

"The Visitor"

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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For Lent this year we as a congregation will be using the Lenten series, "The People vs. Judas Iscariot". This is the not the first time that we have used this wonderful play to explore issues of sin and forgiveness, but in the past we have used a rotating cast of youth, this time we will have a mixture of youth and adults, and recurring actors. As we begin to take this journey again, I thought it would be good to hear the author Rev. Clayton McCord's own words on his hopes for this Lenten drama series.

I have always wondered about the eternal fate of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus. Was he beyond forgiveness? How is our sinfulness different? The story of his betrayal and confession holds in tension the judgement of God on one hand and the free grace of God on the other. In this tension I saw a connection to the theme of Lent: an honest accounting of our own guilt and need for salvation and renewal.

The goal of "The People vs. Judas Iscariot" is based upon the Ash Wednesday reading of Joel 2:13: "Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...". The series is guided by three objectives: 1) to revisit the passion narrative, hearing details through key witnesses in ways we might not have considered before now; 2) to prompt reflection upon our own need for forgiveness; and 3) to focus on the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and his suffering for the sins of the world.

The purpose is to reflect on the justice of God's law, exposing our sin, and the extent of God's Grace through faith in Jesus Christ, by struggling with the case of "The People vs. Judas Iscariot".

During these five weeks of the series, our members will be acting out different characters in the play. The "trial" Is not meant to determine guilt, Judas has already been found guilty, but instead to determine the "punishment" for his crime. At the end of this Lenten series it will up to you, the congregation to make that determination yourself.

Peace, Pastor Levi

March Dates to Remember...

*3/3: 9:00a Worship w/ Holy Communion. 10:00a-Sunday School

*3/6: 5:30p.-9th
Grade Confirmation
5:30p-6:45p-Soup
Suppers
7:00p- Lenten
Worship

*3/10: 9:00a Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00a-Sunday School

*3/13:
7:00p- Lenten
Worship-- Following
Worship-Council
Meeting at Large

*3/17: 9:00a. Worship w/ Holy Communion/NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*3/20: 5:30p-9th Grade Confirmation 5:30p-6:45p-Soup Suppers 7:00p- Lenten Worship

*3/24: 9:00a Palm Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion

*3/31: 6:30a-Sunrise Service 7:30a-Easter Brunch 10:00a Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion For January 26th – February 23rd: Gifts/Offerings received: \$18,108.48

Distributions: \$23,188.15

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our new <u>electronic</u> <u>giving program</u> as a way to automate your <u>regular weekly offerings</u>. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate.

To get started you will need to sign up in the link on the front page of our website (oslcanby.org) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT



March Altar Assistant:

Juli Wornson

March Ushers:

Curt Olson Gary Olsen Meghan Olsen



3rd: Missy Hanson
10th: Tricia Bueltel
17th: Sonshine

24th: Peggy Sik-Palm Sunday

31st: Missy Hanson



Wednesday, March 13th

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Sylvan Court Chapel
12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at Sylvan Place
3:00 p.m. Holy Communion at Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Women's Circle Meeting Date & Time

Tuesday, March 5th 2:00p.m. – Sylvan Place Dining Room

Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go ½ toward our new mission church and ½ to our missionary.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our TV broadcasts. Broadcasts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones with their names being published in our weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter. One TV broadcast costs \$50.



February TV Broadcasts

4th: In loving memory of Hulda Gehrking. Given by

Larry & Bette Gehrking.

11th: In loving memory of Lorraine Jesme. Given by

her 5 children.

Dearly Departed

Charlotte Thompson

*A list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's Lutheran include:

> Altar Fund Building Fund Campership Fund Cemetery Fund Cornerstone Fund Eternal Lights Foundation

Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)

Mission Action Mission Calendar Music Fund Organ Fund Sunday School

TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund) Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

WELCA Projects Fund

Youth

Or you may give it as: Undesignated

Cemetery Fund Lloyd & Carol Kopperud

TEAF (Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund)
Charlotte Thompson

Video Equip/Broadcast/Technology Fund

Hulda Gehrking Lorraine Jesme

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

President of Congregation:

Dee Benson

Vice President:

Mark Fokken

Congregational Secretary:

Karen Hacker

Congregational Treasurer:

