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March 2024

We are in the time in the church year called Lent. It is time to seek the presence of God as a congregation in the sanctuary together to experience the warmth and love of God together. Lent provides such a special time for those of us who claim Christ as their Savior and Lord. For those of us who understand that God loves us so much that he gave his son to die for us as the sacrifice that our sins that we might be forgiven and we might be reconciled to God, Lent is truly special helping us know that all this God did out of Love for us his children. This is truly a time for us to be together, to pray together to worship together and to hear God's word together and then commune together partaking in Christ's holy body and blood that was given and shed for us. This is truly a special time for us.

The season of Lent gives us a special time to be God's people, with a time for share a light meal and the fellowship of being together. And the special midweek services and this year's special theme of hearing proposed conversations between people who were part of the passion of Christ. We gather together to share, to prepare ourselves for Christ's crucifixion and death and ready ourselves for the joy of the resurrection and pronouncement that He is risen indeed.

We are midway through Lent, and I am hoping that you will make this a special time to experience the presence of God in its special way and the comfort of being with God's people.

Remember Wednesday (March 6, 13 and 20) at 6:00 pm for a light supper and 7:00 pm for our Lenten worship.

Jan and I want to thank you for several things: one of which is all your prayers and notes to Jan during her surgery and this time of recovery. Those prayers and words were particularly special for her.

I thank those of you who have made an extra effort to provide me with special goodies while I must continue dealing with the Alpha Gal Syndrome. It has been very thoughtful of you and joy to eat.

Now I have just been retested to show that I am still allergic to mammal meat and dairy but also wheat which explains why I reacted to cookies and bread. The only good news from the test was that my Alpha gal tested about half what it was nine months ago which may mean that I may eventually be rid of it in a few years.

So, I ask for you continual prayers and good thoughts.

Pastor Carl

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with approximately 4.5 million members in more than 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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Council Meeting Minutes are attached on the bulletin board located outside the church library and are available for all members to review. *denotes a non-council, team leader

WORSHIP WITH US

Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5 pm with Holy Communion

(casual, praise music)

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am with Holy Communion

(Traditional)

Welcome to the Table of Our Lord!

We welcome all baptized Christians to the table of our Lord who come seeking reconciliation and restoration, with God and with the people of God, through the assurance of Jesus' real presence with us in the sacrament. Adults and children who have not yet been instructed in the sacrament are welcome to receive a blessing. Since we seek to include everyone in this holy meal we offer: the Host in the form of gluten free bread. Red wine <u>or</u> grape juice, is presented in individual cups to protect health.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

- 1.Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service;
- 2.Mail offerings to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810;
- 3. Give electronically by downloading the "VANCO MOBILE" app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; select Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO and give at your convenience;
- 4.Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom where you will see the opportunity to give online;
- 5.Scan the QR code. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the "VANCO MOBILE" app



Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by calling the church office at 417-881-4620 or e-mailing popfellowshipteam@gmail.com. And we deliver! So if you would like a meal delivered, please call or email to let us know. Thank you! *Fellowship Team* Page 3

Children's Easter Festival! Saturday March 23rd

2:00-4:00 pm

Come celebrate the season of Easter at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church!

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There will be Easter Egg Hunt, Arts & Crafts, Games, Face Painting, & Petting Zoo!

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 3:30 pm!



CANDY DONATIONS FOR EASTER FESTIVAL & EASTER SUNDAY ACCEPTED IN THE NARTHEX:

The Learning Ministries team set up a basket in the narthex to collect Easter candy donations (individually wrapped candy) for the upcoming Easter Egg hunts at the Easter festival and on Easter Sunday. Donations are much appreciated!

PROTEIN DRIVE-40 DAYS OF LENT

We will be collecting foods high in protein for Least of These through out Lent and ending at Easter. Collections will be in the "Cry Room" on the upper level. Foods high in protein are:

- Canned tuna and salmon
- Dried beans
- Peanut Butter
- Mac and cheese
- Nuts
- Must be non-perishable



THANK YOU for the 146# donated so far to Least of These! Last week, members of the Outreach Team took the donations from the cry room and dropped them off to Least of These Food Pantry in Ozark.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night Bible Study resumed January 29 with a study on the **Book of Acts**. We meet Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are using a Navigators Life Change series Study Guide. There is one book left in the workroom for retrieval. If you would like to join the group and need a book, please contact the church office and one will be ordered for you.

