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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship and outreach.



Weekly Worship at All Saints

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (KINGA):
MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00am – 2:00pm

ALL LITURGIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FaceBook.

Saturday: 5:00 pm Liturgy I (White Book)

Sunday: 8:45 am SCS

9:00 am Pericope

10:00 am ELW Setting 8

11:00 am Adult Choir

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Liturgy II (White Book)



**Do you have an address, email, phone number or status change?
Please contact the church office to report any changes for the records.
This helps insure our files stay current.**

THANK YOU



- 4-2 Glen Baumgartner, Brian Steiner,
Nicole Mobley
- 4-3 Nathan Holzman,
- 4-5 Dale Slowik
- 4-6 Marlene Anderson, Paxton Polster,
Patrick Duffey
- 4-7 Denise Kalski, Diane Seegert, Grace Turlais
- 4-9 Tom Coonan, Mike Seegert
- 4-10 Kevin Lang, Rosario Rickey
- 4-11 Brian Bishop, Jeffrey Grom,
Allen Kuehn
- 4-12 Laurie Martindale, Paul Salewski
- 4-14 Marie Venne
- 4-15 John Duffey
- 4-16 Margaret Quinn
- 4-17 Karen Vander Molen, Ava Turlais
- 4-18 Cassidy Berns, Ashley Seegert
- 4-20 Meghan Duffey
- 4-23 Nolan Mobley
- 4-24 Colin Stecker, Jenny Walker
- 4-26 Pamela Bluemner
- 4-27 Steve Pitts
- 4-29 Jeri Koss
- 4-30 Tracey Halvorson, McKenna Olsen,
Melissa Weier

- 4-21 Paul and Diane Salewski
- 4-21 Karen and John Koltowski

*Changes in Service Schedule,
Please contact the church
office at 414-762-5111 or
office@allsaintsoakcreek.org
& Dena at 414-520-4141
Call/Text or
Olsen7945@att.net
This helps ensure we have
coverage for Liturgies.
Thank you*

Comment Article: “Beyond Sadness”

The present orders for social distancing never considered our need for family, or our need for communal worship of our God... Our sense of belongingō Our individual sense of valueō Our sense of worthō Our need for corporate confession and forgiveness, praise and thanksgiving...the separation from family and friends is OVERWHELMING and almost SURREAL. The church sits emptyō quietō devoid of any and all activity. Without you, this is JUST a building and not a church at all.+ It is YOU who MAKE IT a church. I long for YOUR presence again.

In my almost 70 years of life, I have never-ever been separated from my church family. My God, my church, my church family has always been a constant in my lifeō A VERY REAL PRESENCE. Like Samuel, I have grown up within these walls. This is our home. And, our home now sits completely EMPTY, SILENCED. I feel like I am in exile, but alone in my exile. Even the phones have become silenced. The internet, so important to some, it too, is down.

Of course, I know that God is with usō with youō with meō and that helps a great deal knowing that I am not completely alone, forsaken. It is you that I miss. You complete me and this place.

Now, obviously as children of God, we know and we realize, that we all have intrinsic value, self-worth and we belong, WE are, after all, brothers and sisters to one another. We are familyō that sense of belonging has never been AS PRONOUNCED as it is right now, today. COVID 19 has brought this all home. It is a new reality.

You are more than missed. You are longed forō You are wanted, you are desiredō and I suspectō that is what it is like when a loved one passes and we wait to be reunited together again.

My heart longs for our reunion. My heart longs for our time together. There is an important lesson in all of this. WE NEED EACH OTHER, more than we realize. My heart aches. My heart breaks. The separation is DEVASTATING. But I know, that one day we will be reunited together again, and oh, how my heart will sing. My spirits will be liftedō and it will be BECAUSE OF YOU!

See you in Worship!

Pr. Mortenson





Did You Know? “Foot washing”

- **That, in Bible times, people wore sandals so foot washing was the first thing they would do before entering a tent (house)?**
- **That, the host would normally provide the water for foot washing, but in some cases a servant would wash feet?**
- **That, in Bible times foot washing was necessary because folks wore sandals and they did not have paved roads?**
- **But the roads were not the problem...**
- **That, the sand from the road would make for some pretty filthy feet?**
- **That, in fact, the feet were considered to be the dirtiest part of the body?**
- **That, for this reason it was customary for a host to offer water for visitors to wash their feet when they entered the home?**
- **That, in some cases a host’s servant would even wash the feet of the guests as they entered the home.**
- **That, Jesus used the example of foot washing to teach his disciples the importance of service to others.**
- **That, Jesus encouraged his FOLLOWERS to never consider themselves to be “too good” to serve others.**
- **That, everyday at All Saints is sunny, warm and bright, even though we are presently closed, due to the Covid - 19 virus that has swept our country and state?**
- **WASH YOUR HANDS WE ARE BEING TOLD REPEATEDLY! But in this day and age, no one says anything at all about the FEET!**

STAY SAFE EVERYONE!



President's Article

There have been a number of changes in our lives during the past few weeks. For many this has meant added stress. Some wonder where to turn.

In the midst of all these changes, our lectionary recently included a very reassuring message (in Psalm 121). It reads in part:

Lift my eyes to the hills,
 From where will my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.

