



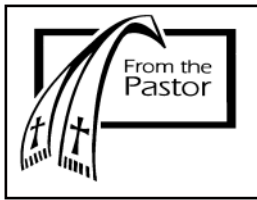
# The GOOD NEWSLETTER

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## From Our Pastor

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### Who is Luther? What is a Lutheran? What is the big deal about Lent?

“Jesus Christ is Risen today! Our triumphant Holy Day!”

I wonder what it was like that first day, that day when Jesus rose from the dead. I know what it is like today. It is a day of celebration, of special music, a great deal of singing, new dresses and suits, breakfasts and flowers, excitement and expectation, baskets and gifts and traditions. We have a sense of what Easter is, and what it isn't. “If we don't do this, it just isn't Easter!” The “this” might be going to grandmom's, or getting a new hat, or opening our baskets before we go to church, or any number of things. We have all sorts of thoughts and ideas of what makes Easter day Easter.

Back on that day of Resurrection, though, there were no expectations. There were no bands or orchestras, no crowds of people going to worship, no choirs and special anthems, no new hats, no special dinners at grandmom's, and certainly no baskets full of candy and eggs. On that day I presume things were rather quiet. I don't know what sort of noise might have gone with opening the tomb, or if the earthquake was large or relatively modest. The women coming to the tomb were weeping, not celebrating. The garden was not full of people, but nearly empty. Resurrection day at this time was not yet “Easter.”

And yet, in this quiet time, with no one expecting it (even though Jesus described what was coming to his disciples), God was doing a powerful new thing. God was bringing life from death. God was creating a path through the wilderness of sin and loss. God was opening the Kingdom of Heaven for those who could not see what Jesus was doing on that day.

As we prepare to celebrate this mighty act of God, let us remember Easter is not about us, or our traditions. It is not what we do that makes this day what it is. It is what God has done in Jesus that makes this Resurrection Day. For without the resurrection, all we celebrate would be nothing. Eggs and

candy, hats and hymns, dinners and family do not save us from the power of death. But Jesus' resurrection does. And this deserves all the fanfare and bands and worship and joy and excitement and expectation we can bring – not to this day, but to him, to Jesus, who, for our salvation, is risen from the dead.

Whatever it was like on that first day, that day when Jesus rose from the dead, I trust we can find ways to mark it now with celebration. Jesus is risen. Jesus continues to be with us and for us. Jesus calls us from darkness to light, from death to life. Let us not miss this because of our traditions, but let the story of Resurrection act within us, and impact all we do as we live with Jesus.

Pr. Karl M. Richard

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### The Vicar's View:

#### Easter and the Importance of Reading to the End of the Story

One of my favorite books growing up was *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. I remember how hard I cried when I read it for the first time and realized that Aslan had decided to sacrifice himself on the Stone Table so that Edmund would live. I was inconsolable that night, knowing that the king of Narnia was dying like this. Knowing that, while Edmund would no longer be in the clutches of the White Witch, she had ultimately won. It would only be a matter of time before winter again fell over the whole of Narnia. It got to the point where I tossed the book in the corner of my bedroom, determined not to read the rest of it. But a voice in my head reminded me that the story wasn't finished. Later that night, I grabbed the book and read it till the end. It was well worth it. Within about thirty minutes, I went from feeling miserable and hopeless to feeling the kind of excitement and joy that sticks in your memory twenty years later. Aslan was alive; he was even stronger than before. As in most great stories, good wins over evil. After years of winter, Narnia was at peace, ruled by the just and wise main characters of the book.

How different would my experience with the book have been if I had kept crying and left it in the corner of my

bedroom? Perhaps a friend of mine would have told me the true ending a few years later. But the rush of positive feelings I had, and that sense of being inside the story with the characters as they realized that Aslan wasn't dead, would have been gone. I suspect C. S. Lewis wouldn't have become one of my favorite authors. When I was fourteen and started to read his non-fiction books, I discovered that much of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* was a Christian allegory, with Aslan representing God/Jesus and the White Witch representing evil/Satan. What would happen if we were to reach Jesus' death on the cross, the sacrifice that he made for our sins, and close our Bibles there? We miss the victory of God. Evil wins, and "Good Friday" is no longer so good, since Jesus dies and stays dead.

