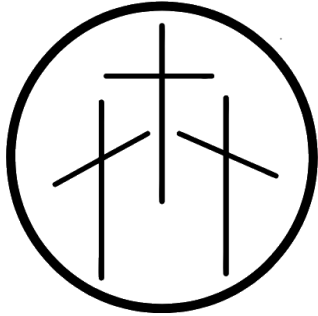


# Parish Voice



### Special Dates in April

- April 1—April Fool’s Day; Maundy Thursday
- April 2—Good Friday
- April 3—National Find a Rainbow Day
- April 4—Easter
- April 8—National Empanada Day
- April 11—National Pet Day
- April 12—National Grilled Cheese Day
- April 15—Tax Day
- April 16—Wear Pajamas to Work Day
- April 19—Patriots Day
- April 22—Earth Day
- April 23—National Picnic Day
- April 28—National Superhero Day
- April 30—International Jazz Day

### April Birthdays

Lilian Steurer	4
Rebecca Wolfe	5
Justin Smith	6
Carlisle Steurer Shirley Richards	7
Martha Larson	14
Brad Long	15

## Pastor’s Corner

What do we know about April? What makes this month infamous?? April Fools Day? Tax Day April 15th, Spring Break, maybe Easter?? Maybe April is one of the months known for 30 days?

All of the above? April will bring us into Holy Week and Easter on April 4th! The Festival of the Resurrection services at both churches as we turn from the darkness of Lent to the Eternal Light of Jesus Christ at Easter.

It is our festival day and season to celebrate the hope we have for eternal life. Easter gives us hope, joy, peace, grace and love. The color of the season of Easter is white,

the color of purity and hope and new life.

The Easter services, with restrictions, are a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family and loved ones to come with you. It’s a day to (hopefully) be with friends or family in whatever way is possible. It is our celebration that Jesus defeated death and rose to new life. And, our gift is each and every day we also die to the

old, rise up to the new life in Jesus. That comes no matter what else April offers good, bad and ugly! Our God has defeated death and darkness forever! Receive the light of life in Jesus!

Amen!  
Pr. Doug



## Open Wide

Friends, as the world around us constantly changes, be assured both Councils are monitoring developments, the data, the Indiana State Dept and CDC guidelines. We are watching closely to see how developments may impact our church life. Let us pray, PD



## Readings for April 2021

### April 1: Maundy Thursday

- *1st Reading:* Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
- *Psalm:* Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- *2nd Reading:* 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- *Gospel:* Mark 15:25, 33-34

### April 4: Easter

- *1st Reading:* Acts 10:34-43
- *Psalm:* Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- *2nd Reading:* 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- *Gospel:* Mark 16:5-6, 8

### April 18: 3rd Sunday of Easter

- *1st Reading:* Acts 3:12-19
- *Psalm:* Psalm 4
- *2nd Reading:* 1 John 3:1-7
- *Gospel:* Luke 24:36b-48



*“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”*

*1 John 3:18*

### April 2: Good Friday

- *1st Reading:* 52:13--53:12
- *Psalm:* Psalm 22
- *2nd Reading:* Hebrews 10:16-25
- *Gospel:* Mark 15:37-39

### April 11: 2nd Sunday of Easter

- *1st Reading:* Acts 4:32-35
- *Psalm:* Psalm 133
- *2nd Reading:* 1 John 1:1—2:2
- *Gospel:* John 20:19-31

### April 25: 4th Sunday of Easter

- *1st Reading:* Acts 4:5-12
- *Psalm:* Psalm 23
- *2nd Reading:* 1 John 3:16-24
- *Gospel:* John 10:11-18

## Synod Assembly registration is now open!

The 33rd Annual Assembly of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held virtually Friday, June 11 through Saturday, June 12, 2021.

This year's Synod Assembly will meet under the theme "We Are Called".

Worship and a time of fellowship will be held on Friday evening. The Assembly itself will take place on Saturday. All sessions will take place online.

To learn more click [HERE](#). If you are interested in attending virtually, please reach out to Pastor Doug.



## What Prayer Does to Your Brain

*Submission by: Nancy Reynolds, Newsmax Health*

Millions of Americans believe in the power of prayer. In fact, one recent poll found that 84% of U.S. adults prayed in the past week.

Yet the mainstream media tends to avoid the subject

altogether.

But our **Mind Health Report** team at Newsmax Health wanted answers to questions like these:

1. Can modern science explain prayer?
2. What happens inside

your brain when you pray?

3. Does prayer really offer you specific physical, mental, and emotional benefits?

Click [here](#) to learn more.

