

# THE ZION HERALD

April 2026

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*Living in Faith,  
Known by Love,  
Serving like Jesus*

*A community of believers who  
are diverse in background yet  
one in Christ. We serve the  
community and welcome all  
to worship, grow and learn  
the Word of God.*

Happy  
Easter



## Message from our President:

The month of April signals the onset of Spring. It is a time of abundant evidence of life. Flowers and plants bloom. Animals come out of hibernation. We humans enjoy longer, milder days, green grass, and the rejuvenation brought by encounters with others. This year, April arrives during Holy Week. Pastor Bob Sander will preside over Zion's Worship Services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. As Christians we celebrate the new life brought by Jesus' Resurrection. On April 5, 2026 we will joyfully proclaim, "Christ is Risen! Risen Indeed! Alleluia!" Those triumphant words signal Jesus' victory over the grave and announce for us the start of a new life, just as Spring ushers in a new beginning.

As we contemplate the hope and promise brought by the month of April we embrace the new direction that Jesus' Resurrection brings to our lives. We turn away from the values and precepts of the world and look toward the Kingdom of God and opportunities to align ourselves with God's purposes and mission.

Spring is a time for reflection and reevaluation of our role as disciples of Christ and stewards of all the abundant resources God has entrusted to our care. It is a time when we dispense with the mistaken belief that what we wrongly call "our" money and "our" possessions provide us with security and realize that our wealth and security are in Jesus. We draw closer to family and friends and appreciate that true wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Jesus frees us from the grip possessions have on us so we may contribute more to church and charity.

During a time of great transition at Zion we continue to renovate the building's infrastructure, engage in community outreach activities, improve the exterior, while we judiciously steward the financial resources entrusted to our care in order to demonstrate that Zion can afford a Called full time Pastor.

As members of Zion each and every one of us must ask ourselves how we can best use the abundant resources- physical, mental, athletic, intellectual, artistic, financial- God has entrusted to our care so that we may be people " Living in Faith, Known by Love, Serving like Jesus."

Lord, thank you for the newness of life given by the Resurrection of Your Son. Help us to continue to experience the joy that comes from faithful stewardship of all the resources You have provided. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Fidler, Council President

## Stark Hunger Walk - May 3, 2026!

Join Team Zion on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> for this year's Stark Hunger Walk as we fight to end food insecurity in our community one step at a time! If you aren't able to walk 2.1 miles, you can still be part of Team Zion and join us that day to support the cause! It is a pet friendly event as long as they are leashed. We all wear our yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirts. Please invite your family and friends to join us too!

Team Zion is currently collecting funds to support the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank: \$1 = 3 meals! There are sign up sheets in Luther Hall for walkers along with donation cans! If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to Zion Lutheran and designate it for the Stark Hunger Walk. You can also sign up to make desserts for the Soup Social that follows the walk. Zion's bakers provide all the desserts that day!

### Walk Highlights:

- Location: Community Christian Church on N Main St. in North Canton
- Registration is at 2 pm and the 2.1 mile walk begins at 3 pm
- There are many fun activities from 2 -3 pm before the walk including face painting done by our Zion artists
- A Soup Social for all follows the walk with delicious soups and desserts
- All proceeds from the walk benefit the Akron Canton Food Bank.
- Any food collected from the walk will be donated to our Food Pantry.

Please join us and help us continue to make a difference in our community! We pray that God will continue to lead us on this important journey to end hunger and food insecurity that so many are facing!

**STARK HUNGER WALK**



# FEED the NEED

**THE NEED IS CRITICAL.**  
**HUNGER AFFECTS 1 IN 5 CHILDREN**  
 20.5% or 16,440 children may struggle with hunger in Stark County

**HUNGER AFFECTS 1 IN 7 INDIVIDUALS**  
 14.5% or 54,230 individuals may struggle with hunger in Stark County

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**

- 2:00 p.m. - Registration at North Canton Community Christian Church  
 210 North Main St. North Canton, OH 44720
- 3:00 p.m. - Start of approximately 2.1 mile walk (RAIN OR SHINE)
- Afterwards - Hot Soup Social



AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL  
**FOOD BANK**

FACEBOOK: STARK-HUNGER-WALK  
 STARKHUNGERWALK@GMAIL.COM

Serving Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties.



