



THE PEACE POST

April, 2006

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in inChrist Jesus, unto life everlasting.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

“He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!”

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He is risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay’” (Matt. 28:5-6).

Why has Christianity survived throughout the centuries? It shouldn’t have, you know. It should have been stomped out early on. It never should have made it out of the first century. But, it did. Not only did it survive, but it thrived; it grew. What began as a small community of Jewish believers in Jesus of Nazareth grew to encompass the world. By the end of the first century, there were Christian communities found in all parts of the known world.

The spread of Christianity is a phenomenon for which no earthly answer can be found. No one can adequately explain, from an earthly point of view, how Christianity continued to grow throughout the tremendous persecutions it faced from the Jewish religious leaders and the Roman Empire. No one can explain, from an earthly point of view, why Christians would allow themselves and their children to be tortured and executed rather than to renounce their faith in Christ. It makes no sense to the world.

Ah, but it makes sense to us. Christianity has survived and grown throughout the centuries because the man named Jesus was no ordinary Jewish man who merely persuaded people to follow him. He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who was crucified on Friday afternoon, but rose from the grave on Sunday morning. Not only did He rise from the dead, but He appeared in His resurrected, glorified Body to His disciples, apostles, and over five hundred brothers (cf. 1 Cor. 15:5-7) to show them that He is the Risen Lord; that He is who He claimed to be.

So, why has Christianity survived and grown throughout the centuries to be the leading world religion right up to the present day, claiming 32% of the world’s population? Because Christ rose from the dead and appeared to many, whose eyewitness testimony is recorded for us in Holy Scripture. Many people saw the Risen Christ and, after seeing Him, they went around telling everyone who would listen, “He is risen! He is risen indeed!”

That’s why those early Christians refused to renounce their faith in Christ and willingly went to their deaths—they knew and be-

lieved Jesus the Christ rose from the dead! Some of them knew because they themselves saw Him. Others knew because they had the reliable testimony of those who had seen Him. It is faith in the Crucified and Risen Christ that accounts for the survival and growth of Christianity throughout the centuries, right up to the present day. It is faith that is worked in us by the Holy Spirit when we hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ handed down to us by the apostles of the Lord, who were eyewitnesses of His death and resurrection. We believe, dear friends in Christ, because the Holy Spirit has given us the faith to believe the testimony of the Lord’s apostles.

The resurrection of Jesus the Christ is the foundation of true Christian faith. As St. Paul says, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17). But, Christ did rise from the grave and, because He did, your sins have indeed been taken away. The resurrection of Christ provides the validation that God the Father accepted the perfect sacrifice of His Son on the cross. The resurrection of Christ is the Father’s stamp of approval of the Son’s atoning work on Calvary. And, because you have that stamp of approval, you can be one hundred percent certain that all of your sins have been completely forgiven and that you, like the Lord Jesus in whom you believe, will also rise from the dead on the Last Day to spend eternity with Him in Paradise. Rejoice in this awesome Good News and tell everyone you know, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” Happy Easter!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Messer

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PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



New books in our library:

The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown

Donated by Terry & Coaline Luplow

We would like to encourage people to use our Church Library more often. We will be encouraging people to read books and share a book review with the congregation via the monthly newsletter. If you have read a book from our library that you enjoyed, or that inspired you, and you would like to share it, please contact Beth Brostrom or Coaline Luplow.

THIS MONTH'S REVIEW:

By Coaline Luplow

The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown

In recent months we have heard a lot about this book. Pastor Messer has mentioned it in passing many times and of course Ron Howard is directing a new movie about it. I decided to find out what all the hoopla was about, so I borrowed this book from Lois Ramsey to read.

I tell you, I was hooked immediately. *The DaVinci Code* will keep you spell bound throughout the whole book.

The story revolves around the murder of Jacques Sauniere, the curator of the Lourve Museum in Paris and the hunt for the Holy Grail. Mr. Sauniere leaves cryptic messages that only his granddaughter, Sophie Neveu, a cryptologist for the French police and Robert Langdon, a Harvard symbologist, can figure out.

