

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 4/12

9am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
2:30pm That Dessert Thing

Monday 4/13

5pm Baseball Practice
5:30pm Soccer Practice
6pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 4/14

5pm Baseball Practice
5:30pm Soccer Practice
5:30pm Missions Meeting
6pm Disciple 1
7pm Boy Scouts
7pm EV Bible Study

Wednesday 4/15

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study
10:30am Fitness Class
5:30pm Disciple 3
5:30pm Baseball Practice
5:30pm Soccer Practice

Thursday 4/16

5:30pm Baseball Practice
5:30pm Soccer Practice

Saturday 4/18

8am UWF Winnebago District Meeting
8:30am UMM off-site meeting

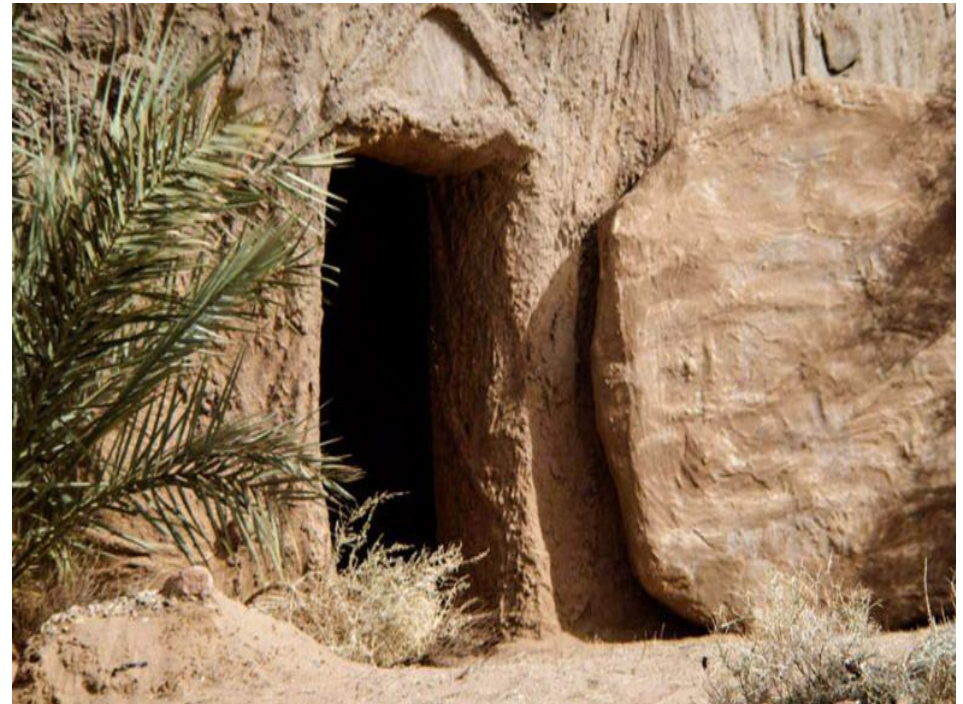
Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God~

All that we have comes from God; we are caretakers of what belongs to Him. As an act of faith, we return a portion of God's provision for the growing and continuation of His work. There is an offering plate as you enter for tithes and offerings, you can send them through our website, or they may be mailed to the church office.



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Order of Worship for April 12, 2026

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of Praise:** "Amazing Love"

"O Worship the King"

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 30 UMH #762

Liturgist: Richard Bahling

One: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

Many: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

One: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

Many: restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Many: Surely the Lord's anger is but for a moment; the Lord's favor is for a lifetime.

One: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Many: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

One: By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;

Many: you hid your face, I was dismayed.

One: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

Many: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?"

One: Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Many: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

One: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have loosened my sackcloth and girded me with gladness, that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

Many: O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

***Scripture:** Matthew 28: 1-10 (NRSV)

Discipleship Time: Pastor Jim

Prayer Song: "Because He Lives"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message: Pastor Jay

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

Gracious God,

in the risen Christ, you meet us in our emptiness and at the empty tomb, not with explanations but with your living presence. You roll away the stones that confine us and call us by name, turning our fear into joy and our sorrow into hope.

Receive these gifts as signs of lives transformed by resurrection. Send us now to our Galilee-into the ordinary places of our lives - to bear witness to your new creation, to live as your restored people, and to proclaim the risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***Benediction**

*** = Stand as able**

****Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available from any usher****

Altar flowers given by the Kazy-Garey Family in honor of Neurodiversity & Autism Acceptance Month.

Matthew 28:1-10(NRSV)

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^(a) lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead,^(b) and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."