



# The Shepherd's Voice

April 2025

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando, FL 34442



## PASTOR'S DEVOTION

Dear Members and Friends in Christ Jesus,  
As we continue to journey through the season of Lent 2025 (**as we will celebrate Easter on April 20th**), we invite you to our Wednesday, Midweek family Lenten Services where we are exploring the meaning of **"The Symbols of Lent"**. We invite you to join us for a delicious Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by family activities such as Lenten Jeopardy or Lenten Bingo as well as crafts based on the Symbol being explored for that evening followed by our informal worship Service at 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, April 2nd, our symbols will be **"Donkeys and Palms"** and on Wednesday, April 9th we will learn about **"The Crosses of Lent"**.

Throughout the Lenten Season we are visually reminded of Christ's journey by the traditional rough-hewn Lenten Cross. Each object on the cross is symbolic of Christ's journey to the cross.

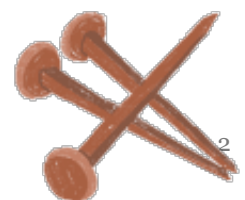
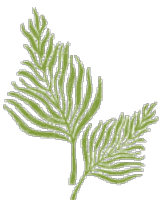


- The background of the cross itself is purple reminding us of the seamless robe that adorned Christ in his final hours, a robe for which the Roman Soldiers cast lots as Jesus hung on the cross.
- The crown of thorns reminds us of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. It stands witness to the cruelty of humanity, but also, in another way, as evidence of the kingship of Jesus.
- The sign with the inscription INRI. INRI is the abbreviation for the Latin inscription, *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* which means “Jesus Christ King of the Jews.”
- The nails remind us that crucifixion was a brutal execution and that the nails that penetrated Jesus’ hands and feet were real.
- By the Palm Associated with **Palm Sunday (to be celebrated April 13, 2025)**—we are reminded of the fate of Christ and the triumphal entry into Jerusalem by a cross covered with palm fronds.

**Our Lenten journey leads us to Maundy Thursday (April 17th) and Good Friday (April 18th)**—when we strip the cross to remind us of the pain and suffering Christ endured.

- On Maundy Thursday we will have a traditional Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion held in our Sanctuary at 6:30 PM.
- On Good Friday at 6:30 PM, we will have a Tenebrae Service with Scripture Readings focused on the Passion of Jesus Christ and the placing of an appropriate “Symbol of Lent” as we focus on Jesus’ passion and death for our sins. We will leave silently in the darkness of Good Friday waiting for the Light, Hope, Joy and Gladness of Jesus’ Resurrection on Easter Sunday (April 20th). Our Easter celebration begins at 10:00 AM with our Festival Worship where our Sunday School children, church choir and musicians will help us ***“unbury the Alleluia’s”*** and bring them back as we proclaim ***“Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”***

***May your journey be blessed as we travel together through this Lenten season to the hope and joy of Easter, Pastor Bob***





## Church Council News

The Council met on March 13th and approved the following items:

- Approved the dissolution of the Pastoral Care Committee. Will need to be approved by the Congregation Council and Synod for final approval.
- Approved the Spanish Language Church's building use request for the anniversary celebration on April 19th from 2:30 to 6:00 PM.
- Approved the blessing of the baby quilts on April 6th.
- Approved the "Mini Altars" created by the Craft & Share group to be used for our home bound members.
- Approved the collection of school supplies in July.
- Approved the purchase of a carpet cleaner not to exceed \$300.
- Approved the replacement of two office computers not to exceed \$2000.
- Approved the purchase of a microphone to be used on the Altar.
- Approved a once a month "Mix up Sunday by the Numbers."

### Executive Council Meeting

April 3rd @ 9:30 AM

### Council Meeting

April 10th @ 3:00 PM

**REMINDER:** Sundays are a day of worship for **ALL**. That includes the **clergy** and **council members**. Please do not bother them with church business. Contact them Monday through Saturday.



# President's Message



President's  
REPORT

As most of you know, Rick Mainster and Bob Bonomo have completed their one-year internship. We welcome Bob back from Joy Lutheran in Ocala. Prior to starting their internship, they were both Deacons. During the transition process, Interim Pastors are not permitted to have Deacons serve with them. Hopefully, this clears up any confusion you may have.

While Rick and Bob have completed their internship this means our library is back. It has been used as an office for the past 3 or 4 years. The library is open for your use to borrow a book, a video, or to have a quiet place to read, pray, or meditate. If you do take a book or video home, we ask that you sign them out on the sheet provided in the library.

