



# *Holy Cross* **Crossroads**

Monthly Newsletter of:



**Holy Cross**  
Lutheran Church

| *April 2017*

## Mark Your Calendar

**4.5, 4.19, 4.26 (Wed)**

Adult Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

**4.4, 4.18 (Tues)**

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

**4.6, 4.20 (Thurs)**

Quilting @ 9:30 am & 4:00 pm

**4.19 (Wed)**

Senior Lunch @ Noon

**4.26 (Wed)**

Women's Book/Bible Study @ 3:00 pm

**4.27 (Thurs)**

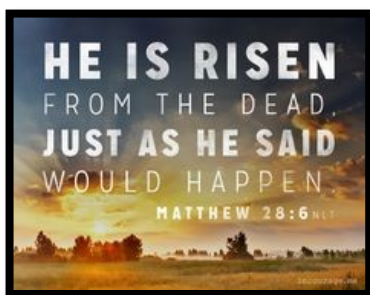
Mens/womens breakfast @ 7:30 am

**4.13 (Thurs)**

Seder Dinner 5:00 pm

**4.14 (Fri)**

Good Friday Service @ 6:00 pm



## Pastor's Corner



I still find it remarkable that Holy Cross welcomed 20 (yes, 20!) new members at the end of February. New members were featured in the March church newsletter with pictures and biography sketches. As I noted in that newsletter, when we asked new members to describe their first impressions of Holy Cross and why they kept coming back, the most frequent responses were "I was warmly welcomed," "Worship was enriching," and "I was invited to an event or activity." Your personal invitations and

welcoming atmosphere make a difference when people are looking for a church home.

I'd like to ask you to continue that gracious welcome of extending the love of God by inviting a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to a special event at Holy Cross as Holy Week and Easter approach. We have created notecards with information about all Holy Week special events at Holy Cross and placed them in a basket in the welcome space (church narthex) for you to add your own greetings and invite a friend. Holy Week events include:

- **Sunday, April 9 is Palm Passion Sunday** with identical worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.: We gather in the narthex with palm branches as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The service shifts as we participate in a dramatic reading of the events of the last week of Jesus' life. The movement and drama of the story are engaging for children and adults alike. It is particularly powerful to hear a fairly continuous reading of this narrative rather than in short snippets.

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## Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

- **Thursday, April 13 Seder Dinner.** At this ticketed event beginning with a social time at 5:00 p.m. and dinner with worship at 6:00, we recall the roots of the Passover meal that Jesus shared.
- **Friday, April 14 Good Friday Service of Tenebrae at 6:00 p.m.** Tenebrae, which means "darkness" or "shadows" in Latin, has been observed since medieval times. In a candle-lit sanctuary Christ's suffering is commemorated through Scripture and song. Candles are extinguished one by one as the congregation listens to the account of Christ's suffering and death. Finally, only the Christ Candle remains lit, which is then removed at the close of the service. The Tenebrae service always has a somber tone, reflected in the darkness, in the accounts of Christ's suffering, in the music, and in the silence of the people as they leave the sanctuary. But underlying the somber feeling is the anticipation of the resurrection, mirrored in the Christ candle, which is returned to the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

### **Easter Sunday, April 16:**

- **6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service at Windy Hill**
- **8:00 and 10:30 identical services at Holy Cross** with choir and brass ensemble.

The Easter service will be engaging for worshipers of all ages with the importance of the biblical narrative as well as special worship elements like enhanced choir, brass quartet, and congregational singing blended with the additional musicians.

