



*Worship with us regularly as well as throughout the remainder of Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter!*

# April 2025 Newsletter

## APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES –

**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 P.M. (Lent Worship)**

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M. (Lent Worship)**

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M. (Palm Sunday)**

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.

**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M. (Maundy Thursday)**

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30 and 6:30 P.M. (Good Friday)**

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 and 9:00 A.M. (Easter)**

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.

## LENT & EASTER

*Go to dark Gethsemane,  
You who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb  
There adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" Hear Him cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

*Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom;  
Who hath taken Him away?  
**Christ is risen!** He meets our eyes:  
Savior, teach us so to rise.*



## From the Pastor's Desk

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**Pastor Ryan Henning**

### **What I've been reading -**

**- From the Bible:** 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Prophets the Kingdom of Israel has fallen.

The Kingdom of Judah is nearing its end. All the good kings have come and gone. Right now I'm working through the book of Jeremiah, God's messenger often known as the "weeping prophet." How Jeremiah longed for the city of Jerusalem and the people of Judah to turn back to God! They'd followed the idols of people around them. It's always fascinating reading how God speaks against idols, these worthless carvings of wood and stone. Were they there when the world was made? Can they hear the people when they cry out for help? Through the prophets, God shows how much greater he is than these false gods. So, God is just in his punishment for their rebellion. But our great God is also gracious and always promises restoration for his people. We look forward to the new heavens and new earth, the restored Kingdom of Judah, that is, God's reign from heaven over all the nations.

**- For fun:** I'm nearly finished with *Sticky Teams*. It's provided a lot of intriguing ideas about leadership and communication. After *Sticky Teams*, I'm going to work through a series of books Donna Langman acquired for our library. There are three books in this series *When Cancer Comes*, asking "Why is this happening?", "Can I complain?", and "Where's my hope?" I pray that these books will prove useful for many people personally struggling with cancer or who have family and friends going through the battle. I'm also hoping to read some devotions from *Up to Jerusalem: Devotions for Lent and Easter* in these coming weeks.

### **A few "moments" of your time:**

**- Marriage Moments** (<https://welscongregationalservices.net/ministry-resources/wels-marriages/marriagemoments/>) A weekly email with 1-2 minute video, given encouragement and advice for marriage. You can watch individually or – even better – together with your spouse. Through the Scriptures and the experience of a pastor, you can maintain and strengthen this gift of marriage God has given you.

### **- Christian Family Solutions (CFS) Mental Health Moments:**

([christianfamilysolutions.org/mental-health-moments/](http://christianfamilysolutions.org/mental-health-moments/)) Okay, a plug for the organization Cait works for... If you aren't familiar with CFS, either one of us would love to talk to you about the services they provide! These Mental Health Moments are another weekly email you could sign up for to "receive faith-fueled, evidence-based practices you can use for your mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being" – straight from experienced counselors! They contain a psychological insight, a biblical reassurance, and an application to help you try out something simple to benefit your mental health.

I pray these "moments" can be a blessing to you and your families!



# Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

**Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, while Good Friday focuses on the crucifixion of Jesus, both being part of a three-day observance that culminates in Easter Sunday.**

## **Maundy Thursday**

**Focus:** Commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, emphasizing humility, service, the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the new commandment.

**WELS Practice:** WELS churches observe Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, remembering Jesus' words and actions during the Last Supper.

**Symbolism:** The stripping of the altar after Holy Communion symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion.

**Biblical Readings:** Luke 22 is a common reading for Maundy Thursday.



## **Good Friday**

**Focus:** A day of solemn remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross.

**WELS Practice:** WELS churches often hold special worship services on Good Friday, focusing on the passion of Christ.

**Symbolism:** Good Friday is a time for reflection on the consequences of sin and the suffering of Jesus, reminding us of His humiliation, suffering and death.

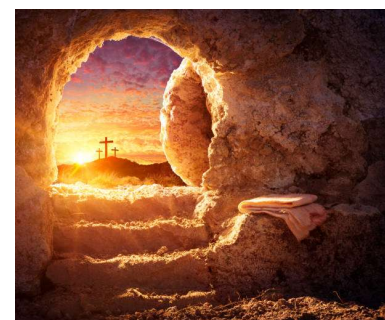
**Biblical Readings:** Isaiah 52 is a common reading for Good Friday.

**No Benediction:** There is no benediction after Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, as they are just parts one and two of a three part observance – the third being Easter Sunday.



## **Easter**

Easter is our Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, symbolizing the defeat of death and the sure hope of salvation. It is considered the most important day of the church year.



