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Communications from Pastor Jones

**Holy Week Goings On**

Holy Week is, arguably, the most solemn and magnificent week in Christianity. This is because Holy Week observes the final week of our Lord's life. It begins with Palm Sunday when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem and concludes with [Easter](https://www.catholiccompany.com/easter-gifts-c2421/) Sunday. As Holy Week progresses to its final days the solemnity heightens. Therefore, each day, Palm Sunday through Easter, St. Luke’s is offering services for members and visitors to spend time in prayer, receive the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion), and participate in the Passion of the Lord. The prayer services may be led by laity. If you wish to lead either the morning or evening prayer, please let Deaconess Kathy or me know.

**The Triduum**

 The Triduum is one, long festival unfolding the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday may be different days; however, the one service begins on Thursday and isn’t over until Saturday with the Easter Vigil! So, “EAT YOUR SPIRITUAL WHEATIES!”

**Monday Thursday? And you want to do what to My Feet?**

 Without exception, “Monday Thursday?” is the number one question of Holy Week. What is Monday Thursday, or are you just confused?” A close second is, “Why is Good Friday good?” Well, for those who don’t know, I imagine hearing *Maundy* Thursday is strange to the ears.

 Nonetheless, in the context of the unique language of the Church, *Maundy* Thursday is a specific day with a specific witness and call to the Church to remember a specific duty. So, let’s talk specifics!

 Simply stated, *Maundy* means commandment, and on Holy Thursday (Thursday before Easter Sunday) we hear Jesus’ command in John 13 to “love one another” as he has loved us. He illustrates the kind of love he wishes to see from his followers by washing the feet of his disciples. What is communicated is that the love we share between ourselves and to others is one of serving. The Church practices the washing of feet each Maundy Thursday to literally and figuratively demonstrate Christ’s command.

 A half hour before the Maundy Thursday service, to be held at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on March 28, Deaconess Kathy and I will be in the Atrium to wash the feet of Jesus’ disciples. Please know that this is an offering available to you for reflection on the command and action of Jesus.

**Good Friday**

 St. Luke’s is offering two very different services on Good Friday. We will host the Veneration of the Cross service at noon, the hour of Jesus’s death. Once again, we will hear the Passion narrative; we will recite the Solemn Reproaches or the Bidding Prayers; we will NOT celebrate Holy Communion, as this is not done on Good Friday; however, the Reserved Sacrament may be given and received; we will have the opportunity to reflect on the Cross of Christ. This is a most moving service.

 The Stations of the Cross will be observed later in the day. This prayer service follows the biblical and traditional route of Jesus’ journey to the Holy Sepulcher (the tomb).

 The Easter Vigil is on Saturday evening at 6:30! This is a beautiful service full of Scripture and light! It is the last part of the Triduum and the long wait is over! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed, alleluia!

# Lenten Wednesdays in March

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENINGS – February 21 through March 20**

**Holy Communion at 11:30 am**

**Soup Supper at 5:30 pm**

**Bible Study at 6:15 pm:** The Road to Coronation is a short course by the Rev. Dr. Henry Wendt in the Crossways International Series. The late Dr. Wendt served as a Lutheran Missionary to the world teaching and preaching the Gospel in the context of Jesus’ ministry in the 1st century.

March 6 – Royalty in Action

March 13 – Royalty in the Holy City

March 20 – Royal Coronation in the Gospels

**Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm:** Holden Evening Prayer

# Holy Week Schedule

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**PALM SUNDAY – March 24 at 9:30 am:** This service begins with the account of Jesus’ final journey into Jerusalem. We bless palms and process around the sanctuary behind the cross. Then the service changes tone as we hear the Passion story. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Childcare is available.

**Monday, March 25 – Wednesday, March 27**

 **Morning Prayer at 7:30 am:** The first prayers of the day asking the Lord for wisdom and the words to speak truth and love in Christ.

 **Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm:** Prayer at the close of the day giving over to God the things that may have interfered with our participation in his divine work.

**TRIDIUM: THE SERVICE OF THE THREE DAYS**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 28:**

 **Morning Prayer at 7:30 am:** The first prayers of the day asking the Lord for wisdom and the words to speak truth and love in Christ.

 **Washing of Feet at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm**: Pastor Jones and Deaconess Kathy will wash the feet of all who are willing to participate in this act that Jesus performed for his disciples.

 **Services at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm:** These services begin with the liturgy of corporate confession and absolution. As we came forward on Ash Wednesday to receive the ashen cross as a sign of repentance, on Maundy Thursday we receive absolution and anointing with oil as a sign of forgiveness. Holy Communion will be offered. The service ends quite movingly with the stripping of the altar and chancel in remembrance of Jesus’ humiliation at the hands of the Roman soldiers.

**GOOD FRIDAY – March 29:**

 **Morning Prayer at 7:30 am:** The first prayers of the day asking the Lord for wisdom and the words to speak truth and love in Christ.

