

### **Pastor's Note**

Resurrection:

I heard a radio show recently that talked about hope. Many people feel hopeless nowadays. Even though we may think that our own personal lives are going reasonably well, and we may be thankful about many aspects of our families, our health, our friendships, nevertheless, for the world. . .

Do people have hope for the world? Not much.

What is it we say at the beginning of every funeral? "Welcome in the name of Jesus, Savior of the world."

That's what we say in the face of death. This does not mean that Jesus will take care of all

our problems. Racism, climate change, deep inequalities in income and healthcare, the erosion of democracy and people's basic, garden variety cussedness still need to be dealt with by us. At the same time, Jesus, risen from the dead means that our wrestling with these issues, along with all the other struggles in our families and communities, are not just about us. Nor are our joys and victories just about us.

Jesus is risen from the dead. Death and life are about more than just us. They are about Jesus, who is alive right now and acting through us.

That means that we have little resurrections every day. We get up in the morning even when we don't feel like it. We

stand up for the health of God's creation or for equity among people even when we don't want to, don't think we have time, don't think we have energy, don't think we have tolerance to deal with the pushback, don't think we have whatever. We still do it. We still work for health in our family relationships, our bodies and our world. We still watch a sunset or stop to feel the wind in our faces. Those are little resurrections. They happen every day in our Baptism.

And then, of course there is the big resurrection. God's love will triumph over sin, death and the devil finally, in ourselves and in the world. That keeps us going. Jesus is risen. There is hope that sweeps us up into itself, and that will win. Thanks be to God.



### **Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday**

April 2, we begin worship with a procession of palms to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as king. But he is a very different kind of king than most kings. We remember the differentness of Jesus' kingship with a reading of the story of Jesus' crucifixion, and Holy Communion.



### **Summer Camp**

It's time to start planning for camp! Our own Ally Lynch is activities director this year at Lutheran Hills, which is only a couple of hours away. Kids from grade 1-11 can go. There's hiking and swimming and arts and crafts and outdoors and God. It's a huge amount of fun.



### **St. MAM**

St. Matthews Area Ministries assists people in our neighborhood of St. John. St. MAM will be moving in the near future. Julie Abbot, a member of St. John and director of St. MAM informed the congregation that they will need volunteers to help them move. Sign up on the tables in the Narthex.



### **Vacation Bible School**

Education Committee has decided to hold VBS from 6:30-8:30 this summer, July 17-21. We will use a VBS curriculum from ELCA World Hunger Appeal called Tree of Healing. To plan, however, we need a commitment for at least 5 children, ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will also need 8-10 people to help with games, crafts, songs, storytelling and snack. We are asking for an answer by April 16, so we can plan properly. If you are interested in sending a child to VBS or in helping, please send your RSVP to Sherry Leister at (502) 548-2169, or you can reply via email to [sherleister@aol.com](mailto:sherleister@aol.com).



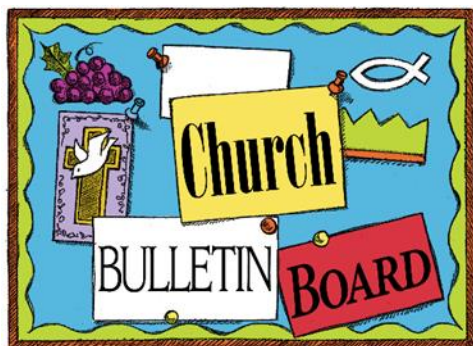
### **Friends in Faith**

10:00 Sunday April 16, The Risen Jesus Appears to the Disciples.



### 75 Challenge

As part of our goals for 2023, our 75<sup>th</sup> year of witness in Louisville, St. John Council is challenging the congregation to share 75 invitations or stories to people outside the congregation. That is, if you invite someone outside the congregation to worship, a fun event such as the Community cookout June 4, or any St. John event, OR if you tell a story to someone outside the congregation about what God has done through you or for you or in this congregation, then fill out a card describing what you did and put it in the offering at church. As a congregation, we hope to offer 75 invitations or stories to the glory of God by the end of 2023, and 30 by Easter.



### Bulletin Boards

Megan Phelps is updating the bulletin boards at church. If you have any photos from St. John, please email them to her at [meganphelps@gmail.com](mailto:meganphelps@gmail.com).

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Holy Week: A Look Ahead

**Palm Sunday:** 8:45 and 11:00 April 2 This day, we begin with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, as the Messiah come to save the nation. Soon, we read the story of Jesus' Crucifixion. In fact he is the Messiah who has come to save the world by dying on a cross.