SCAN HERE  
to sign up! Not required.

**STARK MAP**




All proceeds benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank.



**LEARNING MINISTRY**– Debbie Fox

**There will be no Christian Education classes for all ages on Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) after service.**

**Adult Christian Education – Sunday Mornings at 10:15 am**

Join us each Sunday after service and refreshments for an engaging and interesting discussion on each week's lessons and Gospel. There is much to learn during these sessions, and we are grateful to all of our supply pastors for leading us each week as we further our knowledge of

God's Word.

**Confirmation Class**

This group meets each Sunday after service at 10:15am led by Cindy Bagocius. Please pray for Cindy and her as they continue their journey to affirm their baptism. This journey includes studies in the Old and New Testaments and Luther's Small Catechism.

**Sunday Bible Adventure Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Join Connie Riffle and Janet Slease each Sunday after service at 10:15am as they share important Bible lessons with our children. We look forward to seeing the special project that they worked on during Lent on Easter Sunday at service.

**Women's Bible Study**

April's session is Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Cindy Bagocius's home on Market Ave, Please arrive at 1:30pm with discussion beginning at 1:45pm. They women discuss the Bible Study in the ELCA's magazine, "Gather". Don't worry if you don't have the magazine – we can get you signed up, and we also have a copy at the church!

All women are invited to join and bring a friend! Please contact Cindy Bagocius or Debbie Fox for more information.

**Men's Bible Study**

April's Bible Study is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. The group is currently discussing Paul's Letter to the Romans.

The men meet at Zion once a month on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am for food, fellowship and an hour of engaging Bible discussion. All men are invited to join the group! If these times don't work for you, contact Ken Reinoehl to see if we can arrange a time that does work!

**Dear God,** help us open our minds, our ears and our hearts to what You are telling us, and to do Your will! Guide us in our pursuit of learning and walking in your Word every day. Amen



**Vacation Bible School**

Take a Road Trip with us June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> where God will guide us wherever we go! The week will be full of great lessons, fun games, music and so much more! Tell your family and friends in the community and invite their children ages 4 through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We also have a class for our Middle School and High School students where they gather for about an hour each day to talk about the lesson before helping with the younger children throughout the week.



Our **Green Light Bible Verse** for the week is Joshua 1:9 - I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

**Daily Mile Markers:**



Please consider volunteering! You can help in a classroom or in a rotation, help with snacks, help with decorating and set up, help with the pizza and ice cream party, and more. Sign up sheets will be in Luther Hall and registration packets will be in the office later this month. Please contact Debbie Fox for more info. You don't have to commit to the whole week. We are grateful for any time you can give.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the road in June!



*Chancel Flowers are available in memory or honor of your loved one (s) and are used in the Chapel for any Sunday Service of your choice.*

*They are only \$20.00 each and you can order as many as you wish!*

*You also get to take them home after the service and enjoy their beauty and your memories!!*



## April Birthdays

April 5th	Grant Schilling
April 7th	Renee Keith
April 7th	Sandy Elsass
April 9th	Lorraine Weinman
April 16th	Lou Milavickas
April 18th	Weston Milek
April 20th	Beth Heller
April 22nd	Jane Fairman
April 23rd	Chris Thompson
April 24th	Keith Haga
April 26th	Cindy Bagocius
April 28th	Art Brakus
April 29th	Clarence Givler

## Happy Anniversary

April 16th Vicki and Clarence Givler

### ACME Community Cash Program



Thank you to everyone who brought in Acme receipts for this year's program. Receipt totals were submitted on February 27<sup>th</sup>, and Zion will receive a check for \$279.31. These funds will be used to help fund Vacation Bible Adventure this summer. Praise God for Acme Fresh Market's commitment to giving back to our community's charitable organizations.

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

The choir is in desperate need of additional members. We currently have two members per voice (Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass). We need *at least* 1 more person per voice! If you like to sing, please help us out! Contact Susan Kaschak if you are interested!