CARE RIDES

Need a ride to church, church events, doctor appointments, picking up medication, and/or grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help! We do need sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you need this service or want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. *Thank you and God's Blessings, Your Congregational Care Team*

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-up to give flowers during 2024! Please check the upper level hallway for the latest altar flower sign-up sheet. You have the choice of bringing your own flowers, or you can ask the church office to order flowers to be delivered to the church *for you for only \$25*. If you opt to bring your own flowers, please bring them and place them on the stand adjacent the altar before the Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5 pm. *Thanks!*

SEWING & CRAFT DAY AT THE CHURCH

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until approximately 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Leania Carter coordinates the group. We assemble in the Fellowship Hall with our respective craft projects and also work on community outreach projects. (i.e. bibs and blankets for Newborns in Needs, etc.) We enjoy a devotional at our mid morning coffee and snack break as well as enjoy a sack lunch together around noon. Even if you do not have a craft project to bring along, join us for fellowship! (Exception: Thursday, March 14 we will take a field trip to Branson for the Quilt Show!)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us 8:15 am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall as we delve into the old "Davey and Goliath" show. Our Adult Class will spend six weeks through March 17 studying and learning from this class show. *Dave Jahnke, POP Learning Ministries*

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in "Dani's Room."

WHAT IS PERICOPE?

"Pericope" at Prince of Peace is a group that meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 am via ZOOM to read over the scripture *lessons together for the next weekend's worship services.* (The group generally works a week in advance). The group also selects hymns that are appropriate with the scripture selections to be included. If you would like to join the group, please contact Gail Ernst, Gayle Bell and/or Peggy McCabe or call the church office at 417-881-0833.

CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE

Remember to check out the church calendar online for the most up to date information on what is happening here at Prince of Peace by visiting our church web page at www.pop-elca.net? Additionally, please remember to inform the church office when meeting dates are determined so the meetings can be added to the church calendar.



EASTER BREAKFAST MARCH 31, 2024

Sign up in the narthex to make your favorite breakfast food to bring to church on Easter Sunday, March 31st for the breakfast which will start about 9:00 am (immediately following the 8:00 am Easter Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall). *Fellowship Team*

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN

An EASTER EGG HUNT for children will follow the Easter Sunday morning breakfast at 9:30 am.

FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CROSS IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN EASTER MORNING

Remember to bring some flowers with you on Easter Sunday to place on the wooden cross in the Memorial Garden before the Worship Service!

PRINCE OF PEACE FOOD PANTRY

POP has a Food Pantry located in the lower level of the building. The pantry is located in the cabinets in the last classroom on the right before you exit to the lower level parking lot. Bags are located on the wooden table and basic pantry items are included. If you would like to donate to the pantry, you can leave your donations in the same room on the table, or in the cry room on the table. Diane Washburn and Kathy Corwin routinely go through the donations within the pantry and remove items that have aged and slipped out of date. *Outreach Team*

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LISTINGS IN THE TIDINGS

Is your birthday and/or wedding anniversary listing missing in the Tidings newsletter? Please take a moment to notify the church office via email at princeofpeaceelca@gmail.com or 417-881-0833 so that your information can be added to the church database as well as listed in the newsletter.

ELEVATOR

Prince of Peace has an elevator located on the north end of the building, with an emergency phone which dials OTIS Elevator Company inside in case of emergency.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes. Thanks! *Patty Killian*

<u>Saturday</u>	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23
Acolyte	Benley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner
Worship Asst.	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell
Greeter	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Musician	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson
Sunday	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 23
Acolyte	Bella Guillen	Elijah Otzelberger	Oliver Kavanagh	Lila Teaster
Worship Assistant	Nyssa Brockhoff	Leania Carter	Brett Onstott	Carolyn Wake
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Joel & Julie Karlson	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Mark & Pam Duneman
Usher	Herb Peterson	Mark Duneman	Herb Peterson	Ross Jahn
Hosts	Barry & Patty Killian	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Diane Washburn & Caroline Wake	Sue Stelford & Sue Wilford
Communion Set-Up	Patty Killian	Patty Killian	Patricia Van Aken	Patty Killian
Musician	Donna Mohr	Gail Ernst	Katie Ernst	Donna Mohr
Tellers	Sue Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Gail Ernst & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

Easter Sunday, March 31st	8:00 am Worship Service	10:30 am Worship Service
Acolyte	Volunteer needed	Bryce Messner
Alleluia Bearer	Jeremy Stelford	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Tammy Jahnke	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Peggy McCabe
Ushers	Barry Killian & Dave Jahnke	Ross Jahn & Bill Ernst
Organist	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr
Communion Set-Up	Patty Killian	Patty Killian
Easter breakfast in between services	Fellowship Team	Fellowship Team

