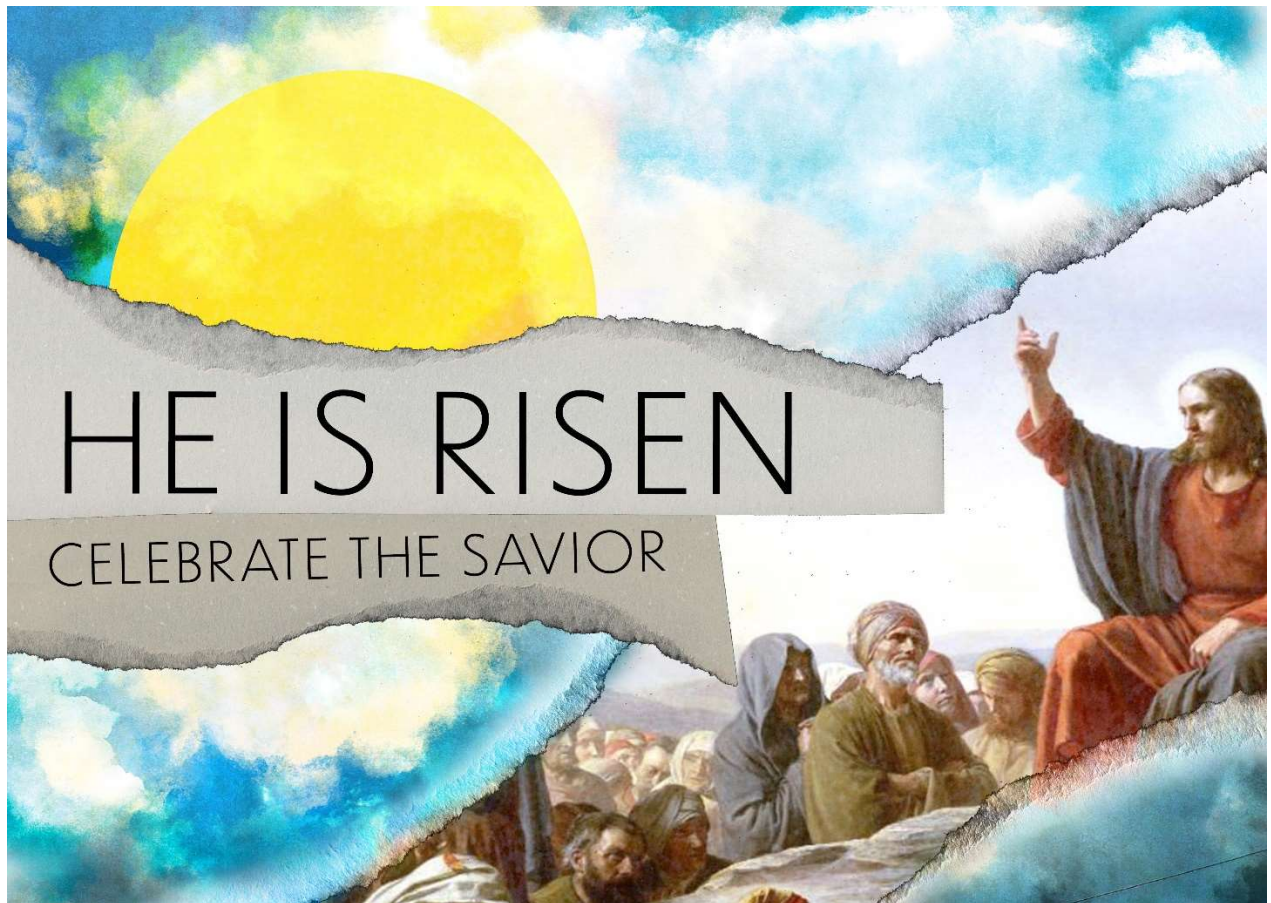


# ***“All In On Easter”***

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 14, 2024**  
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**WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY.** Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. When we approach the altar, we publicly declare our unity in faith. God's Word tells us that Jesus' Body and Blood are REALLY PRESENT in the bread and wine. The bread and wine do not merely "stand for" Jesus' Body and Blood, for Jesus said, "This is my body and this is my blood," and we accept this mystery (Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:17-33). In the LORD's Supper, God gives, as a gift to us, His love and forgiveness and strengthens our faith.

Jesus calls us to prepare for the LORD's Supper by believing what the Bible says with regard to sin, by repenting of our sins, and believing Christ's real presence in the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). We ask both members and guests to examine the questions below before taking Communion:

1. Do I believe that God's Word is entirely "inspired" and without error?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His body and blood?
5. Do I believe that my sins are forgiven and that my faith is strengthened in Holy Communion?
6. Is it my intent, by the power of the Holy Spirit working in this Sacrament, to live a Godly life?

If you have any doubts or do not understand our beliefs about Communion, please refrain from participating at this time. Call our pastor. He would be happy to help you understand the meaning and blessings of this special "Means of Grace."

Our church is a member of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, an international church, bold to share the love of Christ with all nationalities.  
Our Common bond is loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God and the only guide in matters of faith and life.

**THE FAITH AND CARE FAMILY** for April is **Christopher**. May is **Daniel**. The sign-up sheets are on the back table. If you are in this family, please sign-up to help in some way.

