



FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2023

A LETTER FROM PASTOR

The Sunday between the 5th Sunday of Lent and Easter has a bit of a complicated history. Recent memory might recall that day called either “Palm Sunday” or “Passion Sunday.” The story I’d heard was that it was traditionally Palm Sunday, the triumphant entry setting the stage for Holy Week, and preparing us for the the institution of the Lord’s Supper on Maundy Thursday, the crucifixion on Good Friday, and resurrection on Easter morn. However, as congregations became less and less willing to come out for all the events of Holy Week, Palm Sunday became problematic as worshipers would shout in joy one Sunday, and sing “Hallelujah!” the next. If they missed Good Friday, they missed the crucifixion. This created the confusing reality of Jesus’ resurrection being a surprise, since they missed his death. The logical liturgical adaption was to shift Palm Sunday to Passion Sunday so that congregations would get the entire story palms to tomb. This way they had the option of celebrating Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, though if they couldn’t make it, they would still have heard the whole story.

This story, though logical, overlooks the actual history.

Until 1959 the Fifth Sunday of Lent was officially known in the Roman Catholic Church as Passion Sunday and marked the beginning of “Passiontide.” At this time, Lent, like Advent, had 4 Sundays. Passiontide was a season within a season, leading up to Easter that included: Passion Sunday, “Lazarus Saturday”, and the entirety of Holy Week. This two week period allowed congregations to prepare for, and live through, the journey of Holy Week and in turn create a bigger build for the festivities of Easter.

What we call the Fifth Sunday of Lent, was the First Sunday of Passiontide.

What we call Palm/Passion Sunday, was the Second Sunday of Passiontide.

It was in the years leading up to Vatican II that the Second Sunday of Passiontide was lengthened to the “Second Sunday of the Passiontide or Palm Sunday.” After Vatican II, the “First Sunday of the Passiontide” was changed to the “Fifth Sunday of Lent.” With that change the “Second Sunday of the Passiontide or Palm Sunday” became simply “Passion or Palm Sunday.”

Parts of this tradition have left their fingerprints on our liturgy.

This year on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (3/26) we heard John’s account of the resurrection of Lazarus, the standard reading on “Lazarus Saturday” during the first week of Passiontide.

In the Service Book & Hymnal (the old Lutheran “red book” published in 1958) there were 6 Sundays of Lent, followed by Holy Week, then Easter.

In the Lutheran Book of Worship (the “green book” published 1978) the 5 Sundays of Lent were followed by “Sunday of the Passion/*Palm Sunday*.”

Is one of these approaches better than the others?

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Should it be Palm Sunday, Passion Sunday, or part of the two week Passiontide?

I believe what's most important is that we are prepared to celebrate the good news we find at the empty tomb.

I think whether we take 1 week, 2 weeks, or one Sunday to prepare ourselves, that we arrive with Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. Those first witnesses were prepared to mourn as they headed to the tomb to check on the body of Christ, when Jesus surprised them.

Regardless of the length of our celebration, may we too be prepared for what we expect, and for Jesus to surprise us.

Pastor Hill



Busy Bees



- Thanks to resource board for getting our hive up to code for fire inspections!
- Thanks to our Faith community for supporting our February cause of the month! With your gifts we were able to provide 100 pairs of shoes, 18 pairs of sweatpants, and 36 pairs of underwear.

Butterfly Decorating

Join us in the Glass Hallway after worship on April 2nd to decorate butterflies! These will be hung on the windows for Easter!
Everyone is welcome!



Easter Brunch



Join us after worship on Easter Sunday for brunch!

Please bring your favorite dish or side.

A sign up sheet is posted by the donut table on Sunday morning, please write what you are bringing.



Holy Week and Easter

Join us for Palm Sunday and the celebration and glory of Holy Week!

4/2 @ 9:30AM	Palm Sunday
4/2 @ 10:30AM	Butterfly Decorating
4/6 @ 7:00PM	Maundy Thursday
4/7 @ 7:00PM	Good Friday
4/9 @ 9:30AM	Easter Sunday followed by our Easter Brunch!

CAUSE OF THE MONTH TACO SUNDAY



Taco Sunday is back! This month we kick off our first Taco Sunday of 2023. In partnership with 2 Tones Brewing Company and Uncle Will's Wagon, Faith provides free meals to members of our community right here in the parking lot! Taco Sunday is held the last Sunday of the month from 5-7PM in the church parking lot April-October.

February 2023 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results	Monthly		
	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2023	Budget 2023
Support and Revenue	\$ 17,367	\$ 23,389	\$ 15,717
Expenses	18,738	18,785	18,193
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (1,371)	\$ 4,604	\$ (2,476)

Year-to-Date		
Feb. 2022	Feb. 2023	Budget 2023
\$ 33,296	\$ 36,319	\$ 31,434
38,459	36,443	36,386
\$ (5,162)	\$ (124)	\$ (4,952)

As a result of some large, one-time offerings, we ended the month of February with a surplus of \$4,604. Our year-to-date deficit is only \$124, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$4,952. Our balance in the Operating Fund stands at \$21,367, which probably means it will be several months before we need to tap into other unrestricted funds in order to pay for operating expenses.

Offerings to other funds and causes during February included: Loan Fund, \$795; Then, Now, Forever Fund, \$440; Cause of the Month (Faith Mission Shoe Drive), \$1,665, and LSS Souper Bowl Sunday, \$1,311.

BIRTHDAYS

1 SUE HERTZOG	16 TED COONFARE
01 JIM WILLE	22 MADISON OLIVA
04 JEAN ROFF	24 ED STOVER
08 NORMA SILVERS	26 RON NESTER
14 JEFF JENKINS	26 KEVIN OLIVA

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

13 JIM & SUE WILLE
23 TIM & CHARLENE COY
26 JOSEPH & CARMELLA BISER

Prayer Requests

- Norma Anderson, Karen Evan's son's mother in law, who is recovering from ankle surgery.
- Sue Wille, who is dealing with a cancerous tumor located in her thigh.
- Lisa Robinson-Boyer, sister of Karen Brown.
- Dwight Hedrick, & tom Heuer, friends of Alan & Linda Mittermaier.
- Jennie Brown, mother of Sue Parr, who broke her hip.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						1
2 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:35AM Zoom Palm Sunday	3 7:00PM Praise Board	4	5 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters Albrecht & Michaelangelo, Artists, 16th cent	6 9:00AM Men's Breakfast @ Tee Jay's 7:00PM Maundy Thursday 8:00PM Resource Board	7 7:00PM Good Friday	8 Holy Saturday
9 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Brunch 11:35AM Zoom Easter Sunday	10 Church office Closed Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557	11 1:00PM Circle Bible Study	12 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters	13 7:00PM Council	14	15
16 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:35AM Zoom	17	18	19 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters Olavus & Larentius Petri, Renewers of the church. 16th century	20	21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109	22
23 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:35AM Zoom	24	25 St Mark, Evangelist	26 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters	27	28	29 Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380
30 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:35AM Zoom 5-7PM Taco Sunday			<h1>April</h1>			

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