



April  
2026



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# The Messenger

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GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greetings,

Our Lenten journey is drawing to a close and we are about to enter the Easter Season. I think it's very easy for us to see Easter as kind of "graduation" or the "big event" after five weeks of Lent. But in reality, Easter Day is just the beginning. Easter is far too big of an event for

us to celebrate for only one day. The church calendar gives us 50 days to celebrate! I have to be honest and say that as a Pastor, I'm usually exhausted after the extra events of Lent and Holy Week and I have often missed the opportunity to see Easter Day as the beginning of a beautiful 50 day celebration. That's going to change this year and I invite you to join me in a focused Easter journey 2026. Listed below are some of the ways we can celebrate the new life that Easter represents.



- PICNIC:** Grab some lunch and go sit by the lake to enjoy the budding new life
- ZOO:** Take a trip to a zoo to marvel at the glorious creatures God has made
- PRAYER:** Sit with a cup of coffee and meditate on a scripture verse each day
- DAY TRIP:** Head up to Lake Erie or over to Amish Country to enjoy a day away
- GARDENING:** Plant flowers or buy them already planted to brighten your space
- COOKOUT:** Plan a family cookout and enjoy the laughter and time together
- RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS:** Surprise someone and make their day

Whatever you decide to do, I pray that the grace and peace of the Easter Season fills your heart and soul with joy.

*Blessings, Pastor Karen*



Bear (Jamie's daughter) continues to suffer from seizures

Dale B (Carol's husband) lung cancer

Steve Hanger

Lisa Partin being treated for cancer

Nancy as she receives treatment for cancer

Peggy as her disease progresses

Colin as he battles a cancer

Scot Duncil treatment for cancer

Amanda Westrick breast cancer

Avon Ault heart surgery

Fred recovering from surgery



### KRAFTEE KRAFTERS

You are invited to join the Kraftee Krafters every Tuesday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. They work on various projects and even if you're not crafty come join the ladies to enjoy a cup of coffee and wonderful fellowship. If you have any questions call Nancy at (740) 341-8452



Pastor Karen's personnel review is underway. Three members of council and two members at large have received evaluation forms to complete.

Don created beautiful pamphlets about Galilee that have been placed at the Cornerstone Hotel.

Our Lenten Offerings to the new Loop At The Lake van service that is taking seniors at the lake to grocery stores twice a month.



**5th Greg Bowsher**

**10<sup>th</sup> Don Berlin**

**12<sup>th</sup> Carol Maier**

**18<sup>th</sup> Fred Meyers**

**18<sup>th</sup> Mike Wiechers**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Lori Horn**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Borgerding**

**24<sup>th</sup> BJ Fulton**



**15th Don & Deb  
Berlin**



In the back of the church there is a bookcase with a wide variety of books available to be read. Just grab a book and return it after you finish



Pastor Karen is in the office on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. She is able to meet on Mondays during the day and on weeknights if you'd like to schedule a meeting.



Our Bear it Bears are just waiting to be given to someone who is hurting in any way, physically, mentally or emotionally. They are sitting on the chairs in the front of the church. Just be sure to sign them out in the logbook on the bookcase in the entrance way of the church. This is one of our outreach programs, so let us bear one another's burdens and fulfill the love of Christ.



**EVERY THURSDAY**

**10:00 TO 10:45 AM**

**\$1.00 per class**

Grab a friend and join us for 45 minutes of stretching exercises. Chair Yoga is great for working the soreness out of muscles, strengthening our core and improving our balance as we age.



**Monday April 20th  
at The Landing  
10:00 AM**

All ladies of the church are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion around a faith based question.

Few things in life are more uplifting than gathering with sisters in Christ, sharing food, fun and fellowship.



**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> EASTER**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> John 20:19-31**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> John 10:1-10**

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.



Hi Folks, Mouse here; I'm back from my adventures with Nancy and Steven. If you remember, I jumped into the car when I heard that they were headed to Texas. I've always wanted to see the Lone Star state and boy was it fun.

On a hot Texas day we had the largest Banana Split you've ever seen. We were so excited that I only got a picture of what was left, which you can see wasn't much.