**TODAY'S**    **ELDERS:** Neil Schamber & Brent O'Bryan  
                  **GREETER:** Marsha Kapp  
                  **ACOLYTE:** Trevan Schoenefeld

**RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP:** We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Please fill out the record of fellowship in the Red Book in each pew. We ask that each person fill out their information on one line of the sheet and pass it on to the next person in the pew. For families, place each member on a new line. It is our hope that we will be able to better care for you with this information.

## OPENING HYMN

## LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

LSB 837

### Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain  
trod,

Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

**Refrain**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

**Refrain**

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

**Refrain**

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

**Refrain**

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

**Refrain**

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

**Refrain**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7;*

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: **He has put all things under His feet.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, Jesus forgives you your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!

People: **Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.  
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## FIRST READING

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

## HOLY GOSPEL

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything

## ACTS 3:11-21

has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

## 1 JOHN 3:1-7

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

## LUKE 24:36-49

here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning

from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of

my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

*Sit*

## CHILDRENS SERMON

### SERMON HYMN

### HE'S RISEN, HE'S RISEN

LSB 480

1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true  
Word.

Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises  
prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His  
foes.

The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no  
more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad  
voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was  
slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

### SERMON

“All In On Easter!”

Luke 24:36-49

### NICENE CREED

*Stand*

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,\* I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

\*The ancient text: one holy catholic and apostolic Church

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, [especially . . .], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer. Amen.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

### I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

**LSB 461 v. 1 – 4, 6,8**

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye;

He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

### CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

**LSB 469**

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"

Saints on earth and angels say;

Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!

Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

**Stand**

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Grant that Your Son's body and blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

1 Morning breaks upon the tomb;  
Jesus scatters all its gloom.  
Day of triumph through the skies,  
See the glorious Savior rise.

2 You who are of death afraid,  
Triumph in the scattered shade.

### MORNING BREAKS UPON THE TOMB

Drive your anxious cares away;  
See the place where Jesus lay.

3 Christian, dry your flowing tears;  
Chase your unbelieving fears.  
Look on his deserted grave;  
Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

**Sit**  
**TLH 203**

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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BACK TO THE BASICS:** A “Back to the Basics” bible study began last Wednesday, and will continue this Wednesday at 7:00 PM. It will be held in the sanctuary of the church.

**SPRING ZONE RALLY:** The Zone Spring Rally will be held today, April 14, at St. John’s Lutheran of Reville. Registration will be at 1:30 with the program, entitled “Grace, Mercy, Peace” to begin at 2:00. Registration is \$10.00. There will be a presentation by Deaconess Lisa Miller of Emanuel Lutheran of Milbank. Pastoral Counselor Tom Mueller of Sisseton/Waubay will conduct the Prayer Service. The ingathering includes the same items requested for the District Convention in Aberdeen in June. The list is on the wall in the south hallway, with donated items going to Safe Harbor and Journey Home. There will be a car pool from Mt. Olive.

**DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS:** Picture Directory photo session information and Online Scheduling instruction sheets are on the back table. Take one per family. Or you can visit the Mt. Olive website. Thanks! If you need help registering, someone will be available during fellowship to assist you today, April 14 and next Sunday, April 21.

**VBS HELP IS NEEDED:** Please consider volunteering your time to help serve our treasured children during VBS. Volunteer registration cards are on the back table. You may also register at [www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch](http://www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch).

**VBS COMING SOON:** Fun and adventure awaits you! Join us for the Great Jungle Journey from Genesis to Revelation. Volunteers & Children register [@www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch](http://www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch). You can [pick up a card on the back table](#). For more information contact Brittany Luoma, Director 605-520-6637 or [luoma.tb@live.com](mailto:luoma.tb@live.com)

**When: June 2nd-6th**

**Time: @ 6 pm—8 pm**

**Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

**CONFIRMATION:** Mt. Olive will be celebrating the rite of confirmation with four students on Sunday, May 5. There will be a reception held Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM when the confirmands will read their faith statements. All are invited to attend.

**MAINSTREET LIVING:** is broadcast Sundays on KDLT-NBC at 10:30 AM CST and PAX at 11 AM CDT. You may also view the program at [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com). Click on the “Watch Main Street Living” tab. The program is also available on YouTube. The Message for **April 21, 10:30:** Rev. Steven Weispfennig, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, presents a message titled “The Good Shepherd's Sheep Hear His Voice.” This sermon is based on John 10:14- 16.

**April 21:** “No Place to Hide” - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

**LIFE QUOTES: April 14** “So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life.” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

**STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES: 1 John 3:2** – “Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.



Attendance: (4/7)  
 Sunday Worship:163  
 Sunday School:

Offerings:	(4/7	
	General (Checking)	5413.75
	Missions (Savings)	250.00
	Seminary Student (Savings)	250.00
	Sign (Savings)	450.00
	Total	6363.72

To meet our 2024 budget goals, we need to average **\$5048** in our weekly offering collection

**SCHEDULE THE WEEK OF APRIL 14-APRIL 21, 2024**

Today

- 9:00 AM Worship w/communion
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Bible Class

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Work Day
- 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Council Mtg.

Wednesday

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- **5:00 PM Bulletin Deadline**
- 6:00 PM 4-6 Midweek
- 6:00 PM 7-8 Confirmation
- 7:00 PM Back to Basics Bible Study
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Next Sunday

- April Faith and Care Family  
**Christopher**
- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Bible Class
- Greeters: Marsha Kapp
- Reader:
- Acolyte: Eli Wold
- Fellowship:  
May Faith and Care Mary Drevecky  
Jessia Drevecky  
Family **Daniel**