

# March/April 2021 Newsletter



Evangelical Lutheran  
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"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing."  
Joel 2:12-13a

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## **North Lancaster Lutheran Midweek Lent Services 2021**

Join us this year as together we enter the Lenten Season ONLINE ONLY with Weekly Wednesday Night Services at 7:00 PM from different Lutheran churches in the North Lancaster area. Our theme this year is "*Created For Community*," and we will be reflecting on the different kinds of community that our Christian faith calls us into as Lent continues.

**You can find these Services in the same place that you find Online Sunday Worship.**

**The Schedule Follows:**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** - The Service is led by Pastor Tom Darr of St. John Center, East Earl, who is preaching on the theme "*In Community With Our Neighbor*."

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** - The Service is led by Pastor Tim Craven of Mellingers, Stevens, who is preaching on the theme "*In Community With Those On The Margins*."

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** - The Service is led by Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry of Muddy Creek, Denver, who is preaching on the theme "*In Community With Christ*."

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM** - The Service is led by Pastor Jim Goodyear of Bergstrasse, Ephrata, who is preaching on the theme "*In Community In The Face Of Brokenness*."

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ON BACK PAGE**

## **Updates Regarding Worship**

The Church Council continues to be committed to faithful and careful discernment regarding our congregation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We invite you to pray for them as they engage in this work on behalf of God and our community. Please continue to check your email and mail regularly for updated information about our worship life as we move through this pandemic together.



## **Sunday, March 28 9:00 AM**

This Worship Service will be both in-person and live-streamed, and will include the reading of Christ's Passion. To receive palms for your household if you are not yet worshipping in-person, you can pick them up at Drive-Thru Communion on March 28, or make an appointment with the office. We invite those who worship from home to send pictures of them with their palms again this year so that we can compile them into a video!

## **Church Office Hours**

The Church Office is currently operating with irregular in-person hours. To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at:

**[grammyss46@gmail.com](mailto:grammyss46@gmail.com) or  
call her at 717-538-1946.**



**Daylight Saving Time  
Begins Sunday,  
March 14**



**Deadline For  
April/May, 2021 Newsletter  
Sunday, March 21, 2021**

## Stewardship

Even as we meet in-person and electronically for worship, the work of the Church continues and intensifies. Please continue your giving by one of the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering envelope to the Church Office; they will be collected regularly.
- 2) Set up "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the Church. Contact Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 for more details.
- 3) Give online using checking/savings account or credit/debit card by going to our website (faithunited-elca.org) and clicking on the "Give" tab at the top.

Thank you for your continued stewardship of God's gifts!

**Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.**

**Email your changes to:**

**faithunited@ptd.net. Thank You!**

## WANTED

**Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.**

**Please email your recipes, articles, tips to Shirley Sweigart:**

**grammyss46@gmail.com.**

## Church Office Requests

**Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 and leave a message when:**

- **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident;
- **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;**
- **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- **You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.**

## Offering Envelopes

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

A good alternative is "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the Church. Contact Shirley Sweigart for more information:

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call 717-538-1946**

### *The Upper Room Daily Devotional*

March - April, 2021

### *Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional*

April, May, June, 2021

**Also, A Large Print Version Is Now Available**

**Devotionals are on the table with the bulletins or please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.**



**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

## Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



## Staff

**Pastor** — Pastor Marissa Becklin

**Organists** — Caryll Lausch  
Cynthia Kauffman  
Grady Daub

**Choir Director** — Matthew Donley

**Office Administrator and**

**Newsletter Editor** — Shirley Sweigart

**Custodian** — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

# From Pastor Marissa Becklin

## ***“Desert Discipleship”***

One of my favorite classes in seminary was called “*Desert Discipleship*”. It was a class that was not required, but that I signed up for due to the way it fit into my schedule and provided a history credit. I remember wandering into that class on the first day not quite knowing what I was getting myself into.

What unfolded was one of the most spiritually meaningful semesters of my time during seminary. “*Desert Discipleship*” was a class that focused on a specific season of history: the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries in the deserts of Egypt. This time period was marked by an unusually large number of Christian people seeking solitude and spiritual reflection in the harsh climate of the Egyptian desert. This was a place where they would come face to face with their own weaknesses, their temptations, and their desperate reliance on God’s preservation and grace. These disciples chose this isolated life because they were inspired by Jesus’ commandment to give all of their worldly possessions to the poor and to live in full trust in God’s care for them. They were seeking a new and different way of life—one unburdened by societal pressure, by idolatry, greed, and anger. In search of life focused solely on God, these disciples fled to the desert.