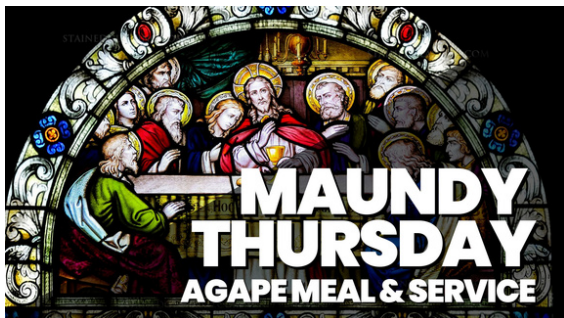
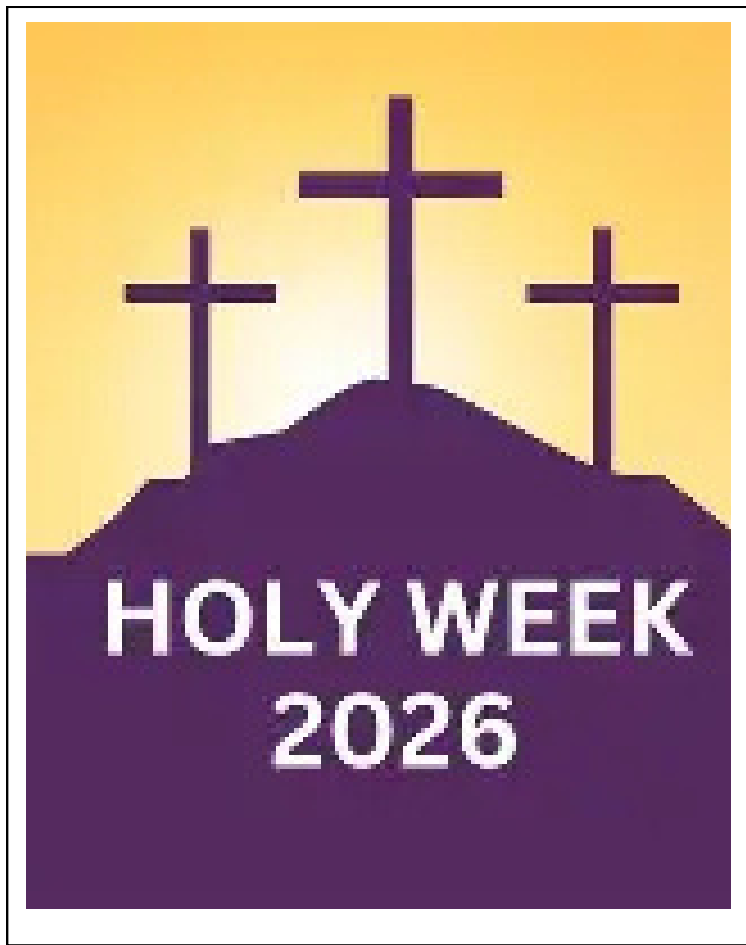


Speaking of big...checkout this Cinnamon Roll. That thing was big enough to make a four bedroom house for a mouse!

This must be a "Texas thing" because this Ohio mouse has no idea why you'd have a woman in a bathtub on the sidewalk

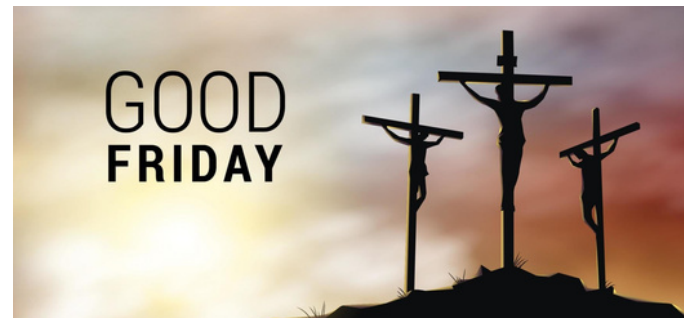


Wouldn't this Western Trail Cowboy Church be perfect for Larry and his horse? But don't tell them because we don't want them moving to Texas



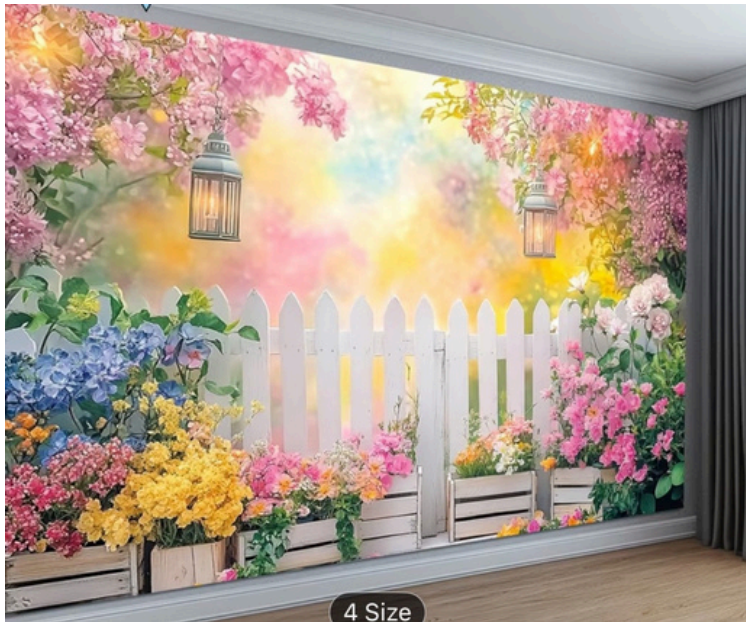
**Thursday April 2nd  
5:30 PM**

We will once again serve a meal, and as we are seated around the table, our service will flow during the meal. This gives us a small insight into what the night in which he instituted holy communion seated around the Passover table might have been like for his disciples.



