



# ANCHOR NEWS

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## Post Scripts

Each year we shout: "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!" We do so believing a truth claim about Jesus that just won't go away, even after 2,000 years of opposition, some of it being very antagonistic (as with some recent atheists like Sam Harris and Richard Dawkins), and even with 2,000 years of it being very supportive (like Christian apologists Ravi Zacharias and Josh McDowell). They all make valid points in their arguments, either pro or con about the resurrection, and can serve as references to the claim. Eloquent as they may be, they are not the "main show"...

Those "celebrity" people mentioned above have gotten/will get a lot of press from time to time. Yet the most important people in the "supportive" category will likely never make headlines, write books, get interviews with Bill O' Riley on the one hand, or Charlie Rose on the other. Fine with me, because it often works to make public perceptions of Christians as being dumb or grumpy, or worse than that.

I'm more concerned that "ordinary" truth tellers of the resurrection throughout the ages are people like you and me, who try to live into our claim about the Lord's resurrection with our daily lives. The Apostle Paul said to first century Christians that if Jesus weren't raised from the dead we of all people are most to be pitied (see 1 Corinthians 15). The same can be said for 21st century Christians, too. Yet it's no pitiful thing to say "He Is Risen!" with multiple "Alleluias!" in holy accompaniment! Truly!

How do we "prove" the resurrection? Stick with me, here comes some "church speak" about that: congregations like ours are fed with the Word and Sacraments in ways that connect with our daily lives; we "gather to scatter" trusting in God to guide us; that the Holy Spirit is at work in us, and, as Luther said at times "in spite of us" to serve God and neighbor...Of course we don't do this well at times, or perfectly, but that doesn't invalidate the truth about the resurrection. The first witnesses were often fearful and confused (see the resurrection chapters in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John).

I have come to *not* apologize for using such language about our faith and belief practices, and instead invite people to "come and see" what this all means. I know that you do, too. Yes, we certainly do need to find ways to translate such resurrection talk and action so that others can see God at work in our lives. But in a world where "fake news" in the political sphere has become a focal point, we as truth claimers about Jesus' resurrection can and must confidently proclaim an alternative Good News to such daily nonsense, not as combatants (like the a dueling celebrity atheists and Christians listed above) but rather as "confessors" *proclaimers* to Jesus and his love—we sing that in "I Love to Tell the Story", right?

"He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

A Blessed Easter and Easter Season to all. Pastor Erik

## Quote of the Month—

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime."

Martin Luther

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Bob and Vicki Zoot

## Meet & Greet the Zoots

By Michelle Guillory—This spring we have an abundance of new members, so I thought I'd introduce them to you beginning with Robert (Bob) and Vicki Zoot. They joined our membership on Transfiguration Sunday this year. They've been here for 2.5 years now after having moved from Las Vegas, where they lived for 23 years. Bob is originally from Chicago and Vicki from Ft. Worth, TX.

They are happily retired. Bob worked in international business development and traveled all over the world...including Germany, China, and Russia. Vicki worked in real estate as VP of sales and marketing for Lennar Homes.

They have 3 kids. They moved here to be closer to family as their son, Ben Sutter, and his family live here. They have one dog, Miss Ellie, a Chihuahua. They are dog people...unfortunately there's a cat allergy in the house that just knocks them out of the cat vs. dog race.

They weren't born Lutheran and here at SLC they're looking for a place to call home. They've been Lutheran for 7 or 8 years, and were Catholic prior to that.

Cooking is not Vicki's favorite thing. They enjoy all types of food, but Italian is their favorite. Vicki sews and is learning to crochet, but says she will not win a ribbon at the County Fair. Prior to moving to Springfield, Bob did competition shooting and was an eight-time Nevada Senior Olympic Gold Medalist. He misses competition and would like to find a place to compete.

After living in the desert for 23 years, Vicki finds it exciting to explore gardening. She loves that we can grow anything in Oregon. She is currently working on a Japanese garden theme in her backyard.