Perhaps the most famous desert disciple is Anthony the Great, who lived from 251-356. Anthony retreated to the desert to get away from all of the temptations that captivated him, things that tempt us today, too: greed, anger, comparing ourselves to others, jealousy, hatred, fear, stereotypes, resentment, refusal to forgive. Anthony recognized that all of this sinfulness was keeping him from right relationship with God and with others, and he sought a place of solitude and quiet in order to weed those things out of his heart.

And yet, even all on his own in the desert, Anthony still came face to face with all of these same demons. Anthony spoke regularly about the swarm of enemies that accosted him in the desert—demons that would twist his heart and mind toward anxiety, fear, anger, and all of the other feelings he had attempted to flee from. The demons that stalked him in the desert were the same ones that we face today, symptoms of evil and brokenness in our world that reside within humanity. We cannot run away from our own brokenness—even (and especially) in the desert we will come face to face with it.

Instead of being a retreat from brokenness, the desert became the place where Anthony learned to trust the power of God’s grace in the face of sinfulness and evil. Rather than believing that these things could be escaped, Anthony realized that he could be protected from and healed from the impact of this brokenness by learning to pray regularly, to ask God for help, to make the sign of the cross on his body, and to turn to scripture.

The intense faith of these disciples, often referred to as the desert fathers and mothers, is incredibly inspiring, especially now as we navigate a pandemic season of increased isolation. More time alone with our thoughts has revealed to us over the course of this year that we desperately need God’s help to live in loving relationship with one another and to heal from our own broken tendencies. By learning to pray, by asking God for help, by making the sign of the cross on our bodies, and by turning to scripture, we can encounter the power of God in the desert that we find ourselves in, trusting that God will preserve and heal us.

*In Peace, Pastor Marissa*

P.S. For more on the Desert Fathers and Mothers, check out the short book “*The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*” by Henri Nouwen.

**Faith United Evangelical  
Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
6:30 PM**

**FUEL Council Members Present:** Bruce Carpenter, Terri Kilrain, Janice Daub, Deb Demler, Lori Stover, Ellen Houser, Jim Kreider, Melissa Voler, Lisa Gable, Deb Anthony, Kelly Leshar and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

**Devotions:** Jim Kreider read his favorite verse: John 3:16. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* He then followed with a prayer for gratitude on Gods’ love today.

**Pastor’s Report:**  
There is an average of 40 people who participate in the Drive-Thru Communion. There are also walkers and other congregational members that participate.

She continues to keep Joyce Fischer and Ellen Houser in her prayers, along with positive Covid-19 people within the community.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  
Preliminary review of 2020 finances: Income did exceed the expenses in 2020.

Scott is working towards improving the Treasurer’s Report that gets sent to Council members.

A preliminary policy will be sent to Council members after meeting regarding the following: Endowment Bi-laws—how to formulate the endowment; sales from the Salem campus and other investments; how this runs; how money comes out of it; gifting policy; what happens when we receive a gift. This will be reviewed and voted on for approval at the March meeting.

**Committee Reports and Highlights:**

**Committee Procedures:** What needs approval and what does not from Council. All Committee meeting minutes need to be sent to Council before being published in the newsletter. **Newsletter publishing date will be changed to after Council meeting to ensure approval is given if needed.** Some things will need Council to make a motion and vote. Things that do not exceed budgeted funds do not need prior approval from Council.

**Property:** The Kiddie Korner area has been cleaned up. Use of this area will be determined in the future.

**Care Of Members:** They have contacted 21 of the 23 members who are without internet service. These members are satisfied with how things are being done regarding services. They currently receive a bulletin and printed sermon in the mail. Offering envelopes and devotionals are being delivered.

**IT:** Shirley is set up on her new computer. The old files still need moved over to the new computer, it cannot function with the new software that is needed. A cabinet has been ordered for her desk to help with all the new network gear and give her more room.

Pastor’s new laptop still needs setup completed. Pastor’s old machine runs the door security software. Jim Kreider is looking into options on how it can be upgraded for the new machine. This may entail a new vendor.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Lent Midweek Services:** This will be done with seven (7) other congregations. Services will be entirely online. Access for these Services will be the same as our Sunday Services.