Mr. Langdon is a suspect in the murder, but Ms. Neveu believes otherwise, because of messages from her grandfather. The race is on to decipher the codes, elude the French police, and members of the Opus Die (Catholic organization). They travel through France to find the secrets of a secret society known as the Priory of Sion; try to figure out who The Teacher is; then fly to London for the exciting finish.

If you like a good mystery, this is the book for you.

A WORD OF CAUTION FROM PASTOR MESSER!

As Coaline relates very well, *The DaVinci Code* is a definite page-turner that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Dan Brown has mastered the art of suspense and writes exceptional fiction.

However, great caution must be exercised when reading this book. Brown claims many things as fact that are completely untrue. The premise of the book is that a secret organization called *The Priory of Sion* (which, by the way, is a group that was founded upon a well known hoax in the 20th century, not in the Middle Ages as Brown claims) is protecting the truth about the "Holy Grail," which the Christian Church (and, more specifically, the Roman Catholic Church), has been conspiring to keep secret for two thousand years. What is this "truth"? That the "Holy Grail" is not the cup Christ used during the Last Supper, but the "bloodline" of Christ, which came as the result of his marriage to Mary Magdalene and their procreation of a child. Upon this ridiculous lie, Brown builds fabrication upon fabrication to weave his tantalizing web of conspiracy before the reader's eyes. There is very little truth in the book. Brown's historical references are laughable and his character Teabing's account of how the Christian Church was organized and how the books of the Bible were "chosen" have absolutely no foundation in historical reality. Even secular historians laugh at Brown's historical references.

The point is that if you decide to read this book, you must understand that it is a book of fiction and that the facts claimed by Brown have no basis in reality. I hesitated allowing this book into our library, but, due to the fact that we will be hearing a lot more about it with the movie coming out in May, I think it should be made available for you to read so that, as Coaline put it, you can see what all the "hoopla" is about. I will be leading a Bible Study concerning the fictitious claims of this book in May. Until then, proceed with extreme caution!

(Next month a review from another member of our church)

Want something included in "The Peace Post" next month? Email Beth or Pastor Messer (addresses on back page) by April 26 with your item. Also, call or email them anytime with your feedback and/or ideas!

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be purchased from PYG. The cost will be \$16.00. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16 ~ 8:30 am

Menu:

Strada

Coffee Cake

Fresh fruit

Juice, milk, coffee

Summary of 3/13/06 Church Council Minutes

Pastor's Report:

Official acts: None.

Will be meeting with the family of John Row on Tuesday evenings for catechesis.

Women in the Word has changed to Together in the Word. Men are now invited to attend with the women. Men's Bible Breakfast is being cancelled for now.

Same four or five people are coming to Table Talk each month. Hope to get more participation in the near future.

Please support S.A.L.T. in its activities.

Elders Report:

Elders are working on in-reach.

They will have a meeting to talk about the inactive members and how to approach them.

S.A.L.T. – Evangelism Committee Report:

The shirt sale is progressing. Many congregation members have purchased shirts.

The Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 is being well publicized. Congregational help is needed to purchase plastic eggs and candy and to help with the event.

The dinner in February was successful.

Our name will be on a lane at the bowling alley for one year. We could also have our name on bowling shirts.

S.A.L.T. is interested in being involved in the Highland Festival parade.

Trustees Report:

Working on windows and alternate heating for Pastor's Office.

New fluorescent lights are in the fixtures in the Fellowship Hall.

Bill will get one row of fluorescent lights to add to the sanctuary so that we can see how it works.

Treasurer's Report:

All bills paid up-to-date.

Consumer's bill was less this month after the new furnaces were added.

Old Business:

The hospital is preparing a letter for us about their needs during their construction.

Beth found examples of job descriptions on the LCMS web site. We can use them as a starting point for ours.

Stained glass windows. Beth is getting a second opinion from another company.

Copy machine. Mike H. and Pastor have proposals from Icon for a black and white copier, Canon IR30. Bill Brostrom also submitted a proposal from another company. Mike and Pastor will review the two proposals.