Recently, Tom Stickler and I attended, via Zoom, the Vision to Action (V2A) Introductory Workshop for the 2025 grant cycle. V2A is the granting entity of the Florida-Bahamas Synod. From the V2A website, *“V2A grants are awarded to help launch innovative ministries that invite people into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and expand the church. Proposals should also address one or more of the goals of **making disciples, sharing Christ, growing vital congregations, doing justice, and seeking intentional diversity.**”* The application is due this summer and the Outreach Committee will be handling the grant process. As they go through the process, please share with Tom or any of the Outreach Committee members ideas you may have. *Initially, there will be a core team of 3-4 people that will be created, but if we have an approved project, it will take many of us to make it successful. For more information, you can check out the V2A website at this link <https://www.v2agrants.org/>*

Grace and Peace,

Joe



# WELCA NEWS



*As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.*

Cindy Gaertner, Nancy Gomes, and Anne Storan went to the Spring Gathering of the Women of the Pinelands Conference held at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Wildwood, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 - 2:00. The theme “Joy, Hope — Endurance,” was drawn from James 1:2-4 and Isaiah 40:31. Jan Keller, from Hope, the Villages, led a wonderful Bible Study called: “There’s Hope for You, Strengthened by Hope.” The Love Offering, taken during our communion service was donated to GraceWay Village. This day of fellowship included breakfast, lunch, worship, sharing news and ideas, information about our Love Offering recipient, and fun.

A special offering was held to send a donation to Florida Bahamas SWO Fund for Leaders Scholarship Fund in memory of Pastor Joanie Holden.

We are looking forward to the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women’s Organization Fall Gathering on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> at Warren Willis Camp and Conference Center in Fruitland Park. Watch for more news about this wonderful event.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM, Anne Storan facilitated a Bible discussion based on Session 2 of the Faithfulness series in the January/February issue of *Gather Magazine*. Aagot supplied refreshments.

On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00, the women are invited to have lunch with WELCA at Amy’s on the Avenue located at 539 N. Citrus Avenue, Crystal River. Enjoy good food and lively conversation. If you like, come early or stay late to enjoy the Crystal River shops and views of Kings Bay. Please phone or email Aagot Green before April 12<sup>th</sup> to let her know you’re coming so Amy’s on the Avenue will have time to set up. **Aagot: aagotjegreen@gmail.com, (831)212-2361.**

On April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-7:00, Florida Healthy Start will host the Citrus County Bump2Baby Expo at St. John Paul School, 4341 West Homosassa Trail, Lecanto. This free maternal and infant health and safety event is for families who are expecting or who have a baby 12 months of age or less. **Families must arrive during the first hour to be eligible for prizes.**

WELCA will be collecting donations of diapers, baby clothes, and baby supplies during the first week of April. Rick Mainster has donated a refurbished dresser for the generous people of Good Shepherd to fill.

Anne Storan  
GSLC WELCA Acting Unit Leader



OUTREACH has some exciting plans for the near future, and we hope that you'll attend these events and invite a friend!

**Coming soon:**

On Saturday, April 5th at 3:00 PM, there will be another showing of “*I Heard the Bells*”. There will be refreshments (snacks and beverages). Look for the signup sheet in the narthex; see Sue Buldiger with questions.

On Saturday, May 10th at 1:00 PM, there will be a **Mother’s Day Tea**, with a fashion show by Wisteria Boutique. There is no admission cost, as long as you bring a friend! Look for flyers about this event. Donations in lieu of admission fees will go to CASA (Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association), and there will also be raffle baskets with proceeds donated to CASA. If you’ve always dreamed of being a fashion model, here’s your chance and if you would like to provide a raffle basket, speak to Sharon Maxwell [susette0326@gmail.com](mailto:susette0326@gmail.com) .

Outreach meets at 1:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month; Tom Stickler is the committee’s fearless leader.