**Moving Forward With Sunday Worship:** The Bishop has not given any update as of right now. Potential update February 9, 2021. County numbers have been staying the same. Janice Daub has voiced concern that we need to move forward and worship together. We have lost members since going virtual. Options for return Services have been voiced: continue the way things are for the time being; move to a 9:00 AM Live-Stream Service with limited In -Person attendance. Lisa Gable mentioned how the elderly population has been getting vaccinated and it is important to get those able back in the Church for Services. State guidelines are currently at 50% capacity. Pastor has stated she is ok with doing a 9:00 AM Live-Stream Service with limited In-Person attendance. She will continue to offer Drive-Thru Communion after Worship, 10:30-11:30 AM. Will keep capacity lower then state guidelines. Lori Stover voiced proper mask wearing needs to be enforced if allowing In-Person Worship. A motion was approved to allow In-Person Worship, with a limit of 21 households, during the 9:00 AM Live-Stream Service and continuation of the Drive-Thru Communion from 10:30-11:30 AM starting February 14, 2021 with Council reassessing in March as to how this is going.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM following the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday March 3, 2021.

*Respectfully submitted by Kelly Leshar  
FUEL Council Secretary*

**Congregation Council  
Meeting  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
6:30 PM**

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Jim Kreider - President          |               |
| Bruce Carpenter - Vice President |               |
| Kelly Leshar - Secretary         |               |
| Deb Anthony                      | Janice Daub   |
| Deb Demler                       | Lisa Gable    |
| Ellen Houser                     | Terri Kilrain |
| Lori Stover                      | Melissa Voler |

**Scott Gola — Treasurer**

**Family Ministry At  
Faith United  
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Email: Task@ptd.net**

**Thank You** to everyone who submitted recipes for the cookbook. I am going to try to get this sent off within the next week or two so that we can have the cookbook by Mother's Day. It looks like it's going to be a great cookbook!



**Lenten Devotional**

Join Faith United in a congregation-wide daily spiritual practice this Lent: reflective time with the Psalms.

Pastor Marissa has written a daily devotional for our whole congregation (and beyond—we hope you'll share it with others in your life!) for this Sacred Season. You will be able to find it on our website for download, or you'll be able to contact our office to request a physical copy. Each day you will be directed to a specific Psalm, and be offered two reflection questions. We pray that this daily time spent in God's word will ground you in love and mercy as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, led by our divine shepherd.

**Communion Visits By Request**

Pastor Marissa is offering to visit those who have not been able to attend Church during the pandemic in order to bring them Holy Communion. In keeping with the Synod's guidelines, she will wear a mask and remain at a distance for the visit and the sharing of the sacrament, and would prefer to make a visit to your porch or another outdoor space, if possible.

To schedule a visit, contact Pastor Marissa at: [pastormbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).

**Christian Symbol**

**Cross Of Triumph:** Also known as the cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and his reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when he's shown in his kingly office.



**MARCH/APRIL**



- March 10:** Tracy Nissly
- March 14:** Arlene Monyer
- March 15:** Christopher Weinhold
- March 20:** Jennifer Nissly
- March 21:** Ann Roseboro, Melissa Voler, Adrienne Arment
- March 23:** Jeremy Herr
- March 27:** Donald Hartranft Jr.
- March 29:** Tanya Reinoehl
- March 30:** Janice Daub
- March 31:** Austin Eberly
- April 1:** Tyler Stricker
- April 2:** James Kreider
- April 3:** David McGarvey, Lori Stover
- April 4:** Heather Kreider
- April 5:** Samuel Shupp
- April 7:** Kathryn McGarvey
- April 8:** Zachary Weinhold
- April 10:** Katy Rothenberger, Nikki Strohl
- April 12:** Lesley Stricker, Olivia Voler
- April 13:** David Leach
- April 14:** Ian Filson

**MARCH/APRIL**



- March 11:** David and Michele Lacy
- April 5:** Debra and Barry Martzall
- April 9:** Tracy and John Nissly
- April 14:** Betty and Leroy Witmer, Jodi and Michael Weaver

**Happy Birthday!**



**80+ March/April Birthdays**

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

- Marlene Fritz - March 9** - 13 Frederick Avenue, Denver, PA 17517
- Gerry Phillips - March 11** - 8 Lafitte Drive, Nokomis, FL 34275
- Betty Witmer - March 23** - 4737 Stone Ridge Trail, Sarasota, FL 34232
- Shirley Ludwig - March 31** - 17 Keeler Avenue, Stevens, PA 17578
- Florence Rutt - April 11** - Apartment F, 130 Tom Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522.



