Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

GOOD TIDINGS

April 2019

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- Lenten Schedule
- Easter Celebration
- Endowment

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Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, . . . [The Son of Man] will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." (Luke 18:31-33)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is a journey that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at the empty tomb, just before sunrise on Easter morning. Think about what happens on that journey. On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus continues to teach, heal, and cast out demons. On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus warns his disciples that there will be dark and painful moments – moments of suffering, rejection, and death. But, on that same road, Jesus reminds his worried disciples that the story will not end in pain and death, but in new life – and even glory. The season of Lent includes the highs of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the giving of the Last Supper to his disciples as well as the lows found in beatings, mockery, and the cross. In the worship services of Lent, we, as a congregation, experience Jesus' journey through death into new life.

As we are now more than half way through our Lenten journey, you are invited (*and encouraged*) to participate in the upcoming divine drama, in order to celebrate the full picture of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ:

April 13/14 – Palm/Passion Sunday. We begin the worship service on this wonderful high, accompanying Jesus into the front gates of Jerusalem singing, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." But – just like in Jesus' last week – the high of that dramatic entrance is short-lived. On that day, we will do a readers' theater enactment of how the crowds that once cheered Jesus into the city, soon handed him over to be crucified.

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00. We will participate in a Passover meal (a.k.a.**Seder Meal**), presented for us by the *Jews for Jesus* ministry. Come and learn how Jesus took the Passover meal and created the sacrament of Holy Communion for his followers. This is a ticketed event – see the advertisement elsewhere in this publication.

Good Friday, April 19. At 12:00 noon we will begin our community Cross Walk. Beginning at SOTH, we will walk to our local 'downtown' churches to hear a short message proclaimed in each. The title of this year's Cross Walk is "We Were There When They Crucified Our Lord." At 7:00 p.m., we will gather back at SOTH where we will mark the Seven Last Words of Jesus with seven short testimonies.

Saturday, April 20, 7:00. Easter Vigil. It all changes here. Come and experience the shift from Lent to Easter in this special and ancient worship service that gives hope to the scared and confused disciples of Jesus.

Resurrection Sunday, April 21, 9:00 and 11:00. The tomb is empty! God has conquered death! Just as Jesus has been raised, so will we. Let's celebrate!!!!!

Plan to attend as much as you can. Experience and celebrate the full picture of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ during this time of Lent and Easter.

Pastor Jon



In March, the students in the four year old program enjoyed traveling to the KidWorks children's museum in Frankfort. Scanning items in the grocery store area, digging for dinosaurs and participating in the silly dance contest were a few of the favorite exhibits. The Leprechaun came to school and made a big mess! The students in the three year old program enjoyed searching for Mr. Leprechaun.

It's time for a break! The students and staff are looking forward to a week of fun with family and friends during Spring Break from April 1st through 5th. Classes will resume on April 8th. Parent/teacher conferences for the students in the four year old program will be held on Wednesday, April 24th and conferences for the students in the three year old program are scheduled for May 1st. Mrs. Jane from the Lockport Library will join us this month to read a few stories to the children. The students will participate in an interactive prayer service during Holy Week. Preschool will be closed on Good Friday, April 19th, but will be open on Monday, April 22nd to make up a snow day.

Registration will be open for the 2019/2020 school year. There are openings in both the three and four year old programs. If you or a family you may know are interested, please contact the office at 815-838-0708 for more information.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

The Shepherd of the Hill Preschool Staff





Lenten Calendar

March 6- Ash Wednesday Services/Youth Pasta Supper 11:00am and 7:00pm services (Pasta Supper at 6:15pm)

Starting March 14- Thursday Lenten Supper/Services
Soup Supper at 6:15pm with Service to Follow at 7:00pm
Subsequent Soup/Suppers on 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, and 4/11

April 17- Seder Meal 6pm

April 19- Good Friday Crosswalk

April 19- Good Friday Service 7:00pm

April 20- Easter Egg Hunt

10:00am-Noon: Egg Hunt, Crafts, Pictures, Puppet Show

April 20- Easter Vigil Service 7:00pm

April 21- Easter Morning Services and Brunch

Services at 9:00am and 11:00am Brunch from 10:00-11:00

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Shepherd of the Hill & Jews for Jesus present:



Jesus in the Passover: A Seder Meal

Wednesday, April 17 6:00 p.m.

