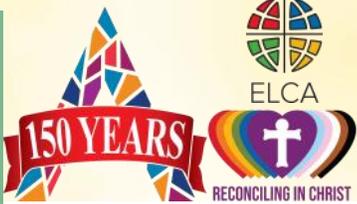




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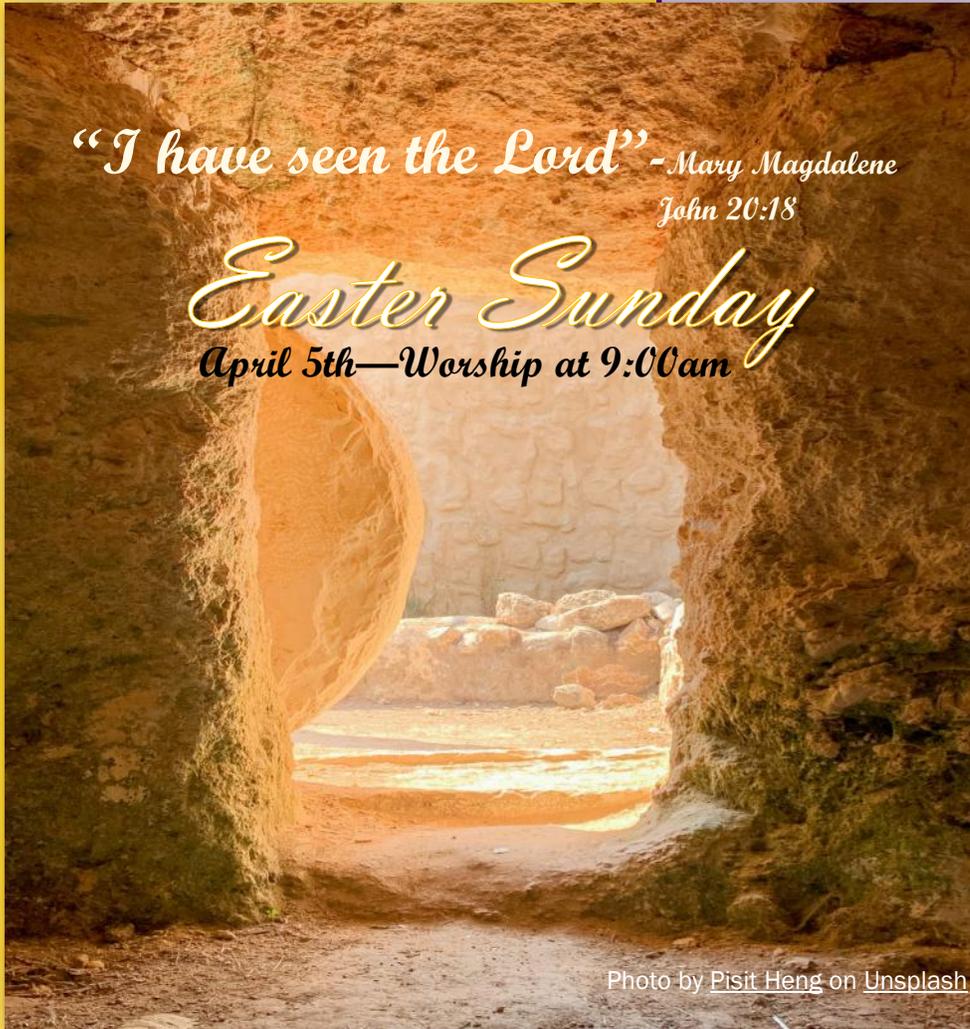
ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2001 80TH ST. ~ KENOSHA, WISCONSIN 53143  
262\*658\*3555  
FOUNDED 1874 ~ CURRENT LOCATION 1961

This Sunday—March 29—9:30a-11:30a  
In the Gym  
Egg Bake or Biscuits/Gravy  
\$10/adults \$5/child under 10  
Tickets available at the Door!

# Palm Sunday Breakfast

## Holy Week

- Palm Sunday Worship  
March 29 at 9:00am
- Maundy Thursday  
April 2 at 6:00pm
- April 3—Good Friday:  
12:00pm at St. Paul's  
Lutheran Church 8760  
37th Avenue
- 7:00pm Youth Led  
Good Friday Service  
at SMLC
- Easter Vigil  
April 4 at Siebert  
Chapel at Carthage  
College, 5:00pm



*"I have seen the Lord" - Mary Magdalene  
John 20:18*

*Easter Sunday  
April 5th—Worship at 9:00am*

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**Church Office  
Closed  
Easter Monday  
April 6**

# A Message from Our Pastor The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick April, 2026

As you know, Pastor Debbie Hartfield is retiring, and her last day at St. Mary's will be on Sunday, April 12. Pastor Debbie has been a blessing to St. Mary's, helping walk you through times of challenge and change, celebration and joy. The gifts of her lifelong perspective on this community of faith, her deep passion for faith formation, and her steadfast offering of pastoral care have grounded and uplifted St. Mary's during many uncertain days.

I am grateful for the chance that Pastor Debbie and I had to do ministry together. It has been a gift for me to lead worship with Pastor Debbie, to share ideas, and to engage in rich and fruitful conversation.

After many years of hard work, I am grateful that in retirement, Pastor Debbie will be able to be fully present in body and spirit with those she loves, that she will have freedom and flexibility to choose how she spends her time, that she can take the time and care to be a good steward of her own health and Steve's, and that the shape of her ministry can take the shape to which the Holy Spirit calls her. As Pastor Debbie stands at the doorway of this new season of life, the words of John O'Donohue, the wise and gentle Irish poet and philosopher, are appropriate to offer.

### *Blessings of Retirement*

*by John O'Donohue*

*included in To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*

*This is where your life has arrived,  
After all the years of effort and toil;  
Look back with graciousness and thanks  
On all your great and quiet achievements.*

*You stand on the shore of new invitation  
To open your life to what is left undone;  
Let your heart enjoy a different rhythm  
When drawn to the wonder of other horizons.*

*Have the courage for a new approach to time;  
Allow it to slow until you find freedom  
To draw alongside the mystery you hold  
And befriend your own beauty of soul.*

*Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,  
To live the dreams you've waited for,  
To awaken the depths beyond your work  
And enter into your infinite source.*

Pastor Debbie, in your retirement and always, may you know the presence, guidance, and blessings of the Holy Spirit!

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# HEAR THE BELLS RING!



## SOUTH EAST ELCA HANDBELL FESTIVAL CONCERT



SATURDAY  
APRIL 18TH  
2:00 PM  
FREE WILL  
CONCERT

A CONCERT FEATURING THE MUSICAL TALENTS OF  
THE HANDBELL CHOIRS FROM MT. PLEASANT,  
ST. MARY'S, ST. PAUL'S, HOLY COMMUNION AND  
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCHES

MT. PLEASANT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1700 S GREEN BAY RD, RACINE, WI 53406

## A Quarterly Message from the President—Spring, 2026—PEACE

Hello followers of Christ and fellow worshipers at St. Mary's Lutheran Church,

As we reflect on the past few months of 2026, I am filled with gratitude for the resilience and commitment of our congregation.

St. Mary's Lutheran Church is more than just a building; it is a living body, sustained by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to serving our creator God and Saviour Jesus Christ, by serving each other and our neighbor.

What is **PEACE**? Well, is it not always what we see in our lives or in our world. Do you have **PEACE**? I admit, I do not always feel it. But can it be there? Could it be a reminder of the intentional ways we can foster both personal spiritual growth and collective well-being within and beyond our walls? Will having **PEACE** be easy, challenging, void of pushing us in uncomfortable ways, or just getting out of our comfort zone? Lots of questions, not sure of answers. May the following acronym of **PEACE** encourage us to think about what **PEACE** looks like and how we can act on it.

### P: PRAYER AND PERSONAL DEVOTION

Our relationship with Christ begins and is nourished through intimate communication. I encourage each of us to deepen your commitment to **Prayer and Personal Devotion**, and I know many of you already do this. Here are a few idea:

Set aside specific time each day for scripture reading and prayer.

Participate in our midweek prayer gatherings or study groups.

Consider a spiritual discipline, like journaling or contemplative prayer, to strengthen your personal walk.

### E: ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

As disciples, we are called to move beyond ourselves and actively engage with the world. **Engagement and Outreach** is the heartbeat of our ministry—sharing

Christ's love in tangible ways. Again I know some of us are doing this well. Here may be a few opportunities:

Volunteer for our upcoming community service projects (check the bulletin for dates!).

Invite a friend or neighbor to worship or a church event.

Support our mission partners through prayer and financial giving. The need to help keep the summer camps going at the Outreach Center is a wonderful opportunity! [see page #6]

### A: ACCOUNTABILITY AND FELLOWSHIP

We are not meant to walk this journey alone. **Accountability and Fellowship** provide the vital support and encouragement we need to persevere in faith. Yes, this is occurring with many of us and should continue. Again here are some ideas:

Commit to joining a small group, book study, or Bible study where deeper connections can be made.

Reach out to fellow members who may be facing challenges, offering a listening ear or practical help.

Practice vulnerability and honesty in your relationships here, allowing others to hold you up in prayer.

### C: CHARITABLE SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP

Faith without works is dead. **Charitable Service and Stewardship** reflect our recognition that all we have—time, talents, and treasure—belongs to God. Yes, this too is being done by many of us.

And here are a few ways to think about that:

Review your current giving and prayerfully consider increasing your commitment to the Lord's work through our church budget.

*(continued on next page)*

Volunteer your unique skills (e.g., maintenance, administration, teaching) to serve a specific ministry need.

Seek opportunities in your daily life to perform anonymous acts of kindness and service.

## E: EDUCATION AND GROWTH

The Christian life is one of continuous transformation.

**Education and Growth** means actively seeking to understand God's Word and how it applies to our lives today. Similar to the previous ones, many of us are doing this. These are just some ideas that may help:

Make regular church, Sunday School for kids, youth for teens or learning opportunity attendance a priority.

Engage in thoughtful discussions about theological topics with others.

Challenge yourself to read a book of the Bible or a theological text you haven't read before.

So, we can see that actively cultivating **PEACE** in our personal lives and throughout our beloved congregation and community is available and actually allows us to feel God's **PEACE** in a more meaningful way.

May God bless you and your family as you continue to grow in His grace, love, and **PEACE**, this Easter season.

In Christ's Service,

Andy Schroeder, Church Council President



## THE FRIENDLY CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

If you are an energetic, mobile person with a passion for senior citizens, we need you! We are looking for consistent volunteers to support the ministry of the Friendly Center in a variety of ways.

**These might include: set up crew, clean up crew, food prep and cooking, plating food, serving food, making phone calls, creating and sending the newsletter, etc.**

The Friendly Center meets once a month on Wednesday during the school year. The Friendly Center gathers for a devotion and meal over the lunch hour from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

The Friendly Center also provides an informative or entertaining program during each gathering.

*Call one of the Board members if you are interested: The Pfeiffers, VanBendegoms, and Lisa Zanin.*

*The Friendly Center will meet on April 29th & May 20th, then off for the summer!*



## NURSE SUE–Aurora Faith and Health Team –April, 2026

Dear Friends,

Spring is here and many folks are trying new healthy food concepts as we look forward to wearing and looking decent in our summer attire. I have been trying new vegetables and fruits but an oldie nevertheless a goodie has emerged from my selection, prunes, a dried plum. While I like to point out the many benefits of prunes in a diet, there are many folks that have misconceptions about this fruit. So, I would like to debunk some myths about prunes and shine some light on the benefits of prunes.

Some people think prunes automatically cause digestive problems. The helpful news prunes and prune juice do not cause diarrhea and digestive discomfort if eaten appropriately. There is sorbitol, a sugar alcohol, in prunes. Studies show that consuming 20 grams of sorbitol a day may cause diarrhea. If an adult eats a serving of 5 or 6 prunes in a day the sorbitol count is six grams. Many health care practitioners recommend adults to start eating prunes gradually, perhaps 3 in a day and working up to 5 or 6 prunes spread out in a day. Prunes contain insoluble fiber (helps with regularity) and soluble fiber (that improves digestion).

Prunes are associated with relieving constipation. Yes, they do promote regularity, but they can do so much more for our bodies. Prunes contain Phyto-nutrients, vitamins K and A, minerals such as potassium and magnesium and anti-inflammatory

properties that may help protect bone in postmenopausal women. Also, the soluble fiber in prunes can help lower LDL cholesterol and potassium might help manage blood pressure.

People wonder if prunes raise blood sugar significantly. The soluble fiber manages the blood sugar levels. Prunes are listed as having a low glycemic index so they are less likely to raise blood sugar. Many chefs use prunes in baked goods and fancy entrees in place of extra sugar, eggs, and butter.

The only difference between dried fruit and fresh fruit is the fluid content. Per serving, dried fruit is more concentrated in vitamins and minerals. So, prunes are portable, shelf stable and come with you to work to the gym or when you are traveling. I keep my stash in the refrigerator until I eat them or take them with me for the day. I find they make a great snack and bring a sweet taste, chewiness, and fullness when you are looking for a mid-morning or afternoon nibble.

In conclusion, prunes are not just for the elderly. They are nutritious and delicious whether you are eating them or adding them to your cuisine.

Shalom, Nurse Sue R.N., F.C.N

Aurora Faith and Health Team

*Check Out this Amazingly Yummy Recipe with Prunes on the next page!*

### When You Are Sick in Mind, Body, Spirit:

St. Mary's is one of the only church congregations that employs a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse (FCN). She has amazing resources, both as a Registered Nurse, and as a Christ-Centered servant. Please call the office and leave a message with how we can call you back.

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**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request for St. Mary's Prayer Chain, contact: Sue VanBendegom 652-1770 and FCN Nurse Sue 658-3555.



## Vegan Brownie Cookies

- ◆ 8 oz Prunes
- ◆ ½ C unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
- ◆ 2T raw flaxseeds
- ◆ ½ C hot water
- ◆ 1C dark chocolate, coarsely chopped
- ◆ ½ sunflower oil or other neutral oil
- ◆ ½ C light brown sugar, packed
- ◆ ½ C granulated sugar
- ◆ 1T vanilla extract
- ◆ 1T fresh-brewed espresso or strong coffee
- ◆ 1 ¾ C all-purpose flour
- ◆ 1 ½ tsp. sea salt
- ◆ 1 tsp baking powder
- ◆ ¾ tsp baking soda
- ◆ 1C dark chocolate chips



### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 F and line several baking sheets with parchment paper

To a high-speed blender add the prunes, cocoa powder, flaxseeds and hot water(in that order) Blend on low for several minutes or until smooth. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the blender to make sure that everything is well combined. Measure out about ½ C of the prune puree and reserve the remaining for your next batch (it freezes well) don't clean your blender and set aside for the next step.

To a large, heat safe bowl set over simmering water, add the dark chocolate, oil, brown sugar, granulated sugar, and ½ C of prune puree from above. Make sure the water doesn't boil or touch the bottom of the bowl. Stir frequently until the chocolate is melted and then pour the mixture back into the blender, add the vanilla and express/coffee and blend on low until quite smooth, no more than 1 minute.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sea salt, baking powder and baking soda. Scoop the chocolate mixture into the flour mixture and fold until the dough is mixed, but you still see streaks of flour. It will be very thick. Add the chocolate chips and fold until evenly mixed throughout the dough. The dough will appear slightly glossy and quite thick, this is perfect.

Gently roll 2 T of dough into a ball and place it on the cookie sheet, allowing about 2 inches between each dough ball. Bake one sheet at a time for 10 minutes. You want to under-bake cookies. Cool on sheet for 15 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack.

St. Mary's Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation voted to disburse the following grants for the first quarter of 2026:

**ELCA OUTREACH CENTER-** to help with the weekly field trips and transportation for the center's summer camp program.

**SALVATION ARMY-** for the purchase of shelving units and racks for their food pantry program.

**KAFASI-** to help with meal costs for the Senior nutrition program.

**CYCLING WITHOUT AGE-** disbursed some funds towards the purchase of a wheelchair accessible trishaw. [A trishaw is a three-wheeled, pedal-powered vehicle with a front-mounted passenger seat and a rear pilot position, often enhanced with electric motor assist.]



# April 30th



## Endowment Foundation Scholarships

The St. Mary's Lutheran Endowment Foundation will again be awarding scholarships and educational grants for the 2026-2027 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, click on [Endowment Foundation](#) and download the appropriate forms.

Applications must be filled out completely, for either entering or continuing college student.

Applications, along with transcripts and other supporting material must be postmarked on or before April 30. **Any application without a postmark will not be considered.**



\*\*\*DO YOU KNOW THAT THE ST MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION HAS A BULLETIN BOARD ON THE WEST SIDE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL THAT REGULARLY POSTS INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUNDATION?

**CHECK IT OUT TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE ALL ABOUT!**

## GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

*St. Mary's Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation applications are due May 15, 2026 for disbursement in June, 2026.*

To apply for a future grant or to make a donation to St. Mary's Lutheran Endowment Foundation, follow the steps outlined on the website [www.stmaryslutheran.org](http://www.stmaryslutheran.org) by clicking the Endowment Foundation [link](#).

Please provide supporting information about the need, intended use, cost/project breakdown, and supplier for everything included in your request.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED AND MAILED BY THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF MAY FOR CONSIDERATION.** Please provide follow-up information about how the funds were used. Funds not used for the specific request must be returned to the Foundation for future disbursements.

Applications should be mailed to:

St. Mary's Lutheran Church

Endowment Foundation

2001 – 80th Street Kenosha, WI 53143

Don't be late for a very important date.  
St. Mary's "WELCA High Tea"

*welcome to wonderland  
we are all mad here*

Please join us down the "RABBIT HOLE" for a

## *Mad Hatter Tea Party*

*How lovely it would be if you would join us for tea.*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**  
**St. Mary's Fellowship Hall 1-3pm ~**  
**Doors open 12:30pm**

Dress as if you are going to a garden party — party-comfy and casual.  
**YOU MUST WEAR A HAT**—any kind will do!  
Bring your favorite tea cup and saucer.

RESERVATION FEE is \$10.00 per person,  
children - 10 and under \$5.00  
Gentlemen are welcome to attend.

Tables for 6-7-8 people can be reserved.

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

Purchase tickets after Saturday or Sunday services.  
Or stop by the church office  
M-T-Th 9a-3p W Noon-6p F 9a-12p  
or call in your reservation (262)658-3555  
Cash or Checks - payable to "WELCA, St. Mary's Lutheran".

Donations of pet food for our local rescue animal  
shelters and/or monetary donations accepted.



# Sunday School



**SPRING**

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## April 2026

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

### UPCOMING

April 5: No Sunday School  
April 12: No Sunday School



April 19  
Greet!  
Be there by 8:40am if you can!

Happy Easter and Spring Break!

April 26  
**PBJ SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN**  
Get ready to make 75-100 sandwiches  
Children will start after Communion

April 19: Sunday School & Greet  
April 26: Sunday School

**SPRING**

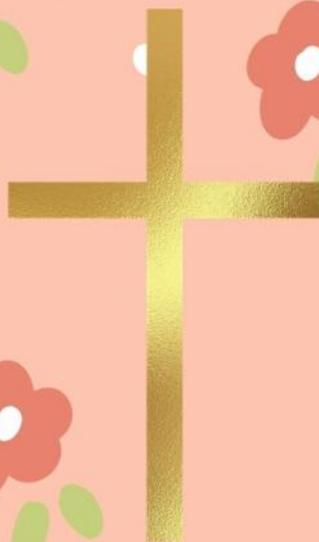


### COMING UP

MAY 3 MOVIE and PIZZA at church Time 11a-1p  
MAY 10 Mother's day Service  
GREET 8:40  
SING  
SERVE 10:00am  
MAY 17 Final Sunday School date for the year. Confirmation Service and Games day till 11am.