**Dorothy Schmeck Entered The Church Triumphant On Monday, March 1, 2021**



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March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Second Sunday In Lent Worship Schedule - To Be Determined 9:00 AM Online Sunday Worship 12:00 PM Online Seventh & Eighth Graders Confirmation - 12:00-1:00 PM	1 Kid's Church On YouTube	2	3 7:00 PM Online Lenten Midweek Service	4 12:00 PM Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	5 Pastor Marissa's Day Off Pre-Order Deadline for March 11 Take-Out Only Community Meal World Day Of Prayer	6 8:00 AM Peter's Porch Drive-Thru - Faith United - 8:00-10:00 AM
7 Third Sunday In Lent 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-11:00 AM	8 Kid's Church On YouTube	9 Marlene Fritz Birthday	10 1:00 PM Drive-Thru Food Pantry 1:00-3:30 PM - Lutheran Church, Reinholds 7:00 PM Online Lenten Midweek Service - Pastor Tom Darr	11 Gerry Phillips Birthday Pastor Marissa At Candidate Committee 12:00 PM Online Bible Study And Prayer Group 5:30 PM Take-Out Community Meal - 5:30- 6:30 PM - Trinity United Methodist Church, Main Street, Denver	12 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	13 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Litz Menonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Litzitz - 8:00-10:00 AM
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins (Clocks Forward) Fourth Sunday In Lent 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-11:00 AM 12:00 PM Online Seventh & Eighth Graders Confirmation - 12:00-1:00 PM	15 Kid's Church On YouTube	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 7:00 PM Online Lenten Midweek Service - Pastor Tim Craven	18 12:00 PM Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	19 Joseph, Guardian Of Jesus Pastor Marissa's Day Off Pre-Order Deadline for March 25 Take-Out Only Community Meal	20 Spring Begins 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron - 8:00-10:00 AM
21 April/May Newsletter Article Deadline Fifth Sunday In Lent 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-11:00 AM	22 Kid's Church On YouTube	23 Betty Witmer Birthday	24 7:00 PM Online Lenten Midweek Service - Pastor Peter Schwabe- Fry	25 Annunciation Of Our Lord 10:00 AM Pastor Marissa Online ABX - 10:00 AM-12:00 PM 12:00 PM Online Bible Study And Prayer Group 5:30 PM Take-Out Community Meal - 5:30- 6:30 PM - Trinity United Methodist Church, Main Street, Denver	26 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	27 Passover Begins At Sundown 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Lands Valley Christian Lutheran Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster - 8:00-10:00 AM
28 Easter Flower Order Deadline Sunday Of The Passion/Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-11:00 AM 12:00 PM Online Seventh & Eighth Graders Confirmation - 12:00-1:00 PM	29 Kid's Church On YouTube Monday In Holy Week	30 Tuesday In Holy Week	31 Shirley Ludwig Birthday Wednesday In Holy Week 7:00 PM Online Lenten Midweek Service - Pastor Jim Goodyear	1 Maundy Thursday 12:00 PM Online Bible Study And Prayer Group 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service	2 Good Friday 10:30 AM Good Friday Community Walk - Roseboro Stradling Funeral Home, Denver 7:00 PM Good Friday Live-Stream and In- Person Worship Service	3 Easter Vigil 8:00 AM Peter's Porch Drive-Thru - Faith United - 8:00-10:00 AM
4 Resurrection Of Our Lord: Easter Day 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 11:00 AM Easter Sunday Outdoor Service - Faith United Parking Lot	5 Easter Monday Kid's Church On YouTube	6	7 6:30 PM Congregation Council Meeting	8 12:00 PM Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	9 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	10 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Litzitz Menonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Litzitz - 8:00-10:00 AM
11 Florence Rutt Birthday Sunday Of Easter 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-11:00 AM 12:00 PM Online Seventh & Eighth Graders Confirmation - 12:00-1:00 PM	12 Kid's Church On YouTube	13	14 1:00 PM Drive-Thru Food Pantry 1:00-3:30 PM - Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds	15 12:00 PM Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	16	17 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron - 8:00-10:00 AM

April 2021



# Peter's Porch

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## The First Saturday of Each Month

**March 6, 2021, April 3, 2021**

**May 1, 2021**

**8:00-10:00 AM**

**Drive-Thru**

## Peter's Porch Volunteering

As we continue to share God's love by feeding our community through Peter's Porch, we are reinstating our tradition of having bag packing night on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering by packing bags or by helping on the first Saturday of the month when we distribute, please RSVP first by emailing Pastor Marissa Becklin,

[pastormnbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormnbecklin@gmail.com)

as we seek to preserve the health and safety of the community. Thank you!

## Garden At Mellingers



Do you have a green thumb for gardening? The Thrivent Action Team at Mellingers will again sponsor a vegetable garden to support Ephrata Area Social Services and

Peter's Porch.

If you are interested in helping this year, contact Team Coordinator Bob Getz at 717-336-6236 or email [rbgetz@ptd.net](mailto:rbgetz@ptd.net).