Unfortunately, if we aren't able to enlist more members, we probably won't be able to have a choir anymore. Please prayerfully consider joining the choir if you would like to praise God with song.

***"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come  
before him with joyful songs."  
Psalm 100:1-2***



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee received a new profile on a candidate. We reviewed and prayed on the information. We are very interested in this candidate who seems to have a lot of the qualities Zion is looking for. We have completed a zoom interview with the candidate on March 24<sup>th</sup>. If this goes well and we both feel this might be a match, we will schedule an in-person interview.

We ask that you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us during this interview.

Darlene  
Call Committee Chairperson





### 2026 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

This year's kick off meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> was an amazing morning where all of the participating faith communities came together to meet the Swogger and Hernandez families and hear the good news about this year's build.



Zion also had a special part in the kick off meeting as we received a shim to be added to the Habitat's Shim Wall honoring our years of partnership and service with Habitat. It is such a blessing, privilege and honor to partner with such a great organization like Habitat for Humanity! They truly walk the walk and help lift up people and set them up for success!



This year's build will include two homes, one in Massillon for the Swogger Family, and one in Canton for the Hernandez Family.

Zion's volunteer opportunities begin this month with the Youth Volunteer Night on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have our youth join in this fun night to learn more about what Habitat does, and to be part of a special project for this year's build.

In April, we will have two studs in Luther Hall for everyone to sign. We ask you to

write messages of love and well wishes for the two families on these studs. One stud will go in each home. God's love will always be part of these homes through these messages, even though they are covered by drywall!



Our volunteer work days on site begin in May. We hope you will consider volunteering! No experience is necessary! These work days are fun, yes fun, and so fulfilling knowing that you had a small part in buiding a safe and affordable home for an awesome family! God’s work done with our hands!

Day	Date	Task	Volunteers	Time	Location	Lunch
Wednesday	April 29	Youth Night	9	6:00pm-8:00pm	Habitat ECO	N/A
Saturday	May 9	Deck	5	8:15am – 12:00pm	Massillon	N/A
Saturday	May 16	Exterior Walls	5	8:15am – 2:00pm	Massillon	Provided
Wednesday	July 1	Drywall	7	8:15am – 2:00pm	Canton	Yes: 11:30am drop off
Saturday	September 12	All Community Day	7	9:00am – 12:00pm	Habitat ECO	Provided

Finally, mark your calendars for Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm for this year’s dedication! Everyone is invited to come and experience this amazing night at the Habitat ECO Office (14 Raff Rd. in Canton) where the families receive their keys and celebrate the start of this new chapter in their beautiful new homes!

We are so excited and ready for this year’s Faith Build with Habitat! Please join in with the different opportunities provided and pray for the families, volunteers and staff at Habitat as they build safe, affordable homes for so many deserving families in our community! Every one of us deserves a decent, affordable place to call home!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church -- Book Club Schedule; **REVISED**  
 November 2025 – May 2026 -- First Friday\*, 10:00 – 11:00 am  
 Zion Church Classroom  
 Coordinator, Peggy Ingalls (330-284-3518)

**April 3 – Carol Rossbach -- My Sister’s Keeper, Jodi Picoult**

*A family torn apart...Anna...countless surgeries...so her sister, Kate...can fight leukemia...preimplantation bone marrow match...sue her parents...rights to her own body...perhaps fatal...what it means... a good person...morally correct?*

**May 1 – Kay Reiss -- The Great Bridge, David McCullough**

*Years around 1870...building Brooklyn Bridge...longest suspension bridge...greed, corruption...vision...optimism, heroism...lives lost...odds overwhelming...social climate of the time...remarkable family...great personal cost...Emily’s dedication.*

**“May Bonus Book” – Cindy Bagocius -- Junkyard Wonders, Patricia Polacco (Grades 3-5)**

*Based on true events...celebrates influence of a teacher...Trisha devastated...new school...special class known as “the junkyard” ...teacher divides into tribes...sense of unity...visit a local junkyard...science fair...school bully.... the Junkyard Wonders.*



**WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE BLOOD?**

**1**  
 “You Can Save Lives – Literally”

**2**  
 “It Takes So Little Time to Make a Huge Impact”

**3**  
 “You Will Help Somebody’s Loved One”

**4**  
 “You’ll Feel Amazing Knowing You Helped”

**5**  
 “It’s Good for You, Too”

**AND YES – almost everyone mentioned the snacks.**

Please planning on giving for the rest of our 2026 drives! Ask a friend or family member to join you in donating and giving the gift of life!