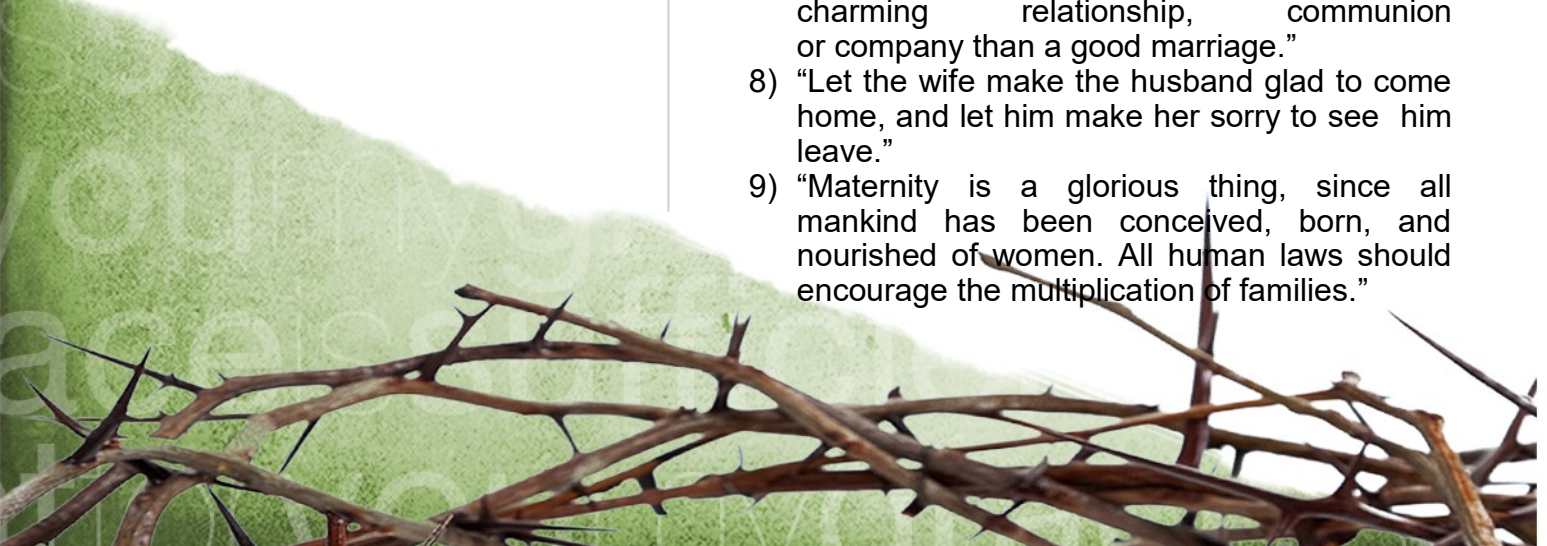
Please invite a friend to join us for worship and fellowship at Holy Cross during Holy Week.

## Council News

### *Martin Luther's Thoughts*

We are aware that 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which started when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on Oct. 31, 1517. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, I wanted to share with you fifteen of Luther's influential quotes whether they be on music, prayer, education, conscience, church, faith, or life in general. As you read them, you will see that they are thought provoking as well as appropriate in 21st century. Furthermore these quotes allow oneself to see the brilliance of this individual who changed the course of Western history for the better:

- 1) "A person who...does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs. (Note: Luther's Hymn "A Mighty Fortress" is popularly known as the "battle hymn of the Reformation." Also, this popular hymn was sung at the funeral for former President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969).)
- 2) "Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon."
- 3) "The fewer the words, the better the prayer."
- 4) "Pray, and let God worry."
- 5) "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."
- 6) "The two chief things are faith and love. Faith receives the good; love gives the good. Faith offers us God as our own; love gives us to our neighbor as his own."
- 7) "There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage."
- 8) "Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave."
- 9) "Maternity is a glorious thing, since all mankind has been conceived, born, and nourished of women. All human laws should encourage the multiplication of families."



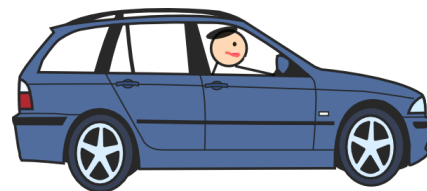
# Council News (Cont'd)

- 10) "I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."
- 11) "It is not necessary for a preacher to express all his thoughts in one sermon. A preacher should have three principles: first, to make a good beginning, and not spend time with many words before coming to the point; secondly, to say that which belongs to the subject in chief, and avoid strange and foreign thoughts; thirdly, to stop at the proper time."
- 12) "Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are?"
- 13) "You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."
- 14) "We do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them and interpret everything they do in the best possible light."
- 15) "He who loves not wine, women and song remains a fool his whole life long."

