

# Ripples of Faith 2020



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/1 WELCA St. Peter
- 4/5 Palm Sunday Worship
- 4/7 Maundy Thursday Service
- 4/8 Good Friday Service
- 4/12 Easter Morning Worship
- 4/15 Goldfinch Communion
- Confirmation Faith Statement
- 4/19 Turkey Dinner—Trinity
- 4/22 Confirmation Faith Statements
- 4/29 Confirmation Rehearsal

Sundays— 8:30 am St. Peter  
               10:30 am Trinity & Waverly  
  
               —9:15 Sunday school  
               Trinity & Waverly  
  
 Mondays: 9:00 am Men’s Bible Study  
               First Lutheran, Trimont



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## APRIL Worship Schedule

		St. Peter	Trinity	Waverly
5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Lent	Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	<b>All Worship Services Cancelled</b>		
	Wednesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	<b>Worship at Waverly Cancelled</b>		
Holy Week	Palm Sunday Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Thursday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: Purple</i>	<b>Worship w/Communion at St. Peter 6:30 PM</b>		
	<b>Good Friday</b> Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: N/A</i>	<b>Worship at Waverly 6:30 PM</b>		
	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	<b>No Easter Vigil this year!</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Easter	Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 7:00 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Altar: White</i>	Worship w/Comm 8:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM	Worship w/Comm 10:30 AM

**\*\*Note:** At the time of printing, there are currently no restrictions to any size gathering from the Center for Disease Control or the Minnesota Department of Health. If the restrictions that are currently in place through March 31<sup>st</sup> are extended, more in-person worship services will be cancelled. We will keep you posted as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.

## Parish Council

March 10, 2020

Members Present: Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, John Borchardt. Pastor Anthony Christoffels and Pastor Eric Midthun

Marilyn called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the agenda as printed made by Marilyn and seconded by Jody. Approved.

Devotions was the start of a discussion on 10 Predictions about the Future Church by Carey Nieuwhof. It is something we will continue looking at during upcoming meetings.

Pastor Anthony led in prayer to start the meeting.

Secretary's Report from January 28, 2020, motion to approve as written was made by John and seconded by Jody. Approved.

Treasurer's Report from January and February 2020, motion to approve as written was made by Jody and seconded by MaryAnn. Approved.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Anthony -There will be a confirmation retreat for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

It will give them a jump start on their faith statements and an introduction to outdoor ministries.

There will not be an Easter Vigil service this year. Upcoming events at Waverly include a synod person for planned giving doing a presentation on March 22 and on March 29 Karen Koeder giving a presentation on dementia. She is willing to do this at Trinity and St. Peter as well. Pastor will be gone for continuing education May 6-10. It will involve pulpit supply for May 10.

Congregation reports – none

Old Business – none

New Business

Parish Administrator's computer is slowing down quite a bit, time to replace. A motion was made by Marilyn for pastor to investigate replacement of the tower, if it is in the \$500 - \$700 range he should go ahead and purchase, over that contact council, seconded by Jody. Approved.

Holy Week schedule – Maundy Thursday 6:30 at St. Peter, it will include communion and stripping of the altar.

Good Friday is 6:30 at Waverly. Easter services are 7:00 at Trinity, 8:30 and St. Peter and 10:30 at Waverly.

Confirmation is May 3, 3 students at St. Peter and 2 or 3 at Trinity.

Senior Recognition will be May 17. There are 2 at St. Peter, 4 at Trinity and 1 at Waverly.

Summer worship on Wednesday will be Waverly in June, Trinity in July and St. Peter in August.

Motion to adjourn made by Jody and seconded by John. Approved.

Parish Council Special Meeting  
March 22, 2020

Members participating: Marilyn Cheever, Nancy Nordstrom, John Borchardt, MaryAnn Frerichs.  
Council presidents: Don Nordstrom, Jon Saxen.  
Pastors Anthony Christoffels and Eric Midthun.

Marilyn called the meeting to order.

Pastor Anthony opened the meeting in prayer.

