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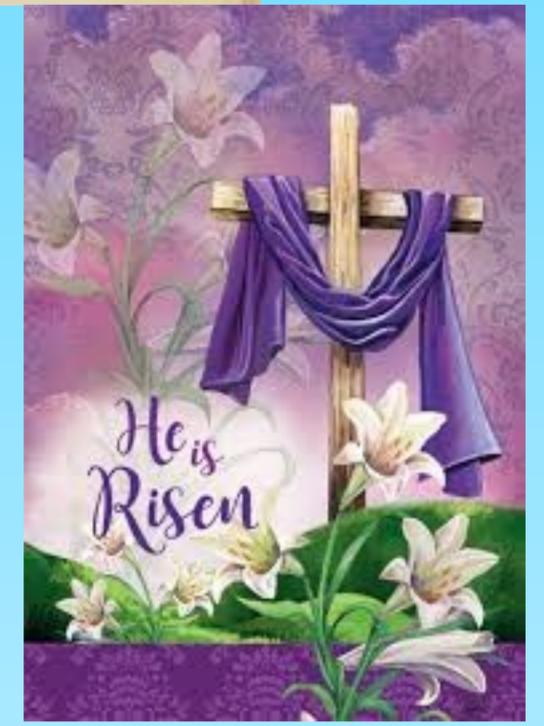
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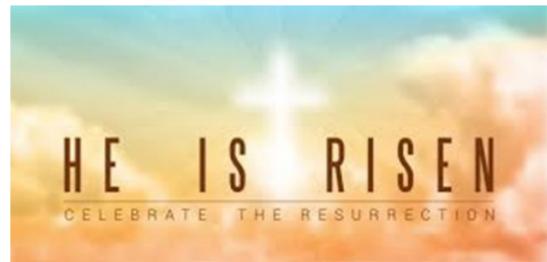
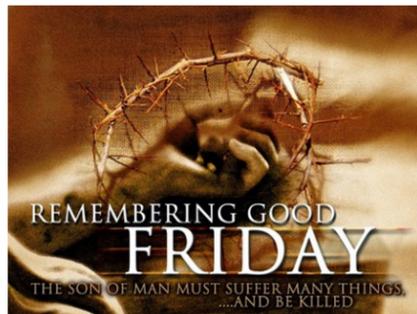
Music & Worship Notes



This year, the month of April begins in Holy Week. April 1, in the secular world is known as “April Fool’s Day.” This year, for Christians, it is Maundy Thursday, the day that remembers Christ instituted “The Lord’s Supper.” Then, the next day is Good Friday, an awful and good day at the same time. Awful because of what our Lord had to endure and suffer. Good because that suffering was done for us and our salvation – opening the gates of Heaven for us.

Then comes the glorious day of Christ’s resurrection – Easter! The “task” the Father gave His Son was completed with an empty tomb.

Thank You! This goes out to the choir, the Stambaugh family, LWML. Art Hennig, and the Men’s Network for providing the meals for our mid-week Lenten suppers. First St. John’s is truly blessed to have people who enjoy being in service to one another. When we serve one another, we serve our Lord!



Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music

THE ADULT CHOIR:

Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh,
Dave Stambaugh, , Ding Wang,



Scripture of the Month



MATTHEW 28: 1-8

- 1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.
- 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.
- 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
- 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.
- 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."
- 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.



Bible Study



9:00 AM

APRIL 2021 PARISH VISITOR

MAY 2021 DEADLINE

Articles Due

-Friday, April 16th

Mail Date

Thursday, April 22nd



MEETINGS IN APRIL

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council

8th (Thursday)

Future Committee

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month



UPCOMING APRIL 2021 SERVICES

- April 4, Communion (Resurrection Day/Easter)
- April 11, Non-Communion (Second Sunday of Easter)
- April 18, Communion (Third Sunday of Easter)
- April 25, Non-Communion (Fourth Sunday of Easter)



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
 Bible Study 9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Resurrection Day / Easter C/ White	5 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	6	7 Future Com.Mtg. 9am Adult Choir 6:30 pm	1 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	2 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm	3
11 Second Sunday of Easter NC/ White	12 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	13	14 Adult Choir 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Third Sunday of Easter NC/ White	19 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	20	21 Future Com.Mtg. 9am Adult Choir 6:30 pm	22	23	24
25 Fourth Sunday of Easter NC/ White	26 St Mark, Evangelist	27	28 Adult Choir 6:30 pm	29	30	
		LAY READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD		