When Bob traveled all over the world for business his favorite place was the Greek Isles. As for a place they enjoyed the most together, the answer was Ireland.

Vicki is a co-leader in her granddaughter's Girl Scout troop. Bob enjoys photography. Vicki enjoys reading and tends to read mostly Biographies or Autobiographies. Bob used to read, but not so much anymore. Together they enjoy simple comedies on TV...Big Bang Theory and Last Man Standing, that sort of thing. As for football, Vicki said, "who else but the Dallas Cowboys!" What does Bob say? And as for coffee or tea, well, coffee was the only answer.

They're delightful people and we're glad they're here!!

## SLC Quilting Schedule:

We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

The SLSS meets on all Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

The SLCW LWR Quilters meet Tuesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We follow the LWR guidelines and make quilts for those in areas of crisis throughout the world. Miriam Jones & Carol McAllister are your contacts for the LWR Quilters.

Come, join one group or both! Help those in need and learn new quilting techniques along the way.

## 2 New 12-Step Groups

There are two new twelve-step groups here at SLC. Here's a brief bit about them and when they run:

Women in the Solution (WITS) is a women's AA (for those in recovery) group. They meet here on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am each week beginning April 1, 2017. All women are welcome...FYI, there will be a general AA meeting at 12:00 noon that both men and women are welcome join.

There is also an Al-Anon (for the families) group meeting here on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. They are K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Springfield) and they are using the Fireside Room.

These meetings will also appear on the calendar on page ten.

## LWR Projects

There is a booklet in the office that lists, in detail, all the various projects we can participate in with LWR. You may also choose some to do by yourself. You can also go to [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) for more ideas and an opportunity for online giving.

Here is a brief list of the standard projects that are always needed:

- School Kits/ Backpacks
- Baby Care Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Mission Quilts
- Fleece Tied Blankets

There are specific requirements for each item, so be sure to either check out the booklet or the website for that list. All items are needed all year round. All items are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you for joining with us in contributing to the greater world in need.

[www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

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## Palm Sunday Stories

By Michelle Guillory—Every year, one week before Easter Sunday, we wave palms. Ever curious, I had to do some research on why we get these palms and why we wave them...you people cause me to investigate things I take for granted. Thank you for that. This is a great job!

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For SLC, I order “Eco Palms” from LWR and they are an interesting story. The website, of course, has more information than what I’m putting here, but I wanted you to be aware of what neat things you can find at [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) and if you go specifically to [lwr.org/palms](http://lwr.org/palms), then you’ll find where I got my story. Most of this information is paraphrased from their site:

In the typical floral trade, large floral firms encourage harvesters to “over-harvest” which is hard on the ecosystem and on the communities they come from. They pay by volume and throw away those palms which aren’t up to snuff. Once the area is stripped, they move on to a new harvest area.

Eco-Palms pays individually per palm branch based on quality. The community looks for the best and only harvests those, so there are always some in the forests and the ecosystem continues to thrive as does the community by having a recurring income. Also, there is no middle man as those very same communities sort and package the palms...most of the money SLC spends each year (roughly \$45 for 5 bunches of palms each year including shipping costs) stays in their communities. The amount paid to the harvesting community per frond (stem with leaves) is 5-6 times more than a traditional floral firm would pay. Since most of this money stays in their communities, they are invested in protecting their forests an source of income.

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Now then, that was on our palm source, but what about Palm history? I looked to Wikipedia for that (like a lot of us “history buffs”). This is what they say:

“Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels.

In many Christian denominations, worship services on Palm Sunday include a procession of the faithful carrying palms, representing the palm branches the crowd scattered in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. The difficulty of procuring palms in unfavorable climates led to their substitution with branches of native trees, including box, olive, willow, and yew. The Sunday was often named after these substitute trees, as in Yew Sunday, or by the general term Branch Sunday.”