New Business:

LWML has chosen our church to recognize at their convention in July. They will also present us with a banner. Beth will contact them and work out what can be on the banner.

Council approved Mary Jakolat attending the organist workshop in July in Fort Wayne.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Zeile

Council Secretary

Note: *The above is just a summary. The complete version of the minutes is available to any member of Peace in the Church Office at any time.*

PEACE RECEIVES NEW COPIER

On Friday, March 24, Peace received a new Canon copier. We sincerely thank the two anonymous donors, who gave \$2,000 each, to cover the complete cost of the copier.

TIME TO SPRING AHEAD

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on Saturday, April 1, 2006.

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead before going to bed.

LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** The April meeting of the Guild will take place on **Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.** Tammy Oswald will serve as hostess. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our guild meetings; if you are a female member of Peace, you can be a member of the guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the guild.
- **LADIES GUILD PRAYER CHAIN:** The Ladies Guild has a prayer chain in place. If you wish to be included in the prayer chain as a caller, see Marlene Wiltshire. If you wish to add yourself or someone else to the prayers, the chain starts with either Georgia Spindler (466-4352) or Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101).
- **ALTAR GUILD DUTY:** April - Carol Durst/Cheryl Henry; May—Beth Brostrom; June—Marilyn Oswald
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a flower calendar for 2006 posted on the fellowship bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar some time during the year, fill in your name and/or contact Marilyn Oswald. A bouquet usually lasts about one (1) month and the cost is about \$25.



UPCOMING COFFEE HOSTESSES:

APRIL 2 - Carol Zeile

9 - Jo Wendt

16 - EASTER (no coffee)

23 - Marlene Miller

May 7 - Tammy Oswald

14 - Darlene Palmer

21 - Youth Group

28 - Maxine Isaksson

30 - Coaline Luplow

June 4—Mary Jakolat

11—Helen Meyers

18—Arlene Hale/Janet Isom

25—Joyce Kohler



EUCHRE NIGHT!

The next euchre night has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 22 at 7:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and have fun playing the great game of euchre. Please bring a dish to pass. See you there!

JOIN US FOR TABLE TALK!

There will be no *Table Talk* in April. *Table talk* will resume **Thursday, May 12 at 8:00 pm.** *Table Talk* is an opportunity for you to meet with Pastor Messer and some of your brothers and sisters in Christ for an informal discussion on topics that are decided by the group present. We have had many interesting and informative discussions thus far and those who have attended have

enjoyed the opportunity to get together in this setting. However, we would love to have more of you join us. So, set the VCR to record your Thursday night shows and come on out and join us. Hope to see you there!



LADIES GUILD MEETING ~ March 6, 2006

Secretary's Report: approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,053.36 in the savings account and \$414.71 in the checking account..

Committee Reports:

Kitchen Report: Sharyn Greening will collect the coffee money while Marilyn is away.

Library Report: Coaline reported that there are no new books but wondered how to go about updating library with new books. It was suggested that she put a list together to bring to next meeting for approval and maybe Ladies' Guild could pay for some new books as a project expenditure. Pastor stated he had ordered all the *Good News* books to be put in the library.

Sunshine Report: Val Warne had a baby girl, Jamison, on February 9. A card will go out to the Warne family.

Comments by Pastor: Jamison Warne will be baptized soon. He thanked Carol Zeile for the extra work she did in preparing the altar for Ash Wednesday.

Old Business:

Maundy Thursday: Stripping of the Altar will be done the same as in the past, with the ladies will take items out through the side door rather than walking back down the aisle. Pastor will let Carol Zeile know what order the items will be take out.

Easter Breakfast: Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. and service will start at 9:30 a.m. as usual. The breakfast menu will consist of stratas, fruit bowls, coffee cakes, juices & coffee.

Outcome of Spaghetti Dinner: Carol Zeile stated that the spaghetti dinner was well attended. Profits were \$184.

Project Ideas: The following is an update on project ideas:

Christ/Paschal Candle – Beth brought catalogs showing the different styles of candles and holders with prices. Pastor will check with other Pastors first to see what the difference is between a Christ Candle & Paschal Candle and report back.

