



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 30TH - APRIL 5th, 2026

HOLY WEEK

I will lift up
the cup
of salvation
and call
on the name
of the LORD.

Psalms 116:13



The LORD
has laid on him
the iniquity
of us all.

ISAIAH 53:6

EVERYONE
WHO BELIEVES
IN HIM RECEIVES
FORGIVENESS OF SINS
THROUGH HIS NAME.

ACTS 10:43



[Click Here for Easter Lily Slideshow](#)



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MAR 29 @ 9:15 AM
PALM SUNDAY



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APR 2 @ 7PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY



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APR 3 @ 8PM
GOOD FRIDAY



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APR 5 @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
EASTER SUNDAY



*Maundy
Thursday*

April 2nd, 2026

Worship at 7 pm

Parker Althoff
Addison Crocker
Jayde Hartwig
Kyson Maag
Birkley Snell
Kent Fuller





*Good
Friday*

*April 3rd, 2026
Worship at 8 pm*

Lent

Facebook Daily Devotions
@ 9 am or 9 pm

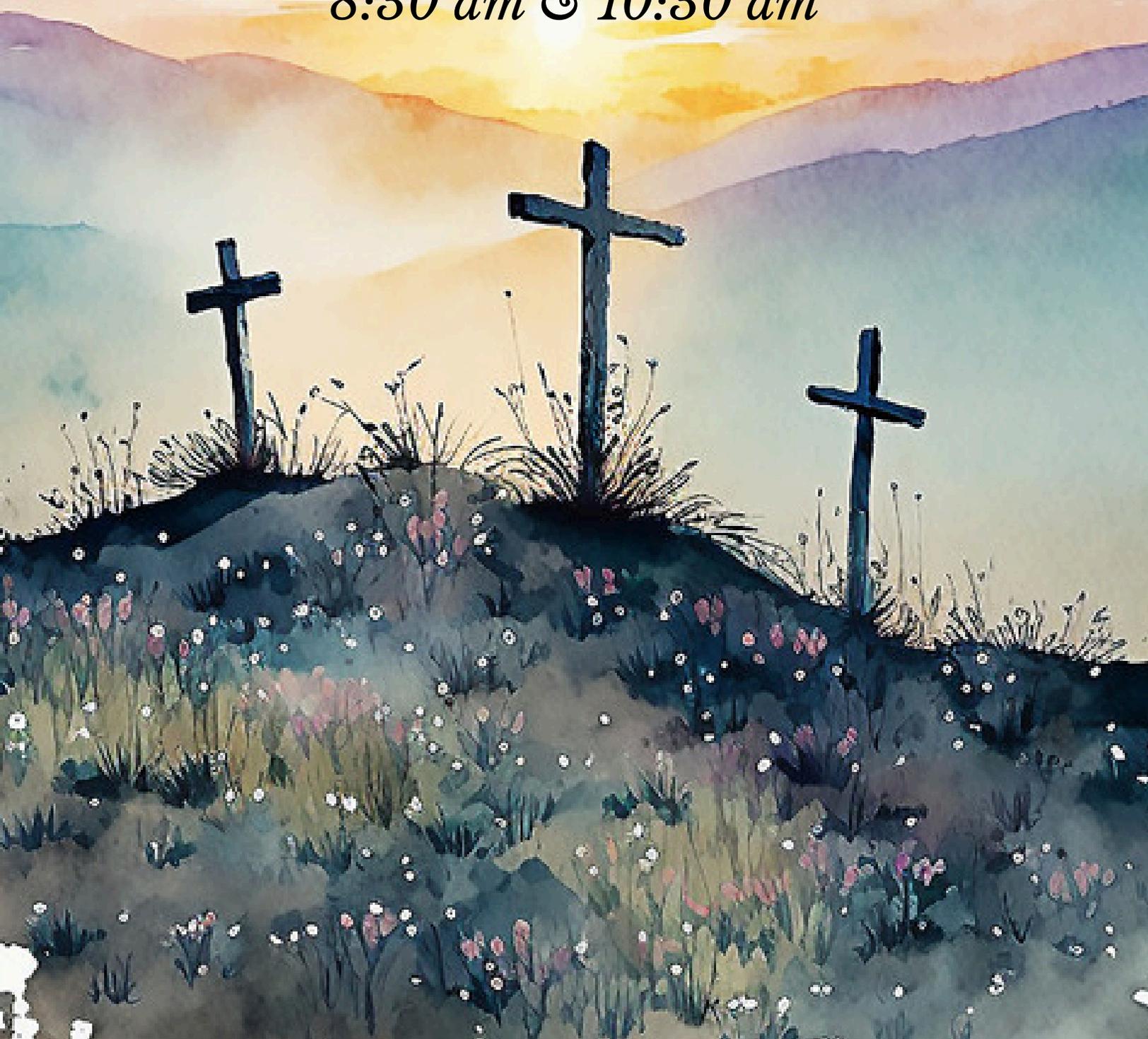
Pastor Craig & Pastor Janine
will be on Facebook Live
Thursday, February 19th -
Saturday, April 4th