**A Number Of Volunteers** from Faith United have been busy making cloth face masks for the sake of the health and safety of our community. If you would like one delivered to your home, please contact: **Teri Arment, 717-885-7140,**

[leenteri@ptd.net](mailto:leenteri@ptd.net).

## Bible Study And Prayer Group Thursdays At Noon

Join Pastor Marissa and your fellow congregants in learning more about one another's lives and about the Bible. We are currently reading our way through the Book of Acts. Join here:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586> or by calling in to 1-929-205-6099 and enter code 411053586.



Online  
Bible Study



Thank You

for everything you do and **Thanks** for my recent Birthday cards. It was a really good birthday this year and your best wishes lifted my spirits very high.

With my love to all. Hope to see you soon. *Love, Ethel Farrow*

A heart full of **Thanks** goes out to the members of Faith United for all the cards and phone calls I received after Bob passed away.

Bob truly loved being part of the church family at Faith.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by our family *Joyce Fischer*



Thank You!

February 4, 2021

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Dear Friends,

**Thank you** for taking action to love your neighbor through your recent gift of \$200.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. I'd like to share a story with you about how your support makes a real difference.

When Ebola broke out in the Democratic Republic of Congo, few organizations could reach the most at-risk communities. Deep poverty and ongoing violence have isolated these neighbors and made them fearful of outsiders. This distrust only fueled the spread of the deadly virus.

But, because of your generosity, neighbors like Katembo Mastaki Bamabas got the treatment they needed to overcome Ebola. Thanks to you, our long history of service in these communities has created a legacy of trust, enabling us to go door-to-door in vulnerable communities to educate families on symptoms and prevention. You allowed us to quickly recognize when Bamabas had symptoms, and to ensure he received quick and skillful treatment. You enabled us to respond early, reach further and stay until the outbreak was declared over — sparing countless lives.

Love can truly change the world, and for families like Bamabas's, your love looks like a trusted friend, a skilled doctor when you're sick and a clean bill of health. Thank you! We are proud to carry your love — and God's love — to the places it's needed most... until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

*What's  
Happening at  
Faith United?*

Send your pictures in for  
next month's newsletter!



"Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru and  
Lenten Devotional"



"Members Ryan Gola and Rich Billings serve  
together at Peter's Porch"



"Pastor Sandy Gideon leads Lenten Midweek  
Service Online"



"Pastor Marissa ready to  
distribute ashes"

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# "Compassionate Birding"

Bone dry pin oak leaves rattle in the cold pre-dawn breeze. More easily heard than seen in the receding darkness, they whisper tales of a glorious past when months ago they fluttered bright green in the warm sun. Perhaps they murmur dreams of the next generation of leaves that will take their place in Spring. It's as if God is reminding me of Resurrection through the very pin oak tree that I am sitting beneath. By my side, the latest kitty to visit our farmette is finished eating now, rubbing sensuously against me as if to thank me for her breakfast. Her green eyes exude contentment and satisfaction. Suddenly a faint, barely audible chirp directs my attention to a particular branch where a bluebird perches, silhouetted against the brightening, eastern sky. He is here for a meal too! His breakfast of dried mealworms, a bluebird delicacy, lie in a repurposed oriole feeder suspended from a low branch of the tree. As the sky brightens, the first bluebird is joined by four other bluebirds, all dining within fifteen feet from where Kitty and I sit. Kitty and I are transfixed by the scene, albeit for different reasons, she sees them as prey and I see them as cherished friends!

I've been waiting to observe bluebirds this close for ages. My wife, Marie, and I endured much trial-and-error to provide a feeding station acceptable to our bluebird friends. Mostly, we tried to attract bluebirds to locations where we thought they should eat so that we could observe them. Only when we abandoned this selfish transactional approach for one based purely on their needs did we provide a feeder with a location acceptable to them. One of our past attempts was to place a small tray filled with mealworm on a post very close to an occupied bluebird house. It worked quite well and of course we could observe it conveniently from our patio chairs. We even observed on several occasions parent bluebirds feeding mealworms to their immature offspring! This feeder, however, only attracted bluebirds through the breeding season. By Summer's end it was rarely used as insects were abundant everywhere.

Winter, by contrast, would be a particular challenge for the bluebirds, with the total absence of insects. The need for a cold-weather bluebird feeder grew more urgent as winter approached. We struggled long and hard to find an apt solution. Suet cakes offered some consolation, and the bluebirds did feed on these, although sporadically. When the first snowfall was forecast, the bluebirds impending plight became clear. We needed to set up a reliable feeder quickly or they might go hungry. Contemplating their predicament, a feeling arose from inside us as their suffering became our suffering. We felt compassion.