And later:

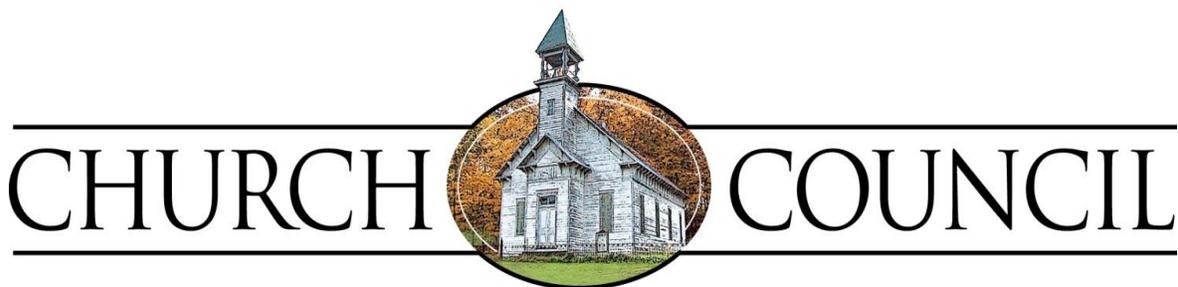
The Lord will keep your life.
 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time on and forevermore.

It tells us that the Lord will always be with us no matter what happens in our lives. He will guide us and help us forever.

As we face the current challenges in our lives, it is reassuring to be reminded that the Lord is walking with us every step of the way. He is always with us.

May you have His peace,

Helen Haworth.
 Council President.





Holy Week

Disclaimer:

As you well know, these are “scary and unprecedented times.” None of us knows what to expect from day-to-day. There are differing messages and differing statements being made...all around us. Sometimes those messages are in direct conflict with one another. There are so many voices. All we can do is to “wait it out” and “see” what actually happens. We ALL want this to be OVER. A return to “normalcy” would be wonderful!

But will life go back to normal as we once knew it to be? I think people will be a little more cautious...a little more aware. Some of us will continue to be afraid and to be fearful. It may take us a while.

We hope for the best. We cling to the hope that is within us.

The BIGGEST-MOST EXCITING-SPIRITUAL days lie ahead. Will we be able to celebrate them together? No one knows...

WE CELEBRATE:

Passion/Palm Sunday-April 5th
 Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday)-April 8th
 Maundy Thursday-April 9th
 Good Friday-April 10th
 Holy Saturday-April 11th
 Easter (The Resurrection of Our Lord)-April 12th

We hope there will be enough time and advance notice to let you know WHEN we can finally OPEN back up again! Please stay posted!

It will be wonderful being together again. I, for one, cannot wait!

Lord willing, see you SOON!

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Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the March 16th regular meeting:

- Four new members were received into membership.
- Our First Aid kit will be modified and mounted in Coat Room for better accessibility.
- Wednesday night potluck and all fellowship will be cancelled until further notice.

Sandy Montague
Council Secretary



Congratulations

*to Kayden Cole Tyszko,
Gwendolyn Verna Meier,
Logan Edward Tyszko,
and Colton Dalton Quast
on Their Baptisms.*

*May they grow in wisdom and stature
and in favor with God and all humankind.*

Christian Education



Hello Everyone! My name is Sara Jolitz and I am the new chairperson for Christian Education. I have been a member of All Saints for over 20 years. My children Kaity and Cody were baptized and confirmed here. I am also the custodian.

There are some things coming up in May that I would like to get out there now. First communion classes start Saturday May 2nd at 11:00am and continue every Saturday throughout May for children 7 years of age and up. The children receive their first communion on Sunday May 31st during liturgy. Please contact me to sign up.

Thank you to Cody Jolitz for spending 3 afternoons at church to organize the Sunday School closet. We can now find our learning materials, craft supplies, props for liturgies, and everything else that we need.

When liturgies start again Adult Pericope will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 until 9:45. Sunday School isn't just for the kids. Everyone is welcome!

Our next meeting will hopefully be in May after one of the Sunday liturgies. Look for more information in the May Revealer. Anyone who is interested in what Christian Education is all about please join us.

Brightest Blessings,
Sara Jolitz
(414) 380-4189 (mobile)
bugtooleus75@gmail.com

THANK YOU to Elaine Kuehn for the new "Reserved" signs for Baptism, First Communions, Weddings, and Confirmations! Your talents and generosity are greatly appreciated!





Evangelism

I am at a loss for words this month. There isn't much to report on as many things have been canceled or postponed. We are in the midst of a Coronavirus pandemic. Many of us are scared. Many of us are frustrated. Many of us are concerned. At this point, all we can do is encourage prayer.

We will be working on posting sermons on our FaceBook page so if you aren't comfortable joining us for liturgies, please check those out.

Our next Evangelism meeting will be held tentatively on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30pm at Panera.