This last bit of the [History According to Wikipedia](#) is an interesting connection to SLC...we did that one year, the “Branch Sunday”...long before I got here, there was a shortage of palms. There were none to be found. Well, you have to wave something on Palm Sunday, so the Squires’ garden was raided for anything that would work...I’m told it was neat and kind of fun. Thanks Squires for offering up your bounty of beauty.

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Well, worry not. Our Eco –Palms are on their way and should be here right around April 3, so we’ll be good to go come Palm Sunday. It’s time to practice waving, the Queen has quite the head start on Palm Sunday practice.

## Giving Opportunities

Excerpts from Mark Allan Powell's book Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life, pages 89 to 93:

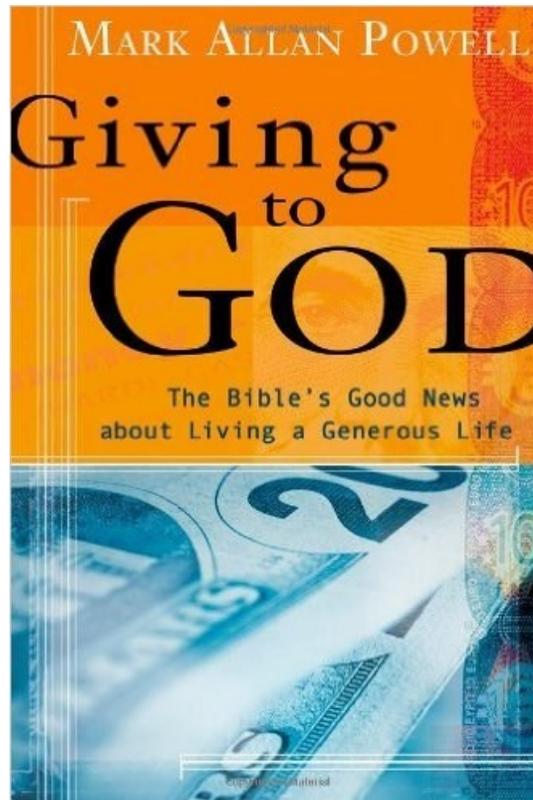
### “Support...

...The church is not a club but a living body, composed of all persons who have been made alive in God through Jesus Christ. The church is the temple of God, the abode of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16). The church is the bride of Christ, the beloved of the Lord awaiting joyous reunion with the Son of God who chose us before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). We are not just a club or a civic organization and we do not charge people membership dues.

Participation in the church is free, granted through the grace and mercy of God to the totally undeserving. Furthermore, the church of Jesus Christ does not base its decisions regarding finances or anything else on what seems fair or sensible by human standards. Our decisions are guided by what accords with the wonderful promises of God. The simple truth is that most churches have many members

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who rarely contribute anything at all to their congregation's financial needs. Such persons are, in effect, requiring other members to pay their way for them. This is not *fair* by any human standard, but churches are communities of grace in which persons touched by God's goodness are often willing to do far more than what should be expected of them. Some persons give well beyond their share for the sake of those whose commitments or abilities may be only marginal. This may not be fair but it is good. God gives to us what we do not deserve and, in turn, we sometimes bear the burdens of others, regardless of whether they are worthy or appreciative or even aware of what we are doing for them. Truth be known, most of us have gone through times in our lives when we were on the receiving end of such benevolence.”



## Easter Lily

According to Wikipedia... "*Lilium longiflorum* is known as the Easter lily because in Christianity, it is a symbol of the resurrection of Christ, which is celebrated during Eastertide. The "lily has always been highly regarded in the Church", as Jesus Himself referenced the flower, saying "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Luke 12:27). Moreover, according to pious legend, "after Jesus' death and resurrection, some of these beautiful flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray the night before His crucifixion. Legend has it that these flowers sprung up where drops of Jesus' sweat fell as he prayed". In many Christian churches, the chancel is adorned with Easter lilies throughout the Paschal season.”