 **Veneration of the Cross at 12:00 noon:** This service marks the hour of Jesus’ death on the cross, putting the cross ever before us and the hope of the Resurrection,

 **Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm:** This service focuses on the Biblical Stations of the Cross with the Service of Tenebrae (shadows). The church will be progressively darkened as we walk with Christ on the path of sorrows. This service is moving as we witness Jesus’ passion and death.

**HOLY SATURDAY – March 30:**

 **Morning Prayer (LBW) at 7:30 am:** The first prayers of the day asking the Lord for wisdom and the words to speak truth and love in Christ.

 **Vigil of Easter at 6:30 pm:** Also called Paschal Vigil, this service is the first official celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It includes hymns, readings and a powerful liturgy that symbolizes the movement from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Christ on Easter Sunday. There will be a reception following the service for those interested.

**EASTER SUNDAY – March 31**

 **Festival Service of the Resurrection of our Lord at 9:30 am:**  We celebrate the Festival of our Lord’s Resurrection with special music and Holy Communion. Childcare is available.

 **Easter Brunch after the service**

# Readers for Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil

If you would be willing to read one of the passages for Palm Sunday (March 24) or Easter Vigil (March 30), please sign up in the atrium or email Deaconess Kathy at kathyberrill@hotmail.com.

# Choir & Bell Choir

Recorders: Generally, Wednesdays at 2:30 pm

Ukeleles: Generally, Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

Bell Choir: Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Choir: Thursdays at 6:30 pm

This schedule is subject to change, so please contact Katy Mayne for the most up-to-date information!

# Women’s Coffee

## Saturday, March 9 & April 13 at 8:00 am

All women of the church are invited to join us for coffee at Panera Bread at 7344 North Academy Blvd.

# New Elected Council Members for 2024

**Reelected:**

Jerry Carnal

Becky Hureau

**Newly Elected:**

Peggy Byrd

Dick Currey

# Blood Pressure Check

## Sunday, April 7 before and after service in Luther Hall

In keeping with our namesake, Saint Luke, the beloved physician, we will offer the opportunity for blood pressure checks on the first Sunday of each even-numbered month. This is available for anyone who would be interested and would be confidential between you and your nurse.

# Wednesday Church Study & Holy Communion Spoken Service

## Wednesdays | Study at 10:15 am | Communion at 11:30 am

Pastor Jones is doing a study on Christian worship and liturgy. It’s not to late to come join them! We have also created a Zoom link. If you are interested please let Pastor Jones know and she will add your email. Otherwise here is the Meeting ID – 845 65 35 5803 and Password – 547130.

# Children’s Center Update



Hello and happy spring from the Children’s Center.

We have several events coming up.

Our spring book fair from March 11th to the 18th with Usborne Books, now called Paper Pie. The books will be set up in the Melanchthon room for the week and I will be available for helping with orders during this time as well as Sunday the 17th to help all families with book orders. It is a great event that gives wonderful books to all of our classrooms.

We will be celebrating Easter during Holy Week with egg dying and an egg hunt. We will also be giving all of our soon to be graduates a set of resurrection eggs to share the Easter story with their families.

During the first week of April, we will be celebrating the “Week of the Young Child”. There will be Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday. I would really welcome and encourage members of the Church to volunteer on the different days as their interests dictate. Please contact me at director@stllukeskids.org if you are interested in helping celebrate the week.

We are excited for the warm weather that is to come making way for the start of our summer camp program at the end of May.

Erin Cowan

Children’s Center Director

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| 31 **Easter Sunday**9:30 am Worship11:00 am Brunch |  |

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| **Sacristan** | Jennifer LighthallPURPLE | Margaret LoucksPURPLE | Barb McDonoughPURPLE | Sue CurreyPURPLE | Jan Butler WHITE |
|  | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** |
| **Asst. Minister** | Teresa Watt | Dick Currey | Elly Durden  | Miriam Glock | Cynthia Hastings |
| **Crucifer**  |  |  |  | Abby Carnal | Ryan Vsetecka |
| **Acolytes** | Pepper Carnal | Abby Carnal | Olive Miller | Addie MillerPepper Carnal | Pepper CarnalAbby Carnal |
| **Communion Assist.** | Peggy Byrd | Teresa Watt | Cynthia Hasting | Becky Hureau | Kathleen Kleinhuizen |
| **Ushers** | Art SchwallWarren Kipps | Keith AndersonWarren Kipps | Frank RosenbergWarren Kipps | Art SchwallWarren Kipps | Nick MillerDrew SchaferWarren Kipps |
| **Greeters** | John Johnson | Dave Watt | Teresa Watt | Janet Anderson | Roger Hyttinen |
| **Sound Board** | Vasa Jones | Janet Anderson  | Bonnie Clark  | Duane Lighthall | Janet Anderson |

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|  | **April 7, 2024** | **April 14, 2024** | **April 21, 2024** | **April 28, 2024** | **May 5, 2024** |
| **Sacristan** | Joan EngWHITE | Hanna FreundlichWHITE | Miriam GlockWHITE | Judy LehmanWHITE | Jennifer LighthallWHITE |
|  | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** | **9:30 AM** |
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## RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 am**