Pamphlet rack – Carol Zeile brought in a catalog with a variety of different racks. It was discussed and decided that we should go with a wood one, and so Carol will look at those and price out the different styles. Pastor suggested speaking to Council first to see if the cost for that should come out of a different fund, i.e. building or improvement fund.

6, 7 or 8 Dinner/Progressive Dinner: Before it is decided whether or not one will be done, a sign up sheet will go up to see how much interest there is.

Wish List: So far the wish list consists of Christ/Paschal Candle, Processional Cross, books for library, and communion ware.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2006, with Tammy Oswald serving as hostess.

Meeting Closed: Meeting was closed at or around 8:30 p.m. The ladies joined together in praying The Lord's Prayer. Thanks to Joyce Kohler for serving as tonight's hostess.

S.A.L.T. NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Easter Egg Hunt

S.A.L.T. is planning an Easter Egg Hung for children up to third grade to occur at Peace on **Palm Sunday, April 9—3:00 pm**. We are hoping for as many as 400 children to attend this event.

In order to make such an event a success, we need the help of all our members. We specifically need four things from the members of Peace:

1. Lots of plastic eggs (used or new)
2. Lots of individually wrapped candy. The candy should be small enough to fit into the plastic eggs. (fun-size is too big!).
3. Sunday, April 2—during fellowship time—we will be filling the eggs. Many hands make light work.
4. Many Volunteers to help with the event. This is the really big one! There is a sign-up sheet on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board at church. If possible you would need to be here by 2:00 to help set up, stay for the event and then stay to clean up after all visitors are gone. Again, Many hands make light work.

Please consider helping out in any way that you can—let us show Alma that we are here and active in the community. Any questions—see Larry & Andrea Elliot or any S.A.L.T. member.

“The Seven Words of Christ”

Lenten Sermon Series

Jesus died on the cross to pay the ultimate sacrifice for the sin of the world. He took upon Himself every sin that ever has been committed by anyone at anytime and won forgiveness for all sin by His sacrificial death. The season of Lent is an appropriate time for us to contemplate and recognize our own sinfulness and to focus on the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf. For this reason, we will visit the cross during our Wednesday Lenten Services and listen to the last seven expressions of Jesus on the cross, which are known as His Seven Words.

THE FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT ~ March 29, 2006

THE FIFTH WORD:

“I thirst” (John 19:28)

THE SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT ~ April 5, 2006

THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH WORDS:

“It is finished!” (John 19:30)

“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit” (Luke 23:46)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY ~ April 9, 2006 ~ 9:30 am

To commemorate our Lord’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall and process into the sanctuary together carrying palm branches and singing, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.” Divine Service with Holy Communion will follow.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ April 13, 2006 ~ 7:00 pm

Our focus this evening will be on the blessed Sacrament of our Lord’s Body and Blood, which He instituted the night He was betrayed. Divine Service with Holy Communion will include the “Christian Questions with Their Answers” prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament. The Service will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar while Psalm 22 is being read.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 14, 2006 ~ 7:00 pm

On this night, we will observe the Office of Tenebrae (which means “darkness” or “shadows”). This is a Holy Week tradition dating back to the 7th or 8th century. As the service proceeds, the candles of the church are progressively extinguished, reminding us of the gradual abandonment of Jesus by all those who had followed Him, and the extinguishing of the Light of the World. This is a somber, but beautiful, Service, affording us the blessed opportunity to meditate upon our Lord’s suffering and death for our sins.

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 16, 2006 ~ 9:30 am

This morning, our Alleluias again ring throughout the Church as we celebrate our Lord’s victory over sin, death, and the devil, which is validated by His glorious resurrection from the tomb. Our Lord LIVES! And, He lives for us! And, because He lives for us, He comes to us in the Divine Service to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation through His Holy Word and Sacraments. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School is offered every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for all children from Kindergarten through 12th Grade.
- Adult Bible Class is offered every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for adults. Our current study is titled *The Truth About the End Times*, which will lead into a detailed study of the book of *Revelation*.