At present all in person activities are canceled through March 31. A letter went out. We are waiting for further guidelines.

Phone calls to shut-ins have been appreciated, as have the video messages. Both pastors have been doing these.

About 11 came to the drive through communion Pastor Stephanie did.

We need to be looking at how to do church when we can't do it the way we are used to.

Flyers will be put on the church doors for those who might stop. It will be checked on to see if we can put anything in the post office.

The insert in the mailing was really nice, it was suggested in addition to online they be included in the newsletter at least to cover through Easter.

Financially do we have the ability to give assistance. There isn't a parish fund, individual churches would need to decide what to do. Exact restrictions going forward will determine how many are affected. Beyond money some may need help with things like getting groceries. We can use Honeywell to help get the word out, we have unlimited alerts that we can send.

It was asked how many aren't on Honeywell – Pastor Anthony thinks the majority of those active are on it. He can have Lisa check. If needed a mailing could be done just to those not on Honeywell. It can also be highlighted in the newsletter, along with the many others needed relating to COVID 19.

We will likely need to revisit things in a month since we

likely haven't seen the worst yet.

What is worship going to look like? Those without internet can get a printed copy of the sermon. It could be helpful even for those with poor internet service. Between a honeywell alert and the newsletter those who would benefit from a printed copy will be encouraged to contact the church. It was asked that church presidents review the list of their active members to look for those who might not have internet as well and give a suggested list to Lisa.

It was asked if there was anything in place for those who might be ill. Home visits will be made on request. All care facilities are closed to visitors except for end of life care. Pastor checked in with Tom Krahmer on how funerals are being handled. If it is a cremation they are encouraging to delay all the services. If it is a casket they are doing a small graveside service involving as few people as possible and suggesting a memorial service later.

It was brought up that we are using a free version of Zoom for the meeting, it has a limit of 40 minutes, after getting everyone back, it was decided to have Pastor get the version with a fee of \$15 a month so we don't have a time limit.

Holy week – the churches will be encouraged to get palms for Palm Sunday, especially to those who get from small businesses. They will be set out or delivered to people along with some sort of worship resources. Pastor is still brainstorming the rest of the services. Probably recorded, Maundy Thursday possibly pastor and one or two others doing the things like stripping the altar. Good Friday again record, involve some music and the readings. All we can do is try.

Easter, if rule of 10 is in place, options include, limit to 10 at a time, drive in church using FM transmitter at Waverly, people would listen from vehicles, possibly deliver communion car to car. Pastor thinks that when ever we are able to come back we should do an Easter service the first Sunday. A motion was made by MaryAnn and seconded by John B. to pay for a transmitter out of parish funds rather than having Waverly buy. Approved.

Confirmation options include a family only service or delaying until restrictions are lifted. Most feel delaying is the better option if families will agree.

Reminder that giving is still important will be included in the newsletter.

Zoom worked well for the meeting.

We will need to meet again if restrictions are extended.

Submitted by  
MaryAnn Frerichs

# **COVID-19 UPDATE**

The rapid spread of COVID-19 has drastically changed our world in a matter of moments. And that can be scary, but we need not fear this pandemic for our faith is in Jesus who is our Savior. We heed the warnings and recommendations that come from our government agencies, but we need not panic because our lives, our eternal lives, are safely secured through our baptisms. Currently, we are still under the restriction of not gathering more than 10 people together. This restriction is in place through March 31<sup>st</sup>. If this gets extended into April, the parish council has imagined what worship looks like without gathering in our buildings. We will keep you updated.

Lastly, if you would like to visit with a pastor, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Anthony or Pastor Eric. We are here for you. To listen to your concerns and fears. To offer you a message of hope in these uncertain times. God bless you in the days to come!

