



*Welcome!*

# NEWS FROM THE HILL

## AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:

**Sharing the Story,  
Living the Faith**

The Mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is...  
Making Christ known through worship, education,  
and witness, we invite and serve the community and  
beyond.

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It's that time again!

Another **5th Sunday Ministry** collection is  
scheduled...on the **4th Sunday** this month!!

Social Ministry and Missions Committee  
will be sponsoring a 5th Sunday Ministry collection  
on **April 22, 2018**

All proceeds from this freewill offering  
collection will go to **Genesis** (our youth group)  
for their **Mission Trip** this summer.

Please give generously to this worthy cause!!  
Please make checks out to OSLC.

Rachel's Day is May 6<sup>th</sup>. This year WELCA  
will be supporting the Hope Pregnancy  
Care Center by sponsoring a  
diaper drive April 22-May 6.



Diapers are an essential need  
to the health and well being of a child. Please show your  
support by donating a box of diapers (all sizes needed).

Together we can help make a difference, one diaper at a time.



# Thankful Moments = Thankful Services

## Minnick Schools

Parents want their children to be successful in school. But in some cases, students are met with challenges that to them seem insurmountable. They may act out, shut down, withdraw, or simply stay away from school. For these students, the promise of school success becomes lost on a road filled with negative sanctions. In many ways, they are on the darkest part of a journey in their young lives.

Lutheran Family Services offers school-aged children the opportunity to take a different path. Highly trained educators and treatment specialists help students learn about behavior choices, how to make better decisions, and how to respond to stressful and challenging situations.

Six Minnick Schools help students age 5 to 22 find success in the classroom. We work with public schools in the Harrisonburg, Roanoke, Wytheville, Wise and Bristol regions to help their students achieve academic, behavioral and developmental goals so they may return to their home public school or pursue a path to meaningful work.

*Since its beginning in 1888, Lutheran Family Services has evolved from an orphanage in Salem, Virginia, to an agency of 400-strong employees who help create abundant possibilities for individuals through our commonwealth.*

Let us be Thankful for the 130 years Lutheran Family Services has been providing for the needs of others.



### **Magic Show and Ice Cream Sundaes "Fun" Raiser Featuring Magician Harold Wood**

**Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM  
@Stone House Presbyterian Church**



Suggested Donations:  
\$10/person or \$25 max/family  
Under 5 Free!



*All donations will go to Stone House Presbyterian Church/Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church Youth Mission Trip to Harrisburg, PA in June*

Combining "Life Tasks" chapter 32 and "Vision Therapy" chapter 34. Combining Life Tasks and Victor Frankl of whom Bill Kinard quotes most often, a brilliant Austrian Psychotherapist and Holocaust Survivor, writes in his book *The Doctor and the Soul* "We must show our patient that the task he is responsible for is always a specific task. It varies from person to person in accord with the uniqueness of each person. It is our business, then, to show how the life of every man has a unique goal to which only one single course leads". The book goes on to prove the role of inner purpose and spiritual values is the role in the conquest of neurosis. Wow, what a mouthful. I challenge Frankl on that. I suppose it is therapeutic to believe our lives have a unique goal and it would be a wonderful thing knowing God has a special, unique plan for my life. I would love that. However, it begs the question of the human condition. Why then all the suffering in this world, for even those who have accepted Christ into their life as God's only Son and their redeemer, confesses sins and asks for forgiveness faces failures, loss, unemployment, greed, etc., We all still sin! But Bill challenges what if Frankl was wrong. What if his time in the prisons of the Holocaust tainted his view? What if God's only plan is to make us better, stronger, and more loving people? It is not a pass to be immoral. It means make better choices. Even if God doesn't have a specific plan for my life, I want, no I need, to find one. I believe, as does Bill, that working toward being a better person, working toward goals in conjunction with the teachings of Christ, is a healthier, more productive way to live. In the chapter Vision Therapy, Bill tells of John Powell who wrote *Fully Human, Fully Alive* in which his major premise is the way we look at things determines how we feel and react. "John Powell begins *Fully Human, Fully Alive* with this premise: **all change in the quality of a person's life must grow out of a change in his vision of reality.** *Fundamental is the understanding that emotions grow out of how we see ourselves and out of subjective perceptions and interpretations.*" Powell suggests that fears, complexes, and negative emotions are traceable to faulty ideas and perceptions, and that to grow and become more fully alive, we must come to terms with irrational unrealistic thinking. OK, I can get behind that but, if we are to change or grow we will have to change our vision or our perception of reality. Powell goes on to state that "Our vision controls the quality of and our participation in human life. Our emotional reactions are not a permanent part of our makeup. Rather, they grow out of the way we see ourselves, other people, life, the world, and God. Our ideas and attitudes about these elements generate our emotional responses. Persistently negative emotions are an indication that there is distortion in our vision and our thinking". Can't you just hear your teenage self-saying "duh"!! What is the vision we need? What will make us whole? We can go online or on our phone and download affirmation apps! We can read self-help books; we can go to a therapist; these are all options that may help. Personally, I believe when you decide to make a difference, you decide on a goal and work, I mean you put in the work, its hard I know, you will find meaning and a sense of mission. The more one dedicates oneself to this meaning, the goal, the mission, the more you will develop a sense of profound and personal belonging in this world. My life changed when my frame of reference was Jesus Christ, yes, my college degree gave me career satisfaction and livelihood. Who made me whole? My family of course, and my frame of reference and my journey, was coming to know Christ, not just through attending church and singing in the Choir, getting our kids involved in youth group and through Baptism, Confirmation and becoming a Stephen Minister. No. My affirmation comes

