



The monthly Newsletter of:

April 2022

# Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace

Grow in Faith

Go in Service



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

The congregation of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church celebrates the amazing diversity of God's beloved children. We welcome all, regardless of age, ethnicity, abilities, faith background, race, family configuration, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We enthusiastically invite you into this worshiping congregation as we strive to share God's inclusive love with everyone in our community and in our world.



## Pastor's Message

Well, friends, our Lenten journey has nearly come to its destination. Soon, we will be embarking upon the final leg of our pilgrimage as we enter Jerusalem with Jesus and travel with him from the city gate to the temple and the garden, and finally to the cross. More than just an abundance of church services, our annual observance of Holy Week asks us to slow down and mindfully walk this path with Jesus.



*Pastor Seth Novak*

I find that there are a few reasons why this is helpful for me. The first is that, as I reflect on my own experience, I find I am constantly walking this path, though I am seldom aware of it. I experience death daily in the ways I am disappointed or hurt, the damages done to important relationships, even as I grow and age; but I also experience resurrection daily as hurts are healed, relationships reconciled, and lessons are learned. I find the observance of Holy Week an invitation to be mindful of the ways God is at work in my entire life, which I so seldom see.

And, in this mindfulness, this slow and intentional walk through triumph into trial and defeat into victory, I find that the life of Christ has much to teach me in my daily walk. This is the second reason why Holy Week is so important. The pattern of our worship is intended to be a kind of practice or rehearsal for us for the moments of our life. When, in worship, we confess our shortcomings and failures and ask God's forgiveness, we practice humility and repentance. When we share the peace, we practice reconciliation. When we join our voices in song or our hearts in prayer, we practice unity and harmony. Likewise, Holy Week gives us the opportunity to practice moving through the hard moments of life, rather than avoiding them. It offers us the chance to sit for a while with the pain and find that, rather than being consumed by it, we can be strengthened by it.

You may have noticed that these worship experiences are different than we are typically used to. Palm Sunday begins with a triumphal procession, and rather than a sermon, we let the story speak for itself. In this way, we break from what is familiar—listening and learning—to literally walk into the story, and to lodge ourselves there. It's an important reminder that these stories are not merely metaphors or allegories for us to pick apart for advice or morality, but events to be experienced, just as the events we experience every day of our lives.

Our worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is one continuous service that stretches over all three days, called the Triduum (pronounced: TRID-yew-um or trid-OO-um). You might notice that Maundy Thursday has a gathering but no sending, and Easter Vigil has a sending

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but no gathering. Good Friday has neither; we simply enter in silence and join in prayer, and then leave in silence. The entire Triduum service, however, still has all the parts we are used to: Gathering, Word, Meal and Sending. The fact that the service continues over three days reminds us in between our gathering times that we are still in worship.

On Maundy Thursday, before we hear the story of the Last Supper, we first receive absolution (or forgiveness) for the sins we confessed on Ash Wednesday. This marks the completion of Lent. Then, we often observe foot washing in remembrance of Jesus' action at the meal with his disciples. This year, due to COVID, we will not be washing feet; we will, however, remember his meal with his disciples and his command (or "mandate," where the Latin word "Maundy" comes from) to love one another as he has loved us. The service ends with the altar being stripped as a remembrance of Jesus' arrest, stripping and beating before and during his trial: a testament to the extent of his love for us and how much he was willing to endure for us, and thus, how much we are called to love.

Our Good Friday observance is a tradition called "Tenebrae," which means "shadows" in Latin. We begin in prayer and then, in growing darkness, we bear witness to the story of Jesus' Passion. The darkness reminds us of many things, including fear, isolation, and the darkness of sin that rejects the Son of God in our midst. However, it also by its depth reminds us of the coming dawn. There is no sermon on Good Friday, once again allowing the story to speak for itself. Even without explanation, we are all capable of drawing meaning and responding to this story for ourselves, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, at the Vigil of Easter, we gather in (relative) darkness around a fire, as humans have gathered for untold ages to share stories and stave of the terrors of the night. We recall in these stories the goodness of God and the promise of baptism. Then, celebrating new baptisms and reaffirming our own baptism, we enter fully into the joy of Easter. It may seem early, but according to Jewish reckoning, the day begins at sundown; thus even as the darkness descends, we are able to celebrate the dawning of Easter.

