

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Staff

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.*

M. Mus., Director of Music

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,

Office Administrator

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m. (also live-streamed)

Sunday Church School at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning

& Festival Days

***Deadline for submission of material
for the Echoes Newsletter is***

9 a.m. the 15th of each month

From Your Council President,

Holy Trinity continues in pastoral vacancy and looks forward to a time soon when we have a new pastor. Until that time the officers and council along with our staff will continue to lead the congregation. Pastor Guenzel and Pastor Gies continue to provide scriptural leadership from the pulpit and God's forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ at the altar.

As everyone probably knows by now, the call committee has focused on a candidate for call and the candidate spent the weekend of March 19th and 20th at Holy Trinity leading us in worship and meeting with the council and the congregation. Our members opened their hearts to the candidate and were anxious to learn more about him. He thanked us for his enjoyable time with Holy Trinity. Consistent with NALC call procedures, the call committee will be meeting shortly to evaluate whether to recommend the candidate to church council. Timing is such that church council will be ready to act on the call committee's recommendation at the April 6th council meeting. I would schedule a special congregational vote for Sunday, April 24th, which is the Sunday after Easter. Members' vote must be by a two-thirds majority in order for the vote to pass.

The NALC process is somewhat more lengthy and involved than the ELCA and other denominations' processes where the congregation votes to call the candidate the same day the congregation hears the candidate preach. I ask that everyone be patient and pray that God's Word is at work in our congregation. I encourage you to ask me any questions about the process when you see me in church. The call committee is continuing to refrain from identifying the candidate on electronic media until we are further along in the process.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

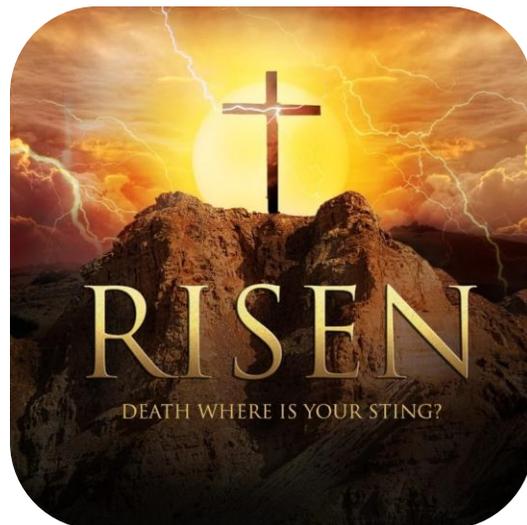
Holy Trinity has withstood the twists and turns of the past two years, I think, because we have heard the purity of the gospel preached from the pulpit, studied the Bible in class and in personal devotions, and lived out our Christian vocations in Holy Trinity's various ministries and programs. Please join me in continuing to pray that a new pastor is close.

Council Actions of Note:

At the March meeting council voted to begin congregational singing with the processional hymn on Palm Sunday and Sundays thereafter. This means that the choir will no longer sing the introit from the chancel. The introit will be replaced with the processional hymn. The choir will not process with the Cross but will instead sing the processional and recessional hymns from the chancel.

Council also approved a proposal to repair air leaks in the organ. The leaks are in various reservoirs and devices that manage and control air flow to the organ pipes and are the result of normal wear and tear since the organ was installed in the 1960s. The plan is to begin the refurbishment the week after Sunday, June 12th, which is Holy Trinity Sunday. The work will take months to complete and will be done in such a way that some ranks of the organ will always be able to work so that we have organ music for worship. This project has been anticipated for several years and Music and Organ Fund money intended for this work held in the Special Funds account will be used to pay for the work.

Yours In Christ,
John Minges, Council President





Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information a team member will contact you.



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
Meets 3rd Monday
of each month.

We meet at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Rosemary @
Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net
for the Zoom link.

All women are welcome to join.

2022 Schedule

April 18 May 16

June 20

"We have to pray with our eyes on God,
not on the difficulties."

