

The Trumpet April 2024

Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Dear People of Holy Trinity Church Greetings from Pastor Beth Orling

Where to begin? At our recent council meeting we sang the hymn, “With the Lord begin your task, Jesus will direct it...” And, although you have been in transition since your pastors resigned, Pastor Gail Wheatley and I have just begun our teamwork as your interim pastors.

How will this work? Well, we’ll be eager to find out! May Jesus and the Holy Spirit direct it!

Pastor Wheatley is an ordained and experienced Episcopal minister, retired from St. Andrew’s, who lives in Port Angeles. The plan is for her to preach and preside on Sundays as often as her schedule allows and to care for you locally. On the Lutheran end of the tag team, I plan to preach and preside once a month and work behind the scenes on administration, often by zoom, as I live almost at the Hood Canal Bridge, over an hour away. I accepted a part-time interim call almost two years ago at Faith Episcopal in Poulsbo and am committed to continuing with them until they find a permanent minister. That is why I can only serve you part-time. Pastor Wheatley and I will share information, except for “the privilege of the confessional.” We were friends before this time and we plan to continue as such! It’s a good example of Lutheran/Episcopal fellowship.

I look forward to becoming reacquainted with many of you whom I grew to know and love about 9 years ago when I served you between Pastor Grinstad’s retirement and your welcome to the Pastors Baumann. I look forward to meeting new

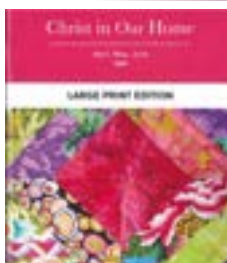
people who have become part of the Holy Trinity family in the last decade. I am grateful to be working with your amazing leadership team, volunteers, musician and office staff.

There are significant challenges facing us. The Baumanns brought many gifts to your congregation. Pastor Wheatley and I do not together possess all those gifts, but we hope to learn much and to offer what we can during your transition and to prepare you to welcome a new pastor, dedicated to the Gospel, who will fit your ideas of who the Holy Trinity congregation is and aspires to become. Please work closely with your Transition Team to share your thoughts on this.

Easter continues through the next six weeks (until May 19, Pentecost) and we will endeavor to proclaim, in word and deed, “Alleluia, Christ is risen!” and we know your answer, “The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!” May Easter hopes and joy infuse our time together as we seek to serve our Lord, brother, and friend, Jesus Christ, and each other in his name.

Grace and peace to you all,

-Pastor Beth Orling, Lead Interim for Worship & Administration



Devotionals Now Available

Devotionals for April, May, and June are now available in the office and the Narthex.

Holy Trinity Library



Welcome to Spring!!!! As our days get longer and the sun encourages our plants to show their faces, we celebrate this month with National Poetry Month, Earth Day, National Arbor Day and Washington State Arbor Day. April is also Celebrate Diversity, Jazz appreciation and Nature Awareness month. Some April Birthdays include Jane Goodall, Maya Angelou, Arthur Hailey, Barbara Kingsolver, Beverly Cleary, Hans Christian Anderson, William Wordsworth, Henry James. Come visit us and chose some of the wonderful, diverse books we offer.

ADULT BOOKS:

The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year (2023)

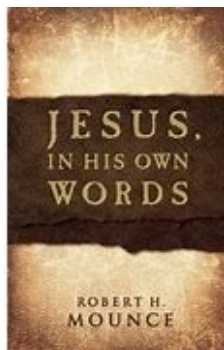


By Margaret Renkl. This is a lovely meditation on the the changing of seasons in nature. Margaret Renkl writes fifty-two selections that follow the creatures and plants in her backyard over the course of a year, one for

each week. Beautiful illustrations by her brother are included between the chapters. It's a reminder of the small joys that nature gives us almost every day, if we take the time to look. This is an uplifting book of wonder and renewal. By all means, savor it, and rest in its beauty.. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt.