Although most Christians wouldn't literally close their Bibles at the death of Jesus, I think there's a danger of forgetting about Easter once it passes. The resurrection belongs at the forefront of our Christian beliefs and worldview, not at its periphery. By the end of this month, Easter morning will have come and gone. But as Christians we should be celebrating it every day of our lives. Jesus' resurrection is the source of our consolation and our joy, and the basis of our hope for eternal life. It is a hope that was lovingly promised to us on a Sunday morning that changed the course of world history and continues to transform and renew us, day by day.

Vicar Daniel Smith

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## Church Council Members for 2017

**Church Council Members for the year 2017 are:**

Natalie Berry, Recording Secretary  
 Chris DiSanto  
 Diane Frattini  
 Meredith Harris, Council Vice President  
 Barbara Kinsey  
 Mike Lavery  
 Dawn Liscom  
 Maureen McCleary  
 Eric Niesen  
 Joe Regan  
 Tom Savage  
 Nicole Smith

Lance Miller, Congregational Treasurer  
 Gary Gordon, Financial Secretary  
 Dave Baumann, Bookkeeper  
 Pat Daniels, Counting Team Leader

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## Wednesday Bible Study

In many editions of Bibles, there's an entire group of books that come in between the Old and New Testaments. They're called the Apocrypha. Have you ever been curious about what they are, why they're not in all Bibles, and what some of the books are like? Starting April 19th, we will look at what the Apocrypha are and how they have been used in Christianity. We will then plunge into what may be the most interesting and fun book out of them: Tobit.

Classes will be at 7:00 a.m. in the library and noon in the parlor, and will be facilitated by Vicar Dan.

Vicar Daniel Smith

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## Living Voice of the Gospel: 500 Years of Lutheran Song

In March, Reformation Lutheran Church in Media hosted a seminar led by Dr. Michael Krentz, Director of Music Ministries and Lecturer at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Attendees from our congregation included Jeff Wesley, Joy Grace, Vicar Dan, and Pat McHugh. It was an interesting field trip through our Lutheran hymnal as we learned about the origins of many hymns written by Martin Luther and others – why they were written, how they reflect what was going on at that time, and how they were used. The earliest hymns were simple lines of music written to be sung by a small group unaccompanied in someone's home during an evening meeting. Early hymns were written and sung as a way to teach and to communicate through song in a way that people might find easier to learn and remember – everything from the Christmas story to the Lord's Prayer to the current events of the day. No way did we cover 500 years; we barely scratched the surface. It was an enjoyable day and I for one have added some hymns to my list of favorites, particularly as I learned the stories behind them.

Pat McHugh

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## Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee will be assembling breakfast bags for the elderly population that utilizes the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry at our May meeting. In early April, there will be a bulletin board set up with suggested items that we could use if you wish to contribute to this worthwhile project. Items needed will include hot chocolate packets, tea bags, coffee bags, sugar and sugar substitute packets, juice boxes, oatmeal packets, individual cereal boxes, cereal bars, fruit cups, boxes of raisins, etc.

There will be a bin in the hallway for your donations. Thank you!

Cheryl Morrell

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## LUTHER 500

You are cordially invited to attend LUTHER 500, A Layman's Guide to the Protestant Reformation or What I learned in Lutherland. This is a presentation of stories, photos, and historical insights by the playwright and actor Steve Seyfried. The play will take place in Elbert Hall on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The event is free. There will be a free will offering to benefit the SEPA Synod's Forward in Faith Campaign. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. This event is being sponsored by the Christian Education Committee and Women of the ELCA. All are invited to attend.

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## Children's Corner

### Dear Children,

As part of my daily exercise routine, I spend a few minutes on balance exercises. One of my activities is standing on one leg for a certain length of time. As I carry out this part of my fitness program, I stand facing a mirror which reflects a cross which is up on the wall pretty high. One way of keeping my balance is to keep my eyes focused on objects of height—like exit signs, etc. What better way of keeping one's balance (in all ways) is there than keeping your eyes "on the cross"? Every morning, I say to myself—"Keep your eyes on the cross and you won't fall." This does help me to stand erect and walk safely—but how can it help in our lives as Christians?