The English word compassion comes from the Latin "compati," literally meaning to suffer with. The Bible records Jesus using the word compassion; however, the actual word the gospel writers used was "splanchnizomai." This word is even more intense; meaning, literally, to be moved in the inner parts. In Jesus' day feelings were thought to be located in the stomach, the very core of the human body. Even today we speak of "heartfelt feelings." With Jesus, feelings of compassion do not remain internalized, the result of his compassion is action! Recall the story where Jesus raises the Widow's son at Nain in Luke 7:11-15.

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

In a smaller but similar way, our compassion for the bluebirds moved us to action. We searched for a winter feeder that was truly acceptable to them, and in a location that was not just another ploy for our convenient observation. At last it occurred to us to try suspending an oriole feeder under the pin oak's protective, leaf-covered branches on the east side of our house away from the prevailing wind. This oriole feeder is like a tiny pavilion with a clear plexiglass roof where the bluebirds could eat protected from rain, snow and predators. To our surprise this setup worked, especially when we stocked it with mealworms before first light in the morning and about two hours before sunset. We are thrilled and grateful for this effective feeder that attracts as high as five or six bluebirds at a time and is remarkably, and coincidentally placed about fifteen feet from our kitchen window!

The sun begins to rise now as Kitty finishes eating. She hops on my lap as I return to the present moment. She rubs against me a few more times before jumping to the ground to start her day. The bluebirds have finished their breakfast too and flutter off into the brush beyond the yard. They have taught Marie and I much about compassion.

*Pleasant Birding, Jim Redcay*

# MARCH WORSHIP

## Third Sunday In Lent Sunday, March 7, 2021

**Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.** The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

## Fourth Sunday In Lent Sunday, March 14, 2021

**Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.** The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

## Fifth Sunday In Lent March 21, 2021

**Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.** God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

## Sunday Of The Passion / Palm Sunday Sunday, March 28, 2021

**Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47.** This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

# APRIL WORSHIP

## Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 1, 2021

**Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35.** This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we

remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

## Good Friday Friday, April 2, 2021

**Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22:1-31; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1—19:42.** Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

## Resurrection Of Our Lord: Easter Day Sunday, April 4, 2021

**Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8.** Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

## Second Sunday Of Easter Sunday, April 11, 2021

**Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133:1-3; 1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31.** The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

## Kid's Church: Mondays On YouTube

Each week Pastor Marissa posts a video for families with a Bible story, questions to talk about together, a prayer, and an easy activity for your family to do together that week to engage your faith. Videos are posted every Monday on our church's YouTube channel, and can be watched at any time throughout the week! We hope this will be a simple and meaningful way for your family to do Kid's Church together.



## In Our Prayers

We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

### For Comfort From The Holy Spirit:

Dorothy Schmeck Family    Clyde Brubaker Family

### For Healing:

Pauline Matthews  
Caryll Lausch  
Vernon Boose  
Rita Dienst  
Helen Johnson  
Allison Salley  
Shirley Achey  
Tracy Augustine

Chris Weinhold  
Michael Konopka  
Sue Henkel  
Louise Meiskey  
Millie Moyer  
Betty Hetherington  
Angie Carpenter  
Ashton Ochs

Sally Herbst  
Lillian Troutman  
Rob Macker  
Chad Ochs  
Lamar Fry  
Nolan Leid  
Andrew Glass  
Carol Weidman

**You're also invited to call and/or send cards.**

### **Continuing Concerns**

Christa Rutt, Jean Lorah, David Eberly, Pat Stansbery, Ginny and Jim Stoltz, Scott Witmer, Lillian Troutman, Ron Orth, Helen Kuehne, Pat and Carl Adair, Betty Ramsey, Ron Ayers, Audrey Grill, Stan Henderson, Bruce Haws, Harriet Garber, Hudson Sollenberger, Jeri Lynn Pickel, Dominic Schoolcraft, Terry Blair, Victor Rodriguez, Roseann Wiest, Pat Brendle, Day Fasnacht, Larry Donmoyer, Stephanie Kurtz, Arlene Monyer, Dorothy Hoyer, Susan Means, Lorna Buohl, Arlene Slabach, Maureen Latanishen, Nick Sansone, Bill Murphy, Ethel Farrow, Peggy and Jack Dewald, Ronald Worline, Leah Witmer, Peter Heisey, Kimberley Fick, Paul Kostyak, Pastor Dennis Trout, Ethel Newman, Pastor Sharon Blezzard, Cathy Hornberger, Florence Rutt, Helen Shirk, John Oleszczuk, Shirley Shaeffer, William Kralik, Todd Tussinger, Philip Main, Dean Camp, Jack Bucher, Lily Lutz, Alec Martel, Jean (Schaeffer) Mull, Viola White, John Matthews, Jed Weidner, Melvin Schmeck, Matt Donley, Bob Witmer, Christian Martin, Susan Hartman, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