The story of Easter is powerful, not because it happened once, but because it is always happening. I am inviting you to join me, whether in person or online, in walking mindfully through this story this Holy Week: to let it open our eyes to the work of God in our daily lives, and to let it prepare and form us for following Jesus through this life, into death and beyond. May the peace of Christ fill you in this holy time.

Yours in Christ,  
Pr. Seth



Please let Pastor Seth know if you are in need of pastoral care. If you would like to be contacted please call the office at 253-851-6222 or email [pastorseth@agnusdeilutheran.org](mailto:pastorseth@agnusdeilutheran.org)  
In an emergency, you can reach Pastor Seth at 253-448-3481.

## Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Mar 30, April 6

## Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, 8:30 and 11:00 am

### The Triduum:

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm;

Good Friday, April 15: 7:00 PM,

Easter Vigil, April 16: 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 8:30 and 11:00 am

We will welcome new members at Easter Vigil, April 16. If you are interested in learning about membership, please contact Pastor Seth.

### From Your Council President

The Council met on March 8, 2022, with several items to talk about as follow-up to the Congregation Meeting at the end of February as well as preparations for activities this Spring and the Congregation meeting coming up in May. The Council received reports from several committees, most in writing prior to the meeting. Pastor Seth gave his report, and the latest financial reports were presented by Julie Bell. Lynette Brentin also reported on the plans for the Pancake Breakfast to be held on March 27th, to celebrate the reopening of the church building and new opportunities for fellowship, as well as a time to acknowledge Sister Ann before her departure from Agnus Dei at the end of the month.

The Council heard a short presentation from Julie Bell to refresh our memories on state regulations related to use of church buildings by outside organizations. We have several upcoming activities scheduled hosted by the church that are not affected in any way, but requests from others must be reviewed and approved by the Council to assure compliance with state rules. Two requests from outside nonprofit organizations to use the church building during the next month were approved at the March meeting. The choral group Cora Voce will be rehearsing for upcoming concerts, and Together Women Rise will hold its first luncheon since before the pandemic.

An estate gift committee has been formed to consider and make recommendations for next steps with the Estate gift that was received by Agnus Dei at the end of 2021. That committee will be reporting back to the Council at a future meeting. Significant progress has been made in selecting an upgrade to the church's current telephone answering system, which will allow calls to go directly to the staff member a caller is trying to reach and provide an easier way to leave messages for a specific person when that person is not available or the office is closed. More information will be coming soon on this improvement to the phone system.



*Council President  
Denny Sapp*

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Work continues on the major updates to the Agnus Dei Constitution and By-Laws, which have not been revised since 2014. Julie Bell, Carol Dana and Kimberly Morgan are working on this large task, preparing updates to present to the Council at the May meeting. A report will also be presented to the whole congregation at the semi-annual meeting on May 15, 2022.

I was able to announce that Pam Martin, Ghita Lorenz Linda Ribary, Susan Whitney and Gene Kuest have all agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. There are upcoming vacancies to be filled on the Council, the Little Lambs board, the Audit Committee and the Personnel Committee. Candidates for the Council and the Little Lambs Board will be presented at the May Congregation meeting.

The Council also approved a severance package for Sister Ann Shultz, whose position as Minister of Programs has been terminated as of March 31, 2022 as part of the final approval of the 2022 budget. The Council was very appreciative of the hard work that the Personnel Committee did to develop recommendations for the severance package and was able to reach final agreement on the package after a discussion in Executive Session.

If you are interested in more details, the full minutes of the March Council meeting will be available from the Church Office after they have been approved by the Council at their April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Denny Sapp  
Council President

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## **Junior & Senior High Youth Night**

### **Next Meeting April 3 at 6:30 pm**

Four churches (Agnus Dei, Fox Island United Church of Christ, Gig Harbor Methodist and St. John's Episcopal) are hosting monthly youth gatherings. We meet at Agnus Dei Lutheran on the first Sunday of each month, from 6:30 – 8pm. We host separate, but concurrent groups for Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers and Parents, followed by (delicious) snacks and drinks.

The content of the different groups varies, but all will enjoy a combination of socializing, games and worthwhile conversation about what it means to live authentic and meaningful lives as God would call us – especially in the turmoil of this world we're living in.

By next school year we hope to grow this into a weekly group with a jointly funded youth minister. But for the remainder of this school year, the groups will be led by pastors and volunteers from the sponsoring congregations.

It is an understood value of these gatherings that they are a safe and affirming environment for LGBTQ youth. Questions? Contact Pastor Seth.