## **What Our Church is Doing**

- Making weekly at home worship resources available to you. The Milestones Ministry handouts for the next few weeks are included in this newsletter.
- Making weekly sermons from Pr. Anthony and Pr. Eric available. These sermons are in video form on our Circle of Faith Parish Facebook page. If you do not have a computer or limited to no internet access, you may request a printed sermon to be mailed to you by contacting the parish office at 728-8259 or [parish@circleoffaithparish.org](mailto:parish@circleoffaithparish.org).
- We are thinking outside the box for our Holy Week worship services. We will update you more as we get closer to Palm Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>).
- We are increasing our communication with you through social media, mailings and using Honeywell. This situation is continually changing and we will do our very best to keep you informed.

## **What You Can Do**

### **Pray**

Pray for those who have become ill from this virus. Pray for those working in our healthcare systems. Pray for those who are keeping our grocery stores stocked as the hoarding continues. Pray for all of those who are affected by the closers of our schools and restaurants.

### **Check Your Honeywell Account**

If you have not been receiving a phone call or text message regarding the cancellation of worship services, please contact the parish office to get added to our notification system. If you changed your number or removed a landline, please inform the parish office of those changes.

### **Ask For Help**

If you are uncomfortable leaving your home due to the risk of possibly getting this virus and need to get groceries or prescriptions, please contact a pastor or the parish office. We are here to help you! We will pick up the items that you need and deliver them to your home.

### **Offer Help**

If you are willing to leave your home and help our sisters and brothers in Christ who should not be venturing out into public, please contact a pastor or the parish office. Our neighbors need our help.



# St. Peter Ripples



Next meeting: April 1 @ 1:30 pm  
Hostesses: Sherry & Rosemary

Bible Study: In Session 4 we are reminded that we do not all need to be alike and that the whole church is better because of the diversity of all its members.

We had a good year of quilting again. As usual this is a joint project between St. Peter and Trinity women with workers from both churches. 16 are ready to go to Lutheran World Relief, 10 went to Forest Ridge rehab center for girls, 24 will go to the Ministerial Association Christmas project in Estherville, 5 to the Okoboji quilt auction, Confirmation quilts—3 St. Peter & 3 Trinity. Shirley made 30 baby quilts and Muriel 10 all for Salvation Army. Kathryn did 20 crib quilts. Some of our quilts go for local needs like medical or fires this is 'Mission in Action'.

Ethan and Sandy Christofferson continue to work in Taiwan. They thank us for our gifts to their ministry. They are fluent in the Chinese language in the interactions with the natives.

Ann reports a treasury balance of \$406.46. \$100 was donated to the food pack for "Kids Against Hunger". We will again do donations instead of the Community Day Rummage Sale.

Prayers for Tuesdays @ 2: 4/7 pray for our country during this COVID19 epidemic, 4/14 pray for the medical profession fighting this, 4/21 pray for our nation's leader, 4/28 pray for the sick that they may have full recoveries.

There are 2 Spring Recharges at the Okoboji Camp. April 3-5 for 6-th graders and April 17-19 for 6-9 grades.

No April Anniversaries  
April honorary birthdays—Rosemary Saggau 15<sup>th</sup>  
and Kathryn Detert—30<sup>th</sup>

April Altar care: Barb Schmidt

Next work duty: Group 1 Group 1 had the Lenten Supper March 11th and Group 2 on March 25th All events are subject to change because of the health situation.

*Open our mouths to your word that we may share the Good News of Jesus Christ with every one we meet. Open our arms to your Word that we may show our faith through our actions.*

Easter Blessing !  
Jeannine

# Trinity Ripples



Hopefully there will be an Easter Service this year - let's be positive and say there will be, but this year, if you want a Lilly in church, please purchase your own and bring it to the church the week before or on Saturday, 11.

EASTER Breakfast served following Easter sunrise service.

Annual Turkey  
Dinner  
Sunday, April 19.  
11:30 am—1 pm

**CANCELLED**



# Waverly Ripples

**Mary's Circle** Tuesday, April 7 - 7 pm

Our plan is to meet via ZOOM this month.

You will be able to access it by computer or phone. The only difference will be you will need to provide your own cookie. So... Gomer who? Gomer Pyle of TV fame? Probably not, but the Gomer in our study this month has many twists and turns. The wife of the prophet Hosea is also a prostitute. Can you imagine the gossip around that one? But the book of Hosea is also about the Israelites and their relationship with God. What does that have to do with prostitution!? And then, what does it have to do with us today. Maybe even read Hosea 1:2-11 and 2:14-3:5 for some hints.