- Oswald Chambers

Prayer List



**One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship
is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer.**

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names)* :

Adam, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Anne, Antonette, Audrey, Barb, Becky, Beth, Bill, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Carly, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Dallas, Daniel, David, Derek, Didi, Dina, Dolores, Donna, Dorothy, Dottie, Ed, Ekaterina, Elaine, Elena, Ellen, Eric, Erica, Gavin, Gene, Hannah, Helen, Irina, Jackie, Jason, Jen, Jennifer, Joe, John, Jude, Judy, Julia, Kathy, Kellie, Kidambi, Konstantin, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lois, Maggie, Marissa, Matthew, Michail, Mike, Nancy, Nik, Nikki, Noreen, Pat, Patrick, Rhonda, Rick, Roger, Roman, Roy, Ruth, Sage, Sam, Samantha, Sandra, Scott, Sharon, Sherri, Soleil, Sondra, Steve, Suzanne, Tatiana, Terry, Todd, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Willow.

Please pray for the following families

Abera, Brown, Crawford, Custer, Dewald, Fisher, Ganther, Gerlach, Gregg, Haage, Hamilton, Kitchen, Kramer, Kriesich, Lacy, Lockhart, Lusignea, Maieron, Martin, McAleese, McGettigan, McGovern, Minges, Muldowney, Necker, Panzo, Puhl, Rush, Schimpf, Schmidt, Shinn, Sklencar, Staedtler, Steinhofner, Williams.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.

That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.

For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.

For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.

For the sick and the grieving.

For all congregations of the NALC.

For all travelers and for the dying.

For the military and their families.

The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.

All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,

For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.

For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.

For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.

For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.

For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

For all those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.

For the people of Ukraine.



Memorials have been received

H. Richard Hamilton

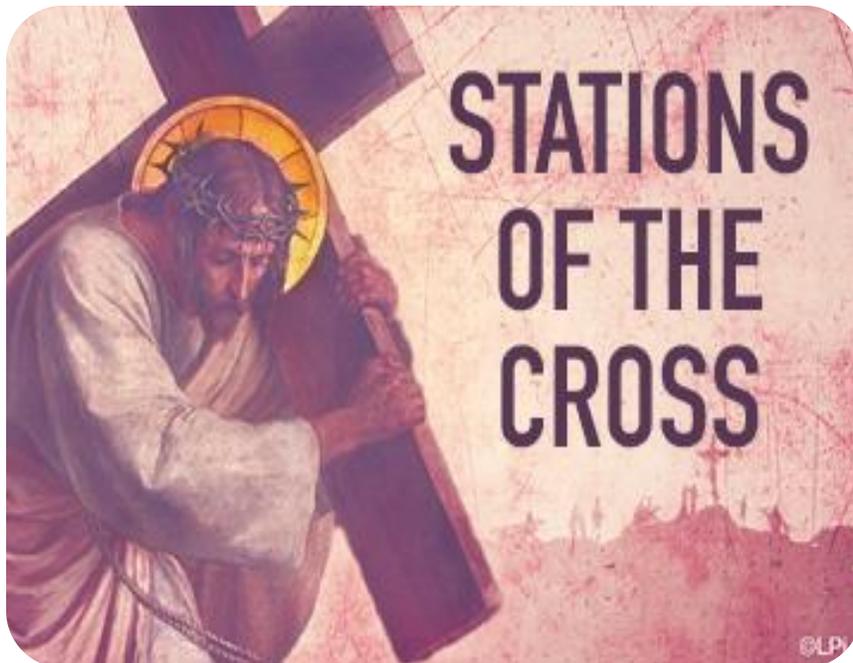
Robert Kreisich

Stations of the Cross

In prior years, Holy Trinity Disciples have gathered after Sunday School on a Sunday morning during Lent to pray at the Stations of the Cross. This is a deeply moving prayer service as we go through the events of Good Friday from the trial of Jesus to His crucifixion.

Because we gather close together around the icons of the stations, we will not be doing a corporate Stations of the Cross again this year.