See Wikipedia for more information.



## Your Council Members for 2017:

President:  
Linda Loomis

Vice President/  
Stewardship:  
Open

Secretary:  
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:  
Gail Rogers

Budget:  
Bill Maack

Financial Secretary  
Liz Hurley

Property/Maintenance:  
Ray Miller

Worship Committee:  
Kae Ellingsen

Social Concerns/  
Outreach:  
Susan Squire



## President's Corner

Your Church Council met on the 3rd Sunday of March and Pastor opened with devotions. The minutes from the February council meeting were read and approved.

Your Treasurer reported that all bills have been paid. The church needs at least 13,000 each month to keep up with just the bare bones bills (not the extras that make life sweet). January and February we had to dip into savings to cover several annual (one time per year) payments that were due on required items and a rather high NW Natural gas bill...please keep those doors to the big hall closed and the heat in the rooms where it belongs. Thank you.

Property/Management reported that we have had graffiti put on our church outside walls. We have washed it off. We are also getting bids for a gate and fence to go around the front entrances of the church for security purposes, as our homeless issue has not resolved itself. We are also dealing with people who are parking in our parking lot who do not belong there. There are new signs that warn people that we are towing. There are new windshield flyers that warn people of towing.

For Social Concerns/Outreach, we are getting ready for the Easter breakfast. There are signup sheets to help with this. We are also planning a community breakfast in the near future.

The Worship committee met and chose hymns. We still need readers, communion assistants, and greeters.

For April we will only be holding an executive officers meeting and the date is yet to be determined. As the 3rd Sunday is Easter...there will be no Church Council on Easter.

A happy Easter everybody!

Linda Loomis  
President  
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## New Members

During the Easter Vigil, we will be welcoming **Ray and Shirley Clancy and Mike Arens** into our membership. Please join them and Bob & Vicki Zoot (who joined on February 26) for a reception after Vigil in their honor. Easter Vigil is Saturday, **April 15**. The service begins at 7:00 pm. There will be coffee and light refreshments afterwards.

## Luther's Smart Phone App

By Michelle Guillory—I know I'm not the only one with a smart phone. Even more so, I know I'm not the only Lutheran with a smart phone.

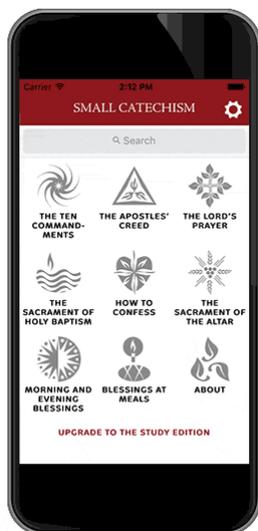
As such, I tend to be interested in the various "apps" available to me. What is an app? Well, Wikipedia explains it thus: "A mobile application software or mobile app is an application software designed to run on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers...The term "app" is a shortening of the term "application software". It has become very popular, and in 2010 was listed as "Word of the Year" by the American Dialect Society."

There are apps for everything and if you can't find one...a quick search on the internet or a tweet or a post on Facebook will get your app pretty quick once someone knows it's a valid idea for an app and they can make money off it.

There are apps for yoga, for dieting, for doodling, for lists, for games, navigation, for geocaching, for looking up flowers in a state park, for tracking state parks, for camping, for reading (yes, there's quite a few Bible apps in a variety of translations). Apps for tracking your knitting projects, keeping track of your fishing lures, for TV & movies, for TV guides, for restaurant line skipping, for restaurant menus, you can order pizza on your phone! Amazon purchases can be made on your phone! Facebook is even a pre-installed app on most phones.

You name it and there's an app for it (or there soon will be several!) Prove it you say? The Small Catechism by Martin Luther you ask? Why yes, there is an app for that...there was only one, last spring, today there are at least ten and they're in a variety of languages. The first to pop up on my phone is the one you want from Augsburg Fortress. It is free unless you want the extended, deluxe version which includes a study guide. It comes in both English and Spanish.