## Current Opportunities to Serve

In our Bible Class recently, we read through 1st Corinthians 12 which reminds us of God's calling for each of us and the beautiful spiritual gifts with which he has designed all believers.

Whether we use those gifts to serve at Grace, in our jobs, or out in the community, our intent and ultimate goal is to share God's Kingdom with others.

We currently have some opportunities for you to consider that might some of your gifts. The following are teams at Grace that are looking for more help ASAP. Please consider finding out more about these opportunities and which ones might be in line with your personal spiritual gifts. Please contact the individual team leaders listed. There are also Ministry Position Descriptions (MPDs) in the fellowship hall.

**The Vacuuming Team - Mike Remiker (920) 901-0768**  
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**The Usher Team - Tom Meineke (920) 323-5151**  
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**The Early Childhood Board - Debbi Heiderich (920) 629-9468**  
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**The VBS Team - Olivia Perez (920) 629-3057**  
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***Thank you for prayerfully considering these opportunities!***

## Dare to Lead Conference 2025 – Submitted by Heidi Malley

The Dare to Lead Conference is a WELS conference that is organized by St. Mark's Ministries in Green Bay. This year's conference was February 28<sup>th</sup> -March 1<sup>st</sup>. We were blessed to have seven Grace members attend. This was completely funded by gifted money that was set aside last year to be used for leadership development.

I have personally attended this conference for the last three years and I always leave with a renewed excitement for the blessings we have through our faith in Christ! The people we hear from always leave you with great information on things like better communication ideas, ways to ignite your drive to serve others, how to reach more people for Christ, ways to have more effective meetings, self-care to prevent burnout, and the list goes on. These are not only ways to help improve church life, but are also applicable for your work, family, and community life as well. With four keynote speakers and eleven different breakout sessions to choose from, there is always something that applies to your individual circumstances.

Here is what some of our other members had to say about their experience:

*"It gave me some new perspectives and new tools to bring to not only my relationships with my church and other people of the faith but for out in the field of the community we live in! The talks made me excited and gave me a push to want to start doing more in creating more opportunities for others to find a relationship with God! I cannot wait for next year and how much expansion will have been done in new topics to discuss!"*

*"I learned so much at the Dare to Lead Conference. I learned that a Christian must listen to what people are saying about what they believe. We should avoid jumping into judgment and condemnation. Those are sure fire ways of closing off any meaningful conversations and possibly turning them off of to the truth. I learned that we as Christians need to be present in our communities and to just let our light shine. Even though the world seems to be moving farther and farther away from religion our job as Christians is to "make heaven full". People need personal connections and actually desire those kinds of interactions. Technology has distanced us from each other and people feel that. I also learned that as a church we need to remember to adapt to changes within our world and communities. Keeping things the same just because that is what has always been done can make a church seem out of touch. Changes can be hard and take time and patience.*

*Thank you, Grace, for allowing me to experience this wonderful conference. I feel it will make a difference in my life and my job."*

*"Dare to Lead was a great and new experience for me. I met many interesting people and learned a great deal, especially regarding evangelism and how to better engage with people and bring God into the conversation. I feel more confident and better equipped to spread the word of God and I'm very grateful to Grace for giving me the opportunity to attend."*

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# DARE TO LEAD



2025

*"I was glad to go to my 2nd Dare to Lead Conference and learn from people with the same goal. We want to lead and serve the best we can because we have a message that's too good to keep to ourselves. I enjoyed learning how the advancing technology today can be used to our advantage, and I was encouraged to keep doing the 'simple,' day-after-day tasks for that goal of sharing the good news."*

An additional blessing of attending this conference is the connection you make to other WELS members. These connections can be invaluable when looking for ideas or others who are experiencing the same trials or blessing you are.

The next Dare to Lead Conference will be in 2027. Please consider attending. You won't be disappointed!

We leave you with this Bible passage from the conference:

**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always **give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord**, because you know that **your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**



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the country in  
God's Word

Apr. 6  
6 p.m.  
(Central)

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# Taste of MISSIONS

June 14, 2025

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary | Mequon, Wisconsin

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Interact with home + world missionaries

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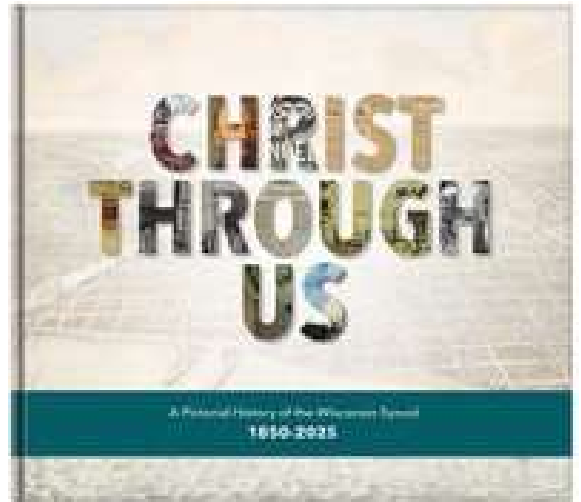
# WELS

Christ's Love, Our Calling.