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Ronald Mohr	March 1
Dean Stelford	March 8
Rev. Dale Wilford	March 9
Avery Weber	March 10
Josie Karlson	March 12
Heather Elliott	March 14
Bentley Messner	March 15
Leania Carter	March 18
Judy Wenzl	March 28
Julie Rohr	March 29
Jackie Higgins	March 29
Gina Steffins	March 29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Joel & Julie Karlson, 31 years March 5 Justin & Rachel Aden, 4 years March 29

March 2024 Daily Devotions

Thoughts to Ponder by

Pastor Larry L. Sydow, Retired larry.sydow@gmail.com

Prayers by Pastor Bruce Freeman, Hospice Chaplain bruce 259@msn.com

Retired and former POP Pastor Larry Sydow emails the church the devotionals each month. You can pick up a printed copy of the Devotional booklets on the credenza facing the stairwell in the church narthex.



APRIL NOISY OFFERINGS

POP April Noisy Offerings will go to ELCA Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle who currently serves as a Dean for far rural eastern Russia. Our Companion Synod, chaired by Rev. Gary Teske, and part of the Central States Synod, works with Bradn and ELCUSFE Bishops and Pastors in Russia as well as missionaries, Bishops and Pastors Papua New Guinea.



ELCA MISSIONARY PROFILE



The Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle

Children: Malvey, Martin, Lukas

Russia

Bradn, based in Moscow, directs an educational program for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and the Other States (which includes the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and Far East and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in European Russia). Jointly appointed by the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony, he organizes and teaches seminars for pastors and lay leaders in church centers and in isolated regions of the country. He was involved in implementing the Global Ministry initiative "Equipping for Service," which was part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

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EDUCATION

B.A. English, Russian, Russian Area Studies M.Div.

Ph.D.

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif. University of Helsinki Helsinki, Finland

HOBBIES

Literature and running

CALENDAR

Bradn's Birthday	March 3	Ordination date	Nov. 30
Natasha's (wife) Birthday	March 27	Wedding Anniversary	Dec. 27
Malvey's Birthday	Sept. 30	Martin's Birthday	March 8
Lukas' Birthday	March 14		

CONNECT

Companion synods: Northwest Washington (1B), Northeastern Minnesota (3E), Central States (4B)
Home synod: Montana (1F),

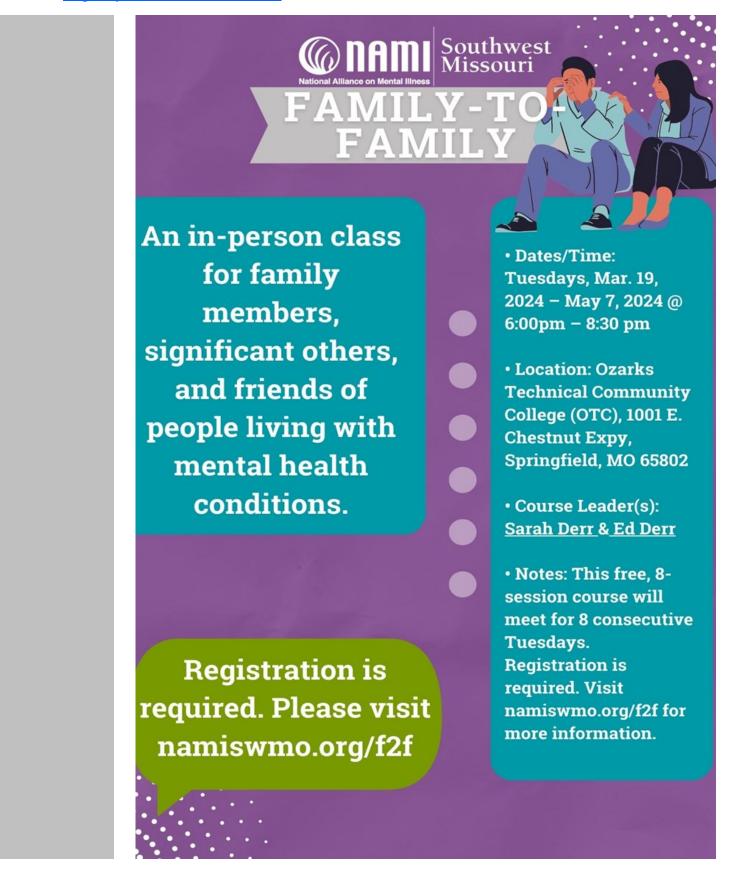
From the ELCA Global Mission email received in the church office recently:

Dear Friends,

We want to **thank you for your support of ELCA missionaries!** We believe that we are called into community with our siblings in Christ around the world. Your generosity helps to foster relationships far beyond the ELCA. Through your sponsorship of long-term ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) participants, you are walking alongside our companions across the globe as they spread the good news and serve our neighbors with love and care. Our whole fellowship is stronger because of you!