Easter Sunday

April 5th, 2026

*Worship at
8:30 am & 10:30 am*



Cross Raising Service **Wednesday, April 8th,** **in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm**



The large cross will be installed in the Sanctuary that night during a worship service as we give thanks to God for all His blessings!

Cookies, donuts, and coffee to follow!



Youth Group Fundraiser

Funds will be used for Youth Group Faith-building experiences such as Quake (retreat weekend), Christian concerts, and local youth group activities.

Option 1 Short Sleeve Tshirt



\$20 Youth \$25 Adult

Option 2 Long Sleeve Tshirt



\$25 Youth \$30 Adult

Option 3 Sweatshirt



\$30 Youth \$35 Adult

Option 4 Quarter Zip



\$40 Adult

Option 5 Baseball Hat



Cash and Carry at the church or special order! **\$25**

Order forms can be dropped off or mailed to the church office or emailed to:
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Hosanna Parent Group

We all want to raise great kids who love Jesus, but the pressures of modern life seem to work against our ability to do that. This study brings hope to weary parents doing their best to raise great kids!

**Join us for a 6 week study
on Sunday mornings from
10:45-11:30.**

**Let's connect and support
each other in this
parenting journey!**

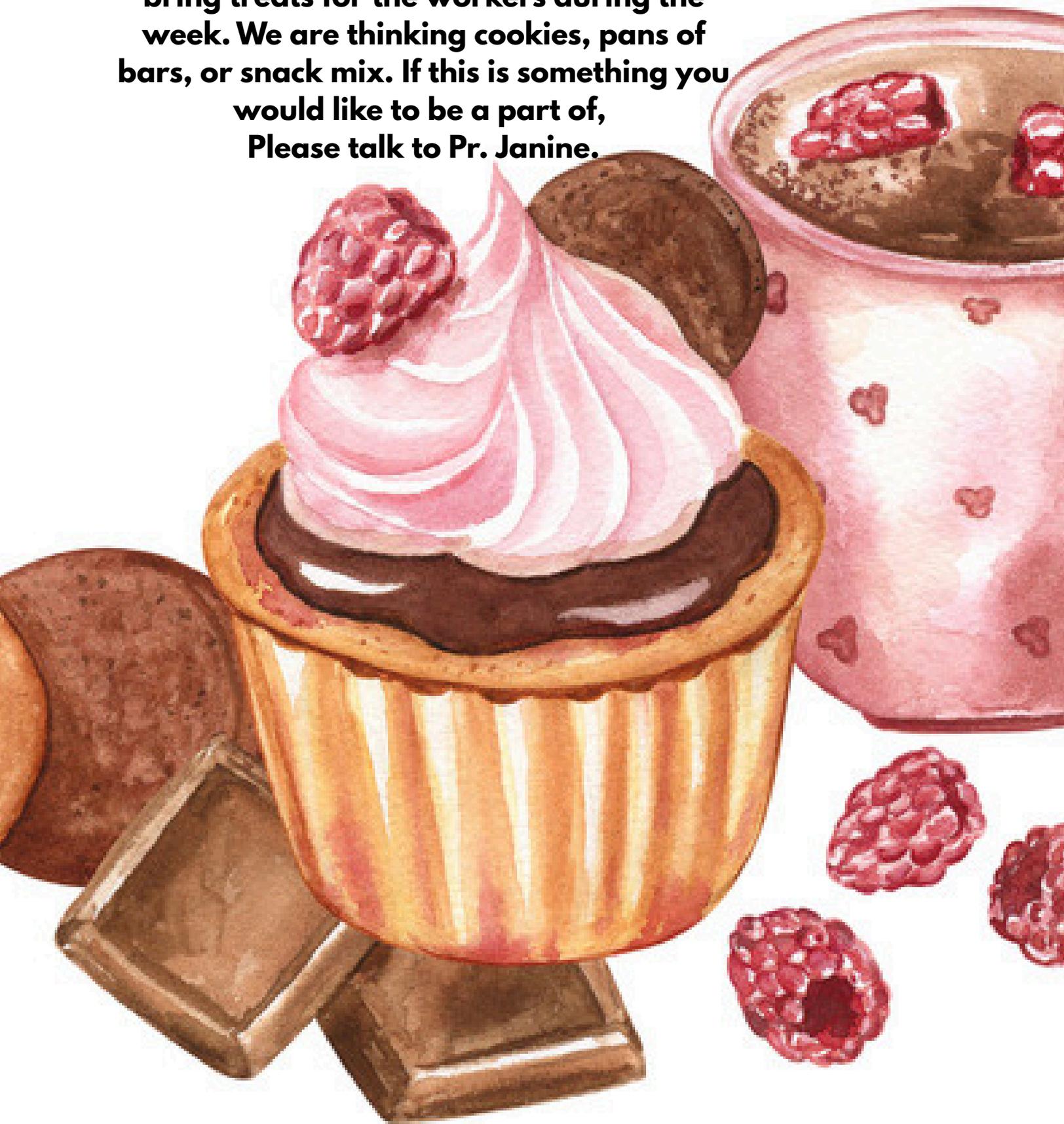
(during Faith Formation)