Be well,
Jenny St. Germaine
Evangelism
414-345-7877

Many blessings,
Jenny St. Germaine
Evangelism



SIMPLY GIVING

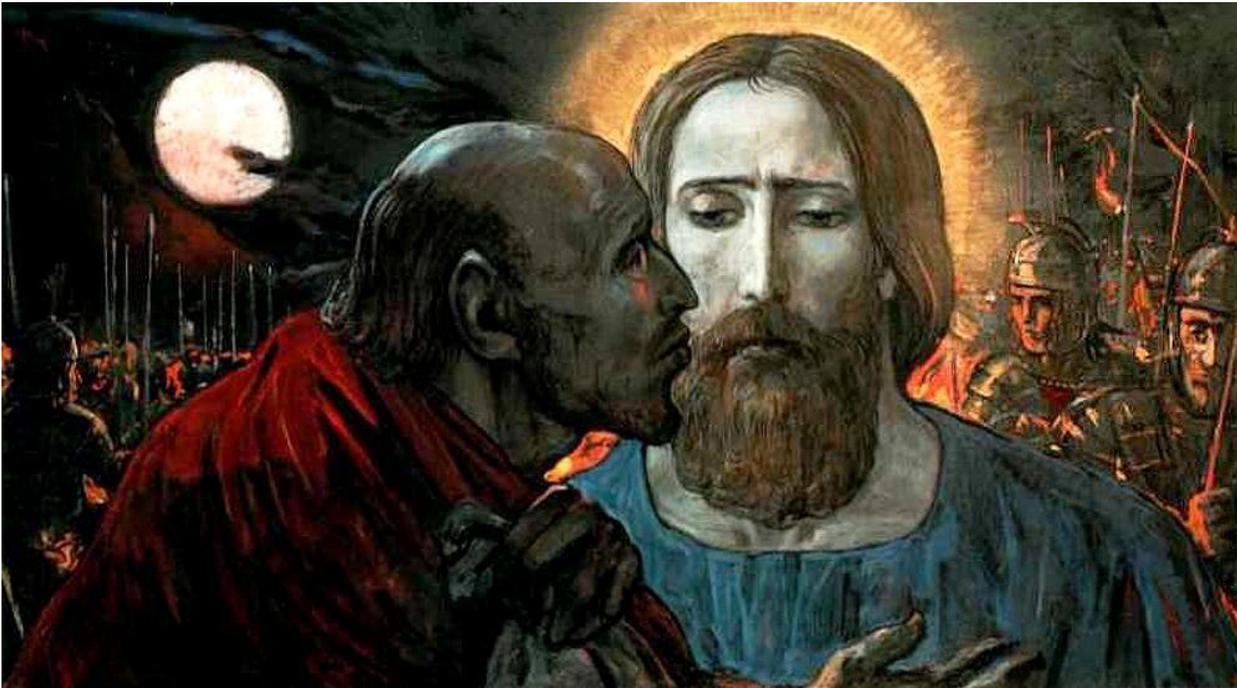
With all the rightful concern we all have about the Coronavirus, we should all have a rightful concern about the financial circumstances regarding our church. Many of us will not want to attend church services or meetings personally, but we can all still contribute to the financial support of our church by electronic giving, which is called SIMPLY GIVING.

It's called SIMPLY GIVING because it's just that. Just go to the church's website: (allsaintsoakcreek.org) and then click on the %give+header. That will take you to the page on either giving by credit card or by setting your account up to SIMPLY GIVING.

Many of our parishioners are choosing to use SIMPLY GIVING because it's a confidential and convenient way to help support our church. And it's not set in stone: you can change your giving page any time you want.

Don't forget about our church during these troubled times. Your church is always there for you during troubled times
Thanks

Spy Wednesday



Yep, betrayed with a KISS!

The Wednesday BEFORE EASTER is known as “SPY WEDNESDAY!”

The name comes from the Bible passage read in church on that day, which explains “the ROLE” that Judas Iscariot played in bringing about the death of Jesus.

According to the calendar of the CHURCH, “SPY WEDNESDAY” marks the last full day of LENT and of HOLY WEEK. Worship and Music Committee please take note!

The TRIDUUM (or the GREAT THREE HOLY DAYS) of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday or the RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, all BEGIN on the evening of the following day.

And, YES, it all began with a KISS. AND, this WAS the forerunner of the PASSING OF THE PEACE! The early church kissed each other on the cheek, during the passing of the peace, as a sign that I WILL NEVER BETRAY YOU!

During the Shut-down

YOUR church HAS BEEN open! 7 days-a-week we have been HERE! People continue to call. People continue to stop. The Food Pantry has been OPEN and AVAILABLE to ANYONE in need. A family with five children had no food and hoped and prayed that we MIGHT be open! Guess what, we were and WE were able to help them out! EVERY MEMBER has been prayed for BY NAME at the altar. Those prayers are continuing by the way! Deliveries and the mail and the BILLS do NOT stop! UPS is still coming...

Sermons were posted online.

An ALL New Online Bible Study was started and created!



And because it looks like the shut-down is going to continue on...we are now looking into going "LIVE," No, not from New York, but from right here in the very heart of Oak Creek. Live from OAK CREEK, it's SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Our very own BOB PAYNE has been "silently and proficiently" working behind the scenes to see if we can pull this off. I hope you have Facebook and check it out periodically, you MAY just see us THERE...before you know it!

Thanks Bob, appreciate it! YOUR CHURCH continues to be HERE for YOU!



Financial: “Your church needs you”

I know this is an unprecedented time for all of us given the current crisis we are in due to COVID19. Know that when all this is over your church will be here for you. Although, it is very important that even though we can't worship together right now, please make sure to remember the church. We are still going to have expenses during the crisis, and please remember to continue to donate even though you aren't able to join us for Liturgy. Please remember you can always go to the church web site and click on the Give+link and you can give electronically through Simply Giving. When all this is over I look forward to seeing everyone at church. If you have any questions, you can call me at 262-385-2383.

Please consider using Simply Giving to be consistent with your gift to the church. If you have any questions about how to use Simply Giving or to order gift cards on-line, please contact me.

If you have any questions about the finances of the church or if you would like to participate in the finance committee, please feel free to contact me either by phone or my e-mail listed in the Revealer. We meet at 7:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the church council meeting every month, and we would love to have you join us. Thanks to Barb Schrubey, Denise Kalski, and Leanne Buttke for their help on the finance committee.

Sincerely,
Sean P. Kingston, Finance Chair

	MONTH	YTD - ACTUAL	YTD - BUDGET	% VARIANCE	2019 BUDGET
CURRENT INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY					
Total Current Income Designated for Expenses	\$ 13,341.78	\$ 25,824.82	\$ 46,728.65	55%	\$ 222,337.50
Total Current Expenses	\$ 21,201.88	\$ 35,091.01	\$ 38,001.48	92%	\$ 222,537.50
GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ (7,860.10)	\$ (9,266.19)	\$ 8,727.17		\$ (200.00)



MONEY COUNTERS

We had to cancel the money counter meeting last month. But by now you should have all received your new team assignments and calendar of counting. If you haven't received either, please let me know and I'll get one out to you. Thanks! Barbara Schrubey

April 15th

It's
Not
Just
For
Taxes
Anymore!

The due date for filing your **2019** Federal Income Tax return is now
July 15, 2020.