**Maundy Thursday:** 6:30 Thursday April 6. We celebrate Jesus's last supper, and his command to "Love one another."

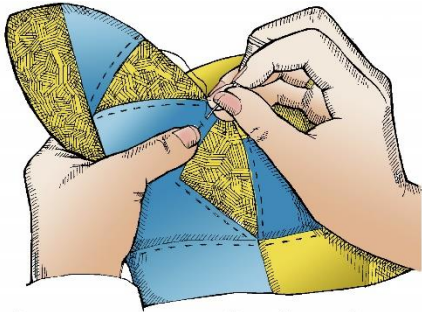
**Good Friday:** 6:30 Friday April 7. We contemplate the mystery and sacrifice of Jesus' death for us.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:00 Saturday April 8. We will share the Easter story, hunt eggs, and have fun in a bounce house.

**Easter Sunday:** 8:45 and 11:00 April 9. Flowers, music, resurrection. Jesus lives!





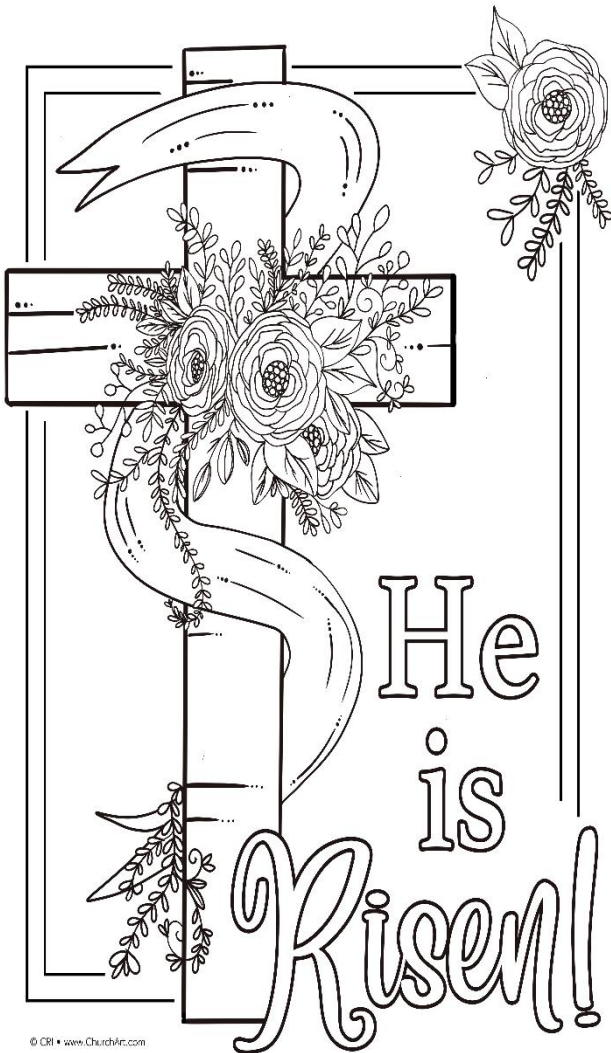


## QUILTING GROUP

### Quilting Group

10:00 to whenever, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Come to sew, iron or otherwise help make quilts for refugees and disaster survivors.

Enjoy this fun coloring graphic!



### Hope Buss

Help prepare food for shelterless people and others. Meet in the Young Hall kitchen 5:30 Tuesdays or 11:00 Saturdays. Food and utensils provided. Just bring yourself and a willing spirit!



### Online Worship

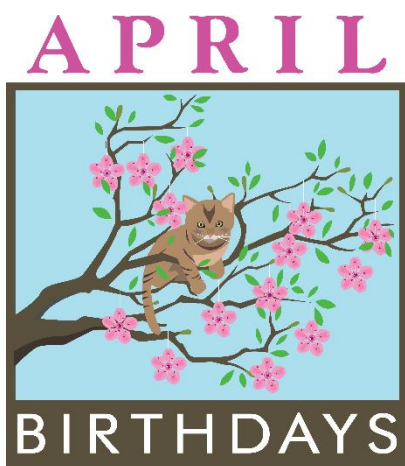
Daily Prayer – 12:00 Noon Monday-Friday  
 Sunday Worship – 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 Visit our website for links to online worship via Zoom. To access Zoom via telephone:  
 Dial-in number – (301) 715-8592  
 Meeting number – 671 535 477



## MEN'S GROUP

### Men's Group

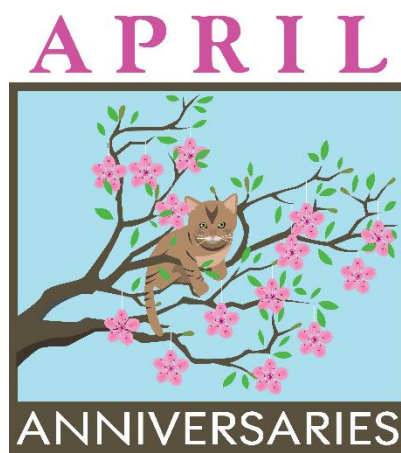
A men's group is meeting Mondays April 3 and 17 at 6:30 in Diehl Hall. They are doing Bible Study and service to the church. If you are interested, please see Daryle Karnes.