**We will finish up our
Bible study on
April 12th & 19th**



Treats for the Workers!

We would love to start a little group to bring treats for the workers during the week. We are thinking cookies, pans of bars, or snack mix. If this is something you would like to be a part of, Please talk to Pr. Janine.



Prayer Time
Tuesday Mornings
@ 9:30 am
at the church!



Join Us

Every Tuesday

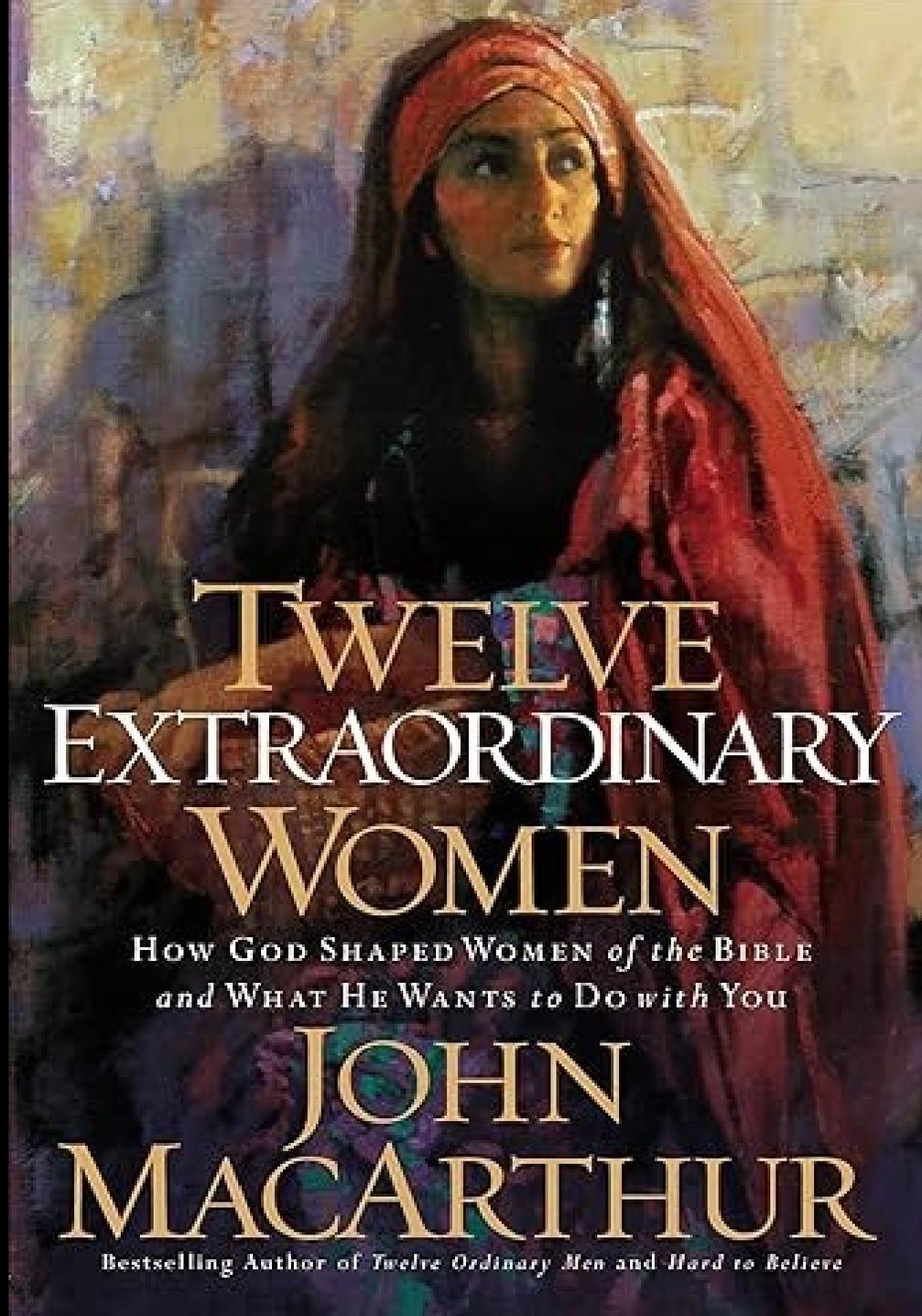
@ 10am for

Coffee &

Fellowship

in the Chapel!





Faith Circle

Thursday, April 2nd

@ 2:00 pm

in the Chapel

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Easter Day – April 5, 2026

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’”

*– Matthew 28:10 –
Do Not Be Afraid*

We experience the joy and peace of the Resurrection of Jesus with twenty-twenty vision. The revelation of Jesus and the truth of His teachings were not revealed to us suddenly. We wonder how they didn't know. We wonder why they were afraid. We have seen the end of the story, we know God's work of salvation was fulfilled in Jesus. They didn't have the same perspective. They lived the horror of the crucifixion and despite Jesus' promises, never expected the events of Easter Sunday. They did not know what would happen next.

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb to take care of Jesus' body. A great earthquake shook the earth, and they discovered the tomb was empty. An angel told them not to be afraid. I don't know about you, but those words rarely have the intended effect. The women had reason to be afraid: an earthquake, an angel, and no body. The angel told them to go tell the disciples that He had risen. They departed with fear and great joy. Then Jesus appeared before them and said, “Greetings!” They fell at His feet and worshipped Him. Now, more than ever, you might think that they would let go of the fear. Jesus was alive and standing before them, but He knew this was more than they could bear. “Do not be afraid. Go and tell the good news.” Jesus gave them peace to do what they were called to do. Jesus comes to us in the same way: to give us courage to go and tell His story despite our fear.