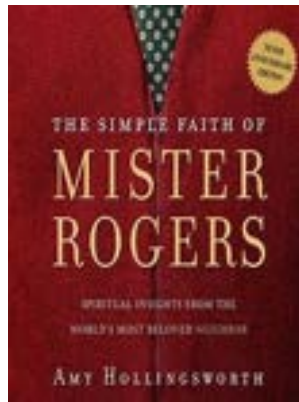
Jesus, In His Own Words (2010)

By noted Biblical scholar, Robert H. Mounce, this is a contemporary narrative of Jesus' life and ministry combining all four Gospels, as though Jesus, himself, is



telling us the story in a personal conversation. By using modern language and idioms, the author maintains context while clarifying passages which in their original translations seem ambiguous. Spoiler alert: There is no point skipping to the back of the book. You know how the story ends. But it is an interesting path by which to get there. Donated and reviewed by Anita Bonham.

The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers, Spiritual In-



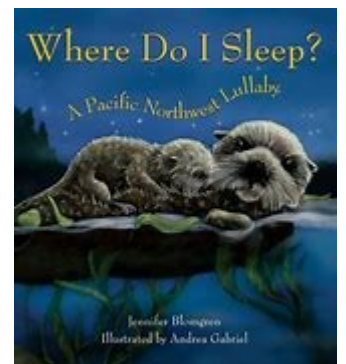
sights From The World's Most Beloved Neighbor (2005) By Amy Hollingsworth. Most of us know Mr. Rogers and this book sheds new insights into his life as he lived and felt it. Ms. Hollingsworth has a way of including us in his life to

draw us closer to him. He was very conscious of acknowledging children's feelings and letting them know, their feelings were valid, heard and understood. This is another book to have on your shelf. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Re-Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Where Do I Sleep, A Northwest Lullaby (2001)

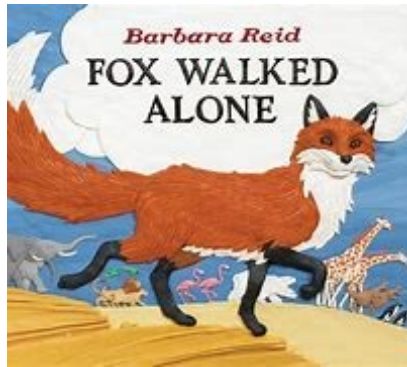
By Jennifer Blomgren, Illustrated by Andrea Gabriel. This calming and rhyming tale describes where many animals live.



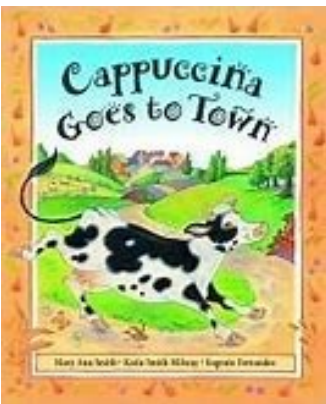
The gorgeous illustrations and gentle text will be enjoyed and asked for many times. The pictures will soothe a child as they prepare for sleep and will create lovely dreams for all. Enjoy...I will be getting this one for my Grand-

Fox Walked Alone

(2009) By Barbara Reid. The illustrations are wonderfully done with plasticine, a unique form of modeling clay used around the world. The tale is an ancient one told through the animals as fox follows them. Informative and endearing, children will marvel at the beautiful and almost touchable art work. Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.



Cappuccina Goes to Town (2002) By mother and



daughter writing team, Mary Ann Smith and Katie Smith Milway, is a bright and sunny story about a cow who thinks it might be more fun to be a person than a cow. What could go wrong with that plan? Eugenie Fernandes' complex gouache illustrations are even sillier than the story. This one is a keeper!! Reviewed by Anita Bonham.



SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS
DUE APRIL 15th

The HTLC Enduring Gifts Committee awards educational scholarships annually to HTLC students. This includes graduating high school seniors, new college students AND continuing college students. You may pick up application forms at the HTLC office OR call Natalie to snail mail OR email forms to you. All applications are due in the HTLC office by May 15.

THREADS OF LOVE

shares the power of love through compassionate creativity, using knitting, crocheting, and other handwork to invite, involve, and serve people in our own community and around the world. We gather in the Fireside Room on April 17th from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Bring your handwork and join us in praying and talking and working together. In addition to our regular hand work, we will be attaching lovely little gift/blessing tags to all of the shawls that we currently have on hand and offering prayer over them. Don't knit or crochet, but wish you could? You are welcome at our meetings! We will do our best to help you learn whatever technique appeals to you. We even have needles and yarn and patterns to help you get started!

