

April 2026 Mast

April begins with our prayers and celebration of Easter Sunday and is followed by seven weeks leading up to Pentecost.



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Lord of Life
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Pastor - Bob Kasting



Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday

Service: 9:30 am – Communion – service begins outside

Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm – Agape Feast (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 3, Good Friday

Services: 12:00 Noon – Service of the Word

6:00 pm – Lord of Life Choir Cantata

Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil (starts in Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm – Communion (ends in Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 5, Easter

Service: 9:30 am – Communion – service begins outside

8:30 am - Congregation Breakfast – Easter Egg Hunt

The Endowment Committee

is pleased to announce the following recipients of 1st quarter distribution:

\$1000 to GI Arts and Humanities Penguin Project (Joan Wiley)

\$300 St. Francis Crafters to make and donate fleece blankets (Gale Speich)

\$250 GA High School Band to sponsor a hole for a fundraising golf tournament (Pastor Bob)

We have a total of \$4059 to allot per quarter. Because we did not allocate the full amount in 1st quarter, \$4895 will be allotted for the remaining 3 quarters.

If you would like to support a local non-profit which you are involved with in any way, please complete an endowment request form by May 15.

Via de Cristo



An exciting Via de Cristo weekend is planned for the last weekend in April (Thursday evening, April 23 thru Sunday evening, April 26) and there is still time to register.

Both couples and singles are invited to experience a greater understanding of God's love and grace. This event, held in our own Luther Springs, is not a retreat, but a personal walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Don't miss out on this unique experience. Bud and Virginia Lensch, Don and Mary Ellen Long or Mary Monroe are always available to answer any questions you may have.

Via De Cristo is an ecumenical movement and all baptized believers are invited to attend.



MANNA HOUSE



Jesus prepared a meal for the multitudes to remind us that we feed people not because we believe they deserve it, but because they're hungry.

johnpavlovitz.com

Lord of Life prepares and serves a meal each month on the second Thursday of the month.

To help prepare a meal, please be at Manna House by 9:00 AM, or to serve the meal, come at 11:15 AM.

Please let Virginia Lensch know if you plan to participate this month.

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BIRTHDAYS

Lindsay Earl, April 4
 Mary Monroe, April 15
 Janice Ciotti, April 19
 Mry Ellen Long, April 22

ANNIVERSARIES

Don and Mary Ellen Long, April 19
 Alex and Rachel Alley, April 23
 Brendon and Stephanie Treece,
 April 23

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Prep for Meal 6 pm, Maundy Thursday Service/meal	3 10 am, Tai Chi 12 Noon, Good Friday Service. 6 pm, Good Friday Cantata	4 6 pm, Easter Vigil
5 EASTER 8:30 am, Breakfast and Egg Hunt 9:30 am, Easter Service of worship and communion	6	7 10 am, Tai Chi	8 9 am, Open Sewing	9 10 am, Tai Chi Manna House	10	11
12 9:30 am, Service Worship & Music meeting	13 10 am, Bible Study	14 10 am, Tai Chi	15 9 am, Open Sewing	16 10 am, Tai Chi	17	18 9 am, Quilt Guild 3 pm, SOAR
19 9:30 am, Service Council Meeting	20 10 am, Bible Study	21 10 am, Tai Chi	22 9 am, Open Sewing	23 10 am, Tai Chi	24	25
26:30 am, Service	27 10 am, Bible Study	28 10 am, Tai Chi 10 am, Book Club	29 9 am, Open Sewing	30 10 am, Tai Chi		

From the Music Director

Mary Monroe



Come to the Easter Cantata Friday evening at 6 pm.
It will be in the Sanctuary

Our Easter celebration is on Sunday and I look
Forward to the music on both Friday
And Sunday morning.

Love and prayers.
Mary

P.S. Don't forget to pick up a copy of the April, May, June Sunday Servants Schedule.

Sunday Servants

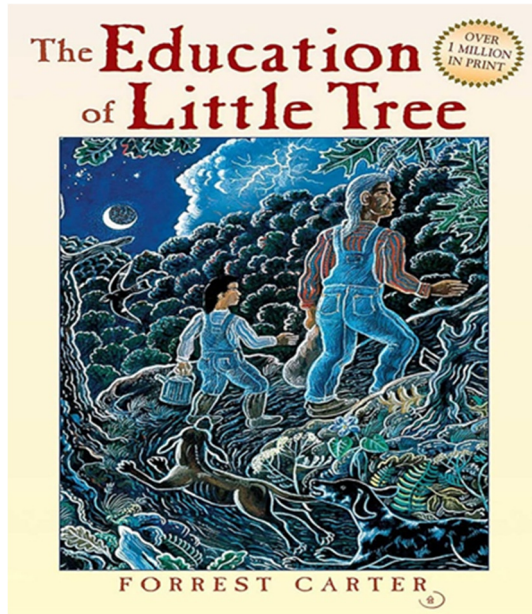
We need more Sunday Servants. Sunday Servants help coordinate the service by greeting, leading and bringing the congregation together for worship and communion.