Brenda Lothert

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director: Dawn Ourada Custodian: Jesse Engesmoe Office Manager: Jill Winters

2024 COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Glenda Olsen	2022
Janice Zimmerman	2023
Missy Hanson	2024
Lois Lensing	2024
Tierney Viessman	2024

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION

Amanda Anderson	2023
Amanda Appel	2023
Pam Hanson	2023
Josie Frank	2023
Jon Hanson	2024
Riece Sanow	2024

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loren Hacker	2022
Kerri DeVos	2023
Rick Olsen	2023
Linda Blackwelder	2023
Kari Harding	2024

OSL Foundation

Mark Fokken	2022
Mark Whittier	2022
Carol Gorder	2022
Linda Blackwelder	2022
Dawn Giese	2022

CHURCH

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council-at-Large Minutes of the February 7, 2024 Meeting

These are the Council at Large minutes for Wed., Dec. 13, 2023.

President Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The minutes of the Nov. meeting were read and approved.

Pastor Levi led the council in prayer.

Mark Fokken shared that the Sick and Safe Leave has been included in the proposed Employee Handbook. Full time and part time employees have been defined. There was a question regarding clarification of church office hours, and some further communication is needed. Approval of the Handbook will take place at a future meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to set the Annual Meeting date for Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024, following the service, with an alternate date of Feb. 4, in case of snow. The motion was approved.

The Nominating Committee has met to seek nominees for the January, 2024, elections. An idea was also proposed that an ex officio member on the Board of Youth Education would be helpful as the board is very busy, and more involvement is appreciated.

The council acknowledged the transfer of membership of Elois Shackelford to OSL Canby. Welcome, Elois.

Pastor Levi has suggested an idea for council consideration. On his trip to Oregon, he visited a church with bricks lining the walkway that were engraved with the names of loved ones who had passed. In a similar manner, OSL could offer members the chance to purchase an engraved brick. Some suggestions were to use the money as a fundraiser toward church repairs or updates such as the bell tower or organ fund. The bricks could be placed by the bench outdoors.

Progress on the Prayground will take place after the holiday season.

The training for a bus driver to bring people from Sylvan Court will begin soon.

The Board of Youth Education thanked the congregation for supporting the students with the gift wrapping fundraiser and the Money Tree. The Bake Sale will be held Sunday.

Motion and 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Meeting minutes from 02/07/2024

In attendance: Loren Hacker, Linda Blackwelder, Rick Olson, Kari Harding, Kerri DeVos, Mark Fokken, Pastor Levi Bollerud Loren called the meeting to order at 7:25pm Meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

Financials were reviewed and discussed. Kari Harding made a motion to approve the financials. Rick Olson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

It was discussed to keep a record for the year when memorial money was used to pay for items so we could visually see where we have used memorial funds.

Money counting schedule was set. February 11 – Kerri, 18 – Rick, 25 – Mark/Kari, March 3 – Loren and 10 – Loren.

Discussion on ordering more checks for the church. If we order in a large quantity, we can get a significant discount on them. It was decided that Jill can move forward with placing that order.

With the New Year comes appointing board members. The board of trustees appointed the following positions on the board. Chair – Loren Hacker, Vice Chair – Linda Blackwelder, Secretary – Kerri DeVos, Stewardship committee – Rick Olson, Personnel committee – Kari Harding.

Kari Harding is a newly elected member of the Board of Trustees. Welcome Kari!

The Board of Trustees would like to also thank outgoing Chair of the Board, Jeff Grengs for his dedication to the Board of Trustees over the past couple years. Thank you Jeff!

With the change in board members, the bank account signers need to be updated at the bank. Outgoing member Jeff Grengs will need to be removed and incoming member Kari Harding added. Loren Hacker made a motion to remove Jeff Grengs from all Our Saviour's Lutheran Church bank accounts at First Security and Co-op Credit Union and to add Kari Harding to those bank accounts. Linda Blackwelder seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on some "projects" to look into for this year: Look at the copier lease, telephone/utilities to see if we have options to reduce the current expenses. Also the organ is on the list of items to be looked at to upgrade/repair. Loren mentioned having a company from Fargo come out and provide an estimate. We have somewhat of an estimate from Aadland Pipe Organ

Co. It would be nice to have another opinion due to the significant cost of repairs proposed.