Looking forward to a prosperous 2017 as we provide and increase opportunities to enrich the spiritual growth of our members of all ages.

Steve Tate, Council President

## Can you help with a ride?



Merle and Jan Moebus, who are new members of Holy Cross in the February 2017 class, moved to Reno from Minneapolis and live in the Tanamera neighborhood on the south side of Reno on South Meadows Parkway. Their trusty and beloved car stayed behind in Minnesota! If you live in their area, could you pick up Merle and Jan now and then for church events? If you can help, you may contact Merle and Jan directly at Jan's cell at 763 694-0007 or Merle's cell at 763 567-1241 or by email at [m.j.moebus@gmail.com](mailto:m.j.moebus@gmail.com).

They're particularly hoping to have a ride to some midweek special events when their daughter Laura wouldn't be available to assist.




## AWAKEN WORKSHOP ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Holy Cross will host a special workshop for area churches, their members, and other interested guests about the problem of Human Trafficking. The presenter will be Melissa Holland, Executive Director of Awaken Reno, which is a nonprofit whose mission is to eradicate commercial sexual exploitation. Participants in the workshop will learn

- The nature and extent of the problem in the world and nation
- The problem as it exists in our own greater Reno-Sparks area
- How AWAKEN is addressing the problem in cooperation with other agencies
- How individuals and congregations can be involved in reducing trafficking

The event will be held Sunday, April 30 in the Holy Cross Fellowship Hall with welcome and registration at 3:45 p.m. and the presentation from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Please invite a friend and come learn about the problem of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking in our area and how we can help.





*April Shared Harvest*  
Need 28 Canned Fruit, 23  
Boxes of Cereal and  
Deodorant



Holy Cross will be hosing a shred your document day on April 19th at Holy Cross from 4p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Service & Fellowship

**Service** ~ Now through Easter Sunday (4/16) Service Committee will have the Giving Tree up for the "Buy a Chick" project for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) outreach program. As members of the ELCA, we are called to share in God's work in the world. In celebration of Reformation 500, lets set our goal for 500 chicks! The cost of each chick is \$1.00. Please consider buying a chick during the Lenten season, ten little chicks makes a big difference. Within months of birth, chickens are already laying eggs and families are receiving protein rich meals, as well as, selling their eggs for income.

We will be doing a sock and underwear drive for Reformation 500 with other area Lutheran Churches. Please watch for additional information on this project.

**Fellowship** ~ Together with the Reformation 500 committee we will be hosting a Martin Luther themed movie night and ice cream social for HCLC and other Reno area churches. Please watch for more information regarding date and time.

Church picnic will be on Sunday, May 21. There will be only one service that day at 10:30 and the picnic will follow that service. Cost \$2/person or \$5/family to help defray cost of chicken. Sign-ups for side dishes will be out in the narthex beginning in May. Service Committee will provide drinks and paper products.

This is a FREE event, so please tell your family and friends.

You can leave paperclips and staples in your papers.

You can bring your papers in a plastic bag and just leave them in there and throw it all into the truck. You can bring it in boxes if you would prefer.

The shredding is done on-site so you know it had been officially diced up into little pieces.

With all the identity theft going on, this is a great way to help keep your information safe.





# Call Committee News

“On March 5, 2017, after several weather related delays, the call committee members finally met with the Synod’s point of contact, Rev. Tom Miller. Pastor Miller gave us an overview of the call process, and advised us of the steps we need to take to get into the Synod’s pastor call queue.

The call committee is planning around all of our schedules for a meeting to address the Synod’s requirements, and finalize our Ministry Site Profile. We were advised to be patient, as the process of our getting a new pastor through the Synod could take up to a year and half or more.

We know that it took Good Shepherd Luther Church in Reno almost two years to finally get their new pastor(s). Our goal is to expedite the process to the greatest extent possible, consistent with getting a pastor who is a good fit for us.