The empty tomb was a sign that God did something amazing with Jesus, but everything became clear as Jesus appeared to the witnesses. Their stories make it clear to us today. We look back and see God's work finished in Jesus, and experience peace that we could never know without Him. Peace of heart. Peace with God. Peace that changes the world. We are now called to join with the first witnesses in sharing that peace, preaching that Christ died but was raised by the God who keeps His promises.

Easter Day

April 5, 2026

Proclamation Points

The following are some thoughts and questions to be used for a text study on the weekly lessons, or for jump-starting the imagination of the preacher and hearer in preparing for the proclamation event.



For if you believe that by this seed the serpent has been slain, then it is slain for you; and if you believe that in this seed all nations are to be blessed, then you are also blessed. For each one individually should have crushed the serpent under foot and redeemed himself from the curse, which would have been too difficult, nay impossible for us.

– Martin Luther –
Sermon for Easter Day

Acts 10:34–43

The extension of God’s promises and mercies to the Gentiles marks a radical new direction for the message of the cross. The salvation brought about in Christ Jesus, through his death and resurrection, is not only for a small group of people or a single nation. Rather, it is the salvation of all — people of every race and tongue. Biblically, the word for “nations” (eJne: ethne) was the same word used to refer to the unbelieving “Gentiles” (i.e., non-Jews).

Peter’s speech in Acts highlights this extension of the Gospel to the Gentiles. God, who raised Jesus from the dead, shows no partiality to a certain race or tongue. He chooses people from all peoples, making them his own through the preaching of Christ.

• *Why is it significant that the Gospel is extended to the Gentiles?*

Where does that leave the people of Israel?