## **2021 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up**



The Altar Flower Chart for 2021 is in the Church Office. Sponsors for Altar Flowers may use the standing order the congregation has with Roxanne's or you may use the florist of your choice. **Cost is \$30.00 per Sunday. Open Dates: April 4, 18, 25.**

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2021 is also in the Church Office. **Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday. Open Dates: March 21, 28; April 1, 2, 4, 11, 18, 25.**



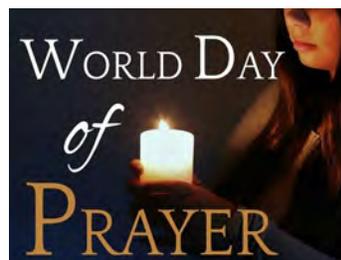
**To sign up please click here:**

<https://signup.zone/o8DXjLSdanMpgCct5> OR please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on the Altar Flower and Bulletin Charts.

## **Interested In Becoming A Part Of Our Community?**

Have you been attending worship with us online, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at

[pastormbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).



**Friday,  
March 5  
2021**

## Easter Flower Orders



Orders for Tulips to decorate the Church Easter Sunday can be placed until **Sunday, March 28, 2021**. The cost is \$6.00 per plant

(6" round pot, 6 bulbs).

Order envelopes are on the table with the bulletins; at the Drive-Thru Communion; or by calling Shirley Sweigart at 717-538-1946.

Please deposit completed envelopes in the red container on the cabinet at the back.

## My Mirror

*By Ralph Whitcomb*

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,  
make me look how I recall.  
I am confused by what I see.  
Is that reflection really me?  
I see a body in disrepair.  
There's no more brown left in its hair.  
Where once was a younger looking face,  
baldness and wrinkles has taken its place.  
There is no need for that extra skin,  
beneath the eyes and under the chin.  
Poor eyesight and hearing, I do expect.  
So glasses and hearing aids, I must accept.  
Mirror, mirror, that hangs on my wall,  
make me handsome and a little more tall.  
If you can not improve this dowdy face,  
a new mirror will surely take your place.  
Hear what I say, if I do not prevail,  
I must be profound and pragmatic.  
Without fail, I will pull out your nail  
and you will end up in the attic.

### Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

A. carrots and potatoes  
B. onions and garlic  
C. fish and leeks  
D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6)

## Holy Communion

The Sunday Live-Stream and In-Person Service will be followed by a Drive-Thru Communion opportunity in the Faith United parking lot from 10:15-11:00 AM each Sunday.

## Confirmation

Confirmation for seventh and eighth graders continues online from 12:00-1:00 PM and meets on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. To join our Zoom call, click the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81817425751>

## Newsletter Update

Beginning with the March Newsletter and until further notice, newsletters will be sent following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

## A Breath Of Fresh Prayer

Norwegian theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God "knocks," he said, "not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer" but "in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind... when you need him most."

Prayer, added Hallesby, is as essential to life as air. "As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon," he said. "Let your prayers ascend to [God] constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit."

## Committee Contacts

Interested in getting more involved? Contact the following people:

**Care of Members:** Lori Stover

**Finance:** Scott Gola

**Christian Education:** Brian Strohl

**Information Technology (IT):** Deb Demler

**Staff Support:** Brad Fichthorn

**Property:** Jim Kreider

**Worship and Music:** Bruce Carpenter

**Peter's Porch Feeding Ministry:** Terry Burkholder

**Family Ministry and Fellowship:** Terri Kilrain

**Social Ministry:** Dawn Frees

**Vacation Bible School:** Ellen Houser



**Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.**

**As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors related to the Coronavirus outbreak, our support group will be held via Zoom. Call the**



**Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.**

### **ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS**

These free meetings include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to register.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling:** Tuesday, April 6, 6:30-8:00 PM.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion:** Tuesdays, March 9 and April 13; Wednesday, April 7, 6:30–8:00 PM. Tuesdays, March 16, 23, 2:00-3:30 PM.

**GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing):** Tuesdays, March 9 and April 13, 6:30–8:00 PM.

This monthly group provides sources of help, compassion, and understanding for families or individuals who have had a loved one die as a result of substance abuse or addiction. Pre-registration for new attendees is required. For more information about location or Zoom details, or to register, contact Marjorie Paradise at mparadise810@comcast.net or (717) 951-2720.