It was pushed back from the normal **April 15** deadline to help taxpayers,
and tax preparers, who are struggling with the corona virus crisis.



**But, it is a night for “normal worship”
 (“Proposed”) on Wednesday nights at 7:00
 P.M. with the Eucharist and “ALL” Are
 Welcome! Come and join us!**

April Fool's Day

Traditionally, April Fool's Day is an opportunity for playing jokes or tricks on one another. The stranger and the more absurd the better. The challenge is to carry out a trick that is believable, if only for a little while. Tricks are most successful if played earlier in the day before a person is wise to what is going on. Younger children are also more gullible.

Any tricks or jokes must be harmless and in good taste for the unsuspecting "victim". And, we suggest you think twice before pulling one on the boss, even if he or she is known to be of good humor.

Important: Jokes and gags must be harmless and fun. They must not be dangerous or hurt anyone's feelings. Give your jokes and gags some thought before carrying them out. Then, have fun!

Origin of April Fool's Day: We do not know the exact origin of this day. It appears to have a number of possible origins and may have evolved from any number of them. Some of the origins date back to the days of the Roman Empire.





Everything was shut down, kind of...

No School
No Church
No Nails
No Haircuts
No Universities
No SPORTS events
No Taverns
No Bank Lobbies
All NON-Essentials – shutdown!

That is, except for the women who spent “days” in the church kitchen...yep they cleaned, they washed, they prepped and then, they painted!!! A new color! It looks brighter! It looks bigger! It is definitely cleaner! Just a little blood, sweat and tears during the Corona – virus shut down...

And “**IF**” the rumor is true...they are moving on...up and out...

The next thing to be tackled is going to be the “Narthex area” of the church. Yep, a new look, a fresh coat of paint...coming to a narthex near you! Yep, they are on a roll!
Or should that be “roller?” They are on it!

Thanks to Margaret Coonan, Sandy Montague and Supervisor and drip-picker-upper, Mary Zahn. Ladies, great job!!!! And, THANK YOU!

A Final Note: Please do not put anything on the freshly painted walls in the kitchen!
Thank you!

Property
Committee



Property

As your new property committee chairman, I would like to invite everyone to contact me with any concerns and/or especially offers for help to help keep our church in great condition. There is a clipboard to note any issues in the custodian's closet.

These next few weeks will be challenging for everyone, but we must focus on the long range and what inevitably will need to be done.

Mike Steiner is putting together a lawn mowing signup sheet for this (now upon us) spring, however I realize that with the new rules not everyone will be able to make it into church to sign up. If you are able to help with our lawn maintenance please feel free to text or email me at randy64fhc@hotmail.com or 414 530-0071 and I will get with you to firm up dates. It's a great way to get outside and it's socially distant!

As of today, we are scheduling our annual spring clean-up for April 25th at 9AM. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends it will be a great time. preliminary plans call for painting the Narthex and nursery along with outside spring chores, we cannot afford to hire these jobs out so do try and help (even an hour is wonderful) as many hands make for light work.



C'mon, help us out!



“PROPOSED” SCHEDULE

Palm/ Passion Sunday, April 4-5th @ 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M.

(Not looking good at this time!)

Eucharist Celebrated at All Liturgies

Adult Choir Singing!

Spy Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

(Not looking good at this time!)

(Prayer Around the Cross Liturgy!)

Eucharist Celebrated!

Maundy Thursday, April 9th, 2020 @7:00 P.M.

(Not looking good at this time!)

(Foot washing, Choir Singing, Stripping of the Church)

Eucharist Celebrated!

Adult Choir Singing!

Good Friday, April 10th, 2020 @7:00 P.M.

(Not looking good at this time!)

(Liturgy of Darkness, the Tenebrae!)

No Eucharistic Celebration!

Adult Choir Singing!

Holy Saturday, April 11th, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

(Not looking good at this time!)

Eucharist Celebrated.

Not an Easter Liturgy!

All Saints Rummage

It is the time of year again where people start opening up their homes to let the fresh air in and start **SPRING CLEANING!**

While you are collecting unwanted items to donate to your local charities please consider donating to the All Saints Rummage Sale on June 19th and 20th (tentatively).

I will be having a meeting hopefully in May.

Please look in the May revealer for a more detailed article and if you have any questions please contact me. I hope to see you soon!

Blessings Always,
Sara Jolitz
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bugtooleus75@gmail.com



The Cross of Jesus

The **KINDS** of crosses used would vary according to their **SHAPE**: X, T, and t were the most common forms.

The **HEIGHT** of the cross was also important.

Usually the victim's feet would be no more than **ONE TO TWO FEET** above the ground. This was so that wild beasts and scavenger dogs common in the city might feed on the corpse. "Punished with limbs outstretched, they see the stake as their fate; They are fastened and nailed to it in the bitterest torment, evil food for birds of prey and grim pickings for dogs."



A "paroxysm" is an important word to know. It would be like a continual coughing or a convulsion, a heaving upward and downward. Almost like a seizing process...a rising and a falling.

The **NAILS** were **SPIKES** used to **IMPALE** the victim to the **TREE**. ("Tree" being another word for a wooden cross of crucifixion...)

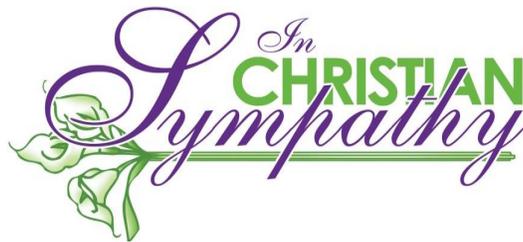
In 1968 in a cemetery at Gi'vat Ha-Mivtar (near Jerusalem), a bulldozer unearthed the skeletal remains of a man named "John" who had been crucified: "The feet were joined almost parallel, both transfixed by the same nail at the heels, with the legs adjacent; The knees were doubled, the right one overlapping the left; the trunk was contorted; the upper limbs were stretched out, each stabbed by a nail in the FOREARM."

