **Messiah's Adult Game Day March 18th Sat. 2:00 – 5:00 pm!**

*We will have games, dice, cards etc.! This is the first of a monthly opportunity as we are scheduled for games the 3rd Sat. of the month thru December! So, mark your calendars and join us when you can! Bring drinks & snacks you would like to share. Bring your favorite games to share. Looking forward to seeing you there!*

## **Messiah Ladies Time Out**

*for breakfast out together on March 23rd 9:00 am  
at the Little Gretel! All ladies are welcome!*

*Please RSVP to Lindy Eschenko.*

*Call or text 979-229-7760 or email or sign up at church!*

The **Friday Morning Ladies' Bible Study** is continuing with the viewing of The Chosen until we begin our new study facilitated by Kathlin Jauregui. The new study entitled **Take Courage** will begin on **March 24th @ 10 a.m.** in the fellowship room of the FLC. Kathlin Jauregui has graciously offered to lead this study for us, thank you Kathlin! The video Bible study, Jennifer Rothschild invites you to study the book of Haggai and how God's promises give us courage to trust Him and press on in life. This video study will encourage you to stay confident in God's calling, motivate you to not give up, and trust that God created you for a great purpose. You can order your own book on Amazon, today it's \$17+tax. The price seems to change every time I look at it so who knows what the price will be next week! (LOL) I will be ordering my book next week and I'd be happy to order yours, just let me know if you'd like me to order one for you.

## **Boerne Outdoor Family Fair**

*The fair will be taking place on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> with set-up at 9:00 a.m., and the fair hours are from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This is a great way to share our upcoming Easter services, Easter Jubilee and our speaker Sarah Keeling coming in May. We'll have games and prizes for the kids and handouts for the adults. Please sign-up for a one or two hour slot and join in the fun! Yours in Christ - Kathy & Mark Giardinelli*



# Wacky Olympics 2023



On February 5th the Messiah Family Life Center gym was changed into an Olympic Stadium. Opening the day's events was a Subway sandwich lunch. Thank you to Laura Sanders for getting us the Thrivent funds for the sandwiches. Pastor Lofgren gave us the mealtime blessing and I followed lunch with a short devotional and prayer.

The opening game was a BIG hit! Everyone, young and old, had a blast watching and participating in the Hungry Hippos Game. After the Hungry Hippo Game, the gym was opened up for all the other Olympic Events. The Balloon Relay, Hula Hoop Game, Colored Ping Pong Toss, Rug Run and Pool Noodle Javelin Throw were the five other events. Anyone who completed all six events could participate in the drawing for prizes...and yes a younger friend could help us complete our card by doing the event for us. The whole gym was filled with the sound of laughter as gold medal ribbons were passed out to everyone!

Melissa Rutledge made three jars filled with candies for each category for anyone to guess how many. The closest guesses were, Gianni Betancourt: Bronze- Rollos, Kate Grace: Silver- Kisses and Matt Grace: Gold- Twix.

The prize drawing winners were Kathleen Blakely won the collapsible Cornhole Game, Josh and Ben Sagebiel won the game of LIFE. Brad Sanders promptly gave his Shape Shifting Puzzle to Juliet Betancourt and Gianni won the game pack. The Soper's daughter Laura and her children Matt and Kate won a fondue pot and goodies for being the greatest number of visitors.

I would like to thank our many volunteers and also our set-up team of Lisa Ley, Mario Betancourt, Ernie and Marilyn Mazurek, Pam Sansone, Becca Sagebiel, Hayli Fernandez and her friend Ashley, Melissa Rutledge, Laura and Brad Sanders and my husband Tony and Mark for all their help. Bill Loren did a great job on creating our Olympic Rings wall display. We had a great planning team: Shirley Moore, the Betancourts, Pam Sansone, Laura Sanders, Rebecca Sagebiel and her sons Josh and Ben, who all helped me with ideas.

Even though I didn't name every volunteer and participant; you all made this a fun-filled event. Everyone told me they want to do this again next year! Thank you! ***Your sister in Christ, Kathy Giardinelli***







## Messiah's Kids Preschool by Gina Huskey

Messiah's Kids is nearly completely full for the 2023-2024 school year. We have a few 3 year old spots and waiting lists that are building.

The kids at the preschool were visited by Little Smiles Dentistry to discuss the importance of dental health. Ms. Joann always brings a giant toothbrush and a dinosaur with giant teeth!

Cowboy breakfast is always a fun event, where our kids enjoy breakfast tacos, pony rides and a petting zoo. Our little friends love coming to school in their cowboy and cowgirl best!

## Friends of our Preschool

**Friends of Our Preschool** is a group of volunteer church members who wish to support Messiah's Kids Preschool ministry. Our hope is that the group will strengthen, support and build relationships between our preschool staff and our congregation. Our group is in the beginning stages with a vision of having more volunteers to contribute and nurture our early childhood program and ministry.

There are many opportunities to volunteer. You may choose to be as active as your time allows.

Some opportunities are:

- Help by planning facilitating activities / events.
- Helping to prepare a meal or small snack for the teachers
- Writing a note or sending a card of encouragement to a staff member
- Praying for our preschool children, their families our staff

We are very blessed to have a small group of volunteers in place and active! The past year has been filled with joy and many opportunities to get to know our preschool teachers and our amazing Director, Gia Huskey!

Please consider becoming a volunteer of **FRIENDS OF OUR PRESCHOOL**.

