

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CONNECTIONS

APRIL 2019



HOLY WEEK

Each day of **Holy Week** (April 14-20) has been appointed a festival day by Christians since the earliest times to refresh us in the profound truths of Jesus' obedience and suffering during that week.



PALM SUNDAY is both a joyful and somber day. A procession with palms and hosannas commemorate our Lord's joyful entry in Jerusalem and traditionally the somber passion account of Jesus Christ is read in its entirety.

MAUNDY THURSDAY begins the **Triduum**—the three most sacred days of Holy Week. Also known as "Holy Thursday," this day is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. In the service, after the Lord's Supper is celebrated, it is customary to "strip the altar" which symbolizes the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life.

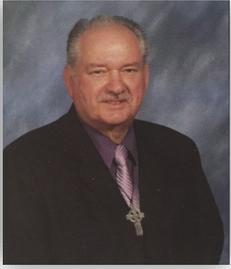


GOOD FRIDAY centers around the passion readings in the Gospel of John. The Christ candle is removed from the sanctuary and a concluding "Strepitus" or loud noise symbolizes the earthquake and agony of creation at the death of Christ. St. Luke will celebrate two services this day: 1pm and 7pm.

HOLY SATURDAY is the dark night which gives way to the bright morning of Christ's resurrection. You might say that the whole life of the baptized is a life of waiting, of joyful expectation not complete until we close our eyes this side of glory and awaken them to see Jesus face to face. Easter is not a surprise ending for us but an ending we know and for which we hope. Service time: 8pm.



PASTOR'S CORNER...



"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls but the Word of the Lord remains forever."

1 Peter 1:24

As I prepare to celebrate Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord, these words are especially meaningful to me. I'm 83 and wilting fast. The end is not far away, but that doesn't worry me because I know what happens next. I know the One who went through death to new life. I know the One who promised me the same thing. And I know He keeps His promises. As St. Peter reports, the Word stands forever!

There are lots of words going around now, especially in the world of politics. Words fly all over the place, but truth is rarely among those words. I get a bang out of those who complain when someone keeps the laws forgetting the truth that they were put into effect during previous administration. Then there are others who offer free stuff to everyone, when the truth is there is no way to pay for it all. Or those who praise same sex 'marriage', when the truth is marriage was instituted by God to be between one man and one woman.

The words that people spout can say anything. But so little is absolute honest truth. The truth is we and this world will die, but death could not hold Jesus, the very Word of God! Jesus suffered and died for the forgiveness of our sins, but He rose again! This is a fact. His promise: "And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" is truth. Jesus conquered death and everything connected to it. Believe this truth. It is for you.

God's peace,
Pastor Hinz

SACRISTY CARE



L: Sharon Stocker
R: Pam Kulczycki

Sacristy Care is a function of the congregation through the Women's Guild that prepares the altar and surrounding areas for worship. The process entails weekly cleaning by a team of two along with changing the paraments to the appropriate colors with respect to the celebrations of the church year.

All members of the St. Luke congregation are invited to be a part of this process.

Young Gentlemen's Club

MOTHER'S TEA



Justin Kijorski serving tea to guests at the Mother's Tea held Sunday, March 24.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Maggie Ihnen	April 7
Christine Schroeder	April 11
Ethel Krudy	April 16
Ed Schultz	April 19
Pastor Hinz	April 30