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FAMILY TO FAMILY: Ed and I are teaching a free class through NAMI, the National Association on Mental Illness, this spring. The class, FAMILY TO FAMILY, is for persons with loved ones with mental health conditions. It covers information about mental illnesses, treatment, communicating with loved ones, dealing with crises, coping, and more. The link to the video is https://youtu.be/ae1ru1SBaal **Sarah & Ed Derr**



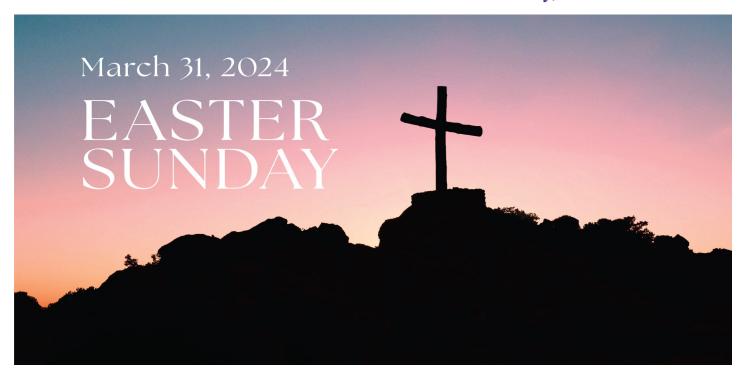
HOLY WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIVCES with a Palm Processional and Holy Communion on Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.

NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE Saturday, March 30.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, March 31!

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST at 9:00 am *(immediately following the 8:00 worship service)* in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up in the narthex to bring your favorite breakfast casserole!

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN in between the worship services!

REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS TO PLACE ON THE CROSS in the memorial garden Easter Sunday!

SIGN UP TO GIVE FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CHURCH AT EASTER in the narthex! Lilies are \$9 each; tulips and hyacinths are \$8 each. Payments may be dropped in the offering plate during worship services or be placed in Sue Stelford's mail slot.

MARCH CALENDAR AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saturday, March 2	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in the Rock Room
0 1 15 15	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, March 3	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (Dani's Classroom)
Monday, March 4	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, March 5	6:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting (Library)
	7:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting (ZOOM)
Wednesday, March 6	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
	6:00 pm	Lent Pre-Worship Service Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Worship Service
Thursday, March 7	3:00 pm	Mutual Ministry Team Meeting (Library)
Saturday, March 9	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in the Rock Room
C. d. M. d. 10	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, March 10	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (Fellowship Hall)
Monday Manch 11	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (Dani's Classroom) Monday Evening Bible Study (Followskin Hall)
Monday, March 11	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, March 12	6:30 pm	G.R.O.O.V.E. Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, March 13	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM) Lant Pro Wayshin Sawina Maal (Tallaughin Hall)
	6:00 pm	Lent Pre-Worship Service Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday March 14	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Worship Service Sewing & Crafting Group Day Out at the Branson Quilt Show-meet at the church at
Thursday, March 14	9:00 am	
Saturday March 16	9:00 am	9 am to carpool! Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society (Rock workroom)
Saturday, March 16	9:00 am 10:00 am	G.R.O.O.V.E. Monthly Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, March 17	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
Sanuay, Mai Cii 1/	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (Dani's Classroom)
	1:00 pm	Mark & Pam Duneman Facility Use until 5 pm (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Ozarks Antique Automobile Club (Fellowship Hall until 8:30 pm)
Monday, March 18	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, March 20	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
,	6:00 pm	Lent Pre-Worship Service Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Lent Midweek Worship Service
Thursday, March 21	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the Church (Fellowship Hall)
v -/	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Friday, March 22	4:30 pm	LENTEN FISH FRY! (Kitchen & Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, March 23	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in their workroom
	2:00 pm	CHILDREN'S EASTER FESTIVAL! (until 4 pm)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion and Palm Processional
		led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, March 24	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (Dani's Classroom)
Monday, March 25	6:00 pm	Ozarks Gem & Mineral Society Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Library)
Tuesday, March 26	1:00 pm	Congregational Care Team Project (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, March 27	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
Thursday, March 28	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Friday, March 29	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday, March 30		NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT
Sunday, March 31	8:00 am	Easter Worship with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt for Children Page 11
	10:30 am	Easter Worship with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck



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