



# St. John's Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love*

**Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2023 - updated March 15**

## Wednesday Nights Together in Lent

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 - Soup Supper, 6:00 pm + Reflection & Vespers, 6:30-7 pm

Reflection theme: *Caring for One Another*

All are invited to gather for fellowship, fun, and reflection in this Lenten Season. Each Wednesday a simple meal of soup and bread will be served. Following the meal, we will focus on caring for one another by building life-giving relationships. A time of "getting to know you" and sharing will be followed by a closing of candlelight vespers. Invite your neighbors and friends!

*For children:* Story-time with Deacon Katie in the Mission Building.

Children will return for closing vespers.

## How you can help with Wednesday Nights Together in Lent

**For the meal:** Sign up on the fellowship pad to bring a pot of your favorite soup. If you are not in church, you may call the church office by Tuesday during the week to sign up.

**For the worship:** All members are invited to provide a candlestick or candleholder for use in worship throughout Lent. Please bring to Sunday worship by February 26. If you would like yours back after the season, stickers to put your name on the bottom will be available at drop off—but please do not bring a family heirloom!

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## Lenten Book Study

*Outlaw Christian* by Jacqueline Bussie

Sundays, March 19 and 26, 11:30 am-12:15 pm, In-person & Zoom

Thursdays, March 16, 23, and 30, Noon -12:45 pm, In-person & Zoom

Bring a bag lunch

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## Author Reception/Q&A with Jacqueline Bussie

**NOTE: REVISED DATE:** Monday April 3, 7 pm -- home of Chuck & Claria Gorgen, 12 Claire's Point Road

All who are reading the book "Outlaw Christian" by Dr. Bussie are invited for dessert and a Q&A with the author. Refreshments will be provided. You only need to bring your book if you would like it to be signed by the author.

**Those who are reading the book but not participating in a reading group, please RSVP for this event by calling or emailing the church office.**

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## Easter Egg Hunt with Storytime

Saturday, April 1, 1:30-2:30 pm

All children are invited - members, friends, and neighbors! Games, egg hunting, story time, crafts, and refreshments. *Please invite friends!*

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## Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Sunday, April 2 + 8:15 - In-person and Livestream + 10:30 am - In-person

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## Coming soon!

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Easter Egg Hunt

April 1

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**HOLYWEEK**

Prayer Labyrinth

April 3, 4, & 5

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Maundy Thursday

April 6

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Good Friday

April 7

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The Vigil of Easter

April 8

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Easter Sunday

April 9

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## **Prayer Labyrinth**

**Monday, April 3, Tuesday, April 4, and Wednesday April 5 + 9 am-4 pm and 5-7 pm**

All are invited to observe Holy Week by walking the labyrinth, an experience many find deeply prayerful. The beautiful labyrinth covers the floor of the sanctuary. Quiet music will accompany your journey of prayer as you slowly walk to and from the heart of the labyrinth.

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## **Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday, April 6, 7 pm - In-person and Livestream**

We remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment that we love one another. Individual absolution of sin is offered as we end the season of Lent. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

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## **Good Friday**

**Friday, April 7, 7 pm - In-person and Livestream**

We share scripture, song, and images - a powerful reflection on God who dies to defeat the power of death.

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## **The Great Vigil of Easter**

**Saturday, April 8, 8 pm - In-person and Livestream**

The pageant of Holy Saturday celebrates our passage with Christ from darkness into light, from the cross of Good Friday to the empty tomb of Easter. We start in darkness outdoors at the new fire of Easter and end with the sanctuary dressed for Easter! Holy Communion will be celebrated.

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## **The Festival of the Resurrection - Easter Sunday Worship**

**Sunday, April 9 + 8:15 - In-person and Livestream + 10:30 am - In-person + Breakfast 9:30 am**

We gather on this most glorious day in the church year to lift our Alleluias in celebration of the promise of Resurrection that is ours in Jesus Christ! Holy Communion will be celebrated.