God sent His only son to suffer and die for us so we could be free from sin—**what a great gift!** God not only loves us and shows us mercy if we make a mistake, but He wants us to be loving and merciful too. If we "keep our eye on the cross," we should think of ways to ease someone else's burdens. How can you bring someone to Jesus, let them know they are loved? Have you ever seen someone who is lonely or scared—can you help in any way—a kind word, a treat, an offer of help? Do you need to forgive or be forgiven? Can you spend some quiet time with Jesus? How about a prayer for those in need?

### Dear Parents,

I think today it is always a challenge to expand our Christian teachings with those outside our family circle. As Lent ends and Easter approaches, this is a great time to remind our children of God's great love for everyone. Rereading the passion of Christ and His Resurrection with your youngster might generate enthusiasm for some family projects that would connect you to Christ. A few suggestions might be praying together, setting aside a comfortable and quiet place to study scripture, spending time helping others, and eating a simple meal and giving any savings to the church. I bet that you folks can come up with many ideas.

Sylvia Yost

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## Men's Breakfast

The April Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 22, at 7:15 a.m. at The Court Diner, 140 E. Baltimore Pike in Media. All men are invited to join us for morning devotions, a great speaker, an excellent breakfast and good fellowship. Please come and enjoy an excellent way to start the day.

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## Nursery School

We enjoy singing songs for Spring and watching for the first buds of a flower. The children have been busy with fun activities as they await its arrival. They are anxious to ride their bikes and play more in the school yard. The children will also be planting seeds to celebrate new life.

Our school will be closed for Spring Break Monday,

April 10, through Monday, April 17. We wish everyone a blessed Easter season.

We are very busy preparing for our Annual Art Show which is Wednesday, April 26. (Doors will be open from 5:00 to 7:00. Please stop by and visit all of the special creations! Our school will be closed that day for set up, and also the next day, Thursday, April 27, for Staff Inservice.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Spring and Easter Season.

Linda M. Maylie, Director

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## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

As we continue to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the 75th Anniversary of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church be on the look out for our mini slideshows filled with pictures from the past 75 years at Saint Matthew that will play prior to each Sunday service. As you watch the pictures or simply think back, do fond memories come to mind? If so, we would love you to share your memories so they can be included in our 75th Anniversary Memory Book. Please submit your stories in writing to the office, Frankie Savage, or Nicole Smith. Finally, **Save the Date**—Bishop Claire Burkat will be with us on Sunday, October 8, 2017; and there will be a luncheon and program at The Oaks Ballroom that day.

Nicole Smith

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## Family Ministries

The Saint Matthew Lutheran Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m. Join us for crafts, music, refreshments, and lots of family fun! Admission is free and all children involved in the hunt must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP with the number of children by April 1 to Melissa Lavery on Facebook, the church sign-up sheet, or email: mnm62511@gmail.com.

Melissa Lavery

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## Earth Day

Happy Earth Day! Mark your calendars for April 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. We are going to clean up Williams Park on Powell Road by the library. Invite your friends, because it is about the community. There will be a lunch fellowship following at Saint Matthew in Elbert Hall or in the courtyard weather permitting.

Melissa Lavery

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## Financial Update

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

	<u>February 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving/Income	\$37,235.00	\$79,581.10
Expenses	<u>41,764.67</u>	<u>88,083.57</u>
Plus/Minus	(\$4,529.67)	(\$8,502.47)

**Summary:** For the month of February we finished with a deficit of \$4,529.67 while on a year-to-date basis for the first two months we finished with a deficit of \$8,502.47. As we have now moved into the Lenten Season with Easter on April 16, March and April giving should hopefully be stronger in the coming months. Please continue to support Saint Matthew in all ways, including your time, treasure and talents. We are all very blessed to have a wonderful Church home at Saint Matthew.