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class is taught every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Adult Confirmation/Information Class

- A new class will begin when one becomes necessary.

Together in the Word (formerly Women in the Word)

- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study takes place **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome, too. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of the **Gospel of John**. Please plan on joining us soon.

Men's Bible Breakfast

- *Men's Bible Breakfast* has been cancelled at this time. Due to scheduling difficulties, any men interested in continuing the study of **The Gospel of John** are invited to attend *Together in the Word* on Tuesday mornings.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105).

"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11).

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

A *Progressive Dinner* is being planned for a weekend sometime after Easter. We would like to get an estimate as to how many members of Peace would be interested in participating. We need approximately 20-24 people to make a progressive dinner work. PLEASE sign-up by Sunday, April 2, if you are interested in participating or speak to Jo Wendt, 463-1949.

YOU ARE INVITED!

The congregation of Peace Lutheran Church is invited to attend the wedding ceremony of members

Megan Greening and Christopher Brown
Saturday, April 8, 2006
3:00 pm



Have you checked out our website lately? Be sure to visit often—many exciting additions are on the way! One addition that has recently been made is that *The Peace Post* can now be viewed online. Check it out!

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(As of March 29)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 177

Confirmed - 137

Official Acts: 0

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report

YTD Receipts (1/1/06 - 3/22/06): \$21,663.87

Budgeted YTD (1/1/06 - 3/22/06): \$24,600.00

ASK THE PASTOR

Each month, this space will be used to answer a question I was asked by one or more of our members. If you have a question you would like answered in a future newsletter, please contact me and let me know. No names will ever be mentioned, so feel free to ask away!

At *Table Talk* last month, one of the topics we discussed was demon possession. In light of that discussion, and understanding that many of you may have questions about this topic, I include the following FAQ from our LCMS website (www.lcms.org):

Q. What does the LCMS church teach about demonic influence over a believer? I've heard that demons can "gain a foothold" in a believer's life, perhaps through some conscious, unrepented of sin, and thus have a strong influence over emotions, choices, etc., but they can't really "possess" the believer like they can a non-believer. What's the Biblical teaching on this, and how should we go about dealing with it?

A. First of all, it is important to note that your question properly distinguishes between demonic influence on a believer, and demonic possession of human beings. The New Testament often speaks of the influence of demonic powers on people, including Christians. St. Paul exhorts Christians with God's help to stand their ground against very real superhuman "powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 6:12). Paul's exhortation is meant for Christians of all times and places and assumes the ongoing and present reality of demonic powers and entities ("demons"). He encourages them to use the weapons, both defensive and offensive, provided by God to combat such influences: truth, righteous-

ness, the "Gospel of peace," faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer (Eph. 6:14-18).

The New Testament also recounts many instances of demonic possession, mainly in the synoptic Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry. Jesus encounters persons "possessed" by demons who have taken them captive and who cause physical and mental affliction (Matt. 4:24; 8:28-33; 9:32; 12:22, etc.). By the power of His Word Jesus exercises total power over these demons and drives them out (Matt. 4:24; 8:16; Mark 7:30)—which is itself a sign that the Kingdom of God has come (Matt. 12:22) in Him. These "exorcisms" are a sign that through Jesus God "has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves" (Col. 1:13).

When it comes to determining today whether people are demon possessed as they were in biblical times, and who they might be, great caution is in order. The Scriptures are relatively silent about this and offer few details for making such judgments. In fact great harm may come to individuals when hasty judgments are made. Absolute certainty in such matters is simply not possible today.

An additional caution is also in order on this topic. Some today seem in danger of excusing their moral failings by arguing "the demons made me do it," claiming they are victims of demons who bear the name of human vices and from whom they need to be

"delivered." Surely it is true that the devil and his angels tempt us to sin. But finally we are accountable to God for our sins (Rom. 3:19)—from which Jesus Christ freely and triumphantly delivers us as we place our trust in Him.

