

# Faith's Blessings

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## **Easter: The First Light After the Storm**

Every rainbow begins with a storm.

Scripture tells that truth long before we ever learned it in science class. Rainbows appear when the sky has spent itself—after the clouds have emptied, after the wind has howled, after the world has felt a little too dark and a little too uncertain. Only then does the light bend in such a way that color breaks open across the sky.

Easter works the same way.

Resurrection is God's response to darkness and chaos, to death and destruction, to the worst of what can happen. It is God stepping into the world's storms—not avoiding them, not pretending they aren't real—but transforming them from the inside out.

And resurrection doesn't wait for perfect conditions. It doesn't stay confined to a garden tomb or a Sunday sanctuary.

Resurrection occurs in our homes and on our way to work, in the brightness of Sunday dawn and in the darkness of Monday morning. It shows up in the quiet courage to try again, in the forgiveness we didn't think we could offer, in the small mercies that stitch us back together. It shows up in the rainbow moments—those unexpected flashes of color that remind us God is still creating, still healing, still bringing life where we least expect it.

Easter is the beginning, not the ending. It's the opening chapter we didn't anticipate. The first of many days to come.

So as we move through this season, may we keep our eyes open for the rainbows—those signs of God's promise shimmering at the edges of our ordinary days. May we trust that even when storms roll through, God is already bending the light toward hope. And may we step into this Easter season with the quiet confidence that resurrection is not just something God did once, long ago. It is something God is doing still.

God's blessings borne of Easter,

Pastor Kathy +





During the month of March we lifted the following in prayer: Max Trimpey, Kyle Temple, The family & friends of Delila "Dee" Dill, and Faith's Homebound Members.

### Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits bring the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. Hospital Chaplains do not always notify us. **We rely on** family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; **please call** the church office (814)443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Pastor Kathy



### Second Offering

We collected \$367 in March for the American Cancer Society. The April 2026 offering is designated for Salvation Army. This offering will be collected Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Faith Formation

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, Sunrise Service at 6:30 am, Breakfast at 7:30 am, Resurrection Service at 9 am

**Adult Sunday School** weekly at 10:30 am following worship service.

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, Catechism, 4-6 pm at Faith

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, Youth in Action, 4-6 pm, "The Empty Tomb"

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Donut Sunday, Kids Kingdom during Fellowship.

**DONUT SUNDAY**, Sponsors are needed. Please sign up.

**We thank those who are willing  
to serve for the month of April**



**April 2—M. Thurs.**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Brock Bowers
Assisting Minister	Bob Duppstadt	Acolyte	Darren Walker
Greeters	Randy Fieg & Steve Will		
Council Person	Bob Duppstadt		

**April 5—Sunrise**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Acolyte	Nolan Pyle
Greeters	Ryan Maust		

**April 5—Easter 9am**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Dave Pugh
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Olivia George
Greeters	Dave & Jane Pugh		

**April 12**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Dyle Pyle
Greeters	Nolan & Dylan Pyle		

**April 19**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Randy Fieg	Acolyte	Darren Walker
Greeters	Randy Fieg & Steve Will		

**April 26**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Cindy Miller
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Colleen Barndt
Greeters	Cindy Miller & Bridget Barndt		

**Please remember, if you have a “job” and can’t be here,  
You must find a replacement and Notify the office!**

# Maundy

## THURSDAY

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

*1 Corinthians 11:26*



**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 p.m.**  
**Service with**  
**Holy Communion**  
**and Stripping of the Altar.**

**Good Friday**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Passion of Our Lord**  
**Service at 7:00 p.m.**





**Easter Sunday**  
HE IS RISEN

**Sunrise Service (Indoors)  
6:30 A.M. with Holy Communion**

**EASTER BREAKFAST  
7:30 A.M.**

**Christ is Risen!  
9:00 A.M. Resurrection Service  
with Holy Communion,  
Children & Youth:  
Joyful Bell Processional**

# April 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			<b>1</b> <b>Midweek</b> <b>Lenten</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Maundy</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Sunrise Service</b> <b>6:30 a.m.</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>7:30 a.m.</b> <b>Resurrection</b> <b>Service w/Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>9 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>PASTOR KATHY ON VACATION</b>			<b>9</b> <b>No Bible</b> <b>Study</b>  <b>Council</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Worship 9 a.m.</b> <b>SCS 10:30 a.m.</b>  <b>2nd Offering—</b> <b>Salvation Army</b>	<b>PASTOR KATHY ON VACATION</b>			<b>16</b>  <b>No Bible</b> <b>Study</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Creative</b> <b>Crafters</b> <b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>19</b>  <b>Worship 9 a.m.</b> <b>SCS 10:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Confirmation</b> <b>4—6 p.m. @</b> <b>Faith</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Social</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  <b>VBS Planning</b> <b>Meeting 7 p.m.</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  <b>Worship 9 a.m.</b> <b>SCS 10:30 a.m.</b>  <b>YIA 4 - 6 p.m.</b> <b>"The Empty</b> <b>Tomb"</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>		
<b>Second offering</b> <b>for April is</b> <b>the Salvation Army</b>						



**FAITH'S  
HEARTSTRINGS MINISTRY  
LENT & EASTER**

**Serving Christ and Community  
In Community with One Another**

Lent isn't about what we give up as much as what we take on. Maybe it's about listening for God's voice naming the needs of the world — and then doing what we can, with joy, with our own small part, saying, "I'm helping." (from Pastor Kathy's newsletter message)

This March and April we have a chance to live that out through our Heartstrings Outreach Ministry for Lazarus Gate Food Pantry. As part of our Lenten journey and Easter celebration, we will collect these items noted in need by the Pantry (a collection area will be set up in the sanctuary):

**Green Beans (Pastor's favorite) 😊**

**Peanut Butter**

**Tuna**

**Mac n Cheese**

**Applesauce**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<b>Charles Rhoads</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>Justin Rhoads</b>	<b>April 16</b>
<b>Cynthia Miller</b>	<b>April 3</b>	<b>Kimberly Clark</b>	<b>April 19</b>
<b>Gloria Weyant</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>Asher Custer</b>	<b>April 22</b>
<b>Dawn Walker</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>David Custer</b>	<b>April 24</b>
<b>Kathy Rhoads</b>	<b>April 8</b>	<b>Laura Miller</b>	<b>April 24</b>
<b>Debra Gudes</b>	<b>April 12</b>	<b>Ava Friedline</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Alan Shockey</b>	<b>April 13</b>		



# HAPPY Anniversary

<b>Dalton &amp; Lori Dill</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>45 years</b>
<b>Steve &amp; Dawn Will</b>	<b>April 11</b>	<b>34 years</b>
<b>Charles &amp; Kathy Rhoads</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>48 years</b>
<b>David &amp; Sandra Pyle</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>48 years</b>



## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Kid's Kingdom—1st Sunday of Each Month 10:30 am

Youth in Action! Last Sunday of the Month

