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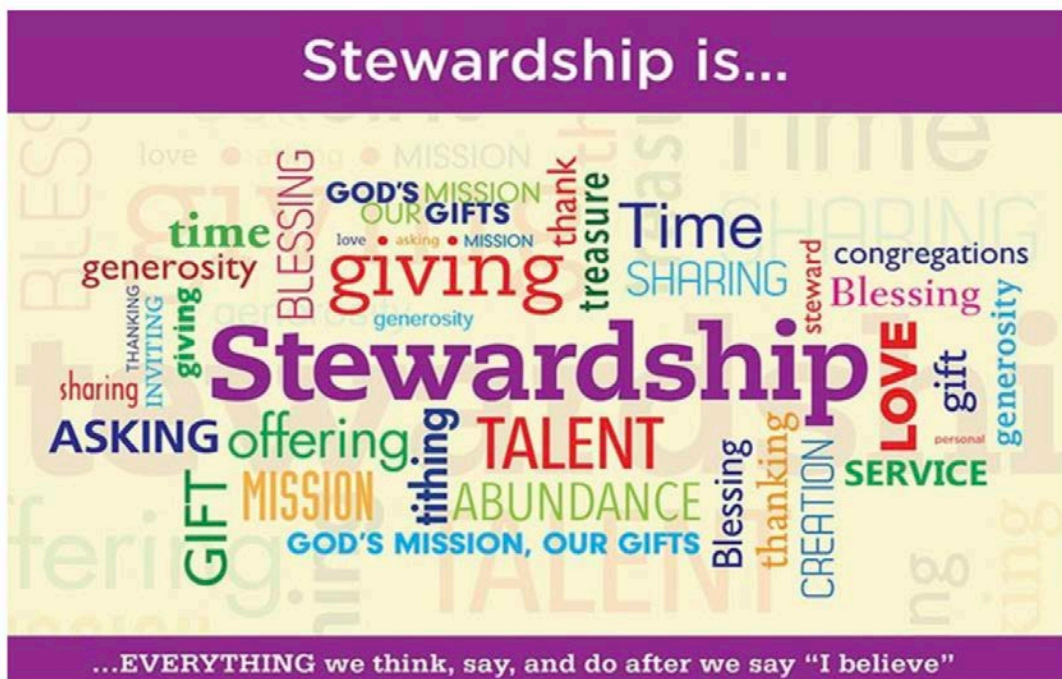

This article, from WELCA *Daily Grace*, is excerpted from "Calla Lilies and Crosses" by Dave Daubert in the March 2019 *Gather Magazine*.

Tradition has it that St. Patrick developed the Celtic cross as an evangelizing tool. The remote nature

of the British Isles allowed Christianity to grow there with fewer requirements for conformity. While most evangelism efforts on the European continent included a commitment to eradicate pagan beliefs, in Ireland, people's love of creation was incorporated into a creative and vibrant theology uninhibited by constraints often imposed by Rome.

"Look closely at the image of the Celtic cross. Do you see how the sun is cast behind it? This is not an image of the sun with a cross inside. This is the cross, standing at the center of creation. Celtic Christianity did not try to beat the paganism out of the Irish, but rather attempted to place the things they valued in a new light. Rather than tossing out the people's emphasis on creation, Celtic Christianity was intentionally built upon it. If there is any symbol for historic Christianity with both a historic and present concern for our environment, the Celtic cross seems to be it."

April is Earth Month, anchored by Earth Day on April 22. This is an opportunity to celebrate our planet and amplify our efforts toward sustainability. We are stewards of the earth, which means we are to care for it, not exploit everything it has to offer.





# Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

Our Lenten Soup Suppers will continue on Wednesday, April 2nd and on Wednesday, April 9th. The signup sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Please indicate how many people are attending and what type of soup you will be bringing. Note: you do not have to bring anything, however, you still need to sign your name on the sheet so that we know how many will attend and there will be plenty of soup for all. If you are bringing crock pots, please bring them before 5:00 PM. Dinner will be at 5:30 with a short service in the Fellowship Hall following our soup supper. Bread and soup crackers will be provided. All are welcome.