Sunday, April 26, 2026 10am – 1:30pm  
 Sunday, July 12, 2026 10am – 1:30pm  
 Sunday, Sept 13, 2026 10am – 1:30pm  
 Sunday, Nov 15, 2026 10am – 1:30pm

If you are unable to donate on the above dates, you can go to the Vitalant Donation Center at 4119 Tuscarawas St West, Canton, OH 44708. Call 877-258-4825 or schedule an appointment online. Thanks be to God for everyone who is willing and able to donate blood and give the gift of life.

## Shared Goods

We were able to help a family of four in the community after a fire at their home. They were able to get household items: toaster oven, microwave, dishes, etc. and clothes for all of them. It was a really great feeling to be able to help them. It is good to know that the community knows about our ministry and feels comfortable coming to us. Thank you for your donations that help us provide these items for our



SWEET TWEETS was definitely a “sweet” event for the women of Zion to herald in the Spring of 2026. There were 24 of us. Megan Shoenfelt of Terra Depot in Navarre started us off with a 24 Bird Identification Quiz. She then went into her colorful presentation featuring the variety of birds which flock to her backyard, front yard, side yard . . . She seems to know each one of her visitors as to seed preference, feeder comfort, and personality. Megan is a strong proponent of native plantings which attract native insects which, in turn, support the livelihoods of native birds. Terra Depot is on her property and is a treasure trove of all-things-bird! Outside the shop is a nursery of native plantings. Terra Depot is truly a one-stop-shop!

After being inspired by Megan’s personable presentation, the women chose to make one of three sweet bird treats—a woodpecker waffle, a bird-style sundae, or an orange-sunflower snack. Megan provided the safflower seeds, the striped sunflower seeds, the black oil sunflower seeds, and the suet. Zion provided everything else. What a delight these treats will be to the birds!



Lunch was a prepared bagged lunch for each from Marc’s, followed by all singing “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” in the sanctuary to Susan Kashak’s piano accompaniment. ‘Twas then time for all to “fly away home.”





## ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Please set aside SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m. on your calendars! We are asking everyone to help us with a special project!

Recently Lisa Frock received a donation of fabric and sewing supplies from a client who is no longer able to sew. It turns out this woman's mission was to sew dresses for ***Little Dresses for Africa***. The donation included patterns, yards of fabric, double-fold bias tape and elastic—everything needed to make the dresses!

We have decided to carry on her dream and mission of sewing dresses for girls in Africa. They are very simple to do, and there are plenty of jobs for people who don't sew. (Even the sewing is very minimal.) We will have stations set up for pressing fabric, measuring and cutting fabric, bias tape and elastic, and sewing machines and sergers for sewing.

WE WILL PROVIDE LUNCH FOR YOU! All we ask is that you sign up so that we know how many people to prepare lunch for.

***WE ENCOURAGE ENTIRE FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT! ALL ARE WELCOME!***

If you have any questions, please ask Mary Humbert or Susan Kaschak.

## Stephen Ministry - April Training

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be no class due to Holy Week and we feel our thoughts should be with Christ's Passion. However, following Easter, on April 9<sup>th</sup>, our minds will return to class and **Module 14**, entitled Understanding Suicide: How to Help People Get the Care They Need. We will learn to understand the basic facts about suicide; beware of risk factors that make suicide more likely; recognizing "red flags" in thoughts and behaviors; and knowing when to take steps toward prevention.

We will address **Module 15** Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close, on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We begin our care giving with the assumption that it will be temporary, [until the receiver's needs have been met]. We will understand how closure takes place; the value as an essential part of the caring relationship; recognizing the signs that closure may be appropriate; learn how to bring closure; and how to respond to any challenges with closure.