### April Birthdays

Janet Heitmiller	04/01
Christy Pollock	04/01
Nancy Johnson	04/02
Keith Worley	04/02
Jerry Wiebusch	04/04
Bob Gordon	04/07
Ian Holt	04/07
Beth Leister	04/07
Lorrie Meserole	04/07
John Uldrich	04/07
Nancy Walsh	04/07
Cheri Hines	04/08
James Oost	04/08
Hanna Schultz	04/08
Christopher Filardo	04/09
Emily Holt	04/09
Michael Jarrett	04/10
Dick Martin	04/11
Molly Sample	04/11
Patricia Coffey-Ward	04/12
Annie Worman	04/12
Ethan Ball	04/13
Alex Berglund	04/13
Emilia Jean McCollum	04/13
Brandon Zellers	04/13
Ann Hovell	04/16
Debbie Utz	04/16
Gretchen Hoskins	04/18
Derrick Brown, Jr.	04/20

Thatcher Cook	04/20
Marty Dick	04/23
Emily Gaddie	04/23
Wendy Rube	04/23
Rhonda Franklin	04/24
Chet Gentry	04/24
Jodi Hugues	04/25
Shelby Mattingly	04/25
Scott Stinson	04/25
Joanne Nordstrom	04/26
Carol Webb	04/26
Angie Greer	04/28
April Caswell	04/29
Karen Choate	04/29
Noah Rizwan	04/29
Barbara Beck	04/30
Taylor Hines	04/30



### April Anniversaries

Charles & Linda Boley	04/02
Derik & Laura Novak	04/09



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						9am - SOKY Basketball 8pm - AA (ABC) @
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:45am - Worship @ 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship @ www. 3pm - Eben-Ezel	12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Men's Group	12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - FS Dance 6:15pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	9:30am - Bridge Club 12pm - Online Daily 3pm - FS Dance Class 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	<b>Council Reports Due</b> <b>Maudy Thursday</b> 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Executive 6:30pm - Worship	<b>Good Friday</b> 12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Worship	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 9am - SOKY Basketball 10am - Easter Egg Hunt 8pm - AA (ABC) @
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:45am - Worship @ 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Friends in Faith 11am - Worship @ www. 3pm - Eben-Ezel	12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Men's Group	<b>Tax Day</b> 12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - FS Dance 4pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Christian	10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Online Daily 3pm - FS Dance Class 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Worship & Music	8am - Friends School 12pm - Online Daily	9am - SOKY Basketball 8pm - AA (ABC) @
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## APRIL 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

**4/2**

**4/9**

**4/16**

**4/23**

**4/30**

**Assisting Minister** (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Rena B	Cindy L	Diane K	John N	Patti M
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**Crucifer (C) & Acolyte (A)**

8:45	Melvin G (C) --- (A)	Melvin G (C) --- (A)	---	---	---
11:00	Holly P (C) Lily B (A)	Lauren J (C) Nathan J (A)	---	---	---

**Lector**

8:45	Rena B	Denise P	John T	Mike M	Patti M
11:00	John N	Dinah H	John N	Connie S	Rosie W

**Cantor** (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Cindy L	Cindy L	Diane K	Laura R	Diane K
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**Usher**

8:45	---	Ann H	---	---	---
11:00	Melissa W	Ann H & Melisssa W	Joanne N	Edie M	Rosie W

**Altar Guild**

Dinah H, Brenda P

**Communion Prep**

8:45 & 11:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P
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*Send a cheerful note to our members who are "under the weather" and/or can't make it to church services or church events.*

John Gray  
Vivian Lenberger  
Betty Pauley  
Otto Pollei  
Nancy Robinson  
Skip Stearman  
Maxine Wines

If you would like a copy of the addresses emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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### Worship at St. John

#### Sunday

8:45 a.m. Online & In-person  
11:00 a.m. Online & In-person

#### Monday-Friday

12:00 p.m. Online

### Church Office Hours

#### Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Church Telephone & Fax Number

Phone: (502) 895-9320

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### Staff

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#### **Pastor**

David McNease

#### **Office Administrator**

TBD

#### **Youth Project**

#### **Coordinator**

TBD

#### **Choir Director**

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

#### **Organist**