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 From 9:00 through 11:00 am - Pickup at the church
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PRAYERS

- Ruthetta Fogle
- Christians especially in the Middle East- persecuted
- Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
- Becky Lupp
- Angie Linebaugh
- Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
- Marianne DeModena-Cancer
- Patti Tripp-COPD
- Julia
- Nancy Hildebrand
- Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues
- Shannon Schwartzman-Health issues
- Joyce Devan-Health issues
- Ruth Strathmeyer-Health issues
- Anna vanDyk-Health issues
- Linda Mumford Harman-Surgery recovery
- Wally and Beth Smith-Health issues
- Dawn Yenez-Health issues (Aunt of Wally Smith)
- Kim Thompson-Health issues
- Joey Welsh-Health issues (Husband of Sylvia Barclay's niece)
- Dave Snyder-Health issues
- Susan vanDyk-Baum
- Ed Hanes (Nancy Hildebrand's brother)-Health issues
- Karl vanDyk-Health issues
- Philip Rogers-Health issues
- Martha-Health Issue
- Carol Adair-Health issues
- Bruce Blankenstein-Wife's Health issues
- Kathy Shoff (Friend of Sylvia Barclay)-Health issues

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

- Bonnie Abendschoen
- Joyce Devan
- Dawn Frey

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein (Replaced Adam Koontz), Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Deninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts

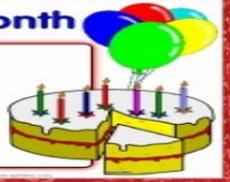
SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
For our "action" committees/task forces
Our Community and Families

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God's special presence in their lives due to special needs:

Birthdays this month

APRIL



- 11th - Carlos Beck**
- 16th - Summer Myers**
- 18th - Elaine Montalvo**
- 21st - Dawn Frey**
- 27th - Amy Stambaugh**

Please Note - On the 1st Sunday service of the month the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early May Birthdays

- 1st - Daniel Stambaugh**
- 10th - Rodney Billet**

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

MILITARY

- Kevin Kuhn U.S.C.G.
- Lindsay Wood U.S.A.F.
- Dakota Kaufman U. S. Army in Kuwait
- Matthew Holland U. S. Army
- Chuck Barrows U. S. Army
- Megan Messersmith U.S.A.F.
- Krista McKenzie U.S.A.F.
- Jonathan Cosgrove U.S.M.C.
- James Bova U. S. Navy
- Dylan Moynihan U. S. Navy
- Tyr Abendschoen U. S. Army