**Giving Opportunities:** Saint Matthew's Evangelism Team is hosting a Fun Run event in June to forge connections with our local community and care for the hungry by collecting donations for Loaves and Fishes during the event. Will you donate \$20 for a T-shirt and to help fund this great event? Just drop your donation in a pew envelope and label it for Evangelism.

Also in February as part of our annual upkeep of the church, we had all of the gutters cleaned out with the cost being over \$1,000. Would you be able to make an extra donation to help defray some or all of this maintenance work?

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## A New Paradise

We are going to Fiji! My Mom was so excited. Dad had been posted as the new Commanding Officer of the Air Force Base at Lauthala Bay near Suva, the capital of the tropical Fiji Islands. I had never heard of this place and could not imagine why Mom was this happy. As it turned out, this was to be not only a wonderful opportunity for my Dad's career but also for unifying us as a family. No wonder Mom had this excitement.

Fiji, at the time, was a Crown Colony of Great Britain. New Zealand provided military support for air-sea rescue and transport from the main island. There were frequent visits by officials and dignitaries from New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the U.S.A. as well as the U.K. My father's duties included not only commanding the air base but also meeting with these high-ranking visitors and entertaining them together with my Mom.

Here too was a new and exotic place for a growing boy as I was soon to discover. It was also an opportunity for my little sister Janette and I to become closer and enjoy new friends and activities. We found the climate, the native plants and animals were different from home in New Zealand, and we learned quickly those creatures which were to be avoided: snakes, flying foxes, huge land crabs, sharks, barracudas, and

gigantic clams on the reefs.

I remember that we stayed for a while at the Grand Pacific Hotel before moving to the new house on the air base. Mom and Dad and little Janette had a suite on the second floor which opened to the upper verandah overlooking the bay. My bed was on this verandah with its drapes of mosquito netting and I lay there at night listening to the breeze in the coconut palms and the ocean roar on the outer reef. It was so different and a long way from my uncle's farm back home, and yes, "South Pacific" the movie has scenes like these.

During our stay at the hotel I got to know the individuals of the staff who came each day to work there. Fijians, Indians and Chinese, they blended in harmony to perform their duties and they made friends with this New Zealand boy and his little sister. We had the run of the place, Janette and I, and when that happens one often encounters the unexpected. Out back from the kitchen area, there were enclosures where the ducks and hens lived. Each morning the eggs were collected and soon became breakfast in the Dining Room for the hotel guests. I remember one afternoon finding the horrifying sight of a chicken running in the yard without a head! Needless to say, I was not too keen on a revisit.

Another place that I enjoyed frequently was the sea wall which protected the garden and lawns of the hotel from the deep water of the harbor. In the sun, I would run along the wall which was flush with the grass and imagine repelling pirate invaders. On one particular day, I was running on this wall when suddenly the grass seemed to come alive and a wave of black and white banded snakes arose from sunbathing and dove over the wall into the bay. It was just like the wave created by spectators in a football stadium! There were thousands of them and my pirate adventures quickly came to a halt. I had never seen so many snakes. Back home in New Zealand there are none.

Retreating to the hotel, I invented another game which involved flying paper airplanes into the Dining Room from the second floor balcony. I had fashioned these gliders from the pages of the hotel stationery and launched them into the air above the grand staircase. There were a number of hotel guests who found airplanes at rest in their wine glasses upon sitting down to dinner. When we finally left the hotel for the new house, I'm sure there were some who breathed a great sigh of relief at the return to tranquility.

At last we were at home, and I had my own bedroom. It was a spacious one-story house with a wide verandah to shade the interior from the heat of the tropical sun. The house was raised above the sloping ground which extended toward the shoreline of the seaplane base about a half mile away. More adventures were about to begin.

Although we occupied the house, there was still some outside work to be completed, and I soon became acquainted with the workmen painting the finishing touches from their ladders. Two other homes were under construction nearby, one for Dad's Second in Command and one for the Executive Officer and their families. In looking back to that time from today, I realize my early interest in building construction began right then. Each day brought new progress as the builders continued the work and I become more and more in tune with their efforts.