# Christ Through Us

*This resource will be available early summer 2025.*

*Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850–2025 is a special edition, hardcover book. It's a fresh, new look at WELS history, filled with pictures and personal stories to share the gospel message about Jesus throughout several centuries and the world! Preorder your copy today, and we'll ship it to you when it's available in Summer 2025!*



*With over 250 full-color pages covering 175 years of God's grace to our synod, this book will make a great addition to church libraries and thoughtful gifts for WELS historians or new members and school families interested in the synod's history. It's also an incredible visual aid and resource for Lutheran school teachers. Order your copy today!*

*Place your preorder today, and NPH will send you an invoice after we ship your order.*

*To order, visit the WELS website at [wels.net](http://wels.net) and follow the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary link.*

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**GRACE LUTHERAN**  
COORDINATING COUNCIL

## News From Your Coordinating Council Grace Lutheran Church

The work of reviewing and revising our congregation's **Constitution and By-Laws** has been completed. The suggested revisions will be shared via open forum during June. Following the open forum presentation, the revisions will be taken to the voters' assembly for approval – also in

June. We thank Tod Hauf and his committee for the work done in regard to our Constitution and By-Laws. We look forward to continuing work during 2025 on all our congregation's essential documents. May God bless our efforts.

Look for **new lighting** (and an additional light) in our church parking lot – coming this spring!

**Vacation Bible School** activity has begun. We look forward to a five-day VBS around the end of July. Our thanks to Olivia Perez for her work organizing this undertaking.

Our Jesus' Lambs of Grace **Summer Camp** Program plans, God willing, to make another run this summer. We thank God for yet another opportunity to share His Word with the young people of our congregation and community.

**Budget plans** for our 2025 – 2026 budget have begun. A budget plan will be shared with the congregation in June and taken to the June voters' assembly meeting. We thank all those involved with budget planning – spearheaded by CC member Cody Guenther – for this important work.

Our thanks to all who serve on our Coordinating Council for the work they do for their congregation and for their Lord. May God continue to bless their ministry.

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**Join Us for Easter Breakfast!**

**Served Between our Easter Worship Celebrations!**

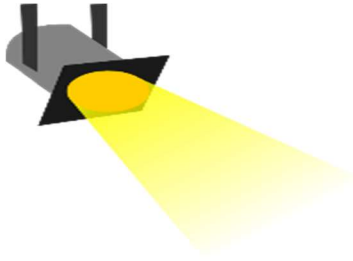
**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Around 7:30 A.M.)**

**All are Invited! We Look Forward to the Fellowship!**



If you are interested in helping with Easter Breakfast planning, set-up, serving or clean-up, please contact CC member Derrick Gossen. Thank you!

# Member Spotlights



## Tom and Rebekah Fagan

Tom Fagan and his family have been members at Grace for 15 years. Tom grew up in coastal south-central California. He was confirmed at Star of Bethlehem (WELS) in Santa Maria, CA. He graduated in 1998 from Arroyo Grande High School, also in Santa



Manitowoc area when Tom was 18 years old when his father took a job at the Kewaunee Nuclear plant. Tom attended UW – Manitowoc Center before starting his work career which included some factory jobs and eventually a longer stint at ServiceMaster. Tom’s hobby of collectible toys eventually became his life’s work. He is currently self-employed at his business, The Toy Asylum, located at 2022 Washington St. in Two Rivers. The Toy Asylum is a collectible toy store specializing in Star Wars and toys from the 80’s.

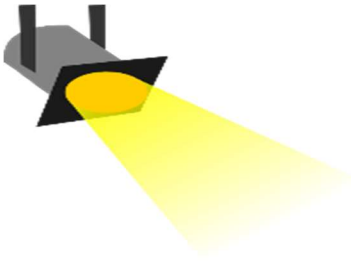
Tom has three children. Dakota (age 22) who lives in Louisiana, Benjamin (age 16) who is attending Washington High School in Two Rivers, and Rebekah (age 13) who is an 8th grader attending St John’s Lutheran School in Two Rivers.