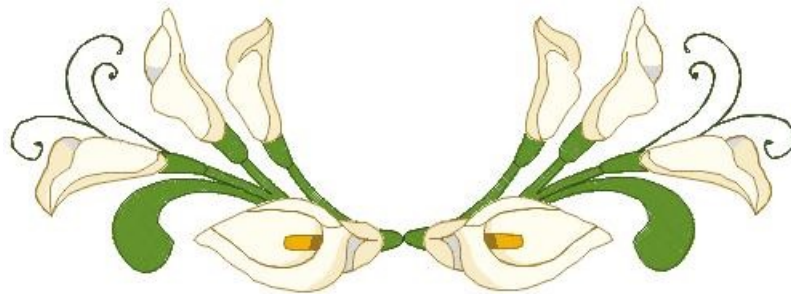


## FAITH LUTHERAN EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

*“And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.”*

*Mark 16:2*

All are welcomed to an Easter Sunrise service at Faith, April 4th at 7: 23 a.m. (exact time of sunrise). Wear your coat and hats and bring your own lawn chair. We will have coffee available “safely!”



## LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES INDIANA-KENTUCKY: SUMMER CAMP

Looking for something to engage your kids this summer??

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky (LOMIK)  
Registration is OPEN!!!

Click [HERE](#) for the camp calendar.

[Watch this video!](#)



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Ministries  
Indiana-Kentucky

## IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER TIME CHANGE!

On Sunday, May 2 we will once again hold worship service at 9am. Faith Lutheran will move to 11am service on this date.

We will continue to be in-person per our guidelines set. Registering for worship before Sunday will continue to be encouraged. As the weather

turns warmer, we will also look towards holding worship outdoors. Please be on the look out for updates about this via our website, Facebook, Instagram, and email.

Invite a friend or family member to join! Share our services using the Facebook

link, Sermon link on our website, or finding us on YouTube!

If you have any questions, please reach out!



## HOLY WEEK—MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

### Maundy Thursday April 1 Virtual Services at 7 p.m.

live on Facebook and St. Andrew's website features:

- Singing and music from Faith
- A stripping of the altars at both churches

Worship will be emailed out later on Thursday evening to watch at your preferred time.

The Speedway Ministerium is putting together a **Good Friday Virtual Service at 12pm on**

Remember to like and share our posts and videos on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#)!

**April 2.** The service will be *posted* on our website, Facebook, and emailed out at noon.

**Good Friday Virtual Services at 7 p.m. April 2nd** posted on Facebook for both churches and St. Andrew's website and features:

- Pastor will present the 7 Last Words of Christ centered within a hymn that relates to those 7 last words.
- Ed Bailey of St.

Andrew's will play his own hymn he wrote called "The Agony in the Garden."

Please join us online and share with others!

*"Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.*

Luke 23:46

In person or not, **share** with your church as God has shared with you.



## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

*Submitted by Kelli Steurer*

Friends, warmer weather is approaching and that just lifts my spirits. I so look forward to going on walks with my family again. I also look forward to hearing their laughter as they play in our back yard and the smell of a campfire as camping season begins for us. And then there is the possibility of outdoor worship! Keep your eyes peeled for updates via email, Facebook, Instagram, and our website about this.

I am also so thankful for Jamie Shake, Amanda Hunter, and

Phil Langholz. They have joined my team of one and made us a group of 4! I am so grateful for their support and for their willingness to assist each Sunday with the live streaming of worship services. A million thanks!

Michael and I will be on vacation April 8-18. (Don't

worry, Phil and Amanda will be broadcasting worship services for you!) Sheilah from Faith Lutheran will be covering all other communications for me. Please be sure to send her praises and thanks at [flc.avon@att.net](mailto:flc.avon@att.net).



## GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS—NEW DATE

*Submitted by Suzy Henschen*

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

*Hebrews 13:16*

You may recall last fall, prior to their break, we provided food to Wheeler School families. At that time we discussed doing it again prior to Spring Break. The school has asked us to do it the week after the break, when the need is

greater. Wheeler has about 77% free and reduced lunch population, so we know many need our help. And we are happy to help! **Our new date, at the request of the school, is Thursday, May 13th.** That gives us a couple of months to raise the funds to do this. And all of us can participate. **Can you help?** If so, please make a donation either through Tithe.ly, putting it in the offering on Sunday, when we are worshipping in person, or by mailing a check to the church. In order to do the shopping, **we need your contribution by May 7 if possible.** That allows us

to know how much we have to spend! Additionally, you can be a volunteer that day. Details will be forthcoming. We hope you can help us! If you are able to volunteer that day, please contact Karen Hill, the chairperson of the project.

**Be a part of Gods Work, Our Hands and help the families at Wheeler! Thank you!**

## A NOTE FROM FAITH LUTHERAN

Dear St. Andrew’s Congregation,

From the family in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church we send you wishes of strength and hope. Life has not been as we planned over the past year. How blessed we are in

our mutual faith, love and trust in Jesus.

We so appreciate our relationship with you.

God Bless you,

Faith Lutheran Community



## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

*Submitted by Pastor Doug:*

Thank you to Ed and Kelli for helping put the Midweek Lenten services together and the fellowship time. Special thanks to the "storytellers" who participated each week: Rex Jones and Paula Cardoza-Jones, Michael and Kelli

Steurer, Jim Patton, Kristin Zielinski, and John and Suzanne DeBoer. We all have a story to tell, and everyone has a story! May God add a blessing to our journey into the Easter Season.