To find it, go to your "App Store" and search for "Small Cat" and you'll get it. The Android icon is a red square with white leaves coming from...I don't have an I phone, so you'll have to explore that option on your own if you are so inclined.



## ELCA's Good Gifts

By Michelle Guillory—So, what can you get from the few bucks you contribute on Wednesday evenings? How can this little bit be of help? Why bother? Well, give it anyway because lookie what we did thanks to the ELCA Good Gifts website:

- We provided 10 little chicks which will grow into hens to lay eggs
- We provided 1 rooster with which to make more little chicks
- We provided 1 pig which when combined with someone else's pig will make more pigs
- We provided 1 honey bee hive starter pack to pollenate for a community and this helps more than one family
- We provided 1 family farm to provide employment and sustenance for a family
- We provided farming tools and training for 1 farmer...who in turn can train another farmer and so on
- We provided 1 community fish farm which will feed a community
- We provided food for 2 refugee families for a week or one family for two weeks...we'd like them to be on that farm, so it's a temporary help
- We provided 1 vaccination for a child... this was surprisingly expensive
- We stocked a health clinic for a week...if the vaccine was expensive, imagine the clinic...but together...

We did all of this together with a little bit here and a little bit there. We saved up all of the Wednesday evening money for a while and then we went and purchased all of this for people in need...to help a family and a community somewhere.

All for the glory of God in whom this was made possible! So, if you ever think that your little bit won't help, don't be so sure and check this list from time to time and see what a little faith can do when combined with a little money and action.

## Suggested Food Pantry Items to Donate:

### Fats, Oils, Sweets

- Jelly & Jam
- Honey & Sugar & Syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Vegetable Oil
- Salad Dressing

### Milk Yogurt, Cheese

- Infant Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Instant Breakfast Drinks
- Canned & Boxed Pudding

### Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Nuts

- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew & Bean  
Soups & Chilis
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Nuts

### Vegetables

- Canned Vegetables & Toma-  
to Products
- Vegetable Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food Vegetables
- V-8 Juice

### Fruits

- Canned Fruit
- Raisins & Dried Fruits
- Applesauce
- Baby Food Fruit
- Fruit Leather (100% Fruit)

### Bread, Cereal, Rice, Pasta

- Rice & Rice Mixes
- Canned Pastas
  - Noodle Mixes
  - Dry Noodles & Pastas
  - Macaroni & Cheese Mix
  - Cold Cereals
  - Bran Cereal & Shredded  
Wheat
  - Infant Cereal
  - Hot Cereal Mixes & Oat-  
meal
  - Bread & Muffin Mixes
  - Pancake Mix
  - Granola Bars & Graham  
Crackers
  - Flour

## Bits & Pieces...

By Michelle Guillory—These are the few Bits & Pieces left over from March that are still good...and perhaps they got lost in the two pages of Bits & Pieces that I had in March, so I want to make sure you're aware of them in time to schedule appropriately. There were a lot of little things to cover last month and I added a few new ones.