## **PLANNED GIVING FORUM - POSTPONED**

The Waverly Endowment Fund Committee has invited Pr. Keith Pearson to Waverly. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone Pr. Keith's visit. We will keep you updated on when this forum can be rescheduled. Pr. Keith is the Regional Gift Planner for our area. He will be visiting with us about our endowment fund and how to make financial plans for our future.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS**

The Waverly Mission Endowment Fund is currently accepting grant application for mission projects and post-secondary scholarship. Any Waverly member is welcome and encouraged to apply. Hard copies are available at Waverly and through the parish office. You can also apply at [www.waverlylutheran.org/endowment](http://www.waverlylutheran.org/endowment). This year we have around \$4,000 to distribute. What project can you image getting some funding support from your Waverly Endowment Fund?

# St Peter



DATE	LECTOR	USHERS
April 5	Jeannine Rasmussen	James and Aubrey Plumhoff
12	Ellie Plumhoff	Ronnie and Jane Leiding
19	Jordan Petschke	Bob Nelson and Larry W Schmidt
26	Jeff Petschke	Jordan and Christian Petschke
May 3	Jeannine Rasmussen	Dale and Jeanne Leiding

# Trinity



DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	COMMUNION
April 5	MaryAnn Frerichs	Becky and Joel Detert	
12	Deb Philipp	John and MaryAnn Frerichs	
19	Liz Stahl	Larry Puhrman - Todd Williams	
26	MaryAnn Frerichs	Nate and Samantha Chukuske	
May 3	Deb Philipp	Sun and Henry Borchardt	

# Waverly

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDRENS TIME	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
April 5	John/Joanne Sherman	Pastor	Ushers	Gwen Matz
12	Kelley Bettin	Susan Rathman	Ushers	Gwen Matz
19	Susan Rathman	Pastor	Ushers	Gwen Matz
26	Josie Clow		Ushers	Gwen Matz
May 3	Deanne Gaalswyk	Pastor	Ushers	Susan Rathman

**April Ushers:** Steve Williamson, Troy Schmidtke, Todd Rathman, Jeff Matz  
**May Ushers:** Bob Olson, Jim Sherman, Brian Clow, Don Nordstrom



**MARCH 29, 2020**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**IN LENT**

# taking faith home

*The resurrection means new life now.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 11:1-45</b>	<b>The raising of Lazarus</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b>	<b>Valley of dry bones</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 8:6-11</b>	<b>Life in the Spirit</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Romans 8:12-27</b>	<b>Wonderful future of God's people</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 4:1-15</b>	<b>Treasure in clay jars</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Colossians 3:12-17</b>	<b>New life in Christ</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 130</b>	<b>Trusting the Lord in times of trouble</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 21:1-11</b>	<b>Jesus enters Jerusalem</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to her [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**John 11:25-26 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of life and hope, we thank you for the promise of the resurrection and the power it brings to us each day through Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this meal we are strengthened to wait for you with faith and hope through Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the God of life free you from all burdens and give you peace.



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**MARCH 29, 2020**

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about something you are looking forward to doing in the future.
- How does thinking about a future moment impact your life today?
- Both Ezekiel 37 and Jesus in John 11 talk about God's power to give life. How does the promise of the resurrection and God's power to give life influence you today?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: John 11:1-45.

With the story of the raising of Lazarus we have Jesus making clear that Jesus is not only the source of "the resurrection on the last day" (v. 24), but the source of life now. Jesus does not just say he is the resurrection. He says, "I am the resurrection and the life" (v. 25). In this story we gain understanding of what it means that Jesus is the "Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world" (v. 27). The future hope of the resurrections is so important and so real that it changes our life in the present. Even though Jesus weeps with his friends (v. 35), grief does not control his—or our—life. Our lives are to be freed from the daily powers of sin and death. "Unbind him and let him go" (v. 44) is the message for us, too. Jesus comes to us when our burdens are great to unbind us and set us free. Jesus says, "[E]veryone who lives and believes in me will never die" (v. 26). How does Jesus' resurrection make a difference in your life today? How does faith in Jesus impact your priorities, your values, your relationships?