The call committee members welcome any input from the congregation as we pursue our mission of getting a full time replacement pastor for us. Thank you all for your support and patience. If anyone has specific questions, feel free to contact me, or any other member of the committee.

Geordan Goebel, Call Committee Chairman



The Wednesday Bible Study (1:30pm every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall) is going through a short course by Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, entitled "What Would Luther Do Today?" She discusses ways in which Luther's legacy has influenced the way we think about contemporary issues such as poverty, climate change, and the global intersection of religious beliefs. After that, we will start investigating how angels are depicted in the Bible. Please contact Becky Bradley at [beckyb485@gmail.com](mailto:beckyb485@gmail.com) or 775-360-0553 for more information. Note: There is NO Bible Study on 4/12 during Holy Week.

*I pray, not wish.  
Because I have God.  
not a Genie.*



Godly Play will be having class on April 2nd. This is a change of schedule due to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday falling in the month of April.

Godly Play will have its annual Egg Hunt on Sunday April 9th following the 10:30 am worship service. Have your child/children bring a basket.

On Easter Sunday we will not be having Godly Play. We encourage families to attend one of the Easter services that day.

Godly Play will be offered on April 23rd and 30th.

Thank you, Godly Play Staff



## Kid's Camp

Pastor Scott was tossed into the "washing machine" for a good cleaning.

Holy Cross was alive with the Joyful Noise of campers at Kids Camp on Thursday March 30!

### ***"The Best Day Ever"- camper Eleanor, age 6***

The day began with "Welcome—we are so glad you are here"!

Campers from 5 to 85—joined in the fun of quilting, making crafts, puzzles, games, camp songs, parachute games (ask Pastor about being "washed" in the parachute), baking "no - bake" cookies , meals and snacks and a movie. All were actively engaged in learning, doing, having fun, working -and reveling in the happiness of being together with other kids, "older, brothers and sisters, parents, grandparents—all friends" making a joyful noise together.--and remembering those in need our community—the "campers" prepared a basket of cookies for the families at Ronald McDonald House.

The camper's quilt work is displayed in the Fellowship Hall---four quilts were completed—from designing to sewing and tying. The Quilt Group will complete the binding on the quilts – they will be given to children in our community at "The Children's Cabinet, Hosana Home or Ronald McDonald House. "

***"Believe in One, Affect Many, Welcome All"***

A child's laugh could simply be one of the most beautiful sounds in the world.

## Planning for the End-of-Life Workshop Class Coming May 7th

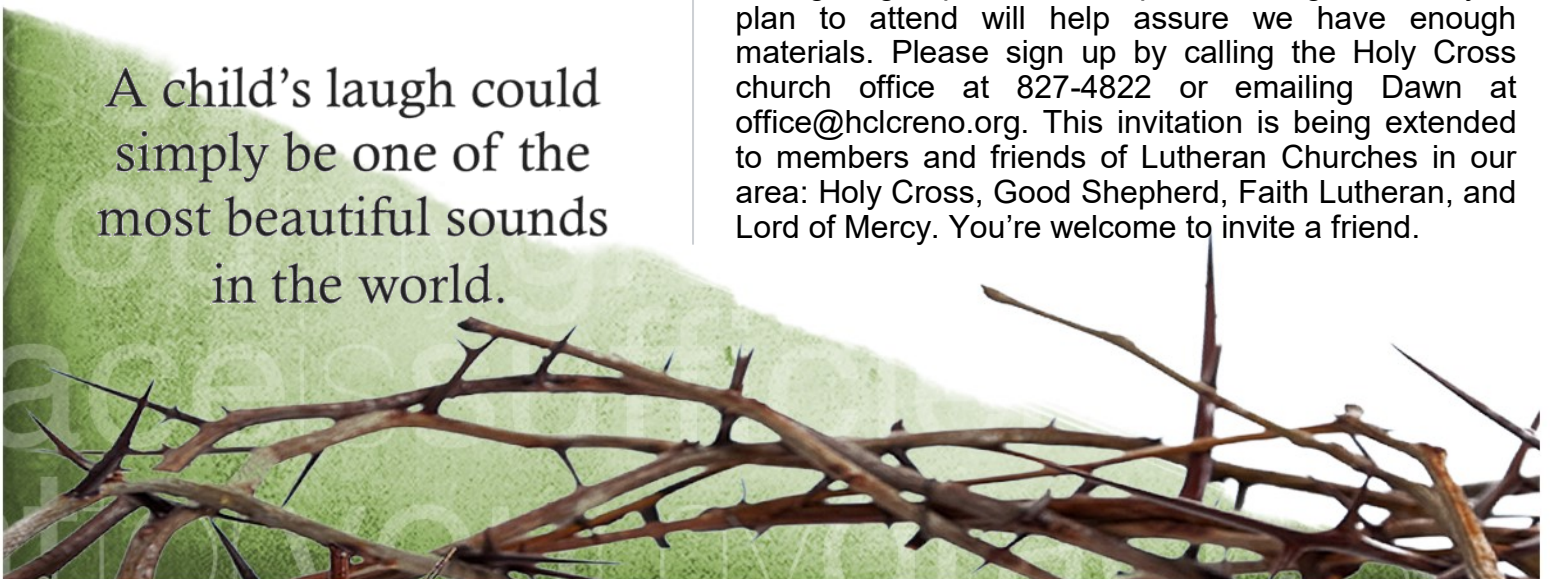
"If I ever got really sick and couldn't tell you about my wishes about the decisions you'd face at the end of my life, I would be afraid you wouldn't know what I'd like. Could we talk about that now? I'd feel better if we did."