• *What is our role in bringing the Good News to the nations?*

Psalms 16

The psalmist declares that he has no good apart from the Lord. God alone is the source of his strength, protection, and blessing. It is easy for us to come up with alternative explanations for the good things that happen to us. Our hard work, our endurance, our skill, and even our luck — these are all given credit for the good we experience. But the psalmist knew that none of that counts for anything apart from God. Salvation is found only in him.

• *Is our hard work or endurance or skill irrelevant to our*

experiences in this life? What does God have to do with that?

• *Why is it important to recognize and confess that, ultimately, all our blessings come from God?*

Colossians 3:1–4

Christians are often tempted to float off into the realm of the spiritual, to cast off earthly concerns in favor of higher pursuits. At first glance, passages like this from Colossians might seem to encourage such endeavors. As Christians, we are exhorted to set our minds on the things above, rather than the things of this earth. It is easy to fall into the ditch of “spiritualism.”

But this passage must be understood in its proper context. The Colossians are being courted by those who encourage a “philosophy” that will lead to a higher understanding. This philosophical quest is turning the Colossians away from

the one in whom life is truly to be found. The exhortation we find here in Chapter 3 is to give up earthly pursuits of spirituality in favor of clinging to Christ. It is Christ who has defeated death; it is in Christ that believers find their lives.

• *In what ways does “spiritualism” continue to provide a temptation for Christians? How can attempts to seek a “higher understanding” turn us away from Christ?*

• *In what sense do we already participate in the resurrection? In what ways is it also still a future reality for us?*

Matthew 28:1–10

When we consider the long and detailed gospel accounts of Jesus’ trial and crucifixion, the brevity of the Easter story is rather shocking. The event that is at the heart of the Christian faith is summed up in a handful of verses. The simple declaration that Jesus has been raised from the dead is only a few words. But that is no accident. Once death has been defeated, once Jesus has broken free from the tomb, there is little more to say. God’s ancient promise of salvation is fulfilled in this remarkable event. It is as simple and as profound as that.

• *Do you think the resurrection accounts are brief because they*

are less important than the crucifixion? Explain.

The angel in the tomb had two instructions for the women: come and see; go and tell. The women were invited right into the burial chamber to see the place Jesus had occupied. They were invited to see for themselves that Jesus was no longer there. Once they had seen, they were to go and tell. They were to bear witness to Jesus’ defeat of death. They were to be the ones who first delivered the Good News to Jesus’ beloved disciples.

• *What do you think it would have been like to walk right into Jesus’ empty tomb? What significance do you find in the women being given the task of bearing the news of the resurrection to Jesus’ other disciples?*

The angel tells the women not to be afraid. Even though they are witnessing something beyond their understanding — even though the guards at the tomb are frozen in fear — these women are told not to fear. When they leave the tomb to go and tell, Matthew tells us they went with “fear and great joy.” The wonder of the resurrection was still a mystery to them, but the joy of salvation had started to creep in.

• *Have you ever experienced joy and fear simultaneously? What kinds of circumstances create that combination of emotions?*