If you have questions contact our coordinator, Karen Selig, or the church office.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

Lutheran World Relief relies on churches like HTLC to make and deliver Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Kits and Fabric Kits to their warehouses so that they can deliver them around the world! We have already assembled and made many of these quilts and kits but now we need to get them to Ballard, Washington, on either May 3rd or 4th to start their journey to the LWR warehouse. If you have a big car, van, or truck and availability please help us drive our LWR Quilts and Kits to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ballard!

If you can do this and/or have questions, please talk to Marianne Ude. Blessings!

Creation Care



Creation Care and Farm Church folks helped work on a woodland restoration project on a portion of Jim and Karen Weaver's beautiful land along the west bank of the Elwha river. We can't wait to watch the little conifers grow over the years!



Beachcombing

When I was a child in Port Townsend, my parents would occasionally load up the truck with junk for the dump (rusty buckets, old carpeting, odd bits of metal, wood that was too rotten to burn and the like). We'd head for what was then called Middlepoint, back up to the cliff overlooking the water (adrenalin rush), park and dump away. This stopped in 1960 and the beach below is now fondly called Glass Beach. Many years ago, my cousin and I walked there from North Beach. It was not a short or easy jaunt and luckily the tide didn't catch us against the cliff face. We found beautiful treasures: Lots of regular beach glass but also pieces of old china plates with opaque edges and shiny bits of pattern still on the surface, shards of milky green Jadeite glass, and cut crystal that had turned lavender, all worn



smooth by surf and sand. We made mosaics on bricks with our finds to put in our gardens.

Imagine what we might dump over the cliff today that would end up on the beach where currents would take it who-knows-where. We're glad we don't do that anymore. But the truth is we unwittingly do. According to National Geographic, 91% of plastics are not recycled ([https:// education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/whopping-91-percent-plastic-isnt-recycled/](https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/whopping-91-percent-plastic-isnt-recycled/)). Millions of pounds, along with other trash, wash up on beaches yearly (<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/greenpeace-beach-cleanup-report-highlights-ocean-plastic-problem>). When we beachcombed as children, we might find a shell, a starfish or (the big prize) a glass float from Japan. In some places today children are more likely to find plastic bottles and bags, and creatures that have died unnaturally in the tangle.

What can one person do until science and governments tackle the problem? Avoid single-use plastics where you can. Invest in a reusable water bottle. Use non-plastic, reusable grocery bags. Pick up beach trash whenever you visit, but also participate in organized beach clean-up events. The trash may end up back on the beach, but the data collected is useful to those trying to tackle the problem. And not cleaning up is too ugly an alternative.

Jan Wyman- Interfaith Earth Care Coalition



Holy Trinity Preschool

Happy Spring! March was a busy month at preschool!

During Jesus time in March, we discovered that Jesus is the good shepherd. He cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep and rejoices when a lost sheep is found! We celebrated Palm Sunday and the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. At the end of the month, we learned about Easter and that Jesus is alive and with us always.

The color this month was purple and our shape was an oval.

Our bake sale fundraiser was a big success! Thank you to everyone who baked and bought and for continuing to be such a caring and generous congregation!

A big thank you to everyone who helped at Kid's Fest! We handed out information about several church programs and our HTLC preschool. Many children enjoyed exploring the magnets in our science table.

During our last class before spring break, we had an Easter party including an Easter egg hunt, egg shaped marshmallow rice crispy treats and made Easter cards for our families.

Preschool graduation is coming up Wednesday May 23rd at 10:15. We have 6 students who will be graduating and moving on to kindergarten. This year has been flying by!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Mrs. Kathy and Mrs. Brenda



Young Voices Choir

rehearsals are open to new members

KIDS CHOIR (AGES 3-10) free and fun
one day a week
all types of music
all skill levels
all backgrounds

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:45PM

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
301 E Lopez Ave Port Angeles, WA**

upcoming rehearsals:

March 6	April 10	May 1	June 5
March 13	April 17	May 8	June 12
March 20	April 24	May 15	
March 27		May 22	
		May 29	

Find out more and RSVP to rehearsal by calling or emailing us at (360) 452-2323 or htlc@olypen.com

**WOW!
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Holy Trinity Preschool

Over 30 years in PA!