"Whether TIED or NAILED to the cross, the victim endured countless paroxysms as he pulled with his arms and pushed with his legs to keep his chest cavity OPEN FOR BREATHING and then collapsed in exhaustion until the DEMAND FOR OXYGEN demanded renewed paroxysms.

The SCOURGING, the LOSS OF BLOOD, the SHOCK from the pain, all produced agony that could go on for days, ending at last by SUFFOCATION, CARDIAC ARREST, or LOSS OF BLOOD... When there was reason to hasten death, the execution squad would SMASH the victim's LEGS.



Death followed ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, either from SHOCK or from Collapse that CUT OFF THE BREATHING."



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Debbie Delebeck on the death of her Mother
and to LeeAnn Davies Lori Patrick on the death of their Sister -
Karen Delebeck of our church family.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

Administrative Professional's Day: April 22, 2020



Administrative Professional's Week: The last full week in April - April 19-25, 2020

National Professional Secretaries Week and National Secretary's Day was created in 1952 through the work of Harry F. Klemfuss of Young and Rubicam! WOW! WHO KNEW?

Klemfuss recognized the importance and value of the secretarial position, to a company or business and to management. His goal in creating this day was to encourage more women to become secretaries. (Nowadays, that would be both women and men). Using his skill and experience in public relations, Klemfuss, promoted the values and importance of the job that secretaries do. In doing so, he also created the holiday in recognition of the importance of secretaries.

The name of this special day has changed and evolved over the past few decades. +Yet, the importance of recognizing these vital individuals has continued to grow.

The two new terms in use today are: "Administrative Professionals" and "Executive Administrators (or Admins)". The two names sometimes mean different roles and responsibilities in different companies and organizations. Both are broader terms, which encompass more positions than the original "Secretary" role.

The name change recognizes and acknowledges that the role has changed significantly since 1952, and for the better at that! We think Klemfuss would agree with the evolution of Secretary's Day! In Harry Klemfuss' day, these positions were the realm of women! Today, you find MANY males in these positions, as well!

Enjoy your day, Miss Kinga!

Enjoy your day, Sandy Montague, Secretary to the Council!



Stewardship

As I sit here for hours (okay maybe lots of minutes) trying to figure out a cool message to you all, I realized how many hours God has given me. I'm now a part of the older generation here at All Saints...MIND BLOWN!!! When did that happen? I'm only in my 30s right? But nonetheless, God has given me a lot of hours and I like to give back to God because I'm truly thankful for those hours ..

I'm sure you can find one hour to give back to God ..Maybe it's weekly worship, or within that worship you sign up to be a greeter, communion assistant, or possibly an usher. I get such joy in helping OUR church! (You know if you haven't assisted in the worship service, there is always someone there who has and will definitely show you the ropes, the CPIC should be able to give you a hand), and typically if you volunteer your time for the worship service, it is only once a month! Saturdays and Wednesdays really need YOUR help! (If you choose, just fill in another Time and Talent sheet and we'll get you on the schedule.)

In the coming weeks ahead, my very awesome Stewardship Committee members are putting together explanations of the various duties, to help you make that decision. Watch your weekly bulletin for the inserts!

If being a part of the worship service isn't your thing, perhaps you volunteer to help clean up the church, or help with our craft fairs, our Art fair, baking, or gardening. Even one hour of your time doing one of these things will benefit your church family immensely!

Thank you to all of you who have signed up! Remember one hour is all it takes ..

Happy Spring See YOU in church soon!

PS: Amid this stressful time, remember your church family is here for you, if you choose not to attend, please remember All Saints with your giving!

Suz Pitts
Stewardship Chair

HOLY SATURDAY!



It is an awful day. A God awful day. Did you know that sometimes it has been referred to as %BLACK Saturday?+ Understand this, for the Jews it was still the Sabbath Day, until sundown, until such a time as three stars could be seen in the night\$ sky or until a black piece of thread could no longer be seen against the darkness of the coming night. It was a day of rest. A day of ceasing from all ones\$ labor. A day of contemplation. It was the worst day ever. Jesus, the Messiah, lay dead in a tombō and in a borrowed tomb, at that! The entire movement called %THE WAY+came to a crashing halt just like that. God himself had ordered this to be a day of rest. But %how do you rest?+when your mind will not stop working. We saw him die. We saw the pain, the torture, the gruesomeness of it all. We saw his lifeless body being carried awayō and now all we can do is sit and think and remember and talk about %what if.+ It is all like a dream, like it never happenedō like it could not have happened. Who would have guessed it? The Messiah slain, crucified, died and buried. It is horrific. Horrible. Beyond wordsō and here we sit, with nothing to do and no place to go. It is the incomprehensible and it has happened.



Believe it or not “our girl” is going on FOUR years of age this summer. She is no longer a puppy. No longer a teenager... She is settling down.....“a little.” Airedales have always been known for “their spunk!” Moriah Joy is no exception. She can be a handful! And she loves defying anyone that thinks otherwise. We thought we would attempt to give you a split/screen picture...before the spa day and after the spa day...and see which dog you prefer!





SPRING CRAFT FAIR

May 16th, 2020

The Craft Fair on March 28th was cancelled due to the state and federal Corona virus precautions. **We have rescheduled the Craft Fair for Saturday, May 16, 2020.** We cannot guarantee the pandemic will be over by then, but we will continue to plan and pray for the best.

We left the food donation sheets the same since many of you have already purchased the donated items. Please check expiration dates on your food items to ensure they are good through May 16th. We have made a new bakery donation sheet and Sara Jolitz will be contacting you to see if you can still bake for the rescheduled Craft Fair.