Adults (13 and up) - \$10, Children - \$6
Please RSVP at soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com
or in the narthex between services

Shepherd of the Hill Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 20th
10:00am -Noon
Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church
925 E. 9th Street, Lockport

Easter Egg Hunt/Crafts/Take Free Pictures with the
Easter Bunny
Puppet Show—11:00AM
Refreshments will be served

Adults and kids of all ages are welcome!

Sponsored by:

Shepherd of the Hill Preschool
Registration now open for the 2019/20 school year



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Creating a Legacy

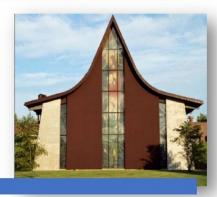
Why have an endowment?

- An endowment fund gives SOTH a means to receive gifts from donors or the estates of donors.
- A potential donor can have the peace of mind that his or her gift will be managed and used in a responsible way for the greater mission and ministry of God in the world and that the gift will continue to bear fruit into perpetuity. An endowment fund also allows SOTH to fund mission, ministry, and leadership development outside of its own yearly budget and outside of it own walls.

Who can help?

Everyone! There are ways for anyone who dreams about the future of SOTH to participate.

Add any amount to the SOTH Endowment Fund. Do it in honor or memory of a loved one, using an outright gift or one of the planned gift options listed below.



PLANNED GIVING TOOLS

Cash Gifts~Most common form of charitable gifts, often made in honor or memory of a loved one.

Bequests~Give a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your remainder estate through a will.

Life Income Gifts~Make a gift that will provide you with a lifetime income.

Donor-Advised Funds~Create an irrevocable account out of which you can recommend the Shepherd of the Hill causes that should receive the income.

Beneficiary Designations~Name the SOTH Endowment Fund or our church as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, retirement plan, IRA, or pension plan.

Contact the ELCA Foundation for help: Timothy Urness Regional Gift Planner, ELCA Foundation Cell: 331-444-3120

Email: tim.urness@ELCA.org 415 Mallard Point Drive North Aurora, IL 60452 800-638-3522

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Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes Tuesday, March 19, 2019

President Steve Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Present: Pastor Jon Pedersen, Steve Kirk, Rick McManis, Tom Gustafson, Dan Rogan, Nell Pieper, Nancy Baumgart, Cheryl Zacarias, Kevin Helfert, Ken Bobek

Absent: Amber Gayhart (Nickel)

Special Order of Business / Guests: NONE

The Council shared personal "highs/lows" and prayed for one another.

Minutes of the February 19th Council meeting were approved within this meeting by present Council members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Baumgart discussed the numbers Total Income for February was \$46,211.08, Total Expenses were \$40, 183.60, and February Net Income was \$6,027.45.

Pastor's Report (Highlights): Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

Feb. 20-26 – Trip to Nicaragua for planning next delegation. Scouted out for next delegation.

Mar. 23 – Financial Planning Workshop – rescheduled from Feb. 23

Apr. 17 – Seder Meal – 6:00 – beginning publicity for this. Jews for Jesus will lead a supper, cost is estimated to be around \$10. Selling tickets beginning 3/30.

Youth Ministry Coordinator's Report (Highlights): No Report was available.

President's Report: President Kirk's mailbox included information about Life Touch photography. Steve suggested creating a new SOTH Directory. It has been about four years since the last one. The suggestion is to schedule pictures in October of this year. Ken motioned to move forward with new pictures and directory. Rick provided a second motion. The motion carried. We will need help organizing this process.