**Friday April 3rd  
12:00 NOON**

Please notice the time change. Since our attendance at the Good Friday service has dwindled over the years, we decided to try a new service time. We're hoping that having the service at noon will allow everyone to observe one of the holiest days of the year and still be home in the evening to prepare for Easter



## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

We will have a beautiful, full colored, photography backdrop set up for Easter Sunday. This backdrop will give you the perfect place to take family pictures.



**Wednesday April 8th**  
**5:30 to 6:00 Dinner**  
**6:00 to 7:00 Program**

To tie in with our Lenten study on death and dying, we will finish things out with a wonderful information session by Juanita from Heartland Hospice. Hospice is one of the most misunderstood programs out there. While it is indeed a service that helps with end of life care for a patient and their family, it is also so much more.

Hospice can and will help patients in a variety of ways and they can start much sooner than we often realize. Juanita usually calls this session “Snacks and Facts” but we’re going to keep to our Wednesday schedule and will enjoy a full meal prior to her speaking with us.



Needed for budget	\$26,784.00
Offerings to date	\$29,420.72
Expenses to date	\$20,639.67
Amount more than budget	\$6,144.33
Offering more than expense	\$8,781.05
Food Pantry	\$1,060.00
Paid out in Jan.	-\$890.00
	\$170.00
Major Maint.	\$4,449.50
Joy	\$1,641.52
Krafty Krafters	\$435.73
Funeral	\$577.02
Lent offerings	\$525.00

## QUARTERLY PROPERTY REPORT

Repaired pieces of roof cap  
damaged by wind

The air compressor still has not  
been replaced, still shooting for  
this Spring



**Thursday April 30th  
5:00 PM**

Join us for a night of fun  
and fellowship as we  
celebrate the arrival of  
Spring.

Dinner starts at 5:00 and  
will be followed by  
games and conversation  
centered on the beauty  
and excitement that  
Spring brings.



# HOLY WEEK: A TIMELINE

## Chronological Bible Reading Plan



PALM SUNDAY

**Jesus triumphantly enter Jerusalem**  
**Matthew 21:1-11**

Also read: Matt. 20:17-34; Mark 11:1-11;  
Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19



TUESDAY

**Religious leaders question Jesus**  
**Matthew 21: 23-32**

Also read: Mark 11:20-33; Luke 20:1-8

MONDAY



**Jesus at the temple; curses a fig tree**  
**Matthew 21: 12-22**

Also read: Mark 11:12-19; Luke 19:45-48; John 12:12-19

WEDNESDAY



**Judas decides to betray Jesus**  
**Matthew 26:1-16**

Also read: Mark 11:11 - 14:11;  
Luke 20:1 - 22:6; John 12:20-50

MAUNDY THURSDAY



**The Last Supper**  
**Matthew 26:17-29**

Also read: Mark 14:12-25;  
Luke 22:7-62; John 13:1-35

GOOD FRIDAY



**Jesus' crucifixion**  
**Matthew 27:1-61**

Also read: Mark 15:1-47;  
Luke 22:66 - 23:55; John 18:28 - 19:42

SILENT SATURDAY

**Jesus was dead**  
**Matthew 27:62-66**  
Also read: Luke 23:56



EASTER SUNDAY

**Jesus is Risen!**  
**Matthew 28**

Also read: Mark 16:1-8;  
Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY	30	31 CEASAR CHAVEZ DAY	1	2  Maundy Thursday 5:30 PM	3  GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 NOON	4  Easter Egg Hunt 12:00 NOON
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12  WORSHIP THE LORD!	13	14 PAN AMERICAN DAY  <b>Krafty Krafters</b> 10-12  COUNCIL 6:00	15	16  Yoga 10:00  AA 6:00	17	18
19  WORSHIP THE LORD!	20  Ladies Breakfast at The Landing 10:00 AM	21  <b>Krafty Krafters</b> 10-12  AA 7:30	22	23  Yoga 10:00  AA 6:00	24	25
26  WORSHIP THE LORD!	27	28  <b>Krafty Krafters</b> 10-12  AA 7:30	29	30  SPRING PARTY 5:00 	1 LOYALTY DAY LAW DAY	2