A new volunteer list will be posted on the church doors with the new Craft Fair date. Please sign up if you can help.

Important dates to put on your calendar if you can help:

- Tuesday, May 12 at 1 PM for Potato candy making in the church kitchen
- Wednesday, May 13 at 8 PM set-up of tables and chairs for craft fair
- Thursday, May 14th at 10 AM pie making in the church kitchen/Raffle basket decorating at 12:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.
- Friday, May 15th at noon Kitchen set-up for the Craft Fair/Bakery drop off and pricing at 3 PM . 6:30 PM
- Saturday, May 16 Craft Fair 8 AM . 2:30 PM/ followed by clean up at 3-4:30 PM

Thank you all and stay healthy! If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call me.

Mary Jo Meier, Craft Fair Coordinator
Phone 414-530-2339



THE EMPTY TOMB

Even the most skeptical, cynical, and unbelieving historians, Philosophers and theologians agree that a man named Jesus died on A Roman cross on Friday and was later buried in a tomb that was empty on Sunday morning.

They also agree that countless individuals, both men and women, testified that they saw Jesus alive on multiple occasions after he had died, included among whom were James, his half-brother, who initially did not believe Jesus was the Messiah, but later came to faith and held so tenaciously to that belief that he was willing to be stoned to death, and also Saul of Tarsus, who for quite some time hated and persecuted those who claimed that Jesus was alive, who also came to faith and devoted his life to spreading that message and was eventually beheaded for his belief and his devotion to Jesus.



Security Update

While the Security Committee had been very busy getting the security protocol established and the security monitors trained, our efforts to roll out the security information to the congregation has been stalled. Any training will unfortunately be placed on hold until the COVID-19 pandemic ends and the Safer At Home orders are lifted.

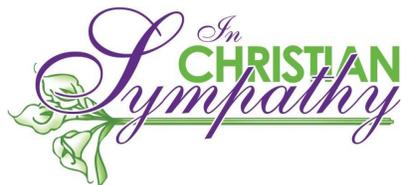
While we all wait, I would like you to prayerfully consider being a security monitor. The role asks that you be extra attentive during our weekly liturgies and if called upon, the ability to be calm under pressure and quickly make decisions and provide clear direction to our congregation in an emergency situation. We have a handful of members who have volunteered to participate but we need more people to get involved.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please reach out to me at 414-526-9675 or by email at lwkleppek@gmail.com.

Please watch for additional training sessions once we are able to resume regular liturgies!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
Security Committee Chairperson



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Joan McDonald and family on the death of her Aunt.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

Easter Worship!

(I am sure God is laughing at the plans of men and women!)

It will be
What it will be!



Presently Planned

Are two liturgies

7 A.M.

10 A.M.

**The Youth Sponsored Easter Breakfast
has been cancelled!**



World Concerns

Our committee met on March 8, 2020. We have a great group of people who have been on the committee and coordinated the food pantry for many years. Lots of good experience!

Even with all of this experience, however, we will not be able to continue our food pantry ministry without food. This year will put our creative skills to the test. Approximately three individuals have brought food since we made the announcements. Thank you very much. It is greatly appreciated. But this is only a small portion of what we need to keep replenishing our stock.

In other years the food pantry benefitted from the craft fair and Oak Creek schools. But this year school is closed for the year. The craft fair is postponed until May 16, 2020.

My committee asks you to prayerfully think about bringing one box of dry goods to church when you come for worship. Please bring either one box of peanut butter or dry foods such as potatoes, rice, macaroni, hamburger helper, or other boxed meals. It would help our church food pantry immensely.

Our food pantry originated to serve our congregation, and this evolved to serving the community. This year our committee has agreed to go back to the original intent by sharing the pantry with church members. When you are giving to the food pantry, you are giving to your friends at church. If you don't want to give your own food, we gladly take gift cards or cash to purchase food. Think of it as an extra Lenten gift.

If you or a family member needs a bag of food, please see me, Carol Frechette, Pat Bruss-Horswill or PJ on the day you worship. Please do not help yourself to the pantry or the closets in the church. We will give you a bag already packed. You may sign your name or initials on the clipboard along with the amount of bags received.

We hope to see our pantry overflowing with food and people who need it receive it!

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bauman



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work
Council Meeting - Monday April 20th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committees' Meetings

SERVANTHOOD –

A very common word with a variety of meanings all implying either a greater or a lesser degree of inferiority and usually with a WANT of freedom. The most frequent usage is as the equivalent of "SLAVE," with its various shades in position, but also a hired WORKMAN or a "hired SERVANT" that somehow differed from either a SLAVE or a WORKMAN.

As you might imagine --- sometimes the LINES that separate various servants can become BLURRED.

An ATTENDANT in the service of someone, just as Joshua was the "SERVANT" who "MINISTERED" to the great lawgiver and prophet, Moshe.

It was also used as a term of respectful self-depreciation referring to one's self, "I am your SERVANT" or "your SLAVE" and it was used in place of the personal pronoun of the first person: in the presence of SUPERIORS, and often or in addressing the SUPREME BEING.

OFFICIALS of every grade are called the "SERVANTS" of kings and princes, the King himself was known as being a SERVANT in relation to his people. The King SERVES his people!

One who was distinguished as OBEDIENT and FAITHFUL to God was also referred to as being a SERVANT of G*D.

Jesus loved the idea of SERVANTHOOD!

When everybody thought the MESSIAH would be a military leader, Jesus thought differently.

When everybody thought the Messiah would be like KING DAVID, Jesus thought differently.

When everybody expected the Messiah to ride in a WHITE CHARGER . the horse of war, Jesus thought differently.

When tradition said the Messiah would enter through the GOLDEN GATE . Jesus thought differently.

When everybody thought the Messiah would be a WISE . RELIGIOUS LEADER like the JUDGES of old, Jesus thought differently.