Tom has served, and is serving, Grace in several capacities. He was our maintenance/ custodian for several years, also helping with the spring and fall clean ups. Tom is currently a PowerPoint operator volunteer for worship services. At Christmas time, Tom puts together the candy bags for the children and also helps with the church picnics.

It’s a pleasure getting to know your family!



## Denise, Mike, & Mitchell Haese



Denise and Mike Haese met each other when she delivered newspapers and mail in the rural Reedsville area years ago. Mike would often wait at his mailbox for her to make deliveries; eventually Denise received a letter from a “secret admirer” asking her if she was available to date. That start



has developed into a 31-year marriage which has been blessed with three now adult children. Their son, Michael, is now 31 years old, and he and Becky, his wife of seven years, live and work in Edgerton. Their daughter Kourtney is 29 and has one son. She is expecting her second child in early April. Their 27-year-old son, Mitchell, presently lives at home. He is engaged and drives truck for BC Organics. Due to the busyness of their work schedules, Mike and Mitchell are appreciative of our Grace worship service live streaming.

Mike grew up on a farm outside of the Reedsville area. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John-St. James Lutheran in Reedsville and attended its grade school and church. He graduated from Reedsville High School. Denise grew up in the Milwaukee area and attended St Paul's Lutheran grade school in Muskego. When she was 13 her parents moved the family to Mishicot, which is where she went to high school. In March of 2010 Denise and Mike transferred to Grace Lutheran Church from St John-St. James.

Both of them work long hours for Seven Oaks Trucking Company. Denise puts in about 10 hours a day as the logistic manager there, while Mike is the Chief of Operations for the company. He drives truck and does custom cropping as a second job. He is a certified semi-truck driving instructor. Because they are so busy with their jobs, Mike and Denise have not done much vacationing over their years of marriage. However, last year in August they did drive through much of Manitoba, Canada for a week so that they could see miles and miles of farm fields in which some of the crops their company transports are grown .

When they do break away from work, Mike enjoys deer hunting and snowmobiling, while Denise, who got a degree in early childhood development from LTC, has a true passion for working with both children and special needs clients. Every other weekend she works at the New Hope Center in Chilton, and for years she has been involved in the area Jesus Cares Ministry program. Presently she serves as its director.

Denise can also be seen helping here at Grace in numerous volunteer positions. She has taught Sunday School for many years and has done church cleaning/vacuuming. She has helped with Christmas decorating, Advent by Candlelight, and power point operating. She also was involved in last year's Easter on the Road effort and been part of Grace Circle.

We are blessed here at Grace Church with many members dedicated to serving our Lord in different ways within our own church and elsewhere; add Denise and her family to that list.



**Happy Birthday!**  
**God's Blessings on Your**  
**Special Day!**

NAME	BIRTHDAY
Margaret A Rodewald	4/1
Kiersten Rodewald	4/2
Kathie Stelter	4/3
Scott Schoening	4/3
Ryan Sickinger	4/4
Ken Peroutka	4/5
Jacob K Sielaff	4/7
Paul Emond	4/7
Laurel den Heijer	4/8
Dave Kratz	4/9
Shawn Smith	4/11
Laverne Mattes	4/13
Chris den Heijer	4/14
Keith R Raasch	4/14
Scott Stubbe	4/15
Dale L Dvorachek	4/16
Isaac K Egerer	4/16

NAME	BIRTHDAY
Greg Stuebs	4/16
Ron Pautz	4/16
Melissa L Kieselhorst	4/18
Abigail Meerdink	4/18
Calla Krueger	4/20
Rick Mleziva	4/20
Jim Gauger	4/21
Laurel Schleis	4/21
Isaiah C Malley	4/23
Kim Mueller	4/23
Lois G Schroeder	4/23
Ken W Schmidt	4/24
Ann M Hornes	4/25
Tony Krueger	4/25
Luke Meissner	4/26
Cash Konkle	4/28
Ceci A Abbet	4/29
Jason Zipperer	4/29