Can you imagine having a conversation like that with your family? No matter what our age, planning for the end-of-life can be difficult. It may be hard to face the idea of our own death or that of those we love. We may find it hard to initiate a conversation with our family members or with our aging parents. As difficult as these barriers may be, taking time to consider one's own wishes and communicating those wishes to family members can be a great gift to them by easing the difficulty of decision-making when they are affected by grief and time pressure at the time of death. Specifying your own wishes helps assure your values are respected, minimizes financial costs, and eases the pressure of family decision-making at a time of stress.

**This class will be offered Sunday, May 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Fellowship Hall with Holy Cross Interim Pastor Scott Trevithick and attorney Barbara Gruenewald, a member of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.**

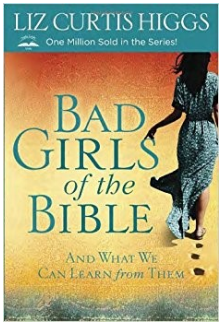
The class will address talking with our family and loved ones, planning a memorial service, deciding about the disposition of one's body, and understanding legal tools that help specify one's end-of-life wishes. Through presentation, discussion, and personal reflection participants will be able to consider their own end-of-life wishes, understand their options and resources, and formulate a plan to specify their wishes to family members and other trusted friends.

Though sign-ups are not required, letting us know you plan to attend will help assure we have enough materials. Please sign up by calling the Holy Cross church office at 827-4822 or emailing Dawn at [office@hclcreno.org](mailto:office@hclcreno.org). This invitation is being extended to members and friends of Lutheran Churches in our area: Holy Cross, Good Shepherd, Faith Lutheran, and Lord of Mercy. You're welcome to invite a friend.





# Women's Book and Bible Study



*Book Review: Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them, by Liz Curtis Higgs*

In March the Women's Book and Bible Study group completed *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. This was a fun discussion book, although not to be taken too lightly. The author explores the hearts of some of the Bible's most infamous Bad Girls: Eve, Potiphar's wife, Lot's wife, Delilah, Jezebel and the Woman at the Well, to name a few. Some of the stories have redemptive endings, and some do not end so happily. What is unique about this book is that each chapter is accompanied by a modern interpretation of the "Bad Girl" under discussion, to enable the reader to apply "lessons learned" to our current lives. These ancient stories from the Bible presented side-by-side with modern examples of "Bad Girls" reveal how timeless truths of the Bible apply to today's women.