A construction site by its very existence is potentially a dangerous place, especially for kids who are curious by nature. I was one of those! Each day, after the men had left, I would walk through the buildings to make my inspections and discoveries. On one occasion I ventured up into the roof space above the ceiling and in the semi-darkness suddenly made a misstep off the ceiling joists. The ceiling broke, my feet and legs went through, and there I was, shocked and hanging by my hands to a joist member. Directly beneath me was a stack of glass doors! "OK Tony, now what can you do?" I thought to myself. "If I let go from here, I'll be a goner." I could imagine blood all over the place! My Guardian Angel whispered a new thought as I was hanging there and feeling frightened. I began to swing my body back and forth and found that if I let go at the right moment, I could clear that stack of doors and land on the floor beside them. It worked! That was a life-saving discovery and a huge lesson about safety consciousness and risk of injury which remains with me to this day.

Here is the clear message: "I will be with you always"—the eternal comfort we learn from scripture. Even when we are alone and far from our homeland, we are protected by His grace.

May His peace be in our hearts.

Tony Webb

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## Fun Church Softball League Forming

Three area Lutheran churches will again be joining forces to form an 'ELCA' slow pitch softball team this spring and participate in a local church league.

Any able male or female over the age of 16 is welcome to join this group for fun, fellowship and a little exercise. Games will begin in May and continue through the playoff tournament in July. We will play ten regular season games during the week (never on a Fri/Sat/Sun) at ELAM near 202 in Glen Mills. We do not expect you to commit to **every** game, but hope you can make a majority. There will be a small fee for tee shirts (if you do not already have one) and registration to be determined by the amount of participants we get. Please spread the word about this fun opportunity--invite your friends! If you are interested in learning more or signing up, please contact Jen Troutman at [jtroutman2@yahoo.com](mailto:jtroutman2@yahoo.com).

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## First Thursday Friends

First Thursday Friends will gather on Thursday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Applebee's, 320 MacDade Boulevard, Folsom. For more information contact John Stefl.

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## Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the May newsletter are due in the church office by **noon on Friday, April 14.**

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## It's Time to Order Easter Lilies

Easter lilies that beautify our sanctuary and parlor may be ordered by signing up in the church hallway or calling the church office. Look for the sign-up sheet in the church hallway. The cost of each plant is \$10.00, and it may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. Easter service. The last day to order lilies is Sunday, April 9. Thank you.

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## Women of the ELCA

*"Watch what God does, and then do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. **Mostly what God does is love you.** Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. **Love like that.**"*

Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Message Bible)

Help us each day to live as Jesus would have us live. April activities—Ladies, won't you join us:

April 1—LWR Quilting—Parish Ed Building at 10:30 a.m.

April 5—Board Meeting—Library at 9:30 a.m.

April 19—Ronald McDonald Quilting—Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

April 23—Women's Sunday—8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

April 25—Sarah Circle—Parish Ed Building at 7:00 p.m.

April 26—Esther Circle—Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

On Women's Sunday, April 23, our guest speaker will be Mary DiFasco, lawyer and co-founder of Dawn's Place, which is a safe haven for both foreign-born and American women who have been victimized by Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE), commonly known as "sex trafficking" or slavery.

This month we will collect tote bags with drawstrings and cookies for The Welcome Church.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Joan Krauter, President

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## Monthly Mailbag

Dear Saint Matthew Lutheran Church Members,

All children need to be nurtured and cared for in order to grow, learn and become healthy adults. Your generosity helps us to nurture and care for the special children who come to the Martin Luther School at Silver Springs.

Thank you for reminding the children that people do care and of the good in our communities. It is always a blessing and never taken for granted.

God bless your congregation.

Denise M. Stearns, Board Member  
Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

Thank you very much for the sweet Valentine favors for the children in the Residential Treatment Program at Silver Springs-Martin Luther School. The treats you delivered were awesome and much appreciated! You helped to bring many smiles to little faces on a dreary winter day!