- ♥ Small Class Size
- ♥ Christian Curriculum
- ♥ Kindergarten Readiness
- ♥ Math & Science
- ♥ Music & Creative Arts
- ♥ Social Skills
- ♥ Early Literacy

Be sure to tell neighbors friends and family members!

April 10th: Registration Deadline!!!
These events are open to all.



ENVISIONING OUR
SYNOD PATH -
WALKING AND
WORKING TOGETHER

2024 SYNOD EDUCATIONAL GATHERINGS

Registration Fee is \$30 and includes the workshops and lunch.

LOCATIONS

April 20 - Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood
April 27 - First Lutheran Church, Poulsbo
May 4 - Zion Lutheran Church, Camas

WORKSHOPS

ALL THREE DATES

Living Stones: We're Still Alive!!! - Rev. Eric Utto-Galarneau
Conversations in Black and White - Synod Anti-Racism Team
Transforming Conflict: How to listen and communicate - Bishop Rick Jaech
Getting the Most Out of the ELCA Youth Gathering - Rev. Bergen Eickhoff
Companioning the Bereaved: An Introduction to Grief Care - Rev. Keith Marshall

! April 20 ONLY !

Lutheran World Hunger - Synod Hunger Team
The Works of the Lutheran Disaster Response - Ray Shjerven

! April 27 ONLY !

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery - Sarah Augustine
Young Adults Community - Deacon Andrew Larsen
So We and Our Children May Live - Sarah Augustine
Shalom Project - St. Mark's and Peace Lutheran Church Tacoma

! May 4 ONLY !

MMIW/P - Rev. Linda Smith

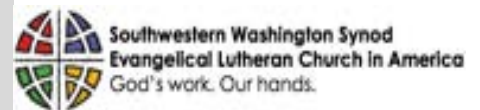
Please visit swwasynod.org for more information and to register for this event!
Questions? Contact us at (253) 535-8300 or swwasynod@plu.edu

We invite you to attend one of our three Synod Educational Gatherings that will take place in three different areas of our Synod over three Saturdays: April 20, April 27, and May 4. In the morning, we will discuss together how to prepare for the election of a new bishop in June, 2025.

Where is God calling us as a Synod? What should be our priorities for ministry? As we envision this future, what kind of talents and values should a bishop have to help us walk the path ahead?

In the afternoon, there will be practical workshops that apply to our ministries.

Visit swwasynod.org for more information and to register for event!



Donations for Youth Room

Do you have any old board games laying around that are no longer getting played with? We would love to have board games donated or other fun activities for our middle school and high school kids. Our youth room hasn't been used in a few years and it's time to make it fun again! If you are a teen or parent of a teen and have any idea and/or suggestions please let Natalie in the office know or Kathy Plocher.



Chocolate Bars, Tea, Coffee and Nuts to have on hand for Easter or any other reason during Spring. Products that are fairly traded are available to purchase on Sunday or during office hours. Stop by to see what's new!

Council Treasurer Report

February 2024 Financial Report
Treasurer Carol Marie Jackson

Below is our financial overview for February of 2024 (YTD- fiscal year to date)
The general fund offering for February was \$43,977, which was \$13,144 over budget.
This in turn increased our year to date offerings to be only...we need a drum roll here ... \$87 below