As we approach the conclusion of our initial training, April 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, the sessions will be very comprehensive as we go into detail in **Module 16**. The continued Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care - Parts 1, 1a & 2. These two dates will be double sessions, covering 5 hours each. Part one will include what takes place in Small Group Peer Supervision Sessions; forms involved within these sessions; observe a supervision session in action; and commit to faithful participation in Small Group Peer Supervision. Part 2 covers what Focus Questions are and how they are used; practice selection Focus Questions; continued discussion on how to balance confidentiality in Small Peer Supervision; and role play supervision sessions.



## Food Pantry News

March Pantry service numbers:

137 Households served which includes 343 people  
5,570 Pounds of food ordered from the Foodbank to be distributed  
in addition to congregational and community donations  
162 hot lunches served to our Pantry friends

Zion's Pantry continues to be a blessing to many in our community! We have such a great team of volunteers and generous people who donate food and funds to keep our pantry going! Thanks be to God for all of your love and kindness as we work to end food insecurity in our community.

Items most needed at this time include spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, canned fruit, canned meats (chicken or tuna), laundry detergent and paper products like toilet paper & paper towels. We are so grateful to everyone for keeping the pantry stocked!

Volunteer Opportunities – we appreciate any time you have to give during the following:

Set up on the Monday before our distribution dates from 9 -11 am.

Volunteer on distribution days (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month).

9am – Unload truck and finish set up

Lunch starts at 11:30 am for volunteers and 12:15 pm for our pantry families

Food distribution for our pantry familie from 1-2 pm

Tear down from 2-3pm

Please contact Debbie Fox if you have any questions or would like more information.



# Zion's 2025 Network Partner Report

## WHAT WAS YOUR PROGRAM'S IMPACT IN 2025?



## HOW DID YOUR PROGRAM SHOP IN 2025?



## YOUR PROGRAM'S BENEFITS IN 2025



CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FOR PARTNER USE ONLY All data reflect January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Questions may be directed to the Network Partners and Programs Department at 330.535.6900.

## HUNGER IN STARK COUNTY

### OVERALL FOOD INSECURITY RATE



### CHILD FOOD INSECURITY RATE



Data is based on 2023 information collected by Feeding America and doesn't consider the current economic climate.



**1 IN 5**  
**children**  
**MAY STRUGGLE**  
**WITH HUNGER.**



### FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity refers to the USDA's measure of lack of regular access to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods.

Food insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

### OUR RESPONSE



Total pounds distributed in Stark County in 2025



Total meals provided in Stark County in 2025



Total produce pounds distributed in Stark County in 2025



Janet Slease not pictured.

Zion's Women of Worth (WOW) group met for a luncheon at LaPizzaria on Friday, March 13. There were 15 women in attendance and all enjoyed great fellowship and a delicious lunch. This group of single women get together for different activities throughout the year.

If you would like to join the ladies, please contact Janet Slease.

CRAFT  
SHOW

We have some exciting news! We are having the Fall Charity Craft Show this year to benefit Habitat for Humanity future Faith Builds. The show will be Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 10am - 3pm.

Applications are available in the office!

## **Financial Update**

- **All that we have, all that we are, flows from the generosity and abundant love of our Creator.**
- **January and February winter weather created large snow plowing/ salting expenses. Our Giving remains strong allowing Zion to have a surplus of about \$9,000 through February. Even though it was really cold, our new insulated windows are doing their job!**
- **We are praying for a Pastor to hear a call from the Holy Spirit to join us at Zion. To facilitate this, we have set aside over \$32,000 for expenses related to interviewing and moving a new Pastor if necessary. This remains a priority for us.**
- **Our parking lot is an essential part of delivering our mission. It is heavily used all 12 months of the year not only for worship services but for food pantry distribution and many other community services. We have already been given almost \$29,000 through February for this large project which could begin in April.**
- **Our long term investment funds continue to deliver returns. We are well prepared to welcome a new pastor, fulfill our Mission, and to make improvements in our church property.**