- \* **Baskets of Promise Collection**—We are once again collecting items for the LWR Baskets of Promise drive. These items are being gathered for distribution to areas in crisis throughout the world. **Please bring bars of soap** (any brand in original wrapping, 4-5 oz); **combs, metal nail clippers** (attached file is optional), **toothbrushes** (adult size, in original packaging), and **bath towels** (lightweight, dark colors, maximum size 52" x 27"). This collection drive runs **through April 9**. The assembly of kits will be on May 1, 1:00 pm in the Church Gym.
- \* **Quilt Sunday**—In preparation for the LWR InGathering, we will be blessing the quilts made by our LWR quilting group. The display of quilts and the blessing will be held on Sunday, **April 30**.
- \* **LWR InGathering—Spring 2017 Details**—Our boxes must be delivered to St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton by Saturday, **May 6** at noon. Our current collection efforts for LWR include Quilts, Baby Care Kits, and Personal Care Kits (think Baskets of Promise). All items are shipped around the world (including here in America) to places in crisis.
- \* **Oregon Synod Assembly—May 5-6**—The theme this year is *Build on a Rock 500: Rooted, Reforming, Resilient*. The question this year is "What does it mean to be the Church of the Reformation in the 21st century?" Kenny Eilers and Rita Grimes have agreed to be our representatives at Assembly this year. Thank you to Kenny and Rita.
- \* **God's Work. Our Hands**—This year, the date is Sunday, September 10, however as we tend to things on Saturday, the day you'll want to save in your calendar is **September 9**. Past ideas have included our Free Community Breakfast, working with other churches in our Cluster to aid in their Food Pantries and whatnot. It would be great to get more involvement all around the cluster, see what you can think up and get back to Linda Loomis or Pastor Erik.
- \* **SLCW and Camp Lutherwood's Women's Retreat**—This year, our SLCW is wanting to go to the Women's Retreat together...as in more than one person...speaking as someone who's gone to previous retreats, it was a nice time and I got to visit and fellowship with other women throughout Oregon...I got to see friends I hadn't seen in ages. So, I imagine the details would be helpful...**July 28-30** and \$100. Registration isn't available yet, so check back, but it is done online at [lutherwoodoregon.org](http://lutherwoodoregon.org) or by calling 541.998.6444.



## The Great Fifty Days of Easter

By Pastor Erik—"The Great Fifty Days": what are they? There is much more to it than this little article, but consider some thoughts from a non-Lutheran point-of-view that shows appreciation for what we practice as second-nature:

Another look: Easter is a season, not a day by Chaplain Mike ("Internet Monk" blog) "...Many Christians assume that Easter is commemorated on just one day. It is an event. After it is over, we move on to something else. But this cannot be. **We are Easter people!** The first Sunday of Easter is the *beginning*, not the climax of the season.

As an evangelical (and an American), it seems to me that I was always taught to think in terms of **events**. Events can be strategized, planned, advertised and marketed, organized, staffed, set up, prayed for, executed, cleaned up after, reviewed and evaluated, and followed up. It is a typically business-like approach. A well-run event can make a big splash, leave a lasting impression, and play a crucial role in forming a group of people into a community.

However, as I have more seriously considered the practice of the liturgical year, I have been challenged to think more in terms of **seasons** than simply in terms of events. Seasons force us to face the "daily-ness" of life rather than simply its special points. It is like the difference between a wedding and a marriage. Or the birth of a baby and learning to care for an infant.

We love Christmas, but it is in Advent that we learn to long and pray day by day for Christ to come...And so it is with Easter. **Easter is a season, not just a day.** On the Christian calendar, the period that begins on Easter Sunday is called "The Great Fifty Days," "Pascha," or "Eastertide." As the disciples grew in their understanding and love for the risen Christ over the great fifty days when he arose, appeared to them, ascended into heaven, and poured out the Holy Spirit upon them, may we too experience Easter throughout the entire season to come!

**P.S.** Another thing evangelicals miss, which is an important part of the liturgical tradition, is that **every Sunday is a "little Easter."** Each Lord's Day, when the church gathers for worship, the liturgy reenacts the gospel story, ending by meeting with the risen Lord at the Table, where we remember his death, resurrection, and living presence that nourishes his people. In this way, the central events of our faith are commemorated weekly throughout the year, no matter what season it is..."

--Want to know more about "The Great Fifty Days?" Well, please ask me, or better still, see you at worship!

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.  
(refrain)

The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (refrain)

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (refrain)

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
(refrain)

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

*Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Source ELW Hymn 344.*

## Lenten Prayers

God of healing, with the dust of the earth you open our eyes and transform our faith. Stretch out your healing hand. Turn our blindness into sight that we might live with our hands open—open to receive your abundance and open to share with neighbors near and far. Amen.