**Watch for Information Very Soon about  
WELS Night at the Milwaukee Brewers  
and How You Can Attend!**

**A Very Generous Donation Will Provide  
You (and Your Family) with  
Transportation and Tickets to the Game!**

**More News on This Adventure Coming  
Soon! Go Brewers!**



## **April Usher and Greeter Schedule**

**Thank You for Serving!**



<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSIST.</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>
<b>Apr 2 – Wed 6:30pm</b>		Aaron Mueller (242-6286)	Aftyn Mueller
<b>Apr 6 – Sun 9am</b>	Bruce Wigand (323-3703)	Jerry Krueger (901-1291)	Wendy Krueger
<b>Apr 7 – Mon 6:30pm</b>		Dave Kappleman (863-1045)	Mary Hassemer
<b>Apr 9 – Wed 6:30pm</b>		Bruce Bitter (901-8160)	Laverne Mattes
<b>Apr 13 – Sun 9am Palm Sunday</b>		Wayne Pearson (905-0630)	Patty Levendusky
<b>Apr 14 – Mon 6:30pm</b>		Derrick Gossen (619-1750)	Krystal Gossen
<b>Apr 17 – Thur 6:30pm Maundy Thursday</b>	Troy Stubbe (362-8008)	Mike Remiker (901-0768)	Stacy Stubbe
<b>Apr 18 – Fri 1:30pm Good Friday</b>		Dave Bergquist (905-4945)	Heidi Malley
<b>Apr 18 – Fri 6:30pm Good Friday</b>		Greg & Sam Kolar (860-4121)	Erin Kolar
<b>Apr 20 – Sun 6:30am Easter Sunday</b>		Bruce Matthias (901-4312)	Lorna Matthias
<b>Apr 20 – Sun 9am Easter Sunday</b>		Kevin & Josh Sielhaff (619-3014)	Michael Krause
<b>Apr 27 – Sun 9am</b>		Jim Smith (629-3531)	Shawn Smith
<b>Apr 28 – Mon 6:30pm</b>		Dave Bergquist (905-4945)	

## April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Jesus' Lambs April Fools  6:30pm Bible Class	2 1:15pm Bible Class 3pm Bob @ Sylv. Cr. 5:15-5:45 Lent Meal 6:30pm Worship Choir after Worship	3  5:30 Jesus' Lambs Staff Mtg.	4	5 8am Men's Breakfast BC
6 9am Worship with Communion 9am Pastor -WCUB 10:15am SS/Teen/Adult BC	7 5pm Catechism 6:30pm Worship with Communion	8 11am Staff Meeting  5:30pm ECB Mtg. 6:30pm Bible Class	9 10:30am Bob @ Hbrvw 1:15pm Bible Class 3pm Bob @ Sylv. Cr. 5:15-5:45 Lent Meal 6:30pm Worship Choir after Worship	10 2pm Grace Circle Mtg  6pm Council Meeting	11 5:30-8pm Grace GAME NIGHT	12 9am Worship at the Cross @ Bethany
<b>Palm Sunday 13</b> 9am Worship 9am Jesus' Lambs Sing 10:15am SS/Teen <b>No Adult BC</b>	14 12:30-3pm MLHS Grandparent's Day 5pm Catechism 6:30pm Worship	15 5:30pm ECB Mtg <b>No Bible Class</b>	16 <b>No Bible Class</b> 3pm Bob @ Sylv. Cr.	<b>Holy Thursday 17</b> Jesus' Lambs Goodies w/ Grands & Pastries w/ Parents  6:30pm Worship with Communion	<b>Good Friday 18</b> <b>No Jesus' Lambs</b>  1:30pm Worship 6:30pm Worship	19 9am JCM Bible Study @ Grace
<b>Easter Sunday 20</b> 6:30am Sunrise Worship 9am Easter Worship <b>No SS/Teen/Adult BC</b>	21 <b>No Jesus' Lambs</b> 5pm Catechism <b>No Worship</b>	22 <b>No Jesus' Lambs</b> 11am Staff Meeting 1-4:30pm Pastor @ Nursing Homes <b>No Bible Class</b>	23 <b>No Jesus' Lambs</b> 10:30am Bob @ Hbrvw <b>No Bible Class</b> 3pm Bob @ Sylv. Cr. 6pm Choir	24 <b>No Jesus' Lambs</b>	25 <b>No Jesus' Lambs</b>	26
27 9am Worship 10:15am SS/Teen/Adult BC	28 5pm Catechism 6:30pm Worship	29 6:30pm Bible Class	30 1:15pm Bible Class 3pm Bob @ Sylv. Cr. 6pm Choir	<p style="margin: 0;"><b>HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">April 13 – Palm Sunday – Jesus' Lambs Sing 9:00am</p> <p style="margin: 0;">April 17 – Holy Thursday with Communion 6:30pm</p> <p style="margin: 0;">April 18 – Good Friday 1:30 &amp; 6:30pm</p> <p style="margin: 0;">April 20 – Easter Sunday 6:30 &amp; 9:00am</p> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: right;">Breakfast between services</p>		

May God Bless our Month!

THANK YOU FOR READING!

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, ideas or suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact the church office. We'd love to hear from you!