_____End of LCMS answer_____

Another thing we need to keep in mind when talking about modern day demon possessions is the fact that reports of demon possessions all but vanish at the end of the apostolic age (end of the first century). One theory, which has much merit in my estimation, is that demon possessions were prevalent during the time Christ walked the earth and continued to pop up here and there throughout the age of the apostles because Satan was trying to imitate God. Satan cannot become flesh as God did in Jesus, so he and his fallen angels possess human beings in their futile attempt to mimic the Incarnation. However, this demonic activity gradually declines as the age of the apostles winds down and seems to come to a close by the end of that age, which seems to parallel the disappearance of miracles performed by Christ's apostles. This is not to say that demon possessions and miracles cannot occur today, it is just to say that they are not normative and, if they were to occur, they would be rare indeed. In any event, Christians have no need to fear Satan and his demons, for they have been completely defeated by Christ and have no power over believers. Influence, yes . . . power, no!

Pastor Messer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

1—Roger Humphrey	14—Tim Gustavison, Jr.	25—Janice Langan
1—Freda Hill	15—Jenny Baughman	28—Mike Byers
7—CJ Oswald	17—Danielle Hinton	30—Samantha Messer
10—Lauren Penzien	20—Carol Zeile	
13—Joshua Gustavison	21—Jack Langan	

Happy Anniversary to:

23—Tim & Lori Mikek

If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	1
4th Sunday in Lent 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	6:00 pm—S.A.L.T. mtg.	9:30 am—Together in the Word	5th Wednesday in Lent 9:00 am— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm—Soup Dinner provided by S.A.L.T. 7:00 pm—Service	5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm— NO Youth Confirmation Class		
2 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	3 7:00 pm—Ladies Guild Hostess: Tammy Oswald	4 NO Together in the Word <i>(Pastor at monthly Winkie)</i>	5 6th Wednesday in Lent 9:00 am— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm—Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm—Service	6 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm—Youth Confirmation Class	7 7:00 pm—Greening / <i>Brown Wedding Rehearsal</i>	8 3:00 pm—Greening/ <i>Brown Wedding</i>
9 Palm Sunday 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC 3:00—Easter Egg Hunt	10 6:45 pm—Council Meeting	11 9:30 am—Together in the Word	12 9:00 am— <i>WW</i>	13 Mundy Thursday 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm— NO Youth Confirmation Class 7:00 pm—Service	14 Good Friday 7:00 pm—Good Friday Service	15
16 The Resurrection of Our Lord 8:30—BREAKFAST 9:30—Divine Service HE IS RISEN!	17	18 9:30 am—Together in the Word	19 9:00 am— <i>WW</i>	20 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm— NO Youth Confirmation Class <i>Pastor out of town</i>	21 <i>---- at ACL Conf</i>	22 7:00 pm—Euchre
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SERVING IN APRIL

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
APRIL					
2—9:30 am	Jared Kuehnlein Lauren Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	James Sager Curt Oswald	Marlene Wiltshire
5—7:00 pm (6th Wed. in Lent)	Jessica Oswald Tyrel Harwager	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	James Sager Curt Oswald	NA
9—9:30 am (Palm Sunday)	Melanie Penzien CJ Oswald	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Bill Brostrom Burt Henry	LeRoy & Maxine Isaksson
13—7:00 pm (Maundy Thursday)	Kelsey Gensler Jordan Henry	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Bill Brostrom Burt Henry	NA
14—7:00 pm (Good Friday)	Sarah Messer Alex Henry	Mary Jakolat	Bill Hendrick	Vern Jakolat Miguel Ortiz	NA
19—9:30 am (Easter Sunday)	Kim Penzien Samantha Messer	Mary Jakolat	Bill Hendrick	Vern Jakolat Miguel Ortiz	Jack & Janice Langan
23—9:30 am	Jared Kuehnlein Jessica Oswald	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Leland Oswald Jon Penzien	Dick & Janice Kohler
30—9:30 am	CJ Oswald Lauren Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Don Reithel Jon Greening	Mike & Sue Ortiz
MAY					
7—9:30 am	Jordan Henry Tyrel Harwager	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Ryan Cummins	Vern & Mary Jakolat

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men” (Eph. 6:7)

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