• *Does the resurrection story still capture your heart?*

MON

Office open

Mon - Thurs 10am - 2pm

Office CLOSED Easter Monday, April 6th

TUE

9:30 - Prayer

10:00 - Coffee

10:00 - YARN



WED

7:15 - Choir Practice



THU

10:00 - Coffee

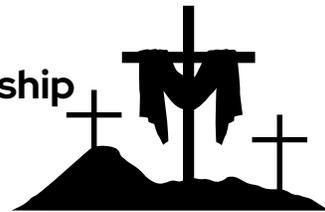
7:00 - Maundy Thursday Worship/

1st Communion



FRI

8:00 - Good Friday Worship



SAT

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8:30 - Worship

9:30 - Coffee

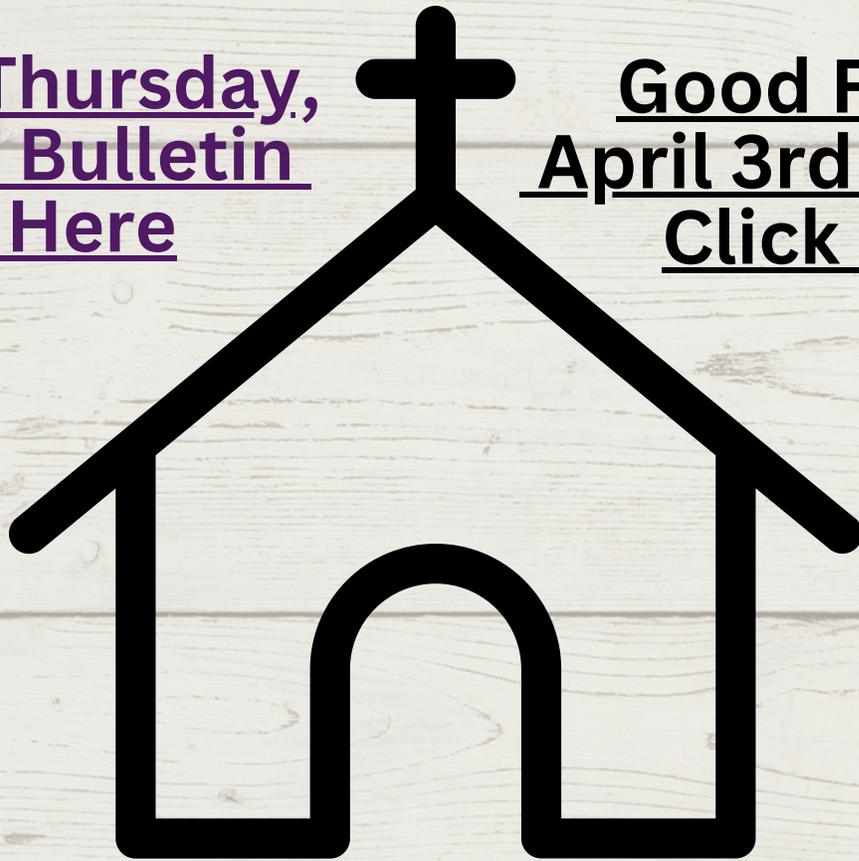
10:30 - Worship



This Weeks Bulletins

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LIVE

STREAM



APR. Servant Team!

Servant Team #7 - Serves - April and November 2026

- Benson, Earl
- Brekke, Terry & Sharon
- Bue, Harvey & Doris
- Davidson, Betty
- Erickson, Larry & Lisa
- Erickson, Terry
- Farthing, Don & Karen
- Geist, Nate & Lindsay & family
- Gjerst, Logan & Bethany & family
- Griep, Brad & Diane
- Hartwig, Jake & Amanda & family
- Hopkins, Linda
- Jacobson, Bill & Terra
- Jones, Dana & Rose
- Jorgenson, Deb
- Kalt, Dean & Vonnie
- Larson, Sharon
- Lawrence, Bryce & Karissa & family
- Mohning, Tim & Emily & family
- Nichols, Lannie & Gina
- Petersen, Terry & Peggy
- Peterson, Robb & Jodi
- Pieper, Jim & Shelly
- Schafer, Ashley & family
- Skinner, Karen
- Small, Gayle & Dorothy
- Streckfuss, Chris
- Svalstad, Duane & Judy
- Williams, Ron & Pat

HLC

APRIL 2ND - MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Lynn Osthus



Head Ushers:
Les Kolden
and
Need 1 more



Lector:
Pastors



**Communion
Assistants:**
Dana Jones
and
Gayle Small

HLC

APRIL 3RD - GOOD FRIDAY

SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer



Head Ushers:
Ron Jutting

HLC EASTER - APRIL 5TH @ 8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Angie Eickmeyer



Head Ushers:
Ron Jutting
and
Need 1 more



Lector:
Grant Werling



**Communion
Assistants:**
Don & Karen
Farthing

HLC EASTER - APRIL 5TH @ 10:30 AM SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Dorothy Fuller



Head Ushers:
Earl Benson
and
Everett Johnson



Lector:
Logan Eide



**Communion
Assistants:**
Chad & Kari Lohr

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Attendance: 285

General Offering: \$6,027.24

Hospitality: \$90.70

Decor Committee: \$80

Youth Group: \$90

HLC Year to Date

Financial Report as of 2-28-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$ 58,206	\$62,342.59	\$ 4,136.59 - Over Budget
Expenses	\$ 54,421	\$53,318.41	\$ 1,102.59 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

MARCH Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$2000 - Watertown Christian School

\$665 - Augustana District - for theological conference scholarships for seminarians

\$905 - Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ - for general operating expenses