POLICE

- Jonathan



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Dawn Frey

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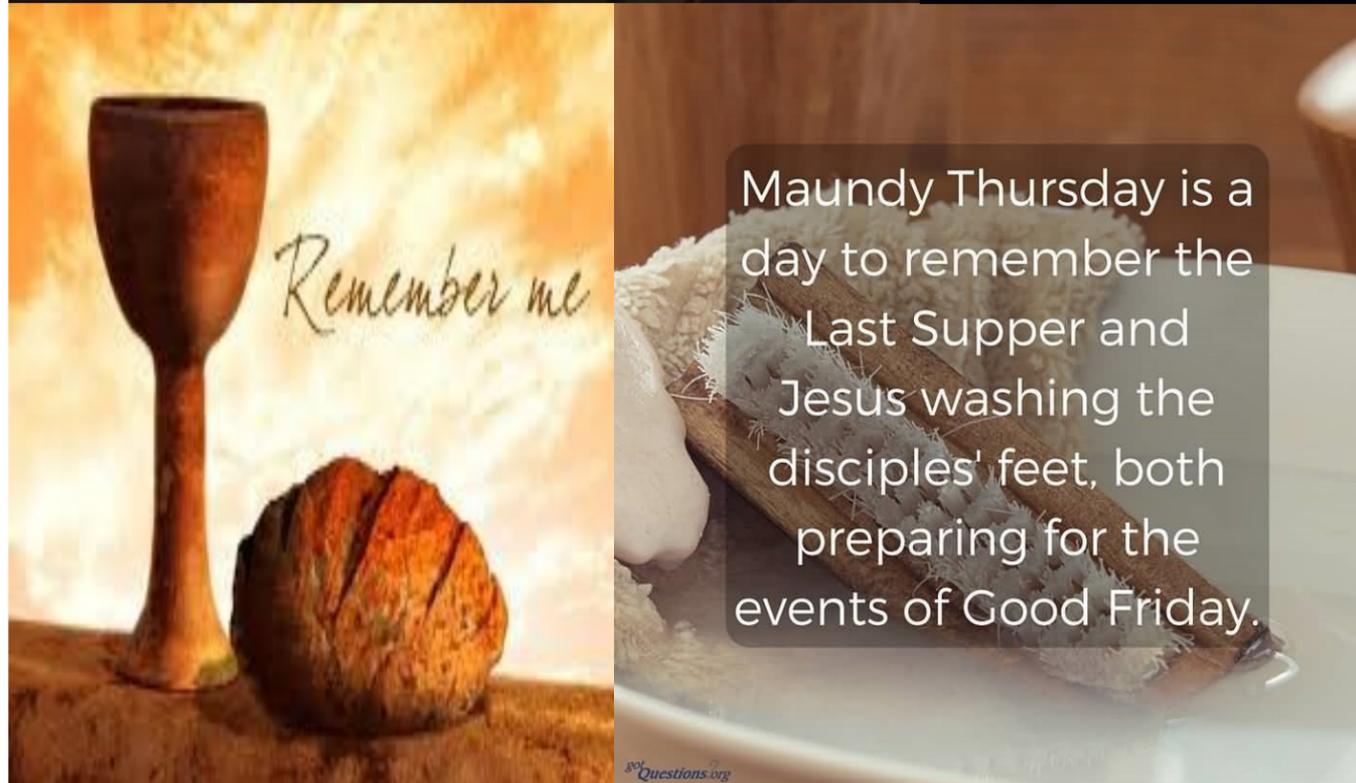
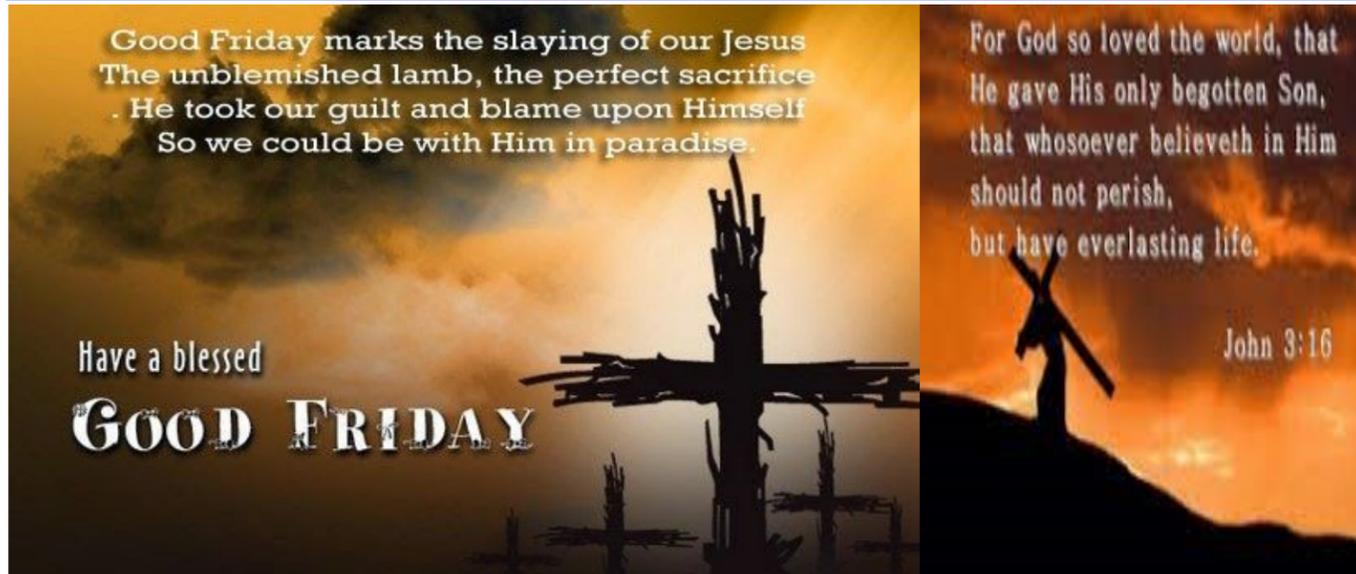
Joyce Devan

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If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS



ST. MARK

Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early Church found in the Canon of the New Testament.