from Jesus' bodily resurrection, for resurrections of hopes and dreams, new life where hope was dead and buried. My faith comes in knowing Christ and accepting him as my Savior. This charges my life with meaning and mission of sharing the good news of Christ. This awakening in my journey, folks, is reaching out to those who are in the dark, those who need faith, grace and mercy. I hope you are finding Bill Kinard's the Promise of Hope, challenging (I am!) and thought provoking. I am sharing this to help cope when life caves in. We join in prayer for the Ministers in our Church, and all of those who are in need. We Stephen Ministers will walk with you and let the Holy Spirit be our guide. May **YOU** through our **Lord Jesus Christ** receive what **God has promised** all of us; grace, mercy, and peace. We pray in your holy name. Amen

Evie Braukhoff Stephen Minister Leader, Your sister in Christ.



Prayer on Wednesday begins for our Spring season in prayer April 4, 2018, in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM. There are no books to read or work to be done except with you and the Lord. Come when you need Christ, come when the Spirit calls, come **when you are in need** of shared prayer. After our Prayer of the Day we will have 15 to 20 minutes of Silent meditative prayer, a reading of the Gospel, Prayers of Intercession, and requests for prayers of healing, and a closing prayer. You are welcome to come to the Baptismal Font for your specific prayer request or let the leader know. Those who have gathered will pray with you or another healing prayer will be offered. **We leave in silence for spiritual reflection.**

**Prayer. What a privilege. What an opportunity. What a duty and responsibility. Jesus is our example. The Spirit is our guide. The Father is eagerly waiting. It could change you, your family, your friends, and the world.**







## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

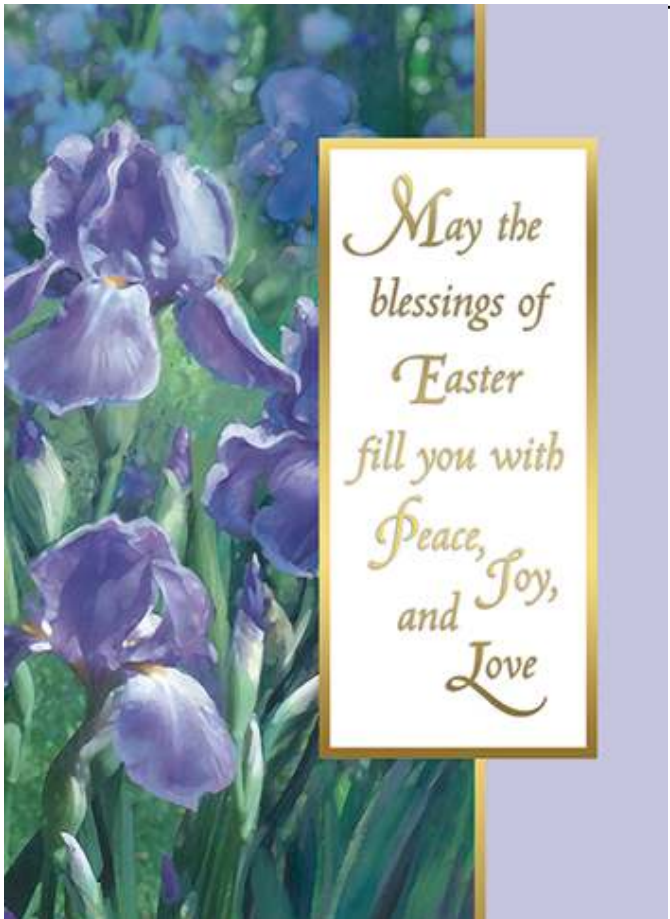
- 4 Thelma Lee
- 6 Adam Daily  
Rita Hughson
- 13 Ashley Venable
- 14 Janie Marshall
- 20 Brandon Tate
- 21 Nya Hubbard
- 27 Sadie Priestley



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kline
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Andy Priestley

**NOTE: If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary listed, and would like it included, please contact the office at 757-564-3745 or email [oslcnorge@verizon.net](mailto:oslcnorge@verizon.net).**



## Lifting in Prayer



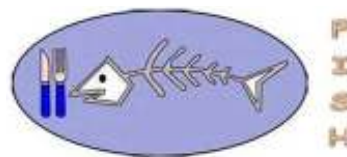
**Church family:** Carlyle Ford, Jeanne Fullman, Ann Gautreaux, Thelma Lee, Janice Leonard, Liesa McGhee, Irene Meyer, Teena Opheim, William Rorer, III, and Bruce Wildenberger.