God of new life, you show your glory to all who believe. When we weep in the face of sin and death, you weep with us and call out, "Take away the stone" and "Come out!" As you invite us into new life in you, help us live that new life working toward a world of justice where all are fed. Amen.

*Taken from the 2017 ELCA  
World Hunger Lenten calendar  
40 Days of Giving.*

## Lent & Holy Week Schedule:

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### Lenten Services on Wednesdays (Through April 05)

5:45 pm Soup Supper  
6:45 pm Midweek Worship

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### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** (April 09) 8:30 and 10:00 am  
with Fellowship at 9:30 am

**NO Midweek Wednesday Service**

**Maundy Thursday** (April 13) 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday** (April 14) 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

**Easter Vigil** (April 15) 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** (April 16) 8:30 and 11:00 am  
with Breakfast from 9:30-10:30 am

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*Please note that there will be NO Monday night Bible study throughout Lent. It will return after Easter on April 24. Thank you.*

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### Food for Thought—

"[A] Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. He lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love. By faith he is caught up beyond himself into God. By love he descends beneath himself into his neighbor."

Martin Luther, "Freedom of a Christian," 1520

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# Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed 9:00 SLSS Quilting 12 noon AA 6:30 Al-Anon ~~~~~ 6:30 Bible Study resumes April 24	9:00 LWR Quilting 12 noon AA 5:30 NA	9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar Anon 2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga 3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga 5:30 AA 6:45 Midwk Worship	9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA	12 noon AA 12:30 Nar-Anon	10:00 Women's AA 12:00 noon AA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Lent 5	3	4	5 5:45 Soup Supper 6:45 Lenten Service	6	7	8 9-12 Noon Church Work Party
9 Palm/Passion Sunday	10 1:00 Women's Circle @ Ricksons'	11	12 NO Midweek Worship  OK to bring Easter Lilies to the Kitchen	13 7:00 Maundy Thursday  OK to bring Easter Lilies to the Kitchen	14 7:00 Good Friday  OK to bring Easter Lilies to the Kitchen	15 9-12:00 Noon Church Work Party  7:00 Easter Vigil
16 Easter Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Breakfast 9:30	17 11:30 Book Group @ Papa's Pizza Coburg Rd.	18	19 6:45 Midweek Worship	20 1:30 Fringe Benefits @ Ricksons'	21	22
23/30 Easter 1/2	24 6:30 pm Bible Study	25 1:15 Wise Guys	26 6:45 Midweek Worship	27	28	29 9:00 Camp Lutherwood Work Day

## Bulletin Board

In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

It is for news and events happening around our church, around Springfield, around Lane County, and around Oregon, and around the US, and around the World.

Not everything is applicable, but most things are. The grandson doing well in sports (our church), another church bazaar (our community), various volunteer opportunities (our community/our world), the latest newsletters from a variety of organizations (our community/our world).

Our goal is to share happenings, not to indoctrinate or recruit for something that is unrelated to the church. The big 'no' is secular politics and activism. There can be news of a meeting, but no views or opinions. We understand that politics and activism impact our church, our community, and our world; but this board is too small a forum for such a task.

Should you like something to go up, contact the church office and we will put it up if applicable.