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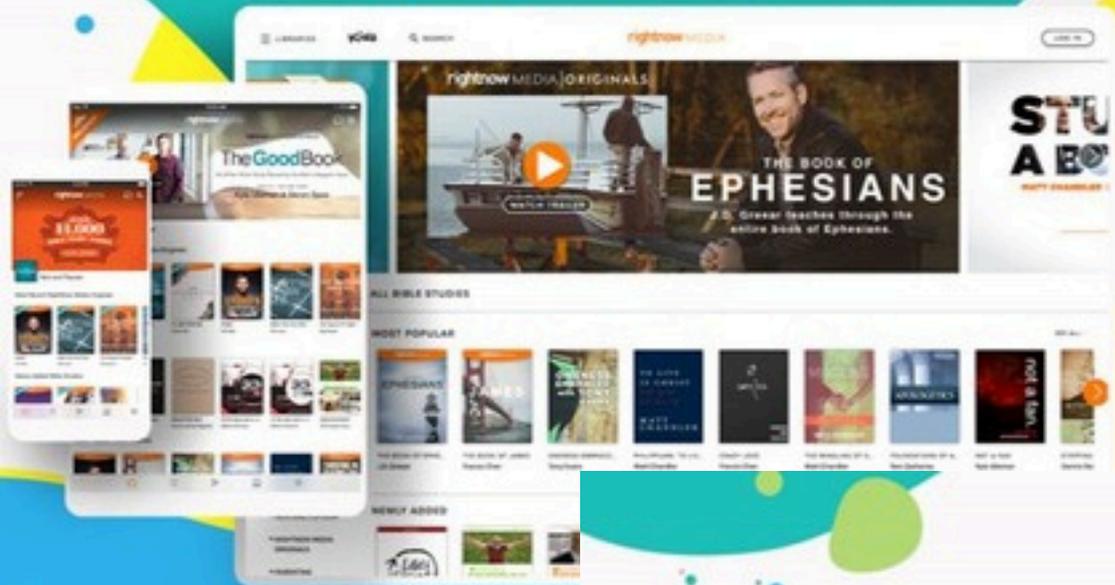
Please contact Anna at 605-237-8399 or email her @ watertownhosannalutheran@gmail.com



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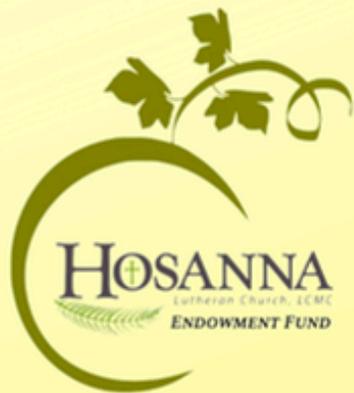
2. Download Vanco Mobile App
Search for Hosanna Lutheran
3. Fill out an electronic giving form
They are located on the
information table
4. Place your gift in the offering plates in
the fellowship hall
5. Mail checks to 1617 14th Ave NE
Watertown, SD 57201

HELPING HANDS FUND



**This is a discrete fund used to help
those in need!**

**If you would like to give to this fund,
just place your donation in an
offering plate
and mark it Helping Hands.**



Endowment Fund Donations

Your donation can be sent to the church office at

1617 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201

Checks must be written out to HLC Endowment Fund

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Augustana District's March
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Augustana District
Video



THE CHANNEL TO BRAZIL

Align With God in 2024

”So that the works of God might be displayed.”

In John 9 we read about one of Jesus’ miracles where he restored the sight of a blind man. At the beginning of the story, we see the disciples questioning Jesus about who had sinned to cause the blind man his disability.

Rather patiently (we might imagine), Jesus insinuates that the disciples are asking the wrong question. He encourages them to look forward, ‘while it is still day,’ (v4) rather than backward upon who to blame.

What are you looking forward to this new year? Right now, it feels like the world is full of suffering and poverty of spirit and unity. In this passage, Jesus teaches us that with suffering comes the opportunity for God’s works to be displayed.

Children growing up in the slums are suffering because they are neglected and failed by a wider community that is unable to care for their physical needs and education. By supporting CBC you have the opportunity to step in as the healing hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you for your partnership with us that displays the mighty works of God where there is sickness, anxiety and desperate poverty.

May God Bless you and your family this year.

Marc Marques
Executive Director

March Newsletter



FRIENDS of
**MADAGASCAR
MISSION**

Throughout the history of global mission work from churches within the United States, beginning in the 19th Century, we have seen the great mission outreach organized for the most part by Mission Societies. In the 20th Century the mission work was taken over by church denominations. It became institutionalized. As we enter the 21st Century, we are once again experiencing a return to Mission Societies claiming a greater role in Christian mission work around the globe.