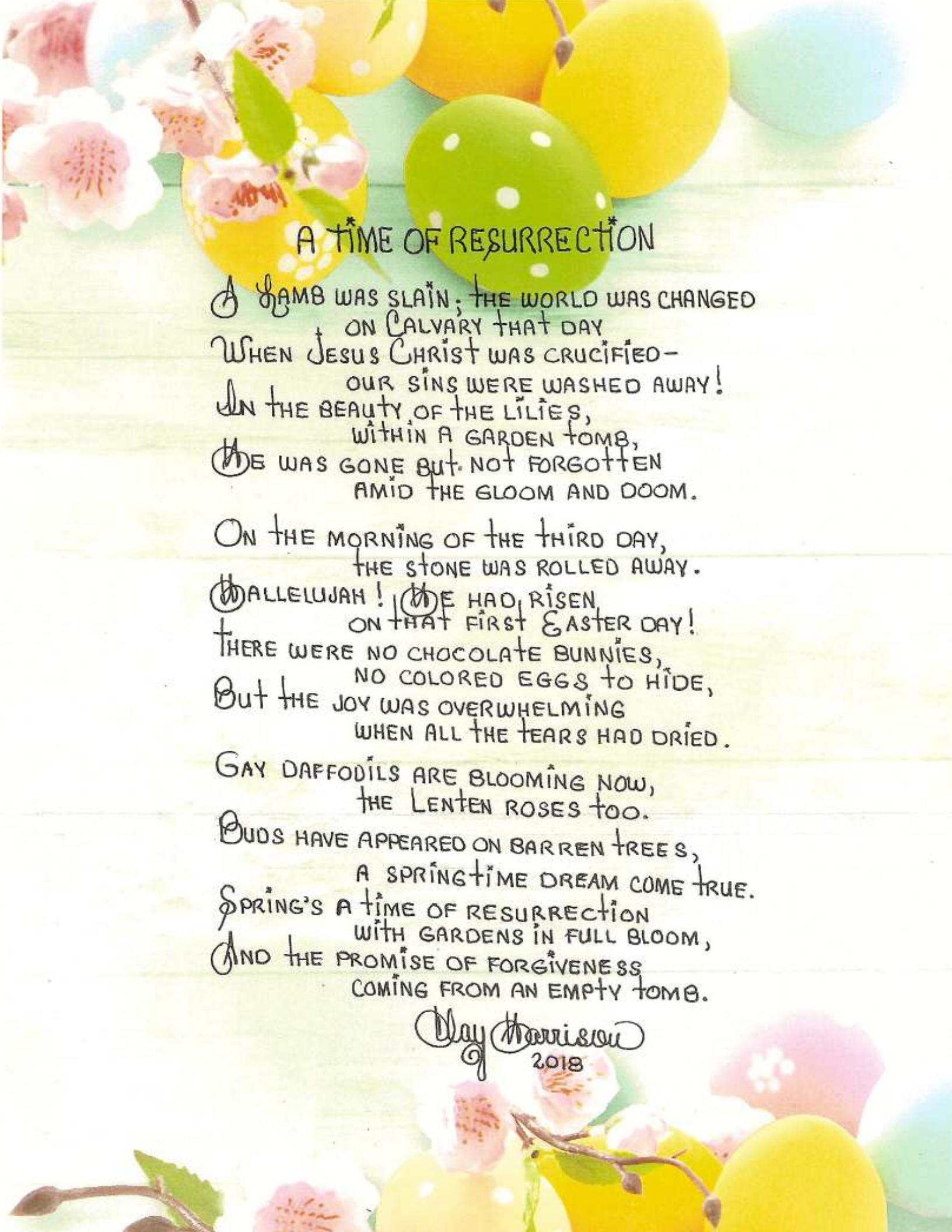
**Family and Friends:** Aaden (4 month old baby), Debra Allen, Joan Beck, Donna Benson, Margaret Blair, Raymond Bowles, Kira Braukhoff, Baby Zadie Loretta Brown, Carol, Cody, Bill Carpenter, Dave Clark, Ellen Cobb, Jon Cuper, Nancy Curtis, Pastor John S. Damm, Janette DeNezzo, Pastor Einarsen, Frank Feeser, Larry Felts, Bonnie Forman, Donna Garrett, Glenda, Kelly Gray, Kenny Gulden, Matthew Hafer, Norm Harbour, Leah Hoffman, Susan Hutchens, Helen Hyatt, Allen Jenson, Annie Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Evelyn Kirby, Mary Klaburner, Rachel Lawson, Lindsay, Lloyd, Michael Manley, Katherine Martin, Vivian Matthews, Richard McQuigg, Ray Minor, Randolph Musmann, Richard Newsome, Donna Phillips, John Phillips, Bruce Pierce, Maggie Quinlan, Jack Ramsey, Cherrine Reed, Bill Ridenour, Pastor Tom Shelley, Bobby Shirley, Rosemary Slayton, Richard Smith, Danny Snow, Mary T., Sheila Thomas, Judy Tubbs, Louis Turnage, Sr., Shirley Vallincort, and Shelton Whitehurst.

**NOTE: To add or remove a person's name from the Prayer List, please contact the church office at 757-564-3745 or email [oslcnorge@verizon.net](mailto:oslcnorge@verizon.net).**

### Feeding the hungry

Please remember to bring items for FISH. Please check the dates on food items to be sure they are not outdated. They are in need of canned meats, pork 'n beans, and peanut butter. Paper grocery bags are always needed.





## A TIME OF RESURRECTION\*

A LAMB WAS SLAIN; THE WORLD WAS CHANGED  
ON CALVARY THAT DAY  
WHEN JESUS CHRIST WAS CRUCIFIED—  
OUR SINS WERE WASHED AWAY!  
IN THE BEAUTY OF THE LILIES,  
WITHIN A GARDEN TOMB,  
HE WAS GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN  
AMID THE GLOOM AND DOOM.

ON THE MORNING OF THE THIRD DAY,  
THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY.  
HALLELUJAH! HE HAD RISEN  
ON THAT FIRST EASTER DAY!  
THERE WERE NO CHOCOLATE BUNNIES,  
NO COLORED EGGS TO HIDE,  
BUT THE JOY WAS OVERWHELMING  
WHEN ALL THE TEARS HAD DRIED.