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	Feb 2024	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	2023/2024 (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue						
General Fund Offering	\$43,977	\$30,833	\$13,144	\$246,580	\$246,667	(\$86)
Radio Broadcast Offering	\$300	\$433	(\$133)	\$1,980	\$3,467	(\$1,487)
Rental Income	\$1,520	\$979	\$541	\$9,430	\$7,833	\$1,597
Preschool Tuition	\$1,075	\$1,155	(\$80)	\$7,407	\$9,240	(\$1,833)
Reimbursement / Miscellaneous	(\$132)	\$0	(\$132)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest Earnings	\$81	\$67	\$14	\$1,358	\$533	\$825
Uncategorized Income	(\$198)	\$0	(\$198)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$46,623	\$33,468	\$13,156	\$266,756	\$267,740	(\$984)
Expenses						
Ministry Expenses	\$1,424	\$2,606	(\$1,183)	\$17,206	\$20,850	(\$3,644)
General & Administrative Expenses	\$5,461	\$8,892	(\$3,431)	\$63,135	\$71,133	(\$7,998)
Personnel Expenses	\$16,967	\$25,547	(\$8,581)	\$190,260	\$204,377	(\$14,117)
Total Expenses	\$23,851	\$37,045	(\$13,194)	\$270,601	\$296,360	(\$25,759)
Net Operating Revenue	\$22,772	(\$3,577)	\$26,349	(\$3,845)	(\$28,620)	\$24,775
Other Revenue						
Donor Restricted Income	\$986	\$233	\$753	\$51,521	\$1,867	\$49,654
Other Expenses						
Donor Restricted Expenses	\$1,213	\$100	\$1,113	\$94,488	\$800	\$93,688
Prior Period Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$9,245)	\$0	(\$9,245)
Net Revenue before Adjustments	\$22,545	(\$3,444)	\$25,989	(\$37,567)	(\$27,553)	(\$10,014)
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budget. Incredible!

Our total revenue is \$984 below budget. Radio sponsorships show a loss of \$1,220 and preschool expenses show a loss of \$2,152.

The loss of 1.5 pastors with their benefits, along with keeping expenses down has helped our expenses to drop to \$24,775 below budget. Another drum roll here as well.

If we look at our total income minus expenses, we have a deficit \$3,835. Had we not had a our nest egg or more appropriate right now our Easter Egg, well, our contingency funds, we would show a loss of \$37,567.

Amy Burghart, our data and special projects wizard, will be leaving us at the end of this month. Amy dove right in our newly created data and special projects position with no accounting background. With her organization skills, always looking for a way to make things better and her endless patience, she quickly turned this position into a well-oiled financial machine. Don't fret as Amy will not be leaving our church. You will still see her singing in the choir. Amy and her husband will be opening their new brewery in town very soon and she can no longer balance 2 jobs.

Natalie Petersen, our office coordinator has graciously accepted our offer to absorb Amy's duties. She will be our new office and financial administrator. Please welcome Natalie to our financial world.

Now, where has all the money gone?

General and Administrative Expenses YTD	
Janitorial Supplies & Equipment	\$ 458.75
Postage	\$ 467.40
Telephone	\$ 1,092.71
Office Supplies	\$ 1,097.42
Online & Computer	\$ 1,671.62
Service Charges	\$ 1,711.54
Propane	\$ 3,116.09
Building & Yard Maintenance	\$ 5,803.11
Utilities	\$ 6,825.29
Building Safety Systems & Elevator	\$ 7,372.84
Building Insurance	\$ 9,684.54
Accountant Fees	\$22,437.00

Ministry Expenses YTD	
Library Books & Materials	\$ 261.04
Faith Formation	\$ 475.77
Youth & Family Ministries	\$ 648.95
Instrument Tuning & Maint	\$ 960.00
Worship, Sound, Music	\$ 1,359.16
Radio Broadcast	\$ 3,600.00
SW Synod ELCA	\$10,575.00

The big numbers always get my attention. Starting at the bottom of the general and administration list are fees to Battershell and Nichols, our accounting firm. B&N's focus is Christian nonprofits and churches. They have reorganized our accounting structure, as well continually ensuring that we are in line with all the non-profit regulations. But this expertise comes at a cost, a large cost for us. There isn't much we can do about the cost of building insurance. The next big expense is our elevator. These expenses are for maintenance and inspections. This does not include the possible upgrade that will be required at some point.

The big ticket expense for ministry is to the SW Synod. This expense is a donation to this organization. This ministry expenses are not as dynamic as the general and administration expenses.

Thank you for your prayers, efforts, and donations that help Holy Trinity Lutheran Church grow and develop as we continue our walk with the Lord. God's blessings are upon you.