However, you are encouraged to do the Stations of the Cross on your own, individually or as a family. The devotional readings and prayers are on the windowsill in the Sanctuary so stop by some time and follow this simple, yet deeply reverent prayer service.





SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE ON YOUTUBE (THEHTLCONLINE) OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. JOIN US AT 9 AM ON SUNDAYS

Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2022 (For the Year 2022)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$44,883.80	\$ 9,637.20
Carry over from 2021	\$0.00	\$43,897.44
Expenses paid to date	\$45,921.99	\$10,390.28
Surplus/(Deficit) 2022	(\$1,038.19)	\$43,144.36

Luther Quotes:

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope."

"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."



Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
C.J. Hess
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

Please remember your Church in your will.

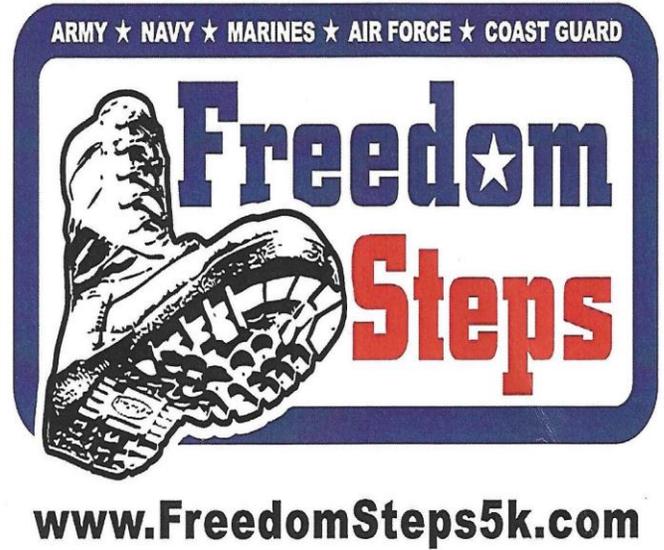


NOTES OF THANKS

To the Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you once again for your overwhelming and generous support of Freedom Steps. The supplies as well as the monetary donations are always appreciated. We could not send care packages to our troops without help like yours. God Bless All of You!

Freedom Steps Committee



Dear Holy Trinity Family,

The LCW would like to thank you for your generous support of our February Tea Collection. We collected enough to fill at least half of the bags. The gift bags will be given to our Bread of Heaven Food Pantry guests for Mother's Day.

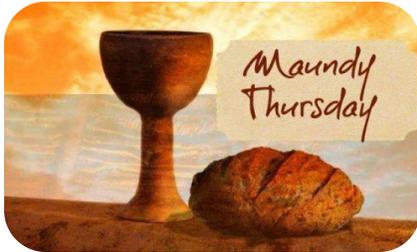
We realize that there were 3 other collections in February so we appreciate everything that was given to us.

Thanks again,
The Holy Trinity LCW

Holy Week Happenings:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th

Prayer Walk - All are invited!
Meet in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM



THURSDAY, APRIL 14th

Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM
Holy Communion
followed by Stripping of the Altar

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th

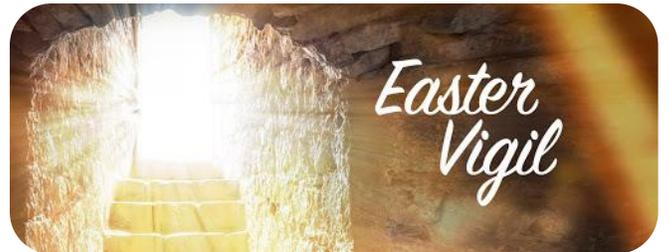
Prayer Vigil 6 AM - 6 PM
Sign up sheet is in the Narthex



Noon & 7:30 PM Services
Reading of the Passion of St. John at Noon Service
Tenebrae Service at 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th

