

March 25 & 26, 2023 The Season of Lent—Week 5

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here!

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

All are welcome to participate in communion whether you're a Lutheran, or any one of the labels we put upon ourselves. This is Christ's Invitation and All are worthy in His eyes!

Celebrating their First Communion on Sunday, March 26th—9:00am are:

Lilliana De Franco

Emma King

Lily Pascucci

Maggie Pascucci

Sydney Rizzotto

Cedar Williamson

Next Week (April 1st & 2nd) will be traditional Palm/Passion Sunday at both services with a very special CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & VOTE for our candidate for *Minister of Pastoral Care*, *Debbie Hartfield*, afterwards. Please prayerfully plan to participate, then join the YOUTH in the Gym for a very yummy PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST (9:30am—11:30am) tickets available at the door!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES, 2023: "MAKING CHANGE"

MARCH 29 @ 6:30PM IN SANCTUARY

This is the final midweek Lenten service on

"Making Change". Pastor Kathy will return to our
sanctuary and Dr. Dick Sjoerdsma will lead

Holden. This week's message is on "Change of
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Plans" "God's ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with a love broader and deeper than anything we could imagine."

SOUPS ON - One last chance to share in the soup suppers and give to the Youth program. We will start serving at 5:30pm. Thank you to

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everyone who has helped set up, serve and clean up! Lenten Soup Suppers have been awesome thanks to Gretchen, who has been making the soups, and the Youth who have been serving and cleaning.

Youth News—Good Friday Rehearsals on Sunday Nights in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm-7:30pm. Fish meets at 6pm and Fusion meets at 7:00pm downstairs in the Youth Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Youth Palm Sunday!

Breakfast is planned for April 2nd—Palm Sunday!

KIDS—COME UP FOR A SPECIAL KIDS CONNECTION WITH PASTOR KATHY AND REMEMBER...

THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, 3/26, so all the children can experience the service and watch their classmates take their first communion!

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<u>MET SURVEY</u> <u>QUESTIONS—WEEK 4—</u> <u>LAST WEEK</u> MET SURVEY

The Mission Exploration

Team (MET) is excited at the responses to the previous weeks' surveys! All weeks' surveys are still available to complete and submitted no later than end of the day, March 31st. Call the church office with any questions.

Completed surveys need to be returned to the church office in person, by mail, or electronically by the end of the day on each Wednesday following that week's group of questions. Week 4 is due Wednesday, March 29th. If you prefer to do this online, surveys are available using Google Forms and will be open until March 31st, the deadline for all submissions of Surveys! Here is Week 4's Google Form. Thank you for your attention to this!

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL SPIRIT NEWSLETTER WAS THURSDAY, MARCH 23

but you can still email Beth right now to get your article and/ or photos in the issue!!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 18 & 19: 112

Our March 2023 Council Connection is Lana Woller. You can contact her at (262)909-1181 or email t.woller3@yahoo.com.



Income Actual \$34,176.55

Expenses Actual \$45,048.11

Profit/Loss \$10,871.56

Fiscal Year-to-date 22/23

Income Actual \$344,505.30

Expenses Actual \$334,540.56

Profit/Loss +\$9,964.74

*30% is the current Year-to-date for electronic giving of overall giving.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Worship—April 1 & April 2 Maundy Thursday—April 6th, 6:30pm Good Friday—April 7th

12pm – 1pm—Community Good Friday Worship at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Road.

7:30pm—Youth Led Worship at St. Mary's sanctuary

Easter Vigil—April 8th, 5:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 9th—Sunrise at Wolfenbüttel Park 9:00am St. Mary's sanctuary

SCHOLARSHIPS



The St. Mary's Lutheran

Endowment Foundation will again be
awarding scholarships and educational grants for
the 2023-2024 school year. Students must be
enrolled in an accredited college full-time and be
a communicant member of St. Mary's Lutheran
Church to apply. Past applicants and recipients
are welcome to apply again.

Those wishing to apply for a scholarship may go the St. Mary's Lutheran Church Website and download the appropriate form. Applications must be filled out completely, for either entering or continuing college student.

Applications, along with transcripts and other supporting material <u>must</u> be postmarked on or before <u>April 30</u>. Any application without a postmark will not be considered. (Do not drop them off at the office/church). Thank You!



The Friendly Center meets this WEDNESDAY at 11:00am. Rod's famous Swedish Meatballs and Sue's famous cherry cheese dessert on the Menu! \$15/pp. All 55+ welcome—not just St. Mary's Saints—EVERYONE!

SUNDAY 26th	MONDAY 27th	TUESDAY 28th	WEDNESDAY 29th	Thurs. 30th	Fri. 31st	SAT. APRIL 1
9:00am Traditional Worship (S) 9:00am First Communion (S) Coffee Kringle Mingle with SPECIAL MEET N' GREET with candidate for MPC. AfterSunday Morning Book Study (Lo) 6:00pm Good Friday Rehearsal (S) 6:00pm LSTC Luther Course (Zoom/Lo) 6:00pm Southport 12x12 (Zoom) Resumes In-Person April 10th	9:00am-3:00pm Office Open 9:00am St. Mary's Quilters (Gym) 5:00pm BBall (G) 5:30pm Jubilate! (S) 6:00pm FISH (YR) 6:30pm BSA 533 Pack (D) 7:00pm Fusion (YR)	8:00am Women's Prayer Breakfast (Hillcrest) 9:00am-3:00pm Office Open 9:00am KAC Sprouts (N) 9:00am KAFASI Parent Group (Lo) 5:00pm KAFASI Parent Group (Lo) 6:30pm BSA Troop Mtg (D)	DEADLINE FOR WEEK #4SURVEY 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Marina Garden) 11:00am The Friendly Center (FH) Noon-6:00pm Office Open 5:00pm BBall (G) 5:00pm KAFASI Ang. Mgmt (Lo) FINAL 5:30pm Soup Supper (FH) 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service (S) 6:30pm BSA Troop Mtg (D) 7:15pm Adult Choir Reh. (S)	9:00a 3:00p Office C	m	5:00pm Palm/ Passion Worship Service (S) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING— Congregation Meeting & Vote! After Coffee Kringle Mingle (FH)