"Share the Love" Prayer Shawl Sunday

Do you have a friend or family member who needs a tangible reminder that they are loved? The Holy Trinity Threads of Love group invites you to "Share the Love" with the gift of a prayer shawl!

On Sunday, April 21, prayer shawls will be available so you can choose one to share (or to take home for yourself if you need it.) We do ask that no one takes more than one item that Sunday so that as many people can participate as possible. There are some left over, we will make them available the next week.

If you have questions, contact a member of Threads of Love or their coordinator Karen Selig.





Staff & Leadership

Staff

Beth Orling, Lead Interim Pastor, for worship and administration

Gail Wheatley, Interim Pastor for worship and Pastoral Care

Noah Smith, Director for Music Ministry

Natalie Petersen, Office & Financial Administrator

Kyle Lucas, Custodian

Kathy Braun, Preschool Teacher

Brenda Kennedy, Preschool Teacher

Candance Hall, Caretaker

Elijah Sussman, AV Engineer

Enduring Gifts Committee Members

Elizabeth Christian, Margaret Ruud (secretary), Jonathan Picker, Sharon Reuter, Dave Birmingham, Margaret Ruud and Karla Strutzel (chair).

Church Council

President: Mary Ann Unger

* Vice President:

* Interim Treasurer/Finance: Carol Jackson

Secretary/Communications: Sharon Reuter

Facilities: Greg Bondy

Worship: Deborah Bopp

Education: Kathy Plocher

Youth: Madeline Irwin

Christian Service: Lucy Nordwell

Hospitality: Hana Meyer

Thank you to our volunteers in these leadership roles! * indicates available opportunities. These important roles are necessary for the success of our church community. There is talent! Talk to someone today that you think would be a great fit, then tell the Pastors. See brief descriptions or pick up full a copy at church.

Did you know we have a locking mailbox outside of the church? You can safely drop off an envelope outside of church hours. Another option is to sign up for automatic donations (ask about the form at the office). Lastly, you can make direct donations on our website, www.go2trinity.org



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lenten Soup Dinners

Thank you Amy for the last few years in the office. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication you've put it in. Glad we'll still be seeing you on Sundays!

Thank you Marianne Ude for scheduling drivers and Altar Guild. You do so much!

Thank you Debbie Bopp for proofreading bulletins since middle of January and helping Sundays stay organized.

Bonnie Christianson, thank you for being assisting minister for so many Sundays. We never got tired of seeing you up there, we loved it.



April 2024



Visit our YouTube channel for Sunday worship, devotional videos and more!

www.go2trinity.org

This is a great way to "introduce" curious friends or neighbors.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am Worship After Snack Easter Egg Hunt	4-5pm Confir- mation Class Rm 1	6pm Council Meeting	4:30pm Holy Bookers			
2 Easter	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	9:30am Worship		10:00am LWR Quilters 5pm Right rela- tions (zoom)	4-4:45pm Youth Choir 7pm Chancel Choir			
3 Easter	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3 and Fireside Chats- Fireside RM	4-5pm Confir- mation Class Rm 1	4-5:30pm Walking Board Meeting-library 2pm Executive Committee	1-2:30pm Threads of Love 4-4:45pm Youth Choir 6pm Hospitality Meeting 7pm Chancel Choir	9:30am Library Team Meeting 4:30pm Endur- ing gifts-Fireside RM		
4 Easter	21	22	23	24	<p>Called by God's <i>Grace</i> to</p> <p> the good news,</p> <p>we are the  hands of Christ,</p> <p>opened by .</p>		
	"Share: The Love" Prayer Shawl Sunday 9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3 11am Fireside Chats-Fireside	4-5pm Confir- mation Class Rm 1	10:00am LWR Quilters 6pm Council Meeting	4-4:45pm Youth Choir 7pm Chancel Choir			
5 Easter	28	29	30	1	<p> joined in worship,</p> <p>extended in .</p> <p> offered in service,</p> <p>reaching for justice. .</p>		
	Quilt Sunday 9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3	4-5pm Confir- mation Class Rm 1		4-4:45pm Youth Choir 4:30pm Holy Bookers 7pm Chancel Choir			