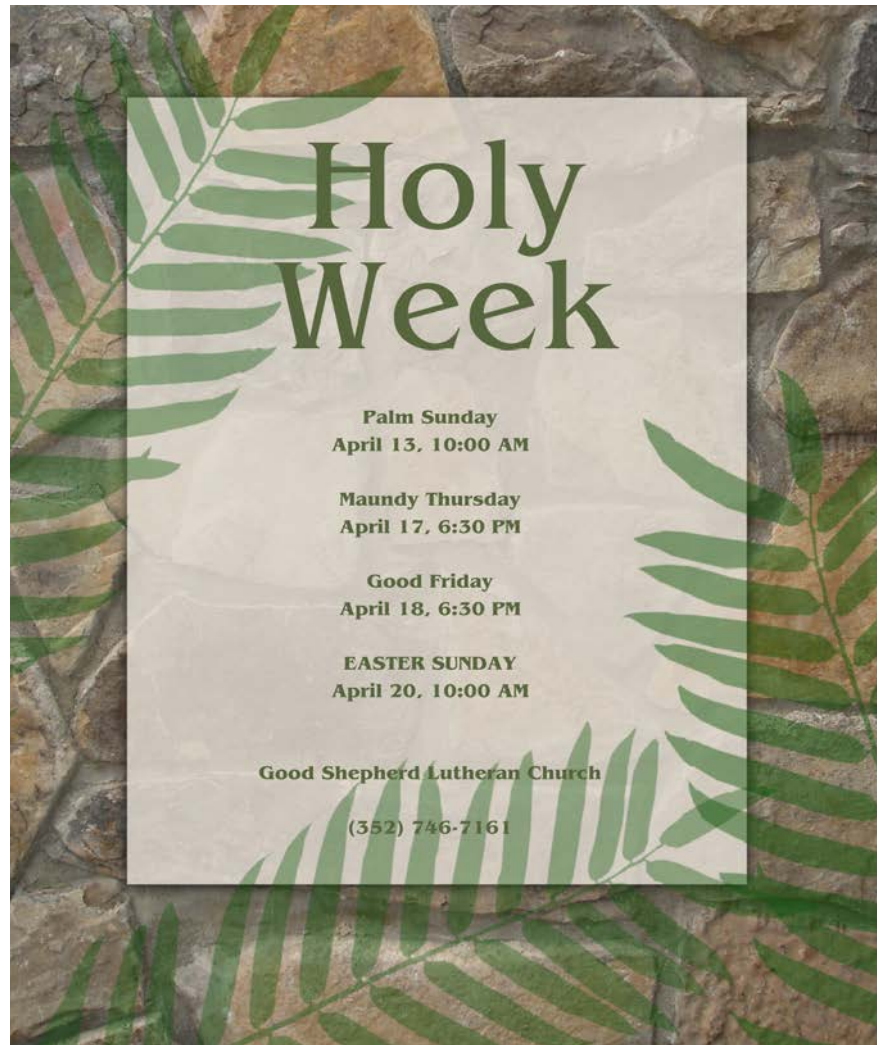
If you would like to help serve coffee and tea or clean up after worship, please sign your name on the volunteer sheet near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping when you can. It will take about an hour of your time once a month and will be greatly appreciated. We are asking our congregation to occasionally help with bringing a dessert. It does not need to be homemade. Anything from a bakery whether it is gluten-free, sugar-free, or a regular dessert will help make our coffee hour special for our members. Thank you in advance.

Elaine Giammasi, Chair  
John Giammasi, Co-chair





Cut out and share with neighbors and friends.



2025 CITRUS COUNTY



If you would like to order a magnetic name tag please contact Donald Marchetti at (401) 568-8017 or [11thhoursigns@gmail.com](mailto:11thhoursigns@gmail.com) Cost is \$5.00.

Bump2Baby Expo on April 11th from 5PM - 7PM at the auditorium at St. John Paul Catholic School, 4341 W Homosassa Trail, Lecanto, FL.

APRIL 2025

# Serving Our Savior

## Update from March 2025

Families served: **541**

People served: **1,441**

Pounds of Food: **28,235**

Average pounds per person: **19.6**



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SOS Food Pantry  
PO Box 640774  
Beverly Hills, FL 34464  
email [sos4food@gmail.com](mailto:sos4food@gmail.com)



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### 2024-2025 GSLC Pictorial Directory

*A big thank you to everyone involved in working on the Pictorial Directory, especially Lynn Bechdolt for being the driving force behind the effort; and Tom and Cara Stickler for taking pictures.*

*If you didn't pick up your directory or you didn't order one and would like a copy, please contact Nina*

# thrivent®

*These members donated to Thrivent Choice dollars which were donated to GSLC.*

*Thank you!*

Pamela J. Moore

This was from the Florida-Bahamas Synod Newsletter:

### Name Tags, Big Smiles: A Simple Way to Welcome Children

"Pastor Nicole Eastwood recently visited Good Shepherd in Hernando and shared a wonderful idea to help the children feel more involved. Autumn was the crucifer and Kavarie was an usher that day. She suggested giving each child a name tag, making them feel seen and welcomed. Lainey was the first to receive a name tag as she was the Crucifer the following week and the smile on her face was absolutely priceless. The cost for each tag was just \$5.00, a small price for such a meaningful gesture. Seeing Lainey's excitement and sense of belonging made the effort well worth it. Lainey told everyone that she was important, and had an important job to do, and that is why she had to wear the name tag. Pastor Nicole's visit brought warmth and a renewed sense of community to Good Shepherd." Submitted by Good Shepherd, Hernando



## Bible Quiz

From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

- A. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- B. "I thirst!"
- C. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
- D. "It is finished!"