*Pam Risley, Kathy Bibb, Melanie Gissi, Carol Mycock, Sue Theis, Gracie Funk, Kathy Giardinelli and Larry Risley*





Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

# FFTP FOOD FOR THE POOR

United in God's Work

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me. Matthew 25:40

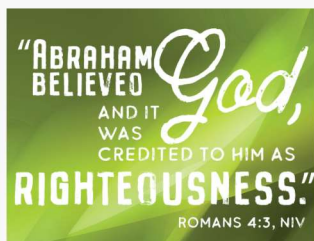
**Dear Parishioners,**

**Please join us the weekend of March 18, 2023 to hear The Rev. Paul Short speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.**

**Pastor Short will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.**

**Pastor Short was born and raised in Katy, TX. He served in the US Air Force for four years. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1970 and from Concordia Theological Seminary in 1974. He has served seven parishes in 40 years of ministry with the most recent being St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, MO.**

**Please join me in welcoming Pastor Short.**



*Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring - not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed - the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. {Romans 4:16-17}*

# MARCH CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays

Mar 2 - Joe Sorensen	Mar 14 - Frank Lindkvist
Mar 3 - Karen Leitko	Mar 17 - Ernie Mazurek
Mar 7 - Ginnie Jones	Mar 17 - Doug Camp
Mar 9 - Anna Maloy	Mar 18 - Mandi Turner
Mar 10 - Frank Addington	Mar 21 - Sue Parker
Mar 12 - Barbara Wright	Mar 22 - Jordan Parker
Mar 13 - Luke Turner	Mar 24 - Bill Loren
Mar 14 - Boone Leachman	Mar 30 - Margrit McMann
Mar 14 - Kathryn Winkelmann	Mar 31 - Billie Bowman



## Wedding Anniversaries



Len & Barbara Wright - Mar 5 29th Anniversary
Allen & Karen Leitko - Mar 8th 43rd Anniversary
Rolf & Linda Schulz - Mar 28th 59th Anniversary
Brad & Laura Sanders - Mar 30th 38th Anniversary

Dear Messiah Family, **Operation Christmas Child** has been packing since 1993. I'm excited to announce that through the years, Operation Christmas Child has packed over 200 million shoeboxes. The 200 millionth shoebox went to a little eight-year-old girl in Ukraine.

My team would like to say that the job is over but sadly it isn't. In Africa alone, there are an estimated 650 million children who have never had a gift and many of them have never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus too.

In the Hill Country specifically, we need more team members to join to create more Gospel Opportunities. These team members are human just like you and they get burnt out. Currently we don't have an Area Coordinator to lead the team and the individual Ministry Coordinators are leading the team.

All of the areas of the team need help, but we are praying for a called Area Coordinator to lead the team. If you are interested, please see me or you can go to the year-round volunteer website for more details.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-volunteer/>



***In Christ, Mark Giardinelli, Prayer Team Member and Community Relations Team***

**Stephen Ministry** - On February 5th, while we were having our Wacky Olympics at Messiah, several of our dedicated Stephen Ministers were attending a continuing education class on "Forgiveness" at Spring Creek United Methodist Church. Sue Theis, Marilyn Mazurek, Pam Fields and Jean Schuchardt attended. Continuing education is a great way to improve and refresh our skills. Our regular meeting for Stephen Ministers will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 10:00 am. ***Kathy Giardinelli***



# A Season of Preparation

<h2>Guide to Lent &amp; Holy Week</h2>		
	<p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p>On the first day of Lent, we begin a 40-day period of prayer and reflection leading up to Easter, with our attention especially directed to the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus.</p>	<p>Wednesday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm Desserts 6:30pm Worship</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday Lent Services</b></p> <p>As we keep the focus of Lent, it becomes a fuller and more meaningful season leading up to Holy Week and the Resurrection.</p>	<p>Wednesdays in March 6:00pm Desserts 6:30pm Worship</p>
	<p><b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>On Sunday before Easter we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches symbolized victory as people spread them out on the road shouting Hosanna, meaning "Save us, now"! While the people were seeking a King to triumph over the Romans, Jesus had a bigger purpose to triumph over sin, death and the devil.</p>	<p>Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship</p>
	<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>The Thursday before Easter we commemorate the Last Supper. Maundy is from the Latin word for commandment as Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment as He washed their feet. At this Passover meal, Jesus declared a new covenant with His body and His blood.</p>	<p>Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Worship</p>
	<p><b>Good Friday</b></p> <p>On Friday before Easter we somberly commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and His death on the cross as the final and complete sacrifice for our sins. The service ends in total darkness and silence with black covering the altar as the tomb is closed.</p>	<p>Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Worship</p>
	<p><b>Celebrating with Easter Jubilee</b></p> <p>We are taking this day to enjoy our children and families with outdoor games, petting zoo, Easter egg hunt, and children's message.</p>	<p>Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 10am to Noon</p>
	<p><b>Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as He rose from the dead defeating sin, death and the devil. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!</p>	<p>Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00am Sunrise 9:15 Bible Study 10:30am Worship</p>
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Easter Service Schedule*

**Wednesday Lent Services**

**March 1st - 8th - 15th - 22nd - 29th @ 6:30 pm**

**Palm Sunday - April 2nd @ 10:30 am**

**Maundy Thursday - April 6th @ 6:30 pm**

**Good Friday - April 7th @ 6:30 pm**

**Easter Jubilee - April 8th from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**Easter Sunrise Service - April 9th @ 7:00 am**

**Easter Worship Service - April 9th @ 10:30 am**