Council discussion of Ministry teams:

Communications (Dan): The SOTH electric message board is not functioning properly and will need to be placed. The circuit boards are obsolete and will need to be replaced. The city has regulations for how large the sign can be. There are some options being reviewed for a sign replacement.

The lighted sign continues to blow fuses, so the electronics may need to be replaced.

Community Builders aka Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring (Rick/Amber):

Met on March 3rd and March 17th to discuss the following events/program:

March 4th – Panera Fundraiser - The total amount of net sales was \$904.02, and our profit was

March 9th – Hollywood Blvd Movie Fundraiser- we sold 55 tickets and profited \$283.

March 30th – Family Bunco

April 20th– Annual Kids Easter Event

May 4th – 5K "May the Force Be with You" Run May 4th – Family Sabbath Movie Night @ 5:00pm

Stewardship (Pastor): no updates to report, no recommendations to council

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Learning & Youth (Rick/Amber): No updates to report, no recommendations to council

Preschool (Nell): No updates to report, no recommendations to council **Property (Kevin):** No updates to report, no recommendations to council

Worship (Pastor): Preparations for Lent have begun.

Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

Finance/Audit (Nancy) – No updates to report, no recommendations to council

Memorial Gifts (Cheryl) No updates to report, no recommendations to council

Personnel (Ken) – No updates to report, no recommendations to council

Nomination (TBD) – No updates to report, no recommendations to council

Endowment (Tom) – Tom provided a survey to the council to help the committee understand interest from council for providing SOTH in wills.

Old Business:

Mike's replacement beginning Summer 2019 - the position has been posted to the public.

Possibility of becoming an internship site for Wartburg Seminary's new 4-year collaborative learning program - Pastor has begun filling out an application for Shepherd of the Hill to explore having an internship. There is a potential candidate that Pastor has had some preliminary conversations with. But no commitments have been made. We will need to submit the application and then decide if we would like to participate by discussing with the congregation.

Building Security – Spokesperson to be appointed yet.

HVAC update - Kevin to get an update on where the HVAC progress is.

New Business:

Mike, full-time salary for June/July approval - Nancy motioned, Dan seconded, the motion passed. We began discussion for a farewell gathering for Mike. Cheryl will be point on starting arrangements.

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 7:40pm and was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30p.m.

Rick McManis / Substitute Secretary (notetaker due to Amber's absence)



VBS—SAVE THE DATE July 15-19, 2019

Volunteers are needed, watch for more information in the weekly yellow pages and monthly newsletter

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Greetings,

It would appear that spring is finally here! Baseball season has started, Go White Sox, the weather has finally hit the 60's, birds are chirping, and flowers are starting to come up. Our youth have been hard at work fundraising for Confirmation camp and the Mission trip. We have 8 youth signed up for confirmation camp! The last of our soup and sandwich suppers are coming up April 4th and 11th. Join us at 6:15 prior to the 7:00 Lenten service for a light soup and sandwich supper. We take a free-will

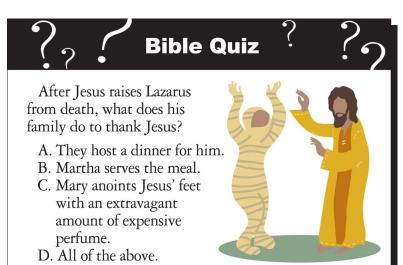
offering for our youth.

Wednesday, April 17 will be our Seder Meal. This is a great opportunity to learn about the custom and significance of the Passover festival. We will have a representative from Jews for Jesus come and present the meal. We will also be serving a full meal as part of the event. Tickets are available now, either on Sunday morning or through the church office, we are suggesting a donation of \$10 per ticket.

On Easter, Sunday we will have a breakfast between services. Our youth will be serving food from 10:00-11:00am. This breakfast would not be possible without Mike Meyers and the American Legion who prepare and donate a lot of our food. We will be taking a free will offering for our youth trips.