An illustration of the crucifixion. In the center, a large wooden cross stands on a patch of green grass. A figure is on the cross, with a bright yellow sun or moon behind their head. To the left and right of the central cross are two smaller, simpler wooden crosses. The background is a light, hazy sky.

## Worship and Music

April 1st @ 1PM - Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM - Bells

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM - Choir



## Eucharistic Ministry



Volunteers are always needed to assist at Services held at assisted living facilities. Compass Rose is the first and third Mondays. Superior Memory Care is the second Monday. The Reserve is the fourth Monday. All services start at 10 AM and volunteers are needed before service to assist those needing help. Contact Rick Mainster.

*Wednesdays*  
DURING LENT

Sign up in Narthex or call office and leave a message. You do not have to bring soup to attend.

Join us for  
Soup Suppers:

*April 2nd*

*April 9th*



## Health Ministry



*Health Ministry*

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We will provide blood pressure screenings on the last Sunday of the month after worship.

We will always take donations for Hygiene Kits.



## Craft 'n Share



Craft and Share will be meeting April 30th.

We meet from 10PM - 2PM. We do take a lunch break so bring your lunch.

We try to make a little something for those at home who can't come to church. We like to remind them they are in our prayers. We also strive to make something for the community.

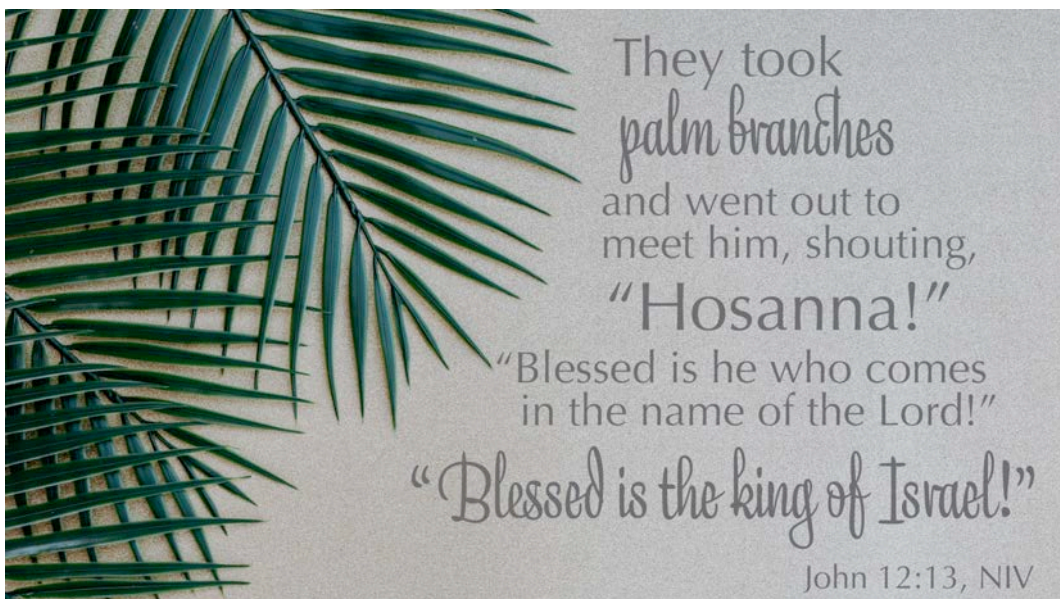
Right now we're making clothing protectors for our assisted living facilities.

If you can cut fabric and paper and glue you'd make a great addition to our group!

I will start by making some kits for those who prefer to sew in the convenience of your home. Just give me a call and if I don't answer feel free to leave a voicemail .

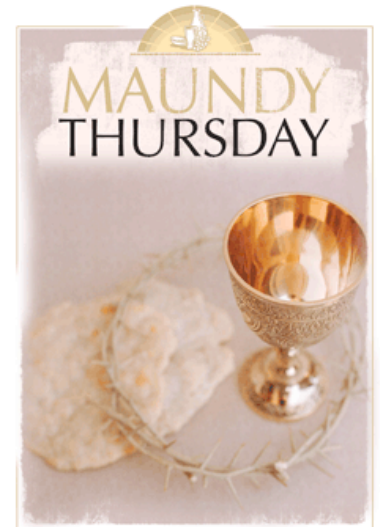
This is a great way to use our talents, have fun, and serve those in need.