Jesus boldly declared that he CAME to SERVE and to NOT BE SERVED!

And then, he took it one step further and said that he came to GIVE HIS LIFE as a RANSOM for all.

SERVANTHOOD – whom do you SERVE?

Being a follower of Jesus is all about SERVING OTHERS



Resurrection!



NOT many days after Jesus died; the apostle Peter faced a formidable and hostile group of men.

They were powerful Jewish religious leaders—the very ones who had orchestrated Jesus’ death.

The men demanded an explanation.

Peter had healed a man who had been lame from birth and they wanted to know by what power or in whose name Peter had done this.

The apostle courageously answered: “In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you executed on a stake but whom God raised up from the dead, by means of him this man stands here healthy in front of you.”—Acts 4:5-10.

SO, what does resurrection mean?

Resurrection, the rising from the dead of a divine or human being who still retains his own personhood, or individuality, though the body may or may not be changed.

The belief in the resurrection of the body is **USUALLY** associated with Christianity, because of the doctrine of the Resurrection of **JESUS**, but it also is associated with later Judaism, which provided basic ideas that were expanded in Christianity and Islam.

It has long been said that the only difference between Peter and the Disciples/apostles hiding and afraid of their shadows and boldly preaching about Jesus is the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

‘That single event’ turned everything upside down including the world as we know it...and it has made a difference in the lives of countless millions...what about **YOU**?



Worship and Music

As with everyone, business as usual at All Saints Lutheran Church has been dramatically altered by the COVID-19 pandemic. While Worship and Music should be gearing up for the upcoming Holy Week and the reverence of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Morning, we are instead trying to figure out how to still worship while maintaining our distance from one another.

While none of us are comfortable with what is happening around us, we need to do everything in our power to take care of one another and our church. I am asking as a council member and a member of the congregation, that you continue to think of your church during this time. We are working to put some liturgical content online for you to view and enjoy. PJ has been continuing to pray for all of us and be present at the church for whoever might need him. Please consider continuing to give to the church on a weekly basis as if you were attending liturgy. With the loss of the craft fair and the weekly liturgies, we will be hurting as a church if we don't all continue to support the church. Please consider donating to the food pantry to help those in our congregation and in our community, who need help during this difficult time. And, if you need help, please reach out, the church is here for you.

Please watch Facebook and your emails for updates about ongoing efforts to bring worship and music to you in the comfort and safety of your home!

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
Worship and Music Chairperson



Swap & Helping Hands Board

Are you looking for a used item of some kind or have something that is too good to toss and would like to pass on to someone else? Or, do you have a need for some helping hands or would like to offer your services if needed??? Give me your "Needs" and/or "Give always" and it will be listed in the "Revealer" every month. Do not call the church office.

I, Margaret Coonan, will be organizing these services. No monies will be exchanged.

I can be reached at 414-764-3197.

GIVE-AWAY:

The Flower Dilemma

Sometimes, when it rains. it pours. The last church council meeting was a lot like that. The Council learned that we are about \$9,000 below budget. Not a good place to be just two-three months into a new year.

The next bit of bad news was that the checking account has almost a negative \$5,000 balance. That would be in the red. Not the black, but IN the RED, as in negative numbers. I am sure, yours at home is in MUCH BETTER SHAPE!

But the Craft Fair is coming. That will save us! It always has!

Palm Sunday is comingō Easter is coming that will save us! It always hasō

ENTER COVID 19.

The Spring Craft Fair has been postponed. Yikes! What do we DO in the mean time? Um, 3 or 4 crafters want THEIR MONEY refunded! Um, ok.

Oh, and by-the-way, it is not looking good for Palm Sunday or for Easter Sunday, either. The Church needs to be CLOSED DOWN to be in compliance for we do NOT KNOW HOW MANY WEEKS! Uh-oh!

What about the PALMS? Um, paid for in fullō A Lossō

What about the DONKEY? Cancelledō

What about the EASTER GARDEN OF FLOWERS?

SO, the SELLER calls and says he CANNOT GET any of the flowers he promised. Um, WHAT ABOUT all the orders that we HAVE? What about all the CHECKS we have RECEIVED and DEPOSITED? (Remember the negative number on the checkbook? Yeah!)

Can we cancel the palms? No.

Can we cancel the donkey? We did!

Now what about the flowers? What about returning the money, that ISN'T THERE? Oh boy!

I, for one, gave that MONEY to MY CHURCH. I DO NOT want the flowers! Consider it to be a donation. We are more than hurting alreadyō and church liturgies are CANCELLED. No offerings INō but bills that continue to COME IN the daily mail.

What would YOU do? WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

2020

Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, or more correctly, The Resurrection Of Our Lord is a festival and holiday commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary C.E. 27-28 AD.

It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a forty day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as "Holy Week", which contains the days of the Easter Triduum, including Maundy Thursday, commemorating the Maundy and Last Supper, as well as Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the 50th day, Pentecost Sunday.



THE SEASON OF EASTER



The Season of Easter is seven weeks in length. It is the perfect season of the church year. It is holistic. It is a unity, an entire season unto itself. Seven weeks of seven Sundays. While the Resurrection of Our Lord is celebrated but one day, Easter is so overwhelming with resurrection hope that it takes seven full weeks to celebrate it.

The Season of Easter begins with WHITE or WHITE AND GOLD and it ends with the color RED.

The Season of Easter includes:

- The Resurrection of Our Lord (White/ Gold)
- The Second Sunday OF Easter
- The Third Sunday OF Easter
- The Fourth Sunday OF Easter
- The Fifth Sunday OF Easter
- The Sixth Sunday OF Easter
- The Seventh Sunday OF Easter

And concludes with:

- The DAY of Pentecost (Red) . The Fiftieth Day!