# Little Lambs Preschool

A mission of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Our Little Lambs have been very busy! They have been learning about weather and spring in Washington has led to many lessons on wind, rain, and sunshine. One day we made clouds with shaving cream, boy was it fun... and a little messy! We have also been studying egg animals. One of our wonderful parents brought in chicks of different ages for us to learn about. It was quite a treat! We also are learning about the Mason Bees who also come from eggs, but are very different from chicken eggs! We learned that their eggs are laid in tubes packed with mud.



Holding an older chick



Watching our mason bees emerge



Learning about Bee Mud



Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is in full swing and we are welcoming several new families. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please send them our way. [Little-lambspreschool.org](http://Little-lambspreschool.org)

## Pancake Breakfast and Farewell, March 27



Our first fellowship gathering since the pandemic began! We gathered for a pancake breakfast in the parish hall and we were able to honor our beloved Sister Ann who ends her call here on March 31.

Modifications were made so all could gather safely. We are appreciative of all the folks who made this event come together so nicely: Dick and Lynette Brentin for the organization, decorations and setup; our kitchen crew led by Bob Nussbaum and Leif Dobszinsky, pancake chefs extraordinaire; and the many others who pitched in to make this event so fun!



# March Forum Schedule

## Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am

### In-person and on the Zoom Platform

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Green Team is presenting the Earth Month Ecochallenge 2022 (April). The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations are a commitment to achieving sustainable development across three dimensions – environmental, social and economic. The Ecochallenge transforms the 17 SDGs into 5 categories of daily and one-time actions an individual can take. There are different challenge levels all with actions that can be accomplished during the month. Joining with the “ADLC Green Team” group helps reinforce all the things we can do together. Come learn about this program and how you can be involved.

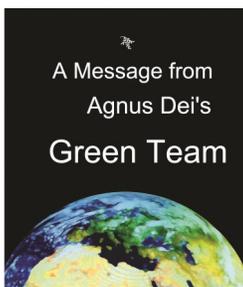


April 10<sup>th</sup> – For Palm/Passion Sunday we will study how artists have interpreted the Passion of Christ throughout the ages. Lynne Zematis and Ghita Lorenz will show and discuss some works of art from the earlier times to those of modern day.

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter – No forum

April 24<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> - "Author Phyllis Tickle quotes the Anglican Bishop Mark Dyer when she says that the only way to understand what's currently happening to us as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians is to first understand that 'once every 500 years the Church feels compelled to hold a giant rummage sale.' The last big rummage sale was in 1517 thanks to Martin Luther's Great Reformation and it appears we're in another one now. What do these once-every-500-years 'rummage sales' look like? What does it mean for us today and to the future church? Join us at the Forum on April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> with Phil Waite as we explore the history of Christianity and how the church with all its ties to society, demographics, technology, science, and shifting spiritualities is being reshaped and renewed. "

Zoom link for Forum: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88973182418?pwd=eWZlbFdiZW52bmhhRUUpQSWJzbG13Zz09>  
Or use the link on the Events tab of our church website.



## What's the Buzz? Our Mason Bees are Here!

Our new Mason Bee house at the entrance to the church is buzzing with activity! The house was installed at the March 26, landscape work party and within 15 minutes the first little bee emerged from his cocoon and immediately dropped down to the flowers below, he hatched hungry! (see photo of our first bee at left)



These non-stinging pollinators will be active for the next few weeks, pollinating the trees and bushes in the church and preschool gardens and at the same time will be gathering mud and laying their eggs in the tubes of the bee block. At the end of the season the block will be returned to [rentmasonbees.com](http://rentmasonbees.com) where it will be processed and the eggs will be safely stored over next winter to begin the process again next spring.

If you would like to learn more about Mason Bees, check out their website at [rentmasonbees.com](http://rentmasonbees.com). There are lots of interesting videos there. If you would like host bees in your own garden there is still time to order.



**2022 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT as of February 28, 2022**  
(prepared March 8, 2022)

	Jan - Feb <u>Actual</u>	Jan - Feb <u>Budget</u>	% of YTD <u>Budget</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME:</b>				
Cash on Hand	25,000	25,000	100.0%	25,000
Unrestricted Offerings	72,333	71,844	100.7%	430,000
Comm'ty Connect Contract	3,614	3,614	100.0%	5,421
Other Income	736	70	1051.4%	3,400
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>101,683</b>	<b>100,528</b>	<b>101.1%</b>	<b>463,821</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES &amp; LIABILITIES:</b>				
Ministry of Education	402	550	73.1%	6,100
Ministry of Mission	4,518	4,311	104.8%	28,050
Ministry of Programs	355	390	91.0%	9,200
Administrative Expenses	27,972	26,162	106.9%	172,000
Staff and Services	43,765	47,669	91.8%	250,019
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE/LIABILITIES</b>	<b>77,012</b>	<b>79,082</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>465,369</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>24,671</b>	<b>21,446</b>		<b>(1,548)</b>

<b>Giving to Others (year-to-date)</b>	
ELCA Mission Support	4,518
ELCA World Hunger	3,222
Food Backpacks 4 Kids	214
FISH	398
Key Peninsula Food Bank	149
Community Assistance	-

<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	
Building Fund	31,651
Above & Beyond	23,604
Rental House Reserve	44,355
Operating Reserve	40,000
Gifts and Endowments	121,072
<b>TOTAL, ALL RESERVES</b>	<b>260,682</b>

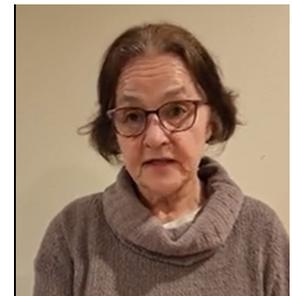
\* Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Contact the Office Administrator to request a copy.

Prepared by Julie Bell March 8, 2022



## The Importance of Connection

By Linda Zehnder



*Click on the photo to view this message as a video.*

The ability to connect with my Agnus Dei family using YouTube and Zoom has made and continues to make a great difference in my ability to 'weather the storms' presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.

I think many of you will agree with me that the first few months of the pandemic were very disorienting, and I will always remember our first Easter on YouTube, streamed from Pastor Seth's home and yard. That connection to the traditions of our faith in the presence of daily upheaval was healing to my soul.

I have been so impressed with the diligence of both our staff and volunteers to meet the challenges of this technological feat, and to increase professionalism as we returned to the building with a hybrid mindset. This has allowed many of us to participate who would not have been able to be in person, whether due to distance or due to ongoing health concerns.

One special connection for me has been the ability to share worship with my good friend who lives in Ketchikan, Alaska. She has been 'attending' live stream on YouTube with me for many months, and we have been sharing the peace with each other! She then attends her own church on Zoom!

There have been many hardships for so many of us during these times, as well as financial hardships for us as an Agnus Dei family. I know that we all have embraced these times with as much grace as possible, and I hope our family here grows as we move forward into the new territory of fewer mandates. I pray that we all continue to make supporting our church ministries a priority so that Agnus Dei can continue to be a beacon of hope and love for all people and all of creation in our community and beyond. Thank you for all you do for our community of faith!

<https://youtu.be/2xz5ceLKBgY>

## News From Our Community Outreach Team



Many thanks for your support of the Key Peninsula Community Services in Lakebay. Debbie and Mike Snowden filled their car 3 times with donations! Thrivent added a grant for \$250.

### Coming in April:

The **Peace Lutheran Dinner** will be held 4/7/2022. Twice a year we provide a lasagna dinner to the folks who are served by Peace Community Center at Peace Lutheran in Tacoma. Linda Ribary coordinates and shops for this event and volunteers meet at Peace to serve the meal. If you would like to contribute to this effort, monetary donations are welcome, please designate "Peace Dinner" on your offering.

**Soup Drive in April**, this month we will again be supporting a great need at the Key Peninsula Community Center Food Bank located in Home. On a weekly basis this dedicated group of volunteers help distribute food to many people. In February we supported this agency with sugar, toiletries, and Bingo prizes. The volunteers were overwhelmed and thankful for our support. This time we are hoping to flood them with our donations of soup. **They are in great need of all kinds of soup and chili.** (They do not need cream of mushroom soup as they receive this from the government allotments.) Place your donations in the donation bins labeled special projects. {The best prices for soup seem to be at Winco. Since we do not have a local Winco, Debbie Snowden would be happy to shop for you if you wish. She will be making a trip to spend the money we will be receiving from a Thrivent grant to jump start our donation of soup. Just contact her if you would like her to do this for you.}

### Coming up in May:

Agnus Dei will be partnering with Gig Harbor Kiwanis to benefit Baby Corner's West Sound Hub with diapers and baby wipes. This Hub distributes baby items to those in need in Pierce and Kitsap Counties. This is a RACE! ... to see which Kiwanis Club can donate the most diapers and wipes. Our horse is named Swiftwater. Every diaper moves our horse forward in the race.