Nancy Justiniano  
352-270-2575



## Special Dates

- 13 - Palm Sunday
- 17 - Maundy Thursday
- 18 - Good Friday
- 20 - Easter
- 22 - Earth Day
- 23 - Administrative Professionals Day



**Publix Bread Pick-up :**









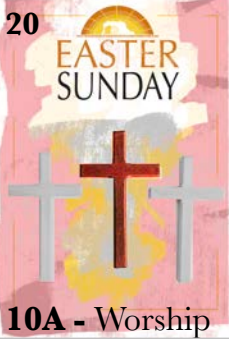




**Bockers**

**Deliveries to:**

**CUB**

**First Thursday @ Noon**  
 Lunch @ Angelotti's

# April 2025

| Sunday   | Monday                            | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
|  |                                   | <b>1</b><br>9 A - Weight Watchers<br>11A - WELCA Call Committee<br>1P - Worship & Music<br>5:30P - Scouts<br>6:30P - Bells                 | <b>2</b><br>7:30A - SOS<br>10:00A- Quilters<br>1:00P - Newcomer's Club<br>5:30P - Soup Supper                                      | <b>3</b><br>7:30A - SOS<br>9:30A Executive Council<br>1P Outreach<br>2P Stewardship  | <b>4</b><br>8:00A - Workday on Grounds<br>    | <b>5</b><br><b>MOVIE @ 5:30P</b><br><i>"I Heard the Bells"</i>  |
| <b>6</b><br>10A - Worship<br>Sunday School   | <b>7</b><br>1:30P Social Ministry | <b>8</b><br>9 A - Weight Watchers<br>6:30P - Bells   | <b>9</b><br>7:30A- SOS<br>11:00A - Bible Study<br>5:30P - Soup Supper<br>6:30P - Choir   | <b>10</b><br>7:30A - SOS<br><br>3:00 P Council Meeting  | <b>11</b><br>8:00A - Workday on Grounds<br>   | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>13</b><br>10A - Worship<br>Sunday School  | <b>14</b><br>1:30P - Fellowship   | <b>15</b><br>9 A - Weight Watchers<br>1P - WELCA Amy's on the Ave<br>6P - Scouts<br>6:30P - Bells  | <b>16</b><br>7:30A- SOS<br>10:00A- Quilters<br>6:30P - Choir   | <b>17</b><br>7:30A - SOS<br><br>6:30P-Worship<br> | <b>18</b><br>6:30P - Worship<br>            | <b>19</b><br>Scouts Carwash<br><br> |
| <b>20</b><br>EASTER SUNDAY<br><br>10A - Worship  | <b>21</b>                         | <b>22</b><br>9 A - Weight Watchers<br>6:30P - Bells<br> | <b>23</b><br>7:30A-SOS<br>10A - Craft 'n Share<br>11:00A - Bible Study<br>6:30P - Choir<br><i>Administrative Professionals Day</i> | <b>24</b><br>7:30A - SOS<br><br>10A Christian Education   | <b>25</b><br>8:00A - Workday on Grounds<br> | <b>26</b>   |
| <b>27</b><br>10A - Worship<br>Sunday School<br> | <b>28</b>                         | <b>29</b><br>9 A - Weight Watchers<br>6:30P - Bells  | <b>30</b><br>7:30A-SOS<br>11:00A - Bible Study<br>6:30P - Choir  | <b>Newsletter Deadline is April 19th</b>   |  |   |