And of course, the WORLD beyond our walls thinks of Easter as but being a one day celebration!+ (Which could not be further from the truth!)

Time is a gift of God's creation. People order time in various ways, often based on the rhythms of nature (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.)

The CHURCH organizes time by the church year. It tells the story of God, who is beyond time, acting in history---above all through the life, death and the resurrection of Jesus.

Therefore: ALL SUNDAYS of the year are festivals of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In a profound sense, Sunday (the first day of every week) and (the eighth day of every week) . the weekly celebration of the day of RESURRECTION+is the PRIMARY Christian Festival.

Other PRINCIPAL festivals and OBSERVATIONS+are the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas) and the Epiphany of Our Lord, Ash Wednesday and the days of HOLY WEEK, the THREE DAYS of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Sundays of Easter, the Ascension of Our Lord and the Day of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity.

Of Personal Concerns



KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED

- Debbie Krajnak
- Bob Payne
- Sharon Gates
- Dale Slowik
- Kobi Maley

Please remember them in your thoughts and in your prayers,
as they recover



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear PJ,

Your prayers and cards meant more to me than you'll ever know. Hope you'll use these cards to spread your joy to others.

Fell a hug!

Karen Vander Molen



Dear PJ,

Thank you for making Gwendolyn's Baptism special. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. We appreciate all you do to make ALL SAINTS sunny and bright!

Mary Jo and Randy Meier



Dear PJ,

Thank you for guiding Kayden and I. You're always been there for us! We are truly blessed to be back at church and with our church family! Thank you!

Much love,

Audra and Kayden Tyszko



Dear PJ,

Thank you for your being the loving, caring, compassionate person and Pastor. Your homilies are always well throughout and informative. Because of you, being who you are in your honor a tree is being planted in a National Forest.

As always,

Love and Peace,

Nina and Dale Slowik



Dear PJ,

Because of you, there's someone who is thanking God Today. Someone who appreciates your warm and caring way, someone who's remembering the special things you do and wishing you his blessings every day the whole year through!

Thank you,

Glen and Marvel Baumgartner



Dear PJ,

Thank you so much for all of the genuine love and support you gave to our family during Karen's illness and passing. Karen was so comforted and happy when you visited and gave her Communion in the days before her surgery. LeeAnn and I are thankful for your visit after the surgery, and for the great job you did helping us in the following days. Your kindness and help were appreciated so much in our time of need!

Thank you and God Bless You!

LeeAnn and Brian Davies



Dear PJ,

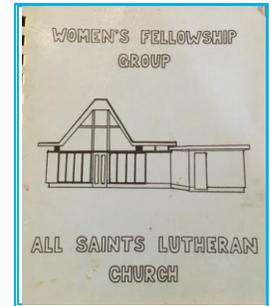
For everything you've done, for being the special person that you are, thank you so very much!

To all of the kind, welcoming people who gave of themselves to prepare the luncheon, and support us with their thoughtful kindness and hard work during Karen's funeral.

Thank you All for your prayers and kindness Always!

LeeAnn and Brian Davies

Scott and Debra Delebeck



From the kitchen of All Saints' Family

*an excerpt from The original All Saints' Cookbook –
"Women's Fellowship Group Cookbook" published in 1979*

Swedish meatballs

Recipe submitted by Mary Anderson

Ingredients

- 1 ½ lbs. hamburger
- ½ c. milk
- 2 tsp. salt (dash pepper)
- ¼ tsp. allspice
- ¼ c. finely chopped onion
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 ½ c. soft bread crumbs
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tbsp oil
- 2 tbsp flour
- 1 c. consommé or beef broth

DIRECTIONS

Mix well, form into balls. Heat 2 tbsp. Of oil in a heavy skillet, add meatballs, a few at a time and brown slowly. Remove from pan. Add 2 tbsp flour to the skillet, blend well. Add 1 cup (10 ½ oz) consommé or beef broth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Return meatballs to gravy, cover and simmer 15 minutes.

Enjoy!





Just for Laughs...

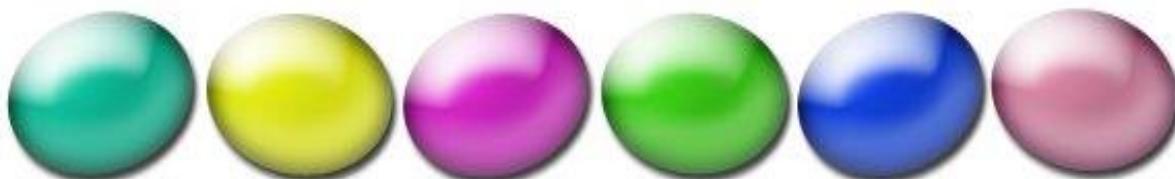
- There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"
- A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a penny." "God, may I have a penny?" "Wait a minute."
- Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ~ Psalm 100:2

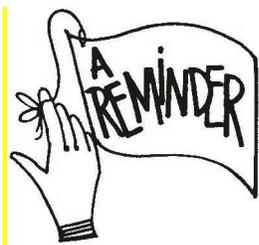
The donation folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles and Bulletins you help the church budget and it is a great way to remember those special people and dates in your life. PLEASE PRINT



Donations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
April 4 to 10 PALM SUNDAY	Cieszynski	Open	Open	LaFond	Vnuk
April 9th MAUNDY THURSDAY	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
April 10th GOOD FRIDAY	NA	NA	Bauman	Open	Open
April 11 to 15 EASTER	W&M	W&M	Krajnak	Vnuk	Vnuk
April 18 to 22	Open	Open	Open	Vnuk	Bishop
April 25 to 29	Open	Open	Krajnak	Open	Open



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday April 17th by Noon.**

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets - this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you.

**5th Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Passion/Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11 and Matthew 26:14-27:66

Maundy Thursday

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

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:11-14
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

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