It is in this climate of change, in how mission work is being done today, that the Friends of Madagascar Mission was begun. We believe we have a unique role in the future of mission, particularly in Madagascar at this time. In 2010 we began our fund raising activities and each year we continue to grow in giving from our generous donors. For this we give thanks to God!

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Resources

Watertown Area Memory Care & Aging Network has the following community resources available

- Memory Care Support Group
- Respite Care Financial Assistance
- Mary Drake Resource Library
- Community Caregiver Fair
- Memory Screening Event
- Savvy Caregiver Training Classes
- Caregiver Mentor Program

Upcoming Events

Watertown Event Center
 West Highway 212 / 1901 9th Avenue SW
 Watertown, SD 57201
First Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm!

January 7, 2026

“Safe Hands, Calm Hands” (Teepa Snow)
 by Christina Ruml, State Ombudsman for State of South Dakota

February 4, 2026

“Language, Swallowing, and Dementia”
 by Kirsten Blackwell, Speech - Language Pathologist with PLHS

March 4, 2026

“Holding God’s Hands”
 by Pastor Sara McManus, First United Methodist Church

April 1, 2026

“Adult Day Services / My Care Line Respite Care & Telemedicine at The Village”
 by Krista Beauchamp & Dalton Wagner

May 6, 2026

“Keeping Precious Memories” (Creating Memory Books)
 by Dar Fuchs & Friends

June 3, 2026

“Let’s Talk”
 by The Support Group

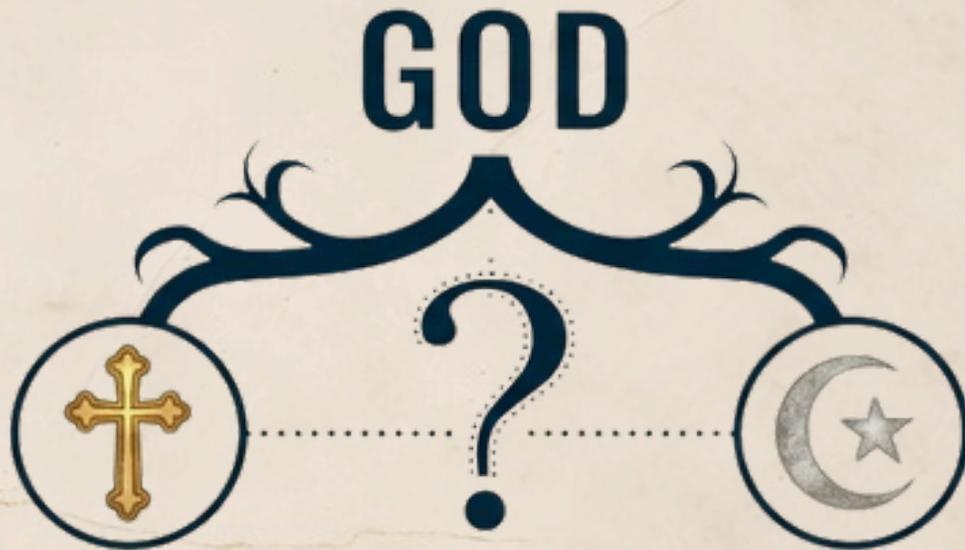


Connie Lake

Connie’s journey caring for those with dementia / Alzheimer’s started in 1980. Her first job was to create an activity program in a long term care facility for their residents. It was not long before folks with that diagnosis were in her heart. In 1997, she created a recreation program in a long term care memory care unit. The focus was “person centered” with engagement and positive communication. A supportive community was a huge help and part of her career. She is retired now but the passion remains to create programs & offer more help for this country’s unsung heroes - caregivers!

The Watertown Memory Care Support Group was created in 1998 by Connie Lake and Deanna Bullis to give caregivers a place to belong. Caregivers were able to listen, share, and learn how to care for themselves. This mission remains true today.

DO CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS WORSHIP THE SAME GOD?



Bill Scott, Director of International Operations for Ratio Christi, will be presenting a compelling case on this crucial question.

Join us for a respectful and engaging lecture and dialogue.

Both events are **FREE** and open to all.

MAIN EVENT

LECTURE & DIALOGUE

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

7:00pm

Student Union, Market Stage

BONUS SEMINAR

SCIENCE & FAITH

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

10:00am

Rotunda E

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