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jack and Maggie Bregger

04/19/1958



3 - Ginny Gopadze

18 - Karen Fandel  
Barbara Lauer

23 - Jerry Dawson

5 - Elfrieda Romanelli

24 - Angela Busler

12 - Steven Swartz

20 - Alma Day

26 - Bob Bonomo

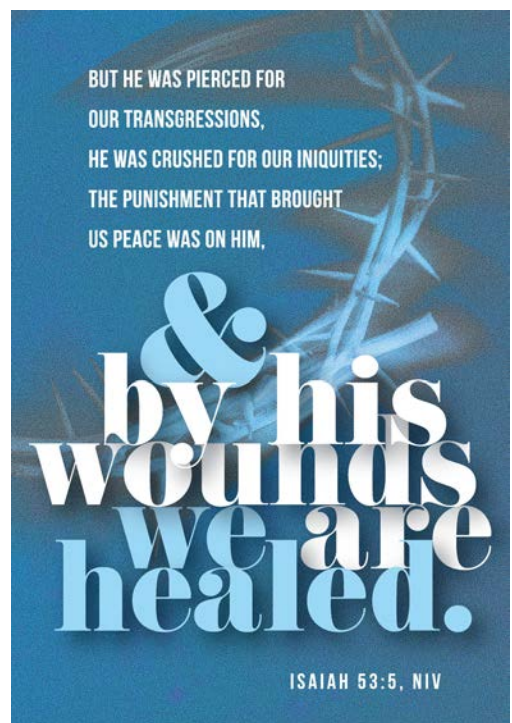
14 - Joe Adams

21 - Sue Dawson

29 - Art Kraft  
Carol Wall

15 - Sandy Jackson

22 - Mimi Waara







**Let us remember:**

|                         |                    |                  |                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Benefiel family         | Jimenez, Jeanette  | Lauer, Barbara   | Page-Wood, Jeremy |
| Brit-Busler, Elizabeth  | Johnson, Carol Lee | Lawrence, Ivalee | Peterson, Gloria  |
| Cashman, Dan            | Kauth, Gerry       | Lepore, Linda    | Wagner, Carole    |
| Clark, Dawn             | Koch, Michael      | Masters, Leith   | -----             |
| Costa, Denise           | Krenauer, Linda    | Meltesen Family  | -----             |
| Hassinger, Doug & Donna | Landfried, Bob     | Mongardi, Eloise |                   |

**Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:**

|           |               |                    |               |
|-----------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Earl, Jim | Frost, Joann  | Hartsfield, Sylvia | Lowe, Faye    |
| Moll, Bob | Philipp, Dick | Pufahl, Jean       | Whitcomb, Ray |

**All who serve our country in the military:**

|                   |                            |                   |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Burba, Jake       | Jackson, Brad              | Radloff, Steven   |
| Ceballos, Jason   | Johnston-Garcia, Christian | Radosevitch, Eric |
| Corsino, Mykael   | Luchay, Alan               | Springer, Dennis  |
| Harrington, Bryan | McCann, Jim                | Stroble, Jeramy   |
| Hickman, Richard  | Miller, Tyler              | Swain, Jr., Terry |
| Hicks, Nathan     | Much, Jason                | Thomas, Peter     |
| Holman, Evan      | Piott, Trenton             | Thompson, David   |
|                   | Posa, Codymicheal          | Timpe, Chris      |



**Relatives and Friends:**

|                         |                   |                         |                      |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew | Campano, Thomas   | Fowler family           | Hunt, Jim            |
| Balastieri, Casey       | Cato, Cecelia     | Fratto, Joseph          | Iudiciani, Georgia   |
| Barber, Steve & Kitty   | Cipollone, Elaine | Garling, John           | Johnson, Jim         |
| Beeftink, Paul          | Crooks, Candi     | Gifford, Judy           | Kraft, Carter        |
| Bluver, Linda & son     | DeVenuto, Lisa    | Goetter, Lisbeth        | Koch, Dennis & Linda |
| Blyth, Ruby             | Dortin, Rachel    | Goetter, Thomas         | Lahera, Andy         |
| Brace, Quin             | Drake, Matthew    | Goforth, Jeffrey        | Lavaja, Jim          |
| Brugger, Tristan        | Eckloff, Dennis   | Goodloe, Ernestine      | Lewellen, Emily Anne |
| Burkhardt, Faith & Dina | Farmer, Tom       | Graves, Janice & Declan | Lobenthal, Jean      |
| Cahoone, Bill           | Fidwell, Eloise   | Hertel, Karl            | Loftin, Tracy        |

|                                 |                     |                         |                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Longworth, Kathy                | Pach, Barbara       | Rothmeyer, Heidi        | Vulkelich, Alejandra |
| Lublemon family                 | Page-Wood, Jake     | Sbani, Carol            | Welch, George        |
| Lundsford, Victoria             | Pulcrano, Sandra    | Scheetz, Cathy & Family | Wells, Emmarie       |
| Magnotta family                 | Parruche, Linda Ama | Sillen, Rita            | Wierzel, Rosalee     |
| Magrum, Corbin                  | Pope, Jeff          | Small, Brenda & Steven  | Williams, Dorothy    |
| Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah | Pope, Rick          | Smrdel, Terri           | Wilson, Karen        |
| McHugh, Mark                    | Queen, Max          | Stewart, Sam            | Wizard, Joe & Dana   |
| Meidl, Nancy                    | Rajotte, Keith      | Stuart, Neil & Family   | Wolff, Jack          |
| Mena, Steve                     | Ralph, Bruce        | Thatcher, Jean          | Wood, Harper         |
| Nickerson, Mike & Beth          | Rambaldini, Jim     | Thompson, Lori          | Woods, Donna Jean    |
| Nine, Tim                       | Riccio, Gino        | Traywick, Edward        | Wolf, Nick           |
| O'Berry, Darlene                | Robertson, Jeanine  | Tuegel, Chuck           | Wright, Matthew      |
| O'Keefe, Chris                  |                     |                         | Hart, Jim            |

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com) for any updates.