GAY DAFFODILS ARE BLOOMING NOW,  
THE LENTEN ROSES TOO.  
BUDS HAVE APPEARED ON BARREN TREES,  
A SPRINGTIME DREAM COME TRUE.  
SPRING'S A TIME OF RESURRECTION  
WITH GARDENS IN FULL BLOOM,  
AND THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS  
COMING FROM AN EMPTY TOMB.

Day Morrison  
2018



# APRIL 2018



## LECTORS:

1 Janette Kline (8:00)  
 1 Rose Paddock (10:30)  
 8 Bruce Brelsford  
 15 Bob Zimmerman  
 22 Joanne Webet  
 29 Luther Hanson

## USHERS:

1 Roger & Ellen Picard (8:00)  
 1 Karen Dutton & Gina Venable (10:30)  
 8 Andy & Diane Priestley  
 15 Richard & Janette Kline  
 22 Adam & Michelle Priestley  
 29 Bob & Terry Zimmerman

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

1 Scott Braukhoff (8:00)  
 1 Richard Hartman (10:30)  
 8 Evie Braukhoff  
 15 Richard Hartman  
 22 Scott Braukhoff  
 29 Brandon Tate

**ACOLYTES:** Nya Hubbard 4/1 (8:00) Rose Paddock 4/1 (10:30) Nya Hubbard 4/8 Rose Paddock 4/15  
 Ashley Venable 4/22 Ashley Venable 4/29

**ANNOUNCERS:** Evie Braukhoff 4/1 (8 am) Scott Braukhoff 4/1 (10:30 am) Richard Hartman 4/8 Evie Braukhoff 4/15  
 Joanne Weber 4/22 Richard Hartman 4/29

**COFFEE:** Easter Brunch 4/1 Christine Weller 4/8 Michelle Schaefer 4/15 Joanne Weber 4/22 Barbara Broady 4/29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 8 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Easter Brunch 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:30 PM AA	2 Kitchen in use 7 PM BSA 7 PM Lydia Circle	3 Kitchen in use 9:30-3 PM Reb/ Ruth at FISH 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	4 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr Prog 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM POW	5 Kitchen in use	6 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 8:30-4 PM Piecemakers Workshop	7 8:30-4:30 PM Colonial Piecemakers
8 2nd Sunday of Easter 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther's Large Catechism 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Parish Life Committee Meeting 6-7:30 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM AA	9 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 6 PM BSA Patrol Leaders Conf. 7 PM BSA	10 Kitchen in use 9:30-3 PM Reb/ Ruth at FISH 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 6:30-8 PM Cubs Planning Meeting 7 PM AA 7 PM BSA Troop Committee Meeting	11 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM POW 7 PM Choir	12 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Finance Meeting in Teller Room	13 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30-12 PM Family Focus	14 10-11 AM Brahms Men
15 3rd Sunday of Easter 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther's Large Catechism 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 1-5 PM Gigi Rehearsal 6:30 PM AA	16 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 10:30 AM Worship & Music Meeting @ Au Bon Pain 7 PM Boy Scouts	17 Kitchen in use 9:30-3 PM Reb/ Ruth at FISH 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	18 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM POW 7 PM Choir	19 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM Cub Scouts	20 Kitchen in use Church Office Closed 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 6-8 PM BSA Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner	21 10-11 AM Brahms Women 10 AM Casserole Caravan
22 4th Sunday of Easter 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther's Large Catechism 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 6-7:30 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM AA	23 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 9:30-12 PM Williamsburg Knitting Guild 7 PM Boy Scouts	24 Kitchen in use 9:30-3 PM Reb/ Ruth at FISH 3-5:30 PM Playin' For Fun 7 PM AA	25 Kitchen in use 10-2 PM Sr Prog/ Family Focus 5-9 PM Flute Frenzy 6 PM POW 7 PM Choir	26 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus Play Group 7 PM Cub Scouts	27 Church Office Closed Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 6-9 PM Jay's Jam	28
29 5th Sunday of Easter 9 AM Sunday school / A Study of Luther's Large Catechism 10:30 AM +Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12-2 PM Event 6:30 PM AA	30 Kitchen in use 9:30-12 PM Family Focus 7 PM Boy Scouts 7-8 PM Stephen Ministry Leaders Quarterly Meeting					