Kerri DeVos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kari Harding. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kerri DeVos

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Date: February 7, 2024

Attending: Glenda Olsen, Missy Hanson, Lois

Lensing, Tierney Viessman

Chair: Glenda Vice Chair: Missy Secretary: Tierney Stewardship: Lois Personnel: Tierney

Reviewed some of the events of the Deacons.

Agenda: Communion:

*Wednesday, February 14th: Lois, Missy, Glenda, Tierney

*Sunday, February 18th: Tierney, Lois, Glenda

* Sunday, February 25th: Missy, Tierney, Glenda

*Sunday, March 3rd: Glenda, Missy, Lois

*Sunday, March 10th: Tierney, Glenda, Missy Next council meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted Tierney Viessman

BOARD OF YOUTH EDUCATION:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Meeting started at 7:15 pm and adjourned at 8:45 pm

In attendance: Amanda Anderson, Jill Winters, Amanda Appel, Jon Hanson, Riece Sanow

Topics of Discussion- Voted for following positions: Chair- Pam Hanson; made a motion to approve-Amanda Anderson and seconded by Jon Hanson.

Vice Chair-Jon Hanson; made a motion to approve Amanda Appel and seconded by Amanda Anderson.

Secretary-Amanda Appel; made a motion to approve-Jon Hanson and seconded by Riece Sanow.

Stewardship-Riece Sanow Personnel-Amanda Anderson

Amanda Anderson made a motion to close all (3) Youth Fundraiser accounts and move all funds to Youth General account at First Security Bank, Jon Hanson seconded. Riece Sanow and Amanda

Appel approved adding Jill Winters, Amanda Anderson, Jon Hanson, and Pam Hansen to the Youth General account to be authorized signers.

Soup Suppers start February 21 and continue into March. They will have 2 soups a week and bars, many youth going on Mission Trip are signed up. Have a few left to sign up along with 7th and 8th graders. Jill will send out an updated list next week to fill any open spots.

Easter Brunch-March 31:

Jill will all Canby Meat Center and Jims Market to order sausage, bread, eggs, syrup, orange juice. Jon will talk with Doug Coil about French toast recipe and helping.

Planning a Movie on Sunday, April 7th from 2-4, movie not decided. Will provide popcorn/candy/drink for all. Will be set up in Church basement. More details to come.

Mark Fokken asked about Senior quilts to get new ideas for the upcoming year.

Pastor Levi will do a tour of church immediately after worship on Palm Sunday.



Happy Birthday to all those born in: March

1st:

Patricia Hoseck

Reid Larsen

Alicia Lee

Dylan Namken

Jayda Namken

Marlys Thomsen

3rd:

Vivian Gehrking Leighton Isfled

4th:

Damon Eilers Taylor Ward Kathleen Westphal

5th: Arden Eilers McCall Groen Lori Husby Bryan Kraft 6th: Jermey Groenhoff Ruth Johnson Helen Johnson Jeffrey Pederson Amy Wagner McKinley Winter 8th: Tyson Coil Seth Herzog Jerry Jeremiason Jeff Negaard 9th: Allen Benz Jesse Engesmoe Kassidy Hanson Brooke Kockelman Sandra Nelson 11th: Nancy Gorder Grace Smith Tucker Ward 12th: Joyce Duin 13th: Peyton Cornell 14th: Joseph Hiedeman 16th Rayna Isfeld Abigail Morris Jody Vernlund 17th: Emett Hansen

Cheryl Denelsbeck Gabrielle Harding Rachel Harding Anthony Nelson 19th: Mya Gorder Joe Haugen Cassidy Hunt Erin Krause James Winters 21st: Elois Shackelford 22nd: Cora Kraft Kyla Kraft 23rd: John Feuerhelm 24th: Sandra Lacek 25th: Jacob Gislason Joceylyn Schwartz 26th: Aaron Bueltel Ava Lee 27th: Emma Koenig Lynn Steffen 28th: Corey Castell Wyatt Eilers 29th: Lyndon Giese Carlie Olson Juli Wornson 30th: Ryan DeVos Terry Haas 31st: Mary Adler Karen Eilers Torrie Ward