## ATTENTION NEEDED

If you have previously requested family and/or friends for this list in the newsletter, please review and provide updates for those that need to be removed due to improved health, military discharge, or passing away. Please **do not** call the church for these updates. Send emails to [gslchernando@gmail.org](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.org) or call/text [352-586-6189](tel:352-586-6189) and leave a message.

## Newsletter Editor

If you want something in the upcoming newsletter **YOU** have to contact the editor by email [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com). Do not tell council members or church staff.

May Deadline is **April 19th**



*"What she said."*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY**

Susan Fowler

**USHERS**

*Please be there at 9:15 AM*

**April 6th & 13th**

Sue Buldiger

Lois Lenhart

Ann Serafin

**April 20th & 27th**

Angela & Mike Busler

John Kavit

**MEDIA CENTER**

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman

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**LECTORS**

**April 6th**

Vera Swade

**April 13th**

Carole Lee Johnson

**April 17th - Maundy Thursday**

Sue Okimoto

**April 18th - Good Friday**

Margot Berger

John Giammasi

Brenda Landfried

Pat Mainster

Rick Mainster

Ann Serafin

Marty Zarcharczyk

**April 20th**

Shelly Fortin

**April 27th**

Sue Okimoto

**DEACON in Training**

John Colson





God's work. Our hands.

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# Kid's Corner



## Easter Blessings



### OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

*Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| F | G | H | I | J |
| K | L | M | N | O |
| P | Q | R | S | T |
| U | V | W | X | Y |

1. C → ↓ ↓     \_\_\_
2. H → ↑ →    \_\_\_
3. V ↑ → ↓    \_\_\_
4. I ← ← ↑     \_\_\_
5. T ↑ ← ↑     \_\_\_
6. P ↑ → → ↓   \_\_\_
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓   \_\_\_
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ←   \_\_\_



Praise be to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

\_\_\_\_\_ into a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth



Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

#### What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



#### What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.



**FILL IN THE SCRIPTURE:**

FOR GOD SO \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT HE  
GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN \_\_\_\_\_ THAT  
WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT

\_\_\_\_\_ BUT HAVE \_\_\_\_\_.

JOHN 3:16, KJV

I LOVE EASTER SUNDAY BECAUSE...



I SPY...  
HOW MANY  
EASTER EGGS  
CAN YOU  
FIND?

**UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS:**

BOTM  
SOCSR  
USEJS  
ENSOT  
ESIRN

# HE IS RISEN!

HELP THE DISCIPLES  
FIND THE RISEN  
MESSIAH!



# Holy Week



DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

## Palm Sunday

Triumphant Entry

- Reading: Matthew 21:1-11
- Activity: Make palm crosses or a palm-themed craft.



## Monday

Cleansing the Temple

- Reading: Mark 11:15-18
- Activity: Take a reflective walk, silently praying about what you wish to eliminate from your life or discussing obstacles that hinder your time with God.



## Tuesday

Speaking in Parables

- Reading: Matthew 22:1-14
- Activity: Choose a Gospel and count how many parables Jesus uses. For a challenge, identify which parables are in each Gospel book.

## Wednesday

### Silent Wednesday

- Reading: Psalm 46
- Activity: Engage in a quiet challenge, focusing on prayer, Scripture or silent activities with minimal speaking.



## Thursday

### The Last Supper

- Reading: John 13:1-20
- Activity: Re-create a foot washing ceremony by washing each other's feet.



## Good Friday

### The Crucifixion

- Reading: Isaiah 53
- Activity: Draw, paint or write about the theme of sacrifice or caring.



## Holy Saturday

### Day of Preparation

- Reading: Luke 23:50-56
- Activity: Prepare for Easter by decorating or cooking traditional foods like bread.



## Easter Sunday

### Jesus Is Risen!

- Reading: John 20:1-18
- Activity: Celebrate the Resurrection with joy and fellowship by singing worship songs or sharing a meal.