We are very grateful for your kindness toward the children and faithful support of our ministry. With your support we are able to help vulnerable boys and girls in our care heal, learn, and reach for bright futures. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Lynn Unipan, Development Director  
Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

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## Vital Statistics

**Birth:** **Stella Joe Cushing**  
Daughter of Christopher and Leslie Cushing  
Born March 15, 2017

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## Worship Responsibilities

**Altar Guild** **Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**  
April 2 J. Wesley, M. Ziff  
April 9 M. Miller, P. Stefl  
April 13 J. Wesley, C. Morrell, B. Kinsey  
April 16 8:00—C. Morrell, D. Frattini  
11:00—M. Larkin, M. Ziff  
April 23 M. Larkin, B. Terry  
April 30 J. Wesley, M. McCleary

**Worship Assistants** **Coordinator: John Kampmeyer**  
April 2 8:00 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith  
April 9 8:00 a.m. Joanne Castagna  
10:15 a.m. Joe Link  
April 13 7:00 p.m. Fran Gordon  
April 16 8:00 a.m. Kathie Morgan  
11:00 a.m. Joe Link  
April 23 8:00 a.m. Abby Richard  
10:15 a.m. Jeff Wesley  
April 30 8:00 a.m. Maureen McCleary  
10:15 a.m. (No assistant needed)

**Acolytes** **Coordinator: Dawn von Berg**  
April 2 8:00 a.m. T. C. Cobb  
10:15 a.m. Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley  
Crucifer: Rebecca Engberg  
April 9 8:00 a.m. Gavin and Alexa von Berg  
10:15 a.m. Ethan Kraft, Rebecca Engberg  
Crucifer: Matt DiSanto  
Torchbearers: Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley  
Bookbearer: Abby Richard  
April 13 7:00 p.m. Tyler Bennett  
Abby Kiely  
April 16 8:00 a.m. Cole and Jackson Bennett  
Crucifer: Jake O'Brien  
Torchbearers: Robbie O'Brien, Ethan Scott  
Bookbearer: Jacob Scott

11:00 a.m. Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley  
Crucifer: Briana Burdette  
Torchbearers: Matt DiSanto, Ethan Kraft  
Bookbearer: Rebecca Engberg  
April 23 8:00 a.m. Alexa von Berg  
10:15 a.m. Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley  
Crucifer: Rebecca Engberg  
April 30 8:00 a.m. Matt Johnston  
10:15 a.m. Abby Richard, Rebecca Engberg

**Communion Servers** **Coordinator: Joan Krauter**  
April 2 8:00 a.m. Bill and Marge Kobasa  
10:15 a.m. Morrow Ziff, Bea Toomey  
April 9 8:00 a.m. Kim Cobb, Dave Krauter  
10:15 a.m. Tony Webb, Carol Jo Eick  
April 13 12:00 p.m. Barbara Kinsey, Diane Frattini  
7:00 p.m. Steve and Jean McGarvey  
April 16 8:00 a.m. Joan Krauter, Nancy Regan  
11:00 a.m. Dan Lazaro, Meredith Harris  
April 23 8:00 a.m. Women's Sunday  
10:15 a.m. Women's Sunday  
April 30 8:00 a.m. Doug Bratz, Vicar Daniel Smith  
10:15 a.m. Gail Hendrickson, Abby Richard,  
Joe Link

**Lectors** **Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**  
April 2 10:15 a.m. Kevin Cunningham  
April 9 10:15 a.m. Joan Krauter  
April 13 7:00 p.m. Joe Link  
April 16 8:00 a.m. Maureen McCleary  
11:00 a.m. Carol Parsons  
April 23 10:15 a.m. Heather Markland  
April 30 10:15 a.m. Vicar Daniel Smith

**Sunday Nursery** **Coordinator: Janice Gardner**  
April 2 10:15 a.m. Diana and Pat Dolan  
April 9 10:15 a.m. Nicole and Greg Smith  
April 16 11:00 a.m. Kristen and Ivan Plachuta  
April 23 10:15 a.m. Gary Pflieger, Kathy Kinder  
April 30 10:15 a.m. Sue and Brian Barber