## HOPE FOUND IN PAPER CRANES

*News from ELCA Global Mission:*

Pastor Kazuhiro Sekino, an International Leaders scholarship recipient from the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, recently found a creative way

to offer hope to COVID-19 patients at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, where he's currently interning as a chaplain. Drawing from a Japanese tradition, Sekino began to fold paper cranes to give to patients — and soon his efforts

were multiplied when people in Japan sent thousands of paper cranes to the hospital. "Paper cranes now are a spot of healing for [patients]," Sekino said.

[Watch the news broadcast here.](#)

## Pastoral Message to the People and Communities of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA; Bishop Bill Gafkjen + March 2021

*News from the IK Synod:*

Dear People of God,

As we wind our way through Lent toward Easter, we also appear to be getting closer to the far side of the coronavirus wilderness. The daily number of new COVID-19 cases has been decreasing. More and more people are receiving their vaccinations. Fewer counties across the synod territory are in the red zone. We give thanks to God for this and for the many people in various vocations

who have given so much of themselves to make this possible, as well as the millions of citizens who have contributed by wearing masks and diligently observing other health protocols in order to slow the spread.

Beloved people of God, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in walking the way of faith through great loss and challenge toward unimaginable futures. They did so knowing little more than that God had called them, God accompanied them, and God would get them to

a place of rich blessing and renewed joy. As they cheer us on, we, too, walk this way looking to and leaning on the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Jesus, who endured hostility against himself, so that we may not grow weary or lose heart.

Peace be with you,  
The Rev. Dr. William O. Gafkjen,  
Bishop

To read his full statement, click [HERE](#).

**Don't forget to check out our website for updates on in-person worship. Read more about this decision [HERE](#). Register for worship services [HERE](#).**



**Our new mailing address:**

**P.O. Box 24106  
Speedway, IN 46224-0106**

## A SINCERE THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS FOR THE FUTURE!

Shared by Pastor Doug Givan

Speedway Col-  
leagues,  
*“Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.”*  
*Psalm 4:3*  
 I wanted to share with you the news that after 18 years of serving at John Knox Presbyterian Church, my wife, Debbie,

and I have accepted a new call to ministry. Debbie has accepted a call to serve as Hospital Chaplain and CPE Supervisor as part of the UNC Health Care System in Raleigh, North Carolina. My last Sunday at John Knox will be May 16, and while I do not have a new call to ministry yet, I am open to hearing what God has in

store for me once we make this move in a few months.



It has been one of my greatest joys to serve as part of this ecumenical ministry in Speedway – it will most definitely be one of the greatest things I will grieve in moving away. I am also grateful to all of you who have been friends and colleagues in ministry, and I can’t wait to see how you all

will continue to serve and grow this partnership in the years ahead.

I look forward to sharing in the virtual Good Friday Service in a couple of weeks, and then however I can be of help before I leave know I look forward to doing so.

Peace,  
Frank Mansell

*Please send him well wishes and thanks for his many years of service to John Knox and our community at [jkpcpas-tor@comcast.net](mailto:jkpcpas-tor@comcast.net) or mail a card to:*

*3000 N. High School Rd.  
Speedway, IN 46224*

## LIVING LUTHERAN: SO MORE PEOPLE MAY KNOW THE WAY OF JESUS

News from the ELCA:

On Feb. 1, the ELCA churchwide organization implemented Future Church, a new working structure focused on motivating the entire church to actively share the way of Jesus with more people so that they might experience community, justice and love. The design emphasizes the belief that members, congregations, synods, the churchwide organization and its partner organizations all have important roles in the church’s mission. The church’s three expressions




(congregations, synods and the churchwide organization) will remain, but the Future Church design is centered on a “One Church” identity that will bring greater collaboration to the mission of sharing the gospel and God’s grace in the world. *Living Lutheran* talked about Future Church and what it means for the life of the ELCA with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Phil Hirsch, executive director of ELCA Christian Community and Leadership;

Mikka McCracken, executive director of ELCA Innovation; and Bill Horne, ELCA vice president. [Read the interview here.](#)

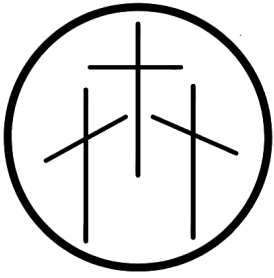


# April 2021

Remember to watch the color code system for Marion County. We will continue with in-person worship unless we are red. Also, don't forget that we go to 9am worship beginning in May!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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				7p Virtual Maundy Thursday Worship	12p Virtual Speedway Ministerium Worship 7p Virtual Good Friday Worship	
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Easter Sunday 10a Fellowship 11a Worship	1p Staff 7FBS	12p MWM 4:30p L&F				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10a Fellowship 11a Worship 7p FF	 1p Staff 7FBS	1p Staff 7FBS	12p MWM	Newsletter Items Due 6p Council		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Spirit, we share  
the love of Jesus  
and walk with  
our community.**

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