## Our Church—Our Community —Our World—

- **SLCW Brunch and Baby Shower for LWR**—On **April 1**, beginning at 10:00 am, the SLCW will be gathering for brunch and the packaging of all the baby items that have been collected for the Baby Care Kits for LWR. Thank you to everyone who contributed items. If you are planning to attend the Brunch and Baby Shower, please sign up on the form on the Narthex Table so they know how much to cook. Again, Thank you.
- **Lenten Soup Supper and Midweek Worship**—Supper begins at 5:45 pm and worship at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays. If you're bringing dinner, please plan to be here at 5:30 pm to set up. Thank you.
- **Church Work Party**—It's time to spruce the old girl up. Grab some grubbies and gloves and come on down to help clean the church prior to Easter Sunday. There are a variety of tasks both indoors and out. The cleaning dates are Saturdays, **April 8 and 15**, between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. All are welcome to help out and any help is appreciated.
- **Lent & Easter Dates**—Palm Sunday is **April 09**, Maundy Thursday is **April 13**, Good Friday is **April 14**, Easter Vigil is **April 15**, Easter Sunday is **April 16**...All evening services are at 7:00 pm, and Easter Sunday has two services at 8:30 and 11:00 am. There will be a Continental Breakfast between services on Easter Sunday.
- **Women's Circle**—The standing date is the second Monday of each month (**April 10**) at 1:00 pm. The location for April is Marilyn Rickson's home.
- **Book Group**—The next book to be reading is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The book discussion meeting is **April 17** at 11:30 am. The location is Papa's Pizza on Coburg Road. Darlene Wood is your contact.
- **Council**—The meeting for **April is TBD** as of yet and will include the Executive Council members only. The only confirmed information is that it will NOT be on Easter Sunday. Pastor or Linda Loomis will have more details later.
- **Fringe Benefits**—Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm over at the Ricksons' home. Next up is **April 20**.
- **Wise Guys**—Resumes Tuesday, April 25, at 1:15 pm at the Hole in the Wall BBQ Joint.
- **Camp Lutherwood Work Days**—See the back page for details, but the dates for your calendar are **April 29, May 20, and June 03**.
- **Saturday AA—NEW TIME**—The time for the AA meeting on Saturdays has moved to 12:00 noon.

## Camp Lutherwood

By Michelle Guillory—**The 2017 Spring Work Days out at Lutherwood are April, 29, May 20, and June 03.** The staff at Lutherwood could really use the help of volunteers to get the site ready for campers. The Work Days begin at 9:00 am and go until 3:00 pm or so. Lunch is included. Please bring work gloves and wear sturdy shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Please be sure to RSVP to their office by calling [541-998-6444](tel:541-998-6444) or emailing them at [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) although, if you show up ready to work, they won't complain.

## The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For April, here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- **The Annual Giving Statements**—Most have been mailed, but there are a few left. Please go through the alpha-tabs (in the rectangle basket on the Narthex Table) and see if someone you know has left one...they may not know. Thank you.
- **Lenten Devotionals**—There are two options available and it's never too late to start. Feel free to take one or both.
- **Tithe Envelope Boxes**—There's a handful left, so feel free to remind your neighbor to collect theirs. If you don't see your name and want one, let Michelle G. know in the office. Thanks.
- **Christ In Our Homes**—These are quarterly devotionals that cost \$5 for an annual subscription. The money goes to the SLCW who pays the bill.
- This **newsletter** (including the monthly calendar) can be found there, as well. We provide printed copies for folks who do not have internet access. If you do have access to the internet, please feel free to peruse, but leave the paper copies for those who don't. Thank you.
- **Sign Up Sheets**—The **SLCW Brunch and Baby Shower** is first on April 1. They are looking for a headcount, so please sign up. **Easter morning continental breakfast** is next and needing volunteers. Please sign up or check with Susan Squire to see what's needed.
- On the easel near the entry to the Narthex, you'll find **signup sheets** for bringing flowers on Sundays and for reading the Scriptures during the services...you can pick which service to read during. This bulletin board also has the selected readings so those who choose to read may have time to practice.

*Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it in the basket on the table with the alphabetical tabs...it won't necessarily be another giving statement, but perhaps something that needed to be passed on to you. Thank you.*

## Contact Us

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### Holy Week Schedule

**7:00 PM**

Maundy Thursday (04/13)

Good Friday (04/14)

Easter Vigil (04/15)

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

Easter Sunday Worship  
(04/16)

**9:30 AM**

Easter Breakfast (04/16)