He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a Levite and a Cypriot.

Mark joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 A.D. When the group reached Cyprus, Christian tradition holds that Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem, possibly because he was missing his home (Acts 13:13). This incident may have caused Paul to question whether Mark could be a reliable missionary. This created a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas and led Paul to refuse Mark's accompaniment on their second journey to the churches of Cilicia and the rest of Asia Minor.

However, it can be assumed the troubles between Paul and Mark did not last long, because when Paul was first imprisoned, Mark, who was at the time in Rome with plans of visiting Asia Minor, visited him as one of his trusted companions (Col 4:10).

Mark's hopes to visit Asia Minor were most likely carried out, because during Paul's second captivity and just before his martyrdom, Paul wrote to Timothy at Ephesus advising him to "take Mark and bring him with you [to Rome], for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11). If Mark returned to Rome at this time, he was probably there when Paul was martyred.

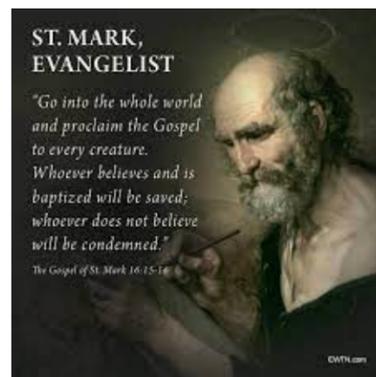
According to Christian tradition, Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to Mark as 'his son' in his letter addressed to a number of churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus and Papias all indicate that Mark was an interpreter for Peter.

Although Papias states Mark had not personally heard the Lord speak firsthand and, like Luke, Mark was not one of the twelve apostles, some believe Mark was likely speaking of himself when he wrote the description of Jesus' arrest in Gethsemani. "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr while being dragged through the streets.

Mark's Gospel was probably written between 60 and 70 A.D., and was based upon the teachings of St. Peter. It is believed Mark provided both Luke and Matthew with basic sources for their Gospel's.

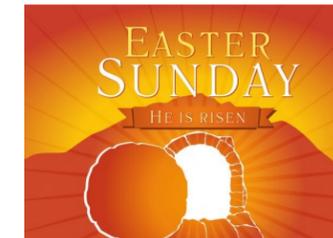
St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. This is believed to be derived from his description of St. John the Baptist, as "a voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3). The wings come from Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures as the evangelists. St. Mark is the patron saint of Venice. His feast day is celebrated on April 25.



Easter

The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world. For those who trust in Jesus's death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Through faith in the working of God those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation, being physically resurrected to dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven.^{[35][38][39]}

Easter is linked to Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the three Synoptic Gospels, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the bread and cup of wine as his body, soon to be sacrificed, and his blood, soon to be shed. Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed"; this refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.



Early Christianity

The first Christians, Jewish and Gentile, were certainly aware of the Hebrew calendar. Jewish Christians, the first to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, timed the observance in relation to Passover. Direct evidence for a more fully formed Christian festival of Pascha (Easter) begins to appear

in the mid-2nd century. Perhaps the earliest extant primary source referring to Easter is a mid-2nd-century Paschal homily attributed to Melito of Sardis, which characterizes the celebration as a well-established one.^[42] Evidence for another kind of annually recurring Christian festival, those commemorating the martyrs, began to appear at about the same time as the above homily.

While martyrs' days (usually the individual dates of martyrdom) were celebrated on fixed dates in the local solar calendar, the date of Easter was fixed by means of the local Jewish lunisolar calendar. This is consistent with the celebration of Easter having entered Christianity during its earliest, Jewish, period, but does not leave the question free of doubt.

The ecclesiastical historian Socrates Scholasticus attributes the observance of Easter by the church to the perpetuation of its custom, "just as many other customs have been established", stating that neither Jesus nor his Apostles enjoined the keeping of this or any other festival. Although he describes the details of the Easter celebration as deriving from local custom, he insists the feast itself is universally observed.