18th:



Jill & Michael Anhalt

19th:
Carol & Jon Gorder

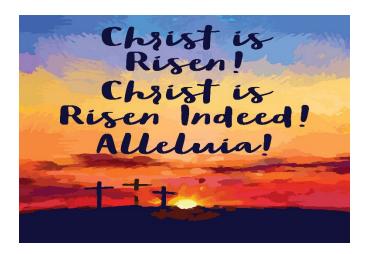
21st:
Cheryl & Mickael Norton

23rd:
Jean & Richard Kvols

30th:
Wendy & Bill Krause

Thank You's.....

Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: communion services, special music, baptism, Sonshine worship and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are truly grateful & blessed!





MEMORIAL GARDENS

On Easter
Sunday morning,
the chancel of
our church will
be filled with

flowerssymbolizing new life.

Our Lord said, "I am the resurrection and the Life."

We have the faith and the hope that our loved ones who have passed away will be raised from the dead by the power of Christ.

Please fill out the following form if you wish to remember a loved one through the Memorial Gardens. You may either mail it to 108 Haarfager Ave. N, Canby, MN 56220 or drop it off at the church office. The cost of each plant is approximately \$25.00.

Memorials of more or less are graciously

Monday, March 25th is the deadline to have these submitted into the office to have information printed in the Memorial Gardens Booklet.

accepted.

In loving memory of:	
Given by:	



We ask God's guidance

and prayers for all those who have special needs: Randy Westphal, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, David Sorby, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Fred Full, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, John Cornell, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.



We continue to pray for the Leaders of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of

home: Justin Gislason, Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier and Sue Behrens. May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families. If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence



WELCA NEWS AND NOTES

March 14th: Meeting at 2:00pm. Program to be announced.

Coffee Talk

If anyone would like to provide treats for Coffee Talk please let the church office know what Sunday and WELCA will help you get things set up and cleaned up. Your Coffee Talk friends love to help celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or any other occasion.

Christian symbol



BUTTERFLY — The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a

chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.



Youth News



Acolyte Sign up:

We invite and encourage ALL youth to sign up to acolyte.

This ministry is a fun

privilege, that our youth get to engage in every Sunday! If your youth would like to acolyte, please sign up in the office. Pastor Levi will assist younger children if they'd like to have a turn.

<u>Usher Ministry:</u> We are looking for families to help usher during Sunday Services. Some things ushers are responsible for are: handing out bulletins



as church starts, collecting offering and excusing the congregation by rows for communion. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the office. What a great way for **YOUR** family to be involved. Please consider helping out with this ministry.

2023-2024-Sunday School 3 year olds-6th Grade



March:

3rd- Class

10th - Singing in Church

17th- NO CLASS

24th- Class-Palm Sunday, children march into 9:00am worship with Palm Branches **31**st- NO CLASS-EASTER SUNDAY



REGISTER ONLINE AT GLLM.ORG

Spring Fever for Grades 2-6 April 20, 2024 | Green Lake Bible Camp Youth Fee: \$40



Are you getting the itch for summer? This is the retreat for you! Come join us in a day full of games, Bible Studies, arts and crafts, worships and more.

This retreat is great for new campers who want to give camp a try before doing a full week. Sign up today and get ready for some fun!

Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 10th, 2024. Please give Jill a call in the office if your child is interested in going to camp.



Join us for Lenten Soup
Suppers at 5:30p.6:45p. in the
basement, with worship
at 7:00p. Soup
Suppers will run from
February 21st thru
March 20th. Free will

offering!!! Fundraiser for OSL Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024.