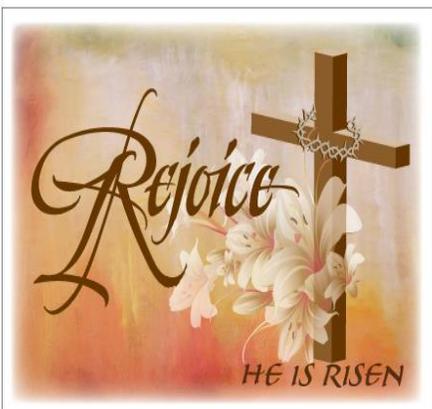
Easter Vigil Service 5:00 PM



SUNDAY, APRIL 17th

Easter Sunday

7:30 AM The Son is Risen Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion



Join your Holy Trinity Family in this most holy week of worship & celebration!

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



APRIL CIRCLES

Topic: Pearls from Proverbs: The Pearl of Wisdom

"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!

And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!"

Proverbs 16:16

Now that we are dressed in the Armor of God, we will add Proverbs, which is like a lovely string of pearls. One proverb after another is strung together to make the whole.

If you were told you could have any one thing your heart desired, what would you request? The principle writer of the book of Proverbs was presented with this exact opportunity, Solomon's answer, wisdom, is a major theme of the book and our topic for the month of April. Each of the next ten lessons in our new study (our book will take us to June 2023) will guide us in the Bible's Wisdom literature (the poetry, short parables and pithy questions) designed to help us know how to live wisely and godly in an ungodly world. Having God's wisdom means having the ability to cope with life in a God-honoring way.

Pearls from Proverbs will provide an opportunity to put the truths of Proverbs into practice in your own life, as well as suggestions for praying these truths to the Lord. I pray that this study will enrich your spiritual life; be practical for everyday life; and these pearls will become part of your "wardrobe" in the months ahead. Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Ruth Circle - Sunday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study & on Zoom

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572 - 6964 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Miriam Circle - Monday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study & on Zoom

Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Eve Circle - Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study & on Zoom

Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Hannah Circle - Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bread of Heaven Café

Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 443 - 5132 Debssam@msn.com

Sunday, May 15th The LCW is collecting for
The blue basket marked "Cradle of Hope"
will be in the Narthex on April 17
- gift cards can be given to Katie Beyer
The Cradle of Hope Wish List



HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES: Paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, any type of household cleaner, liquid laundry soap for adults and babies, tin foil, plastic bags, Saran wrap,

PERSONAL: Gift cards in any amount to any major retailer.

BABY SUPPLIES: Diapers sizes 3, 4, 5; baby wipes.



**ALLELUIA!
REJOICE IN THE LORD
FOR HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**

As you travel through your journey to Easter, please visit the Library and Library Cart for a wonderful selection of Lenten, Holy week, and Easter readings!

**ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**



Easter joy and blessings,
Linda, Jeanne, Sandy, Noreen and Karen.

Update

A Reborn Home for Homeless Single Women and Their Children



As of the end of March, Life Turning Point of Philadelphia has five mothers and six children who have moved in and are fully enrolled in this Christian-based program.

Many volunteers (including Tom Schied) have been hard at work cleaning out, painting, and refurbishing this three-story, double home on Wayne Avenue in Germantown. If you visit their Facebook page, **Life Turning Point of Philadelphia**, you will see striking pictures of the beautiful warm welcome that homeless women and children experience when they arrive. You can also learn more from their webpage: <https://ltpphilly.org>.

This new ministry has many needs which you can meet in one of three ways:

- 1. You may contribute financially.** Checks should be made out to “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.” Clearly designate in the memo section and on your envelope **For Life Turning Point of Philadelphia**.
- 2. You may give through the Amazon wish list** which can be accessed from their website (listed above) or their March 18 Facebook post. When ordering, please be sure to use the box where you indicate who the gift is from—your name **AND** Holy Trinity, Abington.
- 3. You can designate the personal Lenten offering** you are setting aside for our Easter ingathering.

Questions: Alan & Rosemary Hinkle or Tom Schied



Family Spotlight Janee & Athena

“To be in a stable home & maintain it. To be self-sufficient.”