**Newly Bereaved (Three Week Series):** Tuesdays, April 13, 20, 27, 6:30-8:00 PM. Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 2:00-3:30 PM. If a loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help attendees to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 at least one week prior to the start of the group to discuss with a bereavement counselor.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Online March 1-April 30. Hospice & Community Care invites you, your family and friends to watch a special virtual Service of Remembrance in memory of loved ones who died in 2019 and 2020. Two services will be available for you to view at your convenience—an interfaith service and a secular service. For more information, visit [www.HospiceCommunity.org/SOR](http://www.HospiceCommunity.org/SOR).

**We Are Here For You:** Many bereaved individuals know they “need something” but are uncertain what that is. Perhaps you have experienced several losses in a short period of time. Or, after the initial busy time of settling affairs ends a fresh wave of grief hits. Grief and loss are unpredictable so we encourage you to contact a Pathways grief counselor whenever needed, **Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM.** to discuss support options. Pathways services are available regardless of the cause of death or whether Hospice was involved. After our grief counselors talk with someone on the phone or see them in a support group for the first time, they often say they wish they had reached out to us sooner. Support groups or individual consultation, regardless of whether by Zoom or face-to-face, provide a safe place to express emotions you may not have felt comfortable sharing with family or friends. Most people say they are glad they called because it helped them realize that they feel less alone.

**Social Dine-Out Options:** Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we have canceled all social dine-out options scheduled for the immediate future.

**Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at [www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org](http://www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org) for updated information about support groups.**

## **Paying It Back — And Forward**

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more

than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning “In each other’s shadows the people live.”

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus’ Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## TAKE OUT ONLY

COMMUNITY MEAL No Charge

1 - Thursday March 11, 2021

Pre-Order by Friday March 5, 2021

2 - Thursday March 25, 2021

Pre-Order by Friday March 19, 2021

5:30pm - 6:30pm

## **PRE-ORDER REQUIRED**

*(Limited number of meals available)*

[CALL 717 336-6748](tel:7173366748) OR EMAIL [SWAMPCHF@PTD.NET](mailto:SWAMPCHF@PTD.NET)

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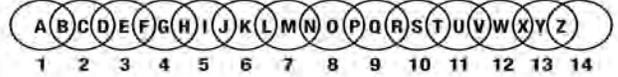
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# Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



1,2 3 6 5 7,8 2,3 1 7,8 2,3

2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3

10,11 8 8 7,8 3 1 7,8 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10

3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10 5,6 11 10 10,11 1 10

5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3

3,4 8 9,10 4 1 11,12 3 13 8 11

EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

Ephrata Area Social Services & Swamp Lutheran Evangelical Church are

## Bringing the food to your back yard!

**2nd Wednesdays of the Month**

1:00—3:30 PM

Drive-thru to receive your boxes of canned goods, produce, dairy and frozen meats.

Upcoming Pantry Days:

Wednesday, March 10; 1:00 PM—3:30 PM

Wednesday, April 14; 1:00 PM—3:30 PM

**Please let us know you're coming!**

Questions and to RSVP: Swamp Lutheran Church: 717-336-2849 : EASS: 717-733-0345

# KID'S PAGE

## FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

### What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.



## BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

*Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.*



VDEO

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

\_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

\_\_\_\_\_

“Are not five \_\_\_\_\_ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many \_\_\_\_\_.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answers: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



As we prepare our hearts for this most holy time of the year in our life of faith, we invite you to worship with us either in-person or virtually during Holy Week. This week is when we give thanks to God for Jesus' dying and resurrecting love, and when we take extra time to reflect on the meaning of that love for our life of faith. See below for a schedule of Holy Week worship.

**Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 1  
7:00 PM**

This Worship Service will be both in-person and live-streamed. It will not include the washing of feet this year. It will include Holy Communion, with no drive-thru on this night.

**Good Friday Community Walk  
Friday, April 2 at 10:30 AM**

This walk will be led by Faith United, Trinity United Methodist and St John's United Church Of Christ. We will meet and begin at Roseboro Stradling Funeral Home, Denver, with our walk ending at Faith United. You are welcome to park in the Faith United parking lot. Masks and social distancing are required, and handouts will be provided. Weather permitting.

**Good Friday: Friday, April 2  
7:00 PM**

This Worship Service will be both in-person and live-streamed.

**Easter Sunday Indoor Service  
Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 AM**

This Worship Service will be both in-person and live-streamed, with an overflow area downstairs available if needed. This Service includes Holy Communion.

**Easter Sunday Outdoor Service  
Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 AM**

This short Service of Prayer, Song, and Holy Communion will take place in the parking lot of Faith United. Masks and social distancing are required.

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