**Thank you for your support through healthy stewardship.**

**Laura Thompson  
Resource Ministry**



ANNOUNCING OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> PROGRAM

## ZION SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday APRIL 9, 2026

5:30 SNACK

6:00 TALK

6:45 Q&amp;A

**Behind Prison Bars & Yet Set Free**

Laurel Derry, Missionary CRU

*Laurel, who has served as a Pastor's wife, will share her prison ministry program experience. Her impressive history includes:*

- *leading bible study for women at her local county jail,*
- *training volunteers, and*
- *leading over 50 Art of Marriage events for inmates and their spouses.*



*Laurel desires to help women know they are fully loved and fully known by the Lord, no matter their circumstances.*

More to come:

**JULY 23: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DESERT – Courageous Conversations**

Doug Colmery, Director, STARK FRESH

**OCTOBER 12: PROLIFERANCE AND PERILS OF PASTIC**

Randi Pokladnik, PhD, Retired Professor

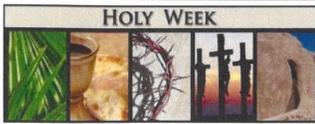
**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2027: A SIMULATION EXPERIENCE**

Do You Know What It Takes...Do you Have What It Takes?

Presented by the ZION Social Responsibility Ministry

**Please take note of the stellar poster in the Fellowship Hall created by a former student of Carol Rossbach under the direction of Peg Ingalls.**

**RSVPs needed for the April 9th talk!**

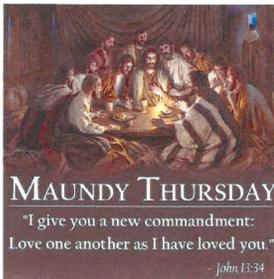


**Holy Week** begins with Palm Sunday and proceeds through the four days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday. This is the defining season of Christianity and you are encouraged to grow closer to your Savior by fully participating in all four worship experiences.



**Palm Sunday**, Wednesday March 25 at 7:00 pm and Sunday March 29, at 9:00 am  
On this day, united with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry in to the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We follow his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming the one whose throne was the cross.<sup>1</sup>

**Worship Pattern:** we gather with palms in Luther Hall and joy to hear the reading of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Worship continues as we proceed into the sanctuary.



**Maundy Thursday**, April 2 at 7:00 pm

On this night we begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death into life. The Maundy Thursday service includes the words of Jesus' new commandment (*madatum*, from which *Maundy* comes) to love one another. On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we also gather around the Lord's supper. At the service conclusion, the altar area is stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.<sup>1</sup>

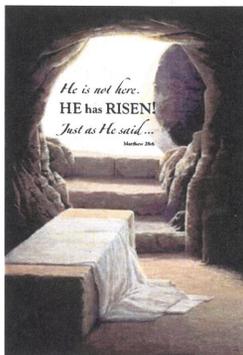
**Worship Pattern:** we gather in the sanctuary. Service concludes with silent procession to the worship space where we sing *Were You There*, followed by the solemnity of stripping the chancel.



**Good Friday**, April 3 at 7:30 pm

On this night, the journey continues through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. With all God's people we are invited to before this mystery of faith. Christ has died, so that we may live.<sup>1</sup>

**Worship Pattern:** we gather in silence, pray for one another, hear God's Word, glorify the cross, and ponder what Christ did for us and the whole world.



**Resurrection Sunday**, April 5 at 9:00 am

Every Sunday in worship, the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On this day, we rejoice anew. Easter is the day of all days. The tomb could not keep Jesus. As Christ is risen, we too shall be raised. Come, join with all the faithful across the world as we raise our voices in triumphant song and share the meal of Holy Communion which Christ set before us. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He's Risen indeed! Alleluia!

<sup>1</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Leaders Desk Edition, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2006

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An ELCA Congregation

Return Service Requested



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**APRIL 2026**



**Worship Services**

**Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**  
**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Worship Service**  
**Services are streamed through Facebook**

**Office Hours**

**9:00am to 2:00pm M-F**  
**Doors open at 9am**

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Beth Shaheen—Treasurer  
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Tina Linz—Parish Life Ministry  
George Miller—Property Ministry  
Laura Thompson—Resource Ministry  
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Paul Bagocius—Worship Ministry