**Food Backpacks 4 Kids** thanks the Agnus Dei Community for their continued support, especially as the "Tortilla" sponsors.

Tortillas are a mainstay for the many Hispanic families facing food insecurity that are served by FB4K. They are used for breakfast burritos, lunch of beans and rice, and the base for their dinners meals.

Thanks to your generous donations, Jerry and Ann delivered 45 packages of corn and flour tortillas on March 18th, (about 2400 tortillas!) and Michelle and Zaida were very thankful, as they were down to their last two packages of tortillas. Your continued support of this ADLC mission is especially needed as donations have significantly decreased to FB4K due to loss of Covid funding and pandemic Emergency Food Network supply chain losses. We thank you for your continued generous support! Ann and Jerry



### IMMIGRANT LUNCH PROJECT WILL CONTINUE

Agnus Dei members at text study assembled sack lunches that were given to immigrants released from the ICE facility on March 11. We will continue to provide these lunches once a month. On April 13 the knitters will put together the next batch of lunches.

THANKS for all the support for this program through donated food and funds! You can donate online (click on "Other" and put Immigrant Lunch Project in memo) or by check with Immigrant Lunch Project in the memo line.

*Many thanks from our Agnus Dei Community Outreach Committee  
Phyllis, Debbie, Charlene, Ann, Jerry, Sheryl, Ronnie, Linda R and Linda Z*

## We remember in prayer:

For comfort and healing:

* Sonja Miller	* Barbara Ausich
* George Mitchell	* Julie and Loren Bell
* Toni Ortenzo	* Deb Brueckner
* Michi Ouichi	* Chiarra Buster
* Joannah Powers	* Audrey Clinton
* Ellis Rousseau	* Richard and Marilyn Hermstad
* David Salge	* Ardith Johnson
* Anne Sapp	* Martha Johnson
* Johnny Tierny	* Jack Oakes
* Trudy Wagner	
* Dick & Eunice Werner	

### In service to our country:

\* CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service



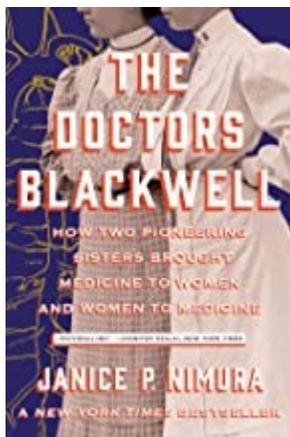
## A Note on the Orange Banner

The orange banner hanging in the sanctuary is being displayed as a sign of solidarity with our Indigenous neighbors, who are mourning the discovery of mass

graves at residential schools in Canada and the US. We grieve with them and acknowledge the part the Church has played in their suffering. The banner will hang for 225 days in memory of the children who died.

## Agnus Dei Book Group

The next meeting of the ADLC Book Group will be on Sunday, April 24th in the parish hall following second service to discuss: *The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine* by Janice P Nimura. If you would like to participate using zoom, you can always find the link on the Agnus Dei Events page. If you would like to be included in our email group for any updates including changes in time and/or location, please email Linda Zehnder or the church office. All are welcome, please consider joining us in-person or on zoom!



## We Celebrate...

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Gail Brandt  
3 Ginny Eilers  
5 Kathryn Duncan  
6 David Salge  
8 Pam Martin, Daryl Daugs  
11 Gloria Witt  
12 Laura Farley  
13 David Moore  
15 Austin Moore, George Unruh  
16 Audrey Clinton  
17 Olin Hogeberg, Virginia Witt-Abbott, Tim Sobie  
18 Kathy Fox, Peter Wagner  
20 Alex Meacham, Mary Francis  
22 Chris Stephens  
23 Sue Burnett, Olivia Iversen  
24 Jenny Nussbaum  
25 Jackie Kimball  
26 Dianna Carlson, Mike Evans  
28 Susan Luebeck, Beverly Buster  
30 Coni Liljengren, Sister Ann Shultz

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Leif and Katie Dobszinsky  
3 Lance and Marilyn Colyar  
9 Kimberly Morgan and Paul Gross  
17 Robin Winslow and Heinz Malon  
10 Al Abbott and Virginia Witt Abbott  
20 Dave and Terri Schinkel  
28 Salli and Carl Middleton

## Kid's Night Out

The next Kid's Night Out is scheduled for Friday, May 20 from 6 to 8 pm. This is a fun evening for kids to play at the church while the parents have a couple of hours to themselves.