As mentioned in the March newsletter, the new book that we will be discussing is *Golden Fruit* by Julie Hale Maschoff. Our next Bible Study meeting will be on Wednesday April 26th; thereafter starting in May the group will meet twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3:00 pm at Fellowship Hall. I've already ordered some books from Amazon; if anyone is interested in joining our group we certainly welcome you. For more details either email me at [kathydoyle@mac.com](mailto:kathydoyle@mac.com) or call me on my cell phone: 415-823-1755.

Kathy Doyle



Hooks and Needles will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays in April at 9 in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all ladies who want to do crafts with a group of like minded ladies. If you don't know how, we have ladies who will teach you and if you have a craft that you would like to share we welcome you too. We make scarves, hats and afghans for the needy in the Reno/Sparks area. We do afghans for baptisms as well as for our friends and family. Some of us go out for lunch at a nearby restaurant afterwards.



**It's that time of year again...GRADUATION!!**


**Holy Cross would like to honor our graduates with a special celebration.**

**If you or someone you know is graduating from High School or College, please let Dawn in the office know at [office@hclcreno.org](mailto:office@hclcreno.org) or 775-827-4822**

**This is a major accomplishment in your life (and those who have supported you throughout your journey), so let's celebrate you!**







*Senior Lunch*  
April 19th at Noon  
Bring a sack lunch

## What is Seder at Holy Cross?

On April 13th, 2017, Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be celebrating Passover during Holy Week by participating in a Seder meal. It is based on the traditional Jewish celebration of Passover, but adapted into a uniquely Christian celebration. This reminds us that God did not begin his revelation of himself in the world with Christians, but to Hebrews, to Israelites, to the Jew first. It also reminds us that Jesus was not a Christian, but a Jew. It is only in recognizing the connection we have to four thousand years of God at work creating a people that we can truly appreciate who we are as people of God.

While this is a traditional Jewish celebration, it is also a Christian festival. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us that it was at a Passover meal that Jesus inaugurated what became known to Christians as the Lord's Supper, Communion, or Eucharist. It is also a time to retell the experience of the people of God and their deliverance out of slavery into the promised land, and to pass that history to our children.

This service is a sacred time of worship. But even though it follows a specific order it is not formal. In Judaism, Passover is not a public service of worship but is celebrated as a family meal. The father and mother, or grandparents, lead the service, and it is much more of a celebration than anything solemn. So, relax and have fun with the worship and meal as part of this extended family!

## Maundy Thursday Worship & Dinner Holy Week Seder

Holy Cross will be hosting our annual Seder Dinner on April 13th, 2017.

It will begin with Social Hour including Light Hors D'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m..

Worship & Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

The Menu will include Matzo Ball Soup, Brisket of Beef, Roasted New Potato Medley, Asparagus with Lemon & Dill, Chocolate Torte & Lemon Torte, Pistachio Cream Cheese Pudding, Red & White Wines Sparkling Cider along with Non-Alcoholic Fruit Punch Coffee, Tea, Water

It is a time of family, fun and worship. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets are as follows:  
Adults (16+) \$12 and  
children \$8







# Spring Word Search



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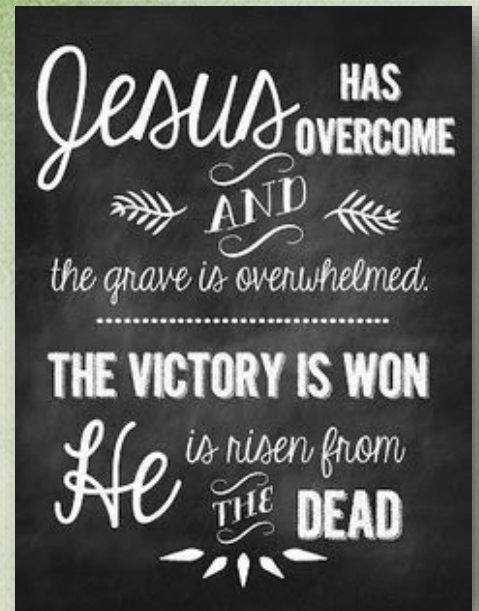
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*For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16*