Mike Markwell Youth Ministry Coordinator



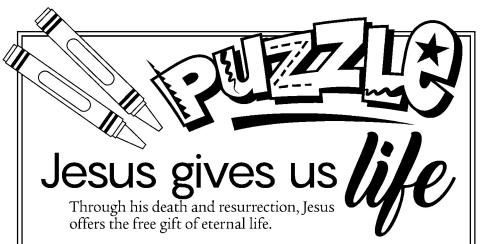


"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

Margaret Atwood

Answer: D (See John 12:1-3.)

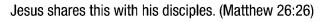




Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)

























nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins Answer: palm branches, pertume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross,

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft stick
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible

What you do:

- 1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
- 2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
- 3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
- 4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
- 5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.

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	Saturday	6 10am—Stuff Easter Eggs 5pm—Worship	13 10am—Visitation Group 5pm—Worship	Easter Saturday 10am—Easter Egg Hunt 11am—Pupper Show 7pm—Easter Vigil Service	27 Spm—Worship	
	Friday	5 9am—Dominoes	12 9am—Dominoes 4:30pm—Mead G/S	19 Good Friday 9am—Dominoes 12pm—Crosswalk 7pm—Good Friday Service	26 9am—Dominoes Girl Scout Event in Fellowship Hall and Narthex	
	Thursday	4 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	11 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Executive Committee 6pm—Small Group/Men 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	18 Maundy Thursday Spm—Soderston G/S Gpm—Shepherd Ringers 7pm—Boy Scouts 7pm—Small Group/Woman 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	25 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12pm—NO Caregiver	
April 2019	Wednesday	Faith Night 9:30am—Small Group 5:30pm—Faith Night 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—No 6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA	10 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation Seder Meal for Conf. Students 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	Seder Meal Seder Meal 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Seder Meal 6pm—NO Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—NO 67/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—NO Chancel Choir	24 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—NO Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—67/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—NO Chancel Choir	
	Tuesday	2 Voting 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg. 7:00pm—Worship Comm.	9 5:30/ópm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7pm—Preschool Board	16 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh InMtg 6:30pm—Church Council 7pm—Deborah Circle	23 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh InMtg 7pm—Ruth Circle	3.0 5:30/6pm—Weigh In/Mtg Watchers Weigh In/Mtg
	Monday	1 Preschool Out Thru Friday 4/5	∞	15	4:30—AAUW in church 7pm—Dartball Banquet In Fellowship Hall	29
	Sunday	September 1	7 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	Palm Sunday 9an—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship Community Builders Mtg 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	Easter 9am—Worship 11am—Worship Easter brunch between The 2 services	28 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—NO Beginner Bells 12pm—NO Reverberations 5:30pm—NO Allegro Bells



Date	Assisting Minister 9am Only	Communion Assistant 9am	Lay Reader 9am Only	AV Operator All Services	Counters Weekly
3/2-3/3	Dave Helfert	Lynn Reed Kirstin Mack	Nancy Monken	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Nathan Helfert	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
3/9-3/10 1st Sun Lent	Mike Markwell	Donna Woods Tina Baker	Jan Rauworth	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Nathan Helfert	Ed Grabenhofer Don Lawler
3/16-3/17 2nd Sun Lent	Linda Bunting	Harold Sager Jeri Rigoni	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Chris Toso
3/23-3/24 3rd Sun Lent	Nancy Monken	Gary Haut Bryan Rauworth	Jan Sleezer	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
3/30-3/31 4th Sun Lent	Gary Wintersteen	Nancy Baumgart D. Rothlisberger	Kirstin Mack	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Ed Grabenhofer Don Lawler
4/6-4/7 5th Sun Lent	Jeri Rigoni	Bill Bunting Linda Bunting	Susan Mead	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:30am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Chris Toso
4/13-4/14 Palm Sunday	Harold Sager	Lynn Reed Jan Rauworth	Susan Forbes	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
4/20 Easter Vigil	Mike Markwell	????	Carole Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	
4/21 Easter 9am	Dave Helfert	Gary Haut Tina Baker	M. Wintersteen	Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth	Ed Grabenhofer Don Lawler
Easter 4/21 11am	Susan Mead	Dave Helfert Dan Gaddis	Gary Haut	Sun. 11am Kris Glowczynski	
4/27-4/28	Nancy Monken	Harold Sager Donna Woods	Jim Forbes	5pm Jerry Liston 9am Phil Sleezer 10:35am Nathan Helfert	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt

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Executive Committee Members

Council Member

Ken Bobak Nell Pieper
Tom Guftafson Kevin Helfert
Dan Rogan Tom Guftafson
Cheryl Zacharias

Council Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30PM

Monthly Financial Report Month - Year

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Income			Feb-19
	General	\$	36,144.00
	Loose Offering	\$	513.00
	Simple Give Contribution	\$	455.00
	Simple Give Expense	\$	(25.68)
	Vanco Contribution	\$	600.00
	Vanco Expense	5	(6.00)
	Special Envelopes	\$	925.00
	Income	\$	38,605.32
	Preschool etc. Utilities	\$	575.00
	Preschool Salaries IN	\$	6,230.78
	Fish Pantry	\$	420.00
	Special Property Projects	\$	104.98
	Endowment & Memorial	\$	-
	Flowers	\$	275.00
	Parking Lot	\$	-
	Pastor Appreciation	\$	-
	Total Extra Income	\$	7,605.76
	Total Income	\$	46,211.08
Expenses			
	Salaries & Taxes SOTH	\$	14,768.37
	Salaries & Taxes Preschool	\$	6,230.78
	Portico / Benefits	\$	3,056.19
	Mortgage	\$	2,571.00
	Child Care / Hospitality	\$	325.90
	Fish Pantry	\$	525.00
	Building & Grounds	\$	4,327.63
	Maintenance	\$	1,039.23
	Utilities	\$	3,127.25
	NI Synod ELCA	\$	2,610.00
	Office Expenses	\$	312.11
	Worship & Music	\$	1,171.17
	Youth & Adult Education	\$	-
	Endowment & Memorial	\$	-
	Advertising / Audio	\$	119.00
	Total Expenses	\$	40,183.63
	Net Income	\$	6,027.45



- 4/1 Andrew Mellas, Addison Petrinos
- 4/2 Jacob Carpenter
- 4/5 Darlene Steffgen
- 4/6 Kyle Gerrity, Bonnie Lewandowski
- 4/7 Heidi Habas, Karley Magosky, Lauren Napoli, Stacey Neil
- 4/9 Rachel Napoli
- 4/10 Audrey Bjerum, Beverly Dornick, Scott Likins, Mary Massey
- 4/13 Bryan Piantek
- 4/16 April Cole, Julie Lingl
- 4/17 Corey Gerrity, Matthew Retusnic
- 4/18 Sara Baker, John Djerf, Owen Jones
- 4/20 Steve Kirk
- 4/22 Haley McManis
- 4/23 Walter Lewandowski, Jeri Rigoni
- 4/24 Paul Toso.
- 4/25 Amy Petrinos
- 4/26 Laura Patrick
- 4/29 Emily Heintzelman, Antonio Lopez
- 4/30 Julia Habas, Hannah Lata, Sandra Porter



4/3	Michael & Jean Soderstrom
4/8	James & Susan Forbes
4/13	Max & Donna Woods
4/23	Nancy & Bruce Baumgart
4/26	Kimberly & Greg Bell
4/26	Sally & Richard Unmisig
4/27	Fred & Sharon Grabenhofer Sr.
4/30	Donald & Marion Skelton

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Mission

"To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

Vision

"Transforming Lives, Families And Our Community Through Jesus Christ"

SCHEDULE SERVICES

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM and 10:35AM

Sunday School 10:30AM

Childcare Available

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Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer; Death is strong, but life is stronger. Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right. Faith and hope triumphant say, Christ will rise on Easter Day.

-Phillips Brooks

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"Easter is more than a day, an event, a remembrance. It is a way of life."

-Michael Marsh

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