Janee has returned to Life Turning Point after living in the former program that closed in 2019. Janee reflects on how she learned to build structure in her life. She gained time management skills, built a relationship with God, increased her parenting skills and overall became a more responsible person. She loved the trips to the beach and making connections with other Moms in the program!

During her time in the previous program, Janee was connected to a health coach that was assigned to her. When the program was closed she moved to Virginia to be with her sister but stayed connected to her former coach. They meet weekly while she resided in Philadelphia and even met via zoom when she moved to Virginia. Janee's opportunities were limited in Virginia as a result of the pandemic and she was struggling. When Rita recently reached out to invite her back to finish the program she was sure God's hand was in it. Janee is so happy to be here and once again have a peaceful place for her and her daughter to live. She knows that Rita and the staff really care about her and her daughter and want what's best for them.



April Worship Assistants Schedule



April 3 Lent 5

Usher Team #1	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Linda Borkowski Tony Quici
Acolyte Julia Gregg	Sun John Bleimaier		
Crucifer Frank Ganther		Stream Team	Charlie Tolton

April 10 Palm Sunday

Usher Team #2	Lector - Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Dave Tolton Frank Ganther
Acolyte Michael Mutashobya	Sun Linda Borkowski		
Crucifer Charlie Tolton		Stream Team	Rob Ischinger

Apr 14 Maundy Thurs. 7:30 PM

Usher Team # 1			
Lector Eric Gregg		Communion Assistants	Rob Ischinger Linda Frezza

April 15 Good Friday

Usher Team #3

Lector - Linda Cassady
Scott Brown

April 16 Easter Vigil		Communion Assistants	Linda Cassady Charlie Tolton
Lector Linda Cassady			

April 17 Easter

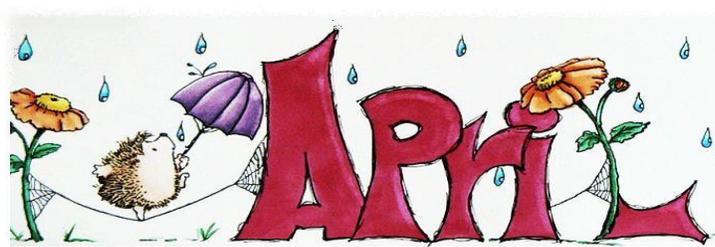
Usher Team #3	Lector Nancy Ischinger	Communion Assistants	Sherry Breslin Allan Shikhvarg
Acolyte Charlie Tolton			
Crucifer Steph Templeton		Stream Team	Hannah Mumford

April 24 Easter 2

Usher Team #4	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Jim & Nancy Necker
Acolyte Ryan Schied	Sun Matthew Gregg		
Crucifer Rob Ischinger		Stream Team	Charlie Tolton

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement contact the office (215)659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*



April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>"The Resurrection gives my life meaning, direction, and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances." - C.S. Lewis</p>				1	<p>2 9 AM - 3 PM LCW Retreat @ Holy Trinity</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p>
<p>3 Lent 5</p> <p>9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Lenten Worship & Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship</p>	<p>7 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Trios</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p>
<p>10 Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Ruth Circle</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>12:30 Miriam Circle</p>	12	<p>13</p>  <p>7:30 Prayer Walk at Holy Trinity</p>	<p>14 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 PM</p> 	<p>15 GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>6 am - 6 pm Prayer Vigil 12 pm - St John's Passion 7:30 Tenebrae</p> 	<p>16 EASTER VIGIL 5:00 PM</p>  <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p>17 EASTER</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed.</p> <p>7:30 Women's Prayer Group</p>	19	20	<p>21 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry</p> <p>7:30 Eve Circle</p>	22	23
<p>24 Easter 2</p> <p>9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>Stewardship Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	27	<p>28 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Trios</p>	29	30

Special Dates:

Holy Week, April 10 - April 17, 2022
Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022
Good Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Vigil, April 16, 2022
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