**Pray: God of resurrection promise, remind us of the new life we are given each day through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Knowing one is nearing the end of their life is difficult for the person and for family and loved ones. As one draws closer to death we can be comforted to know of the resurrection and new life. This does not mean it will be easy. Jesus gives all who believe in him the promise of eternal life. Do you know of someone who has a loved one in the final stages of life? Is there a way you can support them through listening, prayer, meals, or household help?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the fifth week in Lent, light five of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) has been introduced as a way to pray. This week use this acronym as a guide for prayer.

**Pray: Dear God, I praise you for . . . , I thank you for . . . , I thank you for . . . , I pray for (name of people or situations) . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



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APRIL 5, 2020  
PALM/PASSION  
SUNDAY

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*God shows divine love through humiliation.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Matthew 26:14-27:66	Jesus' trial and crucifixion
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	The servant's humiliation
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	John 13:1-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1-19:42	Jesus suffers and dies
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for protection
Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	Christ's resurrection

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

[B]ut [Jesus Christ] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. **Philippians 2:7-8 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Merciful God, free us to trust that the humiliation Jesus experienced from the cross is the path to hope for the world and the source of true power, true faith, and true love. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of each day and for this food. May we enjoy the day with courage, faith, and love. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the face of God shine on you and save you through Christ's steadfast love. (Psalm 31:16)



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APRIL 5, 2020

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*



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**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you show others that you care for them?
- How have others shown care for you?
- Jesus died on a cross. How is this act of God a sign of love?

**DEVOTIONS**

Read: Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Many theories have been put forward in the history of the church to state why Jesus had to die to be our Savior. However, one point is clear in the Bible: Jesus' death shows the depth of God's love, a love that is willing to experience a form of slavery, humiliation, and excruciating death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8). Crosses have become forms of jewelry and part of other art forms that point to Jesus' death. However, neither the jewelry nor other art come close to the pain and humiliation that God in Christ endured to indicate the character of who God is for us. Jesus is not only Emmanuel, God with us, in humiliation and death. Jesus also joins our human existence by making our deepest prayer his prayer: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). God in Christ Jesus joins our life experience and from the cross stretches out his arms to say, "I love you this much." When you see someone wearing a cross, what does it mean to you?

**Pray:** **Loving God, you stop at nothing to show us your divine character and the depths of your love. Help us to know and to trust the power of your love for us through Christ. Amen.**

**SERVICE**

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). To have a mind like Jesus means to be humble and not selfish but selfless. Such humility opens our lives to care for others. In what ways are you a servant to others?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

If you received palms during worship, take them home. As we begin Holy Week, say the ACTS prayer of giving praise to God (Adoration), asking God's forgiveness (Confession), giving thanks to God (Thanksgiving), and asking God's help for those in need (Supplication) as you light all six purple candles on the Lenten Candle Cross. After lighting the candles, hold a palm and wave it in your hand as you say, "**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**" (Matthew 21:9b)



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APRIL 12, 2020  
EASTER SUNDAY

# taking+ faith home

*The resurrection of Jesus changes everything.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	Christ's resurrection
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Israel will return to God
Thursday	Colossians 3:1-4	New life in Christ
Friday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has saved us
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord is always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"So they [Mary Magdalene and the other Mary] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him." **Matthew 28:8-9 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to live each day knowing and trusting that Jesus' resurrection changes everything we experience around us. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as our Lord Jesus Christ ate with Peter and the other disciples after he rose from the dead, be with us now in this meal. Amen. (Acts 10:41)

### A Blessing to Give:

May the risen Lord Jesus Christ be your strength and the power of your salvation now and always. (Psalm 118:14)



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APRIL 12, 2020

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.



## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What happens during an earthquake? Have you experienced one? If so, tell about it.
- Tell or think about a time in your life when something happened that "shook" you up.
- How do you think Jesus' resurrection shakes up the way God cares for us and all people?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:1-10.

Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" go to the empty tomb. The second Mary is likely Jesus' mother (see Matthew 13:55 and 27:56 where Jesus' mother is described as the mother of James and Joseph). It is surprising that this second Mary is not named as the mother of Jesus. It appears that the emphasis is not on her biological relationship to Jesus but Mary as a follower of Jesus. She is now a disciple. Jesus' resurrection changes and shakes up everything, including our relationships to others. This is something suggested by the earthquake and the angel of the Lord that descends and whose appearance is like lightning (28:2-3). The resurrection of Jesus connects heaven and earth in a way that shakes up everything for the followers of Jesus and for all of creation itself. How does Jesus' resurrection change everything? How does it change you?

**Pray:** Risen Lord Jesus, come into my life this day that I may be changed to live for you. Amen.

## SERVICE

Natural disasters occur regularly around the world. The aftermath of floods, earthquakes, and hurricanes or typhoons change people's lives drastically. There are many organizations that provide help for these victims. Have you ever helped during a recovery? How might you support this work?



## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Write the numbers one through ten on separate pieces of small paper. Fold each number and place them in ten different colored plastic eggs along with a sweet treat. Hide the eggs and have a hunt. After they are found, open each egg and take the contents out. Ask who has number one and then read Matthew 28:1. Continue the numbers in order as verses 2-10 from Matthew 28 are read. When finished say together: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** (say three times, each time getting louder)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

# APRIL







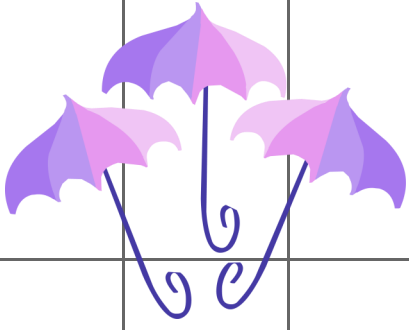

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Maisie Bentz 	2 	3 Aaron Burmeister Dennis Hoppe	4 Jennifer Petersen Holly Wiggins
5 Blake Lueth	6 Jordan Hovick <i>Brian &amp; Heidi            Clow</i> <i>James &amp; Donna            Hand</i>	7				11 Merle Burmeister
12 Don Schley 	13 Brooklyn Petersen	14 Beth Mulso Norm Schley Larry Schweiss	15 Haley Jensen Rosemary Saggau  <i>Kevin &amp; Lynette            Shaw</i>	16 	17 Logan Hughes Brandie Gibson -Fletcher	18 Paige Armbrust Eliza Helvig Grayson Helvig Jack Helvig Brian Sandberg Don Schlager
19 Tom Hovick Michael Roth Kay Wohlhuter	20 Lee Thompson	  <i>Henry &amp; Sun            Borchardt</i>	22 Wyatt Bengé Bennett Dorschner	23 Deanne Gaalswyk Alan Johnson	24 Catherine Sherman	25 Hunter Schmidtke
26 Kendra Helvig 	27 James Chukuske Sr. Zach Peterson	28 Bradie Rosen	29 Ellie Plumhoff	30 Rosemary Atzenhoefer Kathryn Detert Braedy Lueth Troy Schmidtke		



# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 1:30 pm WELCA-StP	2	3 Parish Office Closed Fridays	4
<b>5 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am St Peter Worship / Comm 9:15 am SS @ TLC/WLC 10:30 am TLC/WLC Worship /	6 9:00 am Men's Bible Study - First Lutheran Trimont	7 7 pm Mary Circle WLC	8 1 pm Goldfinch Communion	 Worship 6:30 pm @ St. Peter's	 Worship 6:30 pm Waverly	11
<b>12 EASTER</b>  7 am Trinity Breakfast following 8:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am Waverly	13 Parish Office Closed	14 9:30 am THCC Worship	15  4-5 pm Confirmation Faith Statement	16	17	18
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