**Greeters** **Coordinator: Nicole Smith**  
April 2 8:00 a.m. Matthew and Christine Scott  
10:15 a.m. Dorothy D'Arcy, Nicole Smith  
April 9 8:00 a.m. Dee and Doug Bratz  
10:15 a.m. Carole Centrella and Bea Toomey  
April 16 8:00 a.m. John and Patti Stefl  
11:00 a.m. Gus and Karen Franchi  
April 23 8:00 a.m. Diane Frattini, Barbara Kinsey  
10:15 a.m. Gail Hendrickson  
Marion Hessenaer  
April 30 8:00 a.m. Nancy Regan  
Kathy and Anna Kinder  
10:15 a.m. Phil and Sue Kline

## April Birthdays

Dawn von Berg	4/1	Ethan Kraft	4/17
Caitlin Kline	4/2	Abby Smith	4/18
Holly Perlingiero	4/2	Ryan Smith	4/18
Gloria Wurzer	4/2	Christian von Berg	4/18
Charles Bartlett	4/3	Matthew DiSanto	4/19
Sarah Johnston	4/5	Marion Hessenauer	4/20
Jessica Miller	4/5	June McFalls	4/20
Patti Wesley	4/6	John Stefl	4/20
Todd Lambert	4/8	Gavin von Berg	4/20
John Alesi	4/9	Betsy Hendrickson	4/22
Hannah Barber	4/9	Michael Dezzi	4/24
Brian Cole	4/9	Gail Hendrickson	4/24
Cole Kiesel	4/9	Christine Holsopple	4/24
Joanna Liscom	4/9	Kevin McClennen	4/24
Kim Masson	4/9	Walter Shipley	4/24
Gregory Smith Jr.	4/9	Kathie Morgan	4/25
Tyler Bennett	4/10	Lisa Kiesel	4/26
Michael Schuler, Jr.	4/10	Carolyn Sloane	4/26
David Russell	4/11	Jeff Wesley	4/26
Robert Wagner	4/11	William Eisenhart	4/27
Jenna Cirillo	4/12	Pat Jackle	4/27
Emerson Marles	4/12	Steve Knoell	4/27
Katie McCallum	4/13	Dale Weaver	4/27
Brayden Schuler	4/13	Dylan Knaggs	4/29
Katie Stefl	4/13	David Krauter	4/29
Joy Grace	4/14	Ben Lambert	4/30
Lisa Albany	4/17	Cody McClintock	4/30
Ryan Ferguson	4/17	Marcella Prestianne	4/30
Kathy Kinder	4/17		

**If we have missed your birthday, please notify the church office.**

## **EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017**

Service of Holy Communion, 12:00 p.m.  
Service of Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m.  
The Stripping of the Altar

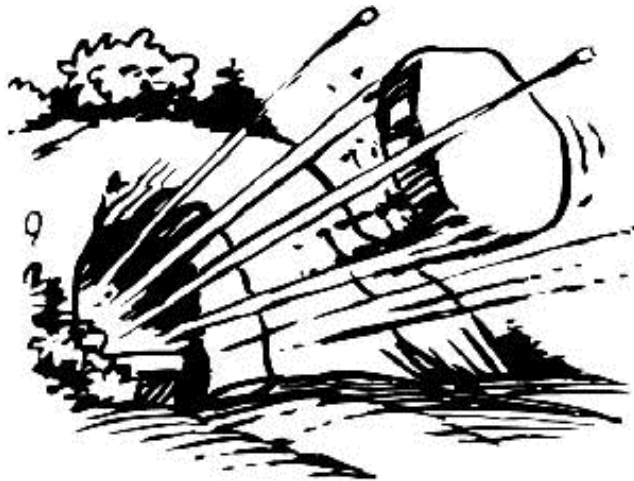
### **Good Friday, April 14, 2017**

12:00 p.m. - Service sponsored by the Springfield Ministerium  
held at Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Good Friday Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.

### **Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**

Festival Worship of the Resurrection, 8:00 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.  
Festival Worship of the Resurrection, 11:00 a.m.







# Coffee Connection

Sunday

April 9, 2017

*Join us for food, fellowship, and fun*

**Refreshments and treats will be served in the parlor after each service**

*If you would like to donate a treat, there is a signup sheet outside of the office. All contributions are greatly appreciated.*