## *Next 8 of the 95 Theses*

74. Much more does he intend to thunder against those who use indulgences as a pretext to contrive harm to holy love and truth.
75. To consider papal indulgences so great that they could absolve a man even if he had done the impossible and had violated the mother of God is madness.
76. We say on the contrary that papal indulgences cannot remove the very least of venial sins as far as guilt is concerned.
77. To say that even St. Peter if he were now pope, could not grant greater graces is blasphemy against St. Peter and the pope.
78. We say on the contrary that even the present pope, or any pope whatsoever, has greater graces at his disposal, that is, the gospel, spiritual powers, gifts of healing, etc., as it is written. (1 Co 12[:28])
79. To say that the cross emblazoned with the papal coat of arms, and set up by the indulgence preachers is equal in worth to the cross of Christ is blasphemy.
80. The bishops, curates, and theologians who permit such talk to be spread among the people will have to answer for this.
81. This unbridled preaching of indulgences makes it difficult even for learned men to rescue the reverence which is due the pope from slander or from the shrewd questions of the laity.

### **March Giving**

Building fund Donations	\$ 860.00
General Fund Donations	\$ 10,749.00
Facility Usage Donations	\$760.00
Sunday School Donations	\$15.00
Coffee Fund	\$20.00
Flower Donations	\$60.00
Synod Donations	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$50.00
Seder	\$541.00
Chicks	\$416.00
Memorial Fund	\$145.00
Funeral Fund	\$400.00
Pension Fund	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,191.00</b>

**Note: Does not include  
Simply Giving**





# Helping Worship Happen

## Coffee Hour

4/2: Rovigs & Katie Featherstone  
4/9: Bobbie Heaps & Jody Morrison  
4/16: Cleo Streit & Sally Kesler  
4/23: Deborah Goebel & Diane Torry  
4/30: Sue Volinkaty & Kim Lintz

## Lectors

4/2: Wib Namestka & Mona Warwick  
4/9: Orlyn Schenk & Kim Lintz  
4/16: Su onyou & Roland Grumm  
4/23: Ollie Baker & Linda Pucket  
4/30: Laurel Lindstrom & Jody Morrison

## Ushers

4/2: James Alanko (1st) & Vinopals (2nd)  
4/9: Cleo Streit (1st) & Fred Ford (2nd)  
4/16: Bobbie Heaps & Tom Martin (1st), Veralyn Vombs (2nd)  
4/23: Bakers (1st) & Morrisons (2nd)  
4/30: Kiene's (1st) & Torry Tegi (2nd)

## Altar Guild

April – Karen Ford & Jody Morrison

## Offering Counter

April – Russ Tegio

## Communion

4/2: Cleo Streit, Bobbie Heaps, Sue Volinkaty (1st), Veralyn Combs, Sandi Christman, Kim Lintz (2nd)  
4/9: Charles Kiene, Kathy Doyle (1st), Jody Morrison, Karen Ford (2nd)  
4/16: Cheryl & Ed Brown (1st), Katie Weldon & Sand Christman (2nd)  
4/23: Ray & Nina Cross (1st), Karen Ford & Veralyn Combs (2nd)  
4/30: Linda Schlosser, Sue Volinkaty (1st), Kim Lintz, Shirley Fletcher (2nd)

## Birthdays:

4/2 Emma Lintz  
4/3 Vario Birdie  
4/5 Charles Kiene  
4/7 John Farrell  
4/8 Susan Volinkaty  
4/10 Phillip Karam  
4/10 Marilyn Sevilla  
4/12 Richard Moses  
4/20 Sandi Ross  
4/24 Trent Blair  
4/26 Joey Ginnetti  
4/26 Torry Tegio  
4/27 Bob Blair  
4/27 Karen Ford



## Anniversaries:

4/5 Jean & Bruce Bye  
4/10 Morgan & Lynn Jaeck  
4/11 William & Susan Borton  
4/12 Wib & Nellie Namestka  
4/17 Mark & Christine Calise  
4/28 Kyle & Kelly Meseberg

# Weekly Scripture

## April 2nd

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

## April 9th

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14--27:66

## April 16th

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

## April 23rd

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

## April 30th

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