EASTER BREAKFAST



Easter Breakfast will be served Sunday, March 31, 2024, following the Sunrise Church Service at 6:30 a.m. We are asking

our youth to get involved with this wonderful tradition. Please connect with Jill in the office to sign up to help serve and clean up Easter Breakfast.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Sunday, March 24th: 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

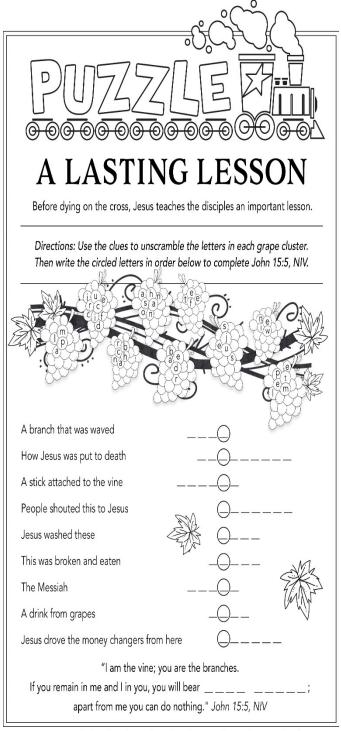
Thursday, March 28th: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

Friday, March 29th: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 31th: 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion 7:30-9:30a.m.Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Youth Puzzle & Activity

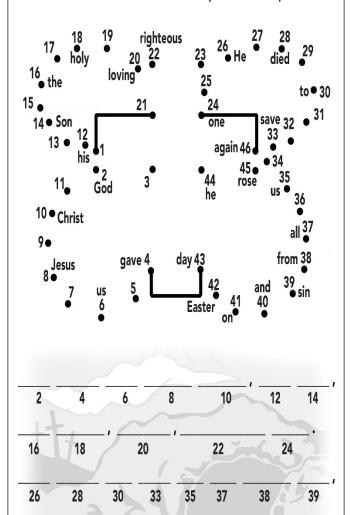
Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.



Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple; much fruit

Puzzle!

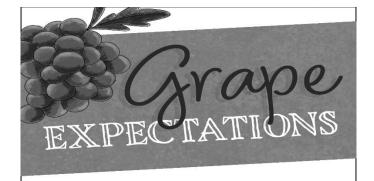
Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



and on Easter day he rose again.

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Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin,



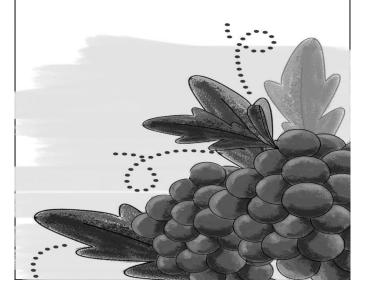
Try this chilly new take on a healthy snack.

What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

What you do:

- On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
- 2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
- 3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
- 4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
- 5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!



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HAPPY EASTER			
Friday			
Saturday			
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Sunday	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church		
3	9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School		
	10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk		
Monday	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.		
4	Levi-GONE Pitchfork and Hay Conference		
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. Circle at Sylvan Place (Dining Room)		
5	Levi-GONE Pitchfork and Hay Conference		
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation		
6	5:30 p.m6:45 p.m. Soup Supper-Fellowship Hall		
	7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship		
Thursday	2:00 p.m. Hendricks Communion		
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Friday 8	Senior High Youth Gathering-New Ulm, MN		
Saturday 9	Senior High Youth Gathering-New Ulm, MN		
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church		
10	9:00 a.m. Sonshine Worship with Holy Communion		
	SPRING FORWARD 10:00 a.m. Sunday School		
AA	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.		
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Wednesday	COMMUNION SERVICES		
13	10:30 a.m. Sylvan Court Communion		
	12:45 p.m. Sylvan Place Communion		
	3:00 p.m. TWA/TWB Communion 5:30 p.m6:45 p.m. Soup Supper-Fellowship Hall		
	7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship		
	Council at Large Meeting - Following Worship		
Thursday 14			
Friday			
15			

Saturday 16				
Sunday 17	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion This Week 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk			
Monday 18	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Quilting			
Tuesday 19	2.00 d.m. Quiring			
Wednesday 20	8:30 a.m. Hospital Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. 9 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 p.m6:45 p.m. Soup Supper-Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship			
Thursday 21				
Friday 22				
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Palm Sunday 24	8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk			
Monday 25	Pastor's Sabbath - Office Hours: 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.			
Tuesday 26	Articles due for April Newsletter			
Wednesday 27				
Maundy Thursday 28	Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.			
Good Friday 29	Assembly of April Newsletter Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.			
Saturday 30				
Easter Sunday 31	6:00 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m. Easter Brunch 9:30 a.m. Coffee Bar open prior to church 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion			