



April 2026

Important dates:

- ☺ April 1: No Joyful Noises due to Holy Week
- ☺ April 2: First Communicants Passover Potluck and kids receive their 1st communion at Maundy Thursday worship in Tempe
- ☺ April 5: Easter (No Education)
- ☺ April 19: Kids Connect 1:00-2:30 in Gilbert and Parent's Connect will meet at a restaurant
- ☺ April 25: FMSC packing event  
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- ☺ May 3: Last day of Education
- ☺ May 10: Mother's Day
- ☺ June 8-12th VBS!

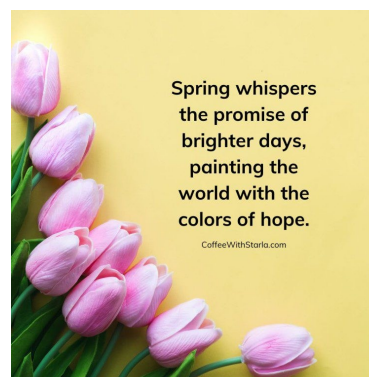
**Families and Faith:** Why not take some time this month to spread kindness!

Here is a list of "Spring Acts of Kindness" that give some great ideas...

- ♥ Weed a flower bed for someone.
- ♥ Buy a spring themed book for someone or your local library.
- ♥ Drop off a plant at the police or fire department.
- ♥ Leave a bookmark in a local library.
- ♥ Make May Day Baskets for neighbors.
- ♥ Leave bottles of bubbles at the playground.
- ♥ Take some flowers to someone.
- ♥ Deliver treats to someone.
- ♥ Help a senior wash their windows or clean their yard.



\*Speaking of spreading kindness...there is a family service event at FMSC on April 25th... More details on the back of this newsletter or the weekly updates. We'd love for you to join us. Space is limited so sign up soon!



**Education:** It's hard to believe the school year is starting to wind down, but we still want you to attend and be involved!

We will not meet on April 5th, Easter, and then May 3rd is our last day of Sunday School.

Faith Formation: Our playlist for this month is "Presence." If you haven't explored it yet you can find it here:

<https://dclcfathformation.org/children-playlists/>

The article on the faith formation page this month has some great ideas on how to help our kids notice God's presence in everyday life.

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The *Passover Potluck* honoring the First Communicants and their families will be on Maundy Thursday, **April 2nd** at 5:30pm.

Students will receive the sacrament during the 7:00 PM worship service that same evening in Tempe.



**April 19**  
**1:00-2:30**

Kinder through 5th graders join us in Gilbert suite 104 for some fun and games! Bring a friend! This is our last one before summer break. Come have fun with us!

Questions or interested:  
Contact Ari:  
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**JOYFUL NOISES**



Come join the fun before this program breaks for the summer!

**Joyful Noises** is our parent/tot program. Join us Wednesdays in Gilbert in suite 104 from 9:00-10:00am.

\*\*We will NOT meet April 1st for Holy Week.

For more information on any of these programs check the website [www.desertcross.org](http://www.desertcross.org).

**Feed My Starving Children Packing Event**

Saturday, April 25th  
2:30-4pm

FMSC Packing site in Tempe:  
1100 West Grove Parkway,  
Tempe, AZ 85283



This a great opportunity for your family to serve together!

Children 5 years old and up are welcome to attend with an adult.

Space is limited so use the link below to make your reservation

[FMSC Packing Event](#)

\*Parking is limited so carpool if possible.

## Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars...

**VBS is scheduled for June 8-12.**

Get ready to FALL into fun this VBS! At Rainforest Falls, we will explore the nature of God.



We need lots of volunteers, thank you for considering!

Registration and volunteer forms are on the website or use this QR code...