Contact Mary or the church office if you are interested

**"The whole being of any Christian is faith and love.
Faith brings the person to God; love brings the person to people."**

Martin Luther

Lord of Life Literary Society



Our April discussion will be hosted by Carla Temple, on Tuesday, April 28, at 10:00 AM, in the Council Room.

April's selection is *The Education of Little Tree*, by Forrest Carter.

RSVP to Carla and join us for discussion and fellowship. All are welcome. Bring a friend

***“Reading is an exercise in empathy;
an exercise in walking in someone else’s shoes for a while.”***

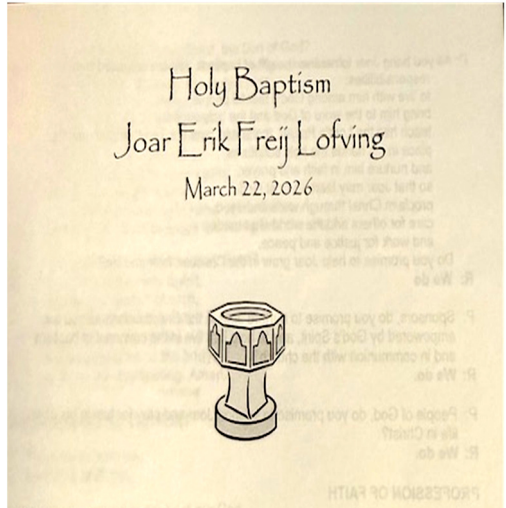
- Malorie Blackman



“Come, Let Us Pray

What looks impossible to man is possible with God...and it all starts with a single prayer. *I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Isaiah 38:5.*

As we enter the New Year, let us give the gift of prayer for each other by praying through the church directory and lifting the names of each member to God, aloud or silently. Directories are available in the church office.





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AGAPE FEAST



The Agape Feast is a service of Holy Communion and fellowship as we share a traditional first century meal much like our Corinthian ancestors ate. The service combines Psalms, Bible readings, hymns and sharing communion at our tables. Then, as a community, we sing our way into the sanctuary to complete the service by stripping the altar and hearing Psalm 22 read in the quiet and darkness. We leave in silence to contemplate Jesus' abundant love for us as He willingly gave up His life for ours.

Please note: This is not a typical Wednesday night soup and sandwich meal and then a worship service in the sanctuary. The Agape Feast is a combination of both. So we can begin on time, please be seated in the fellowship hall by 6:00 pm, on Thursday, April 2.

Reservations are required. Look for the sign-up sheet in the church hallway.



AGAPE FEAST PREP DAY



Volunteers Needed

To help prepare for the Agape Feast, please gather in the kitchen on Thursday, April 2, at 9:00 AM. Bring a vegetable peeler and/or paring knife with you.

If you prefer, we also need help in setting the tables and decorating for our first century meal.

There's lots to do. Our hands. God's work.

LORD OF LIFE YARD SALE



Very Successful and busy Yard Sale.

Just under \$2000 was raised.

Thanks to all who helped and participated and spent money!!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

From the Pastor:

As we are moving past Easter and towards Pentecost, we often forget about another festival of the church. You ever heard of the “forgotten festival”. What am I speaking of? “The Ascension of our Lord”. Perhaps it’s because it usually falls on a Thursday. Perhaps it’s overshadowed by the grand festival of Easter. Whatever the reason, many simply overlook the importance of this Holy Day. For your reference, this year, the Ascension of our Lord falls on May 14th (but always occurs forty days after Easter). We may wonder at times why Jesus didn’t just stay on earth after His death and resurrection. One could make the argument that life would be so much better if only Jesus had stayed on earth to be our Shepherd and King. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could just call up Jesus on the phone and tell Him our troubles and ask for His counsel and blessing? That said, I assure you that because Jesus ascended into heaven, we can go to Him, and He will hear us and continuously give His blessings. Listen to what Jesus tells His disciples, *“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”* (John 16:7) In other words, it is for our good that He returns to His Father, because when Jesus leaves, He will send us the Holy Spirit. It is through the Spirit that we are guided and directed into God’s knowledge and truth. The Holy Spirit’s work is powerful, and it is just as real today as it was on the day of Pentecost (which, by the way, is observed ten days after the ascension of Jesus which means this year it will be on Sunday, May 24th). Ascension Day, however, is the coronation celebration of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus’ ascension to the Father is His entrance to the greater existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Seated at the right hand of God, Jesus now intercedes on our behalf and for our good. Yet, our Lord remains present with us who remain bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising His rule in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His Sacraments. So, the Ascension of our Lord is a time of celebration and a source of comfort for all who trust in Jesus. He has the ability and authority to keep all His promises to you. And He will surely do it.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Bob