Games, crafts and snacks are included. If you would like to help with this event please see Denny Sapp.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion <b>9:40 AM</b> Pancake Breakfast <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion	<b>28</b> Evening Piano Recital <b>1:00 PM</b> LWR Quilters	<b>29</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Text Study with Zoom and In-Person <b>1:30 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Midweek Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:15 PM</b> Cora Voce Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> Cora Voce Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Men's Square <b>8:30 AM</b> Women's Circle
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion <b>9:45 AM</b> Cross Gen Sun School and Confirmation <b>9:45 AM</b> Forum (hybrid) <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>6:30 PM</b> Ecumenical Youth Night	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> LWR Quilters	<b>5</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Text Study with Zoom and In-Person <b>1:30 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Midweek Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Peace Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> AA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Palm/Passion Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion <b>9:45 AM</b> Cross Gen Sun School and Confirmation <b>9:45 AM</b> Forum (hybrid) <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> LWR Quilters	<b>12</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Text Study with Zoom and In-Person <b>1:30 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Good Friday	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Easter Vigil 
<b>17</b> Easter Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> LWR Quilters	<b>19</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Gather Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Text Study with Zoom and In-Person <b>1:30 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Together Women Rise <b>5:30 PM</b> Theology on Tap at Round Table <b>6:00 PM</b> AA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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Holy Week:

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 10: 8:30 & 11 am

Maundy Thurs, Good Fri, Easter Vigil 7 pm

Easter Sunday: April 17, 8:30 & 11 am



Upcoming Events:

April 20: 11:30-1:30 LWR baby kit assembly and lunch

May 15, Sunday, Congregational Meeting

May 22, Sunday, after second service:

Baby Shower for Pastor Seth and Stephanie

All hybrid services are left on [Agnus Dei's YouTube channel](#) for viewing at any time after the service.

## Serving in Worship, April

	Altar Guild	Assist Min	Lector	Stream Team/Sound	Ushers/ Greeters	Sunday School
April 3, 8:30	J McCraw	K Gemar	D Daug	M Snowden	D&S Krump	A Ortenzo
April 3, 11:00	E Nesbit	B Shull	P Davis	D Page	R Crow	
April 10, 8:30	S Costanzo	D Schinkel	below	B Beals	D&M Ohme	D Iversen
April 10, 11:00	R Crow	D Daug	below	Rob P, Linda Z	R Crow	
April 14, 7:00 pm	Morgan, Crow	M Colyar	pending	M Snowden	S Shema	
April 15, 7:00 pm	—	—	pending	M Snowden	R Crow	
April 16, 7:00 pm	J McCraw	D Salge	pending	D Krump	R Crow/Beals	
April 17, 8:30 am	S Shema	R Spitzer	C Carlson	D Krump	B&C Beals	
April 17, 11 am	Morgan, Zematis	B Shull	M Beert	R Powers	Open	
April 24, 8:30 am	S Lubash	A Ortenzo	A Bakke	M Snowden	S Shema	
April 24, 11 am	M Bridgforth	D Page	G Lorenz	L Zehnder	Open	

**Thank you to the volunteers who serve in worship.**

**More volunteers are needed in all areas and training is readily available.**

The following are the folks who are currently scheduling:

Lynette Brentin-Ushers and Greeters

Debbie Snowden -Stream Team and Sound System

Shari Shull - Assisting Ministers

Paula Davis -Lectors

Kimberly Morgan -Altar Guild

Please contact the office or call these folks directly if you are willing to serve.

Flowers for worship are needed as well. The sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway across from the nametag board.

APRIL 10 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY		
Passion Account from the Gospel of Luke		
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Narrator</b>	Ralph Costanzo	Rebecca Crow
<b>Jesus</b>	Chuck Carlson	Marty Beert
<b>Peter</b>	Don Krump	MarleneBridgforth
<b>Centurion</b>	Kathy Gemar	Charlene Franz
<b>Servant</b>	Debbie Snowden	
<b>Witness</b>	Audrey Bakke	
<b>Pilate</b>	Lynette Brentin	Daryl Daug
<b>First Criminal</b>		Paula Davis
<b>Second Criminal</b>		

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In our effort to make everyone welcome, please be aware the chemicals used in scented products make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. We ask our entire community to be mindful of this and refrain from using perfume/cologne and other scented products when coming to Agnus Dei.



#### **Let's Wear Our Nametags**

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