### Contact Info

**JOAN OEHLBERG:**  
Coordinator of Children's Ministry  
Email: [kidmin@stmaryslutheran.org](mailto:kidmin@stmaryslutheran.org)





SMLC



MINISTRY NEWS



**High School Calendar**  
 4/1 No FUSION –GF Rehearsal  
 4/8 No FUSION –Spring Break  
 4/15 FUSION 7pm—8:45pm  
 4/22 FUSION 7pm—8:45pm  
 4/29 FUSION 7pm—8:45pm

**Middle School Calendar**  
 4/6 No FISH Spring Break  
 4/13 FISH 6:30pm-8pm  
 4/20 FISH 6:30pm-8pm

**A CHORD WITH THE LORD**  
**Middle and High School Choir**  
 4/15 Rehearsal 6:00-6:45  
 4/29 Rehearsal 6:00-6:45




**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

March 29th 9:30am-11:30am

Adults - \$10  
Children - \$5

Meal choice between:  
Ham and Cheese Egg Bake  
Biscuits and Gravy

Tickets available for sale after services or at the door!

*Youth Led*  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
 7pm - SMLC *Service*  
 2001 80<sup>th</sup> St Kenosha, WI

**May 17th**  
 Confirmation Service

**June 7th**  
 Senior Sunday

**Save The Date**

# ELCA Outreach Center's Summer Camp 2026

## Dear Friends,

For more than **25 years**, the **ELCA Outreach Center's Summer Camp** has been a place of joy, growth, and opportunity for children in our community.

Today, that tradition is at risk.

Due to a **\$25,000 reduction** in grant funding, **we face the heartbreaking possibility of canceling our 2026 Summer Camp at Brass Community School.**

Each summer, 60–75 elementary students count on this program.

In partnership with the Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha Public Library, and the YMCA, we provide a safe, nurturing environment where children build friendships, explore STEM activities, take field trips to places like Hawthorn Hollow and the Racine Zoo, and gain critical water safety skills through YMCA swimming lessons.

**For many of these children, camp is the highlight of their year. It encourages summer school attendance, supports academic growth, and gives kids a place where they feel seen, supported, and inspired.**



**"I loved everything about camp! I loved the teachers, field trips, and activities we did at Brass!"**  
**-2025 Camper**

**We cannot let this opportunity disappear.**

**We are asking our community to help us bridge this \$25,000 gap. A gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, or any amount will help ensure that Summer Camp continues for the children who depend on it.**

Please consider making a donation today below!  
Together, we can protect a program that has shaped young lives for two decades — and make sure this summer is filled with learning, laughter and possibility.

With gratitude,  
Karl Erickson

**Contact Info:** [summercamp@elcaoutreachcenter.org](mailto:summercamp@elcaoutreachcenter.org)

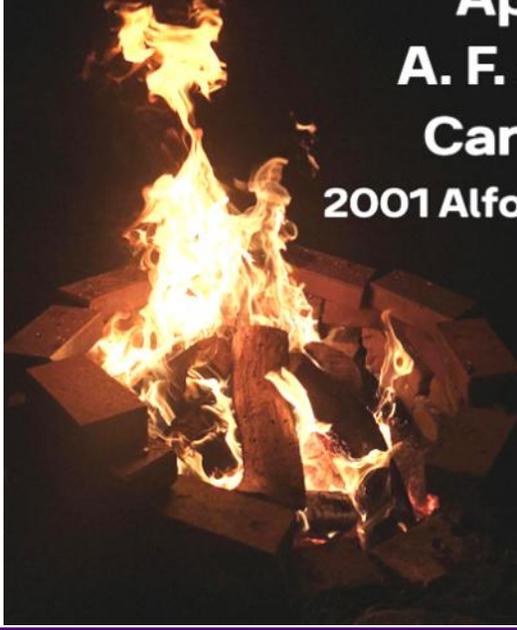




# Easter Vigil

April 4 at 5pm  
A. F. Siebert Chapel  
Carthage College

2001 Alford Park Dr – Kenosha WI



**Fire. Story. Meal. This is the night!**  
*We gather together as ecumenical siblings in Racine & Kenosha for the Vigil of Easter, as we celebrate Jesus Christ's passage from death to life. We will hear stories of God's salvation from the Hebrew Scriptures, remember our baptisms, and be fed with Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.*

Worship Attendance  
March / Lent

March 4:	45
March 7/8:	117
March 11:	47
March 14/15:	95
March 18:	38
March 21/22:	117
March 25:	37



**Easter Garden Lilies, Dutch Garden Baskets, Azaleas, Hydrangeas, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Tulips**

in honor of Art & Judy Schroeder by Carol & Andy Schroeder

in honor of my granddaughter, Skylar by Laura Miesbauer

in honor of Dick & Dolores Akin, George & George, Jr. Sandahl by Dave & Leslie Sandahl

in honor of our family by Wade & Beth Kerscher

in honor of our grandchildren: David, Rylee & Eva by Bob & Sue Van Bendegom

in honor of the dedicated staff & volunteers that make St. Mary's a joyful space by Pat Gallo

in honor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & The Holy Land by the Miller-Stubbendick Family

in honor of the people of St. Mary's Lutheran Church by Steve & Debbie Hartfield

in memory of Janet Ruefer, Betty & Lee Schmit by Julie & Mike Schmit

in memory of Mary Sjoerdsma, who translated into Eternity on May 18, 2025 by her husband, Richard Sjoerdsma

in memory of Betty Schlater; in honor of Brian Mason by Patricia Mason

in memory of Charles & Margaret Hayes by Jerry & Deb Black, Sarah & Anja Chumbler

in memory of David Munchoff by The Raszkievicz Family

in memory of Don & Dolores Norcross by Carol & Andy Schroeder

in memory of Herbert & Hazel Kellor by Corrine & Larry Nelson

in memory of Lois Guttormsen & Lu Kleven by Neil & Kristen Guttormsen

in memory of Marlene Principe by Gretchen Rasch

in memory of my loving husband & father, Jeff Verzel by Kathy Verzel

in memory of Richard & Irene Baumgartner; Arther & Martha Anen & Sons by JoAnn Anen

in memory of Robert & Bonnie Erickson, Mark Paul by the Paul/Erickson Family

in memory of Ron Palmen from Kathy & Family

Glory to God! Alleluia! by Margaret Van Boven

**Monetary Donations to the ELCA Outreach Center**

in honor of Cameron Swallow for her good work by Kathy Palmen

in honor of the great work that the center does for Kenosha by The Raszkievicz Family





## KEY CONTACTS—WHO DO YOU CALL?

**CHURCH COUNCIL 2025-2026** St. Mary's Church Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. **All are 1+(262) unless otherwise noted.** Council liaisons are as follows:

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**Our Associate Pastor, Rev. Debbie  
Hartfield is RETIRING!**

**Her last Sunday with us is APRIL 12. We  
will have a special worship service at  
9:00am with a CELEBRATORY COFFEE  
HOUR & CAKE afterwards in our  
Fellowship Hall!**

***We will miss having her here! But, wish her  
and Steve all the very best in this new  
chapter together!***

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**April Church Office Hours:**  
Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays:  
9:00am-3:00pm  
Wednesdays: Noon—6:00pm  
Fridays: 9:00am—Noon  
**Church Office Closed—Easter  
Monday—April 6, 2026**



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