
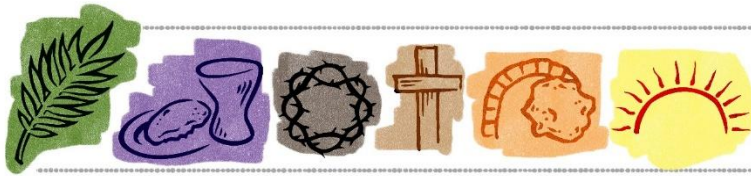


<b>April</b> <b>2026</b>		<b>April Worship Assistants</b>					
		Ushers: Nibe Family Altar Guild: Marcia Wheeler Acolytes: McKenzie Herbert, William Nibe Tech Assistant: Addison White					
<b>The Community Choir for Good Friday Community Worship Service will rehearse at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 31 at Bethesda. Pastor Kerry Oliver will direct the choir and Julie Lutjen will accompany the choir. We will sing on Good Friday, April 3, 2026. Service time is 7:00 pm. All are invited and welcomed to sing with the choir.</b>				<b>Thu, Apr. 1</b> 3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes <b>6:00 Seder meal for Confirmation &amp; invited guests</b> 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group	<b>Thu, Apr. 2</b> <b>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service</b>	<b>Fri, Apr. 3</b> <b>7:00 pm Good Friday Community Worship at Bethesda</b>	<b>Sat, Apr. 4</b>
<b>Sun, Apr. 5</b> <b>Easter Resurrection</b> Scripture: Kenzie Greeter: Thelen Family 8-8:45 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	<b>Mon, Apr. 6</b> 10-am Coffee in the Chapel 1-2 pm Lord's Cupboard is open 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	<b>Tues, Apr. 7</b> 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – <b>for the community</b> 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study <b>2:00 pm Worship at Timberland – all are welcome!</b>	<b>Wed, Apr. 8</b> 3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class 7:00 Board of Education 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group	<b>Thu, Apr. 9</b>	<b>Fri, Apr. 10</b>	<b>Sat, Apr. 11</b>	
<b>Sun, Apr. 12</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Scripture: Luanne McGonigle Greeter: Mark Widick Family Treats: M. Sogard, Tjaden 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Bible and Brew <b>Noon: Community Potluck</b>	<b>Mon, Apr. 13</b> 10-am Coffee in the Chapel <b>10:30 Board of Worship</b> 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open <b>7:00 pm Church Council</b>	<b>Tue, Apr. 14</b> 12:00 Tuesday Together Time 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study	<b>Wed, Apr. 15</b> 3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group	<b>Thu, Apr. 16</b>	<b>Fri, Apr. 17</b>	<b>Sat, Apr. 18</b>	
<b>Sun, Apr. 19</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mission Sunday: Northeastern Iowa Synod</b> Scripture: Aiden Miller Greeter: Karen Culpepper Treats: Schlafke 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Bible and Brew	<b>Mon, Apr. 20</b> 10-am Coffee in the Chapel 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	<b>Tue, Apr. 21</b> 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – <b>for the community</b> 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study	<b>Wed, Apr. 22</b> 3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class ( <i>last night</i> ) 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group	<b>Thu, Apr. 23</b> 	<b>Fri, Apr. 24</b>	<b>Sat, Apr. 25</b>	
<b>Sun, Apr. 26</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Scripture: Will Nibe Greeter: Bruce/Lori Thompson Treats: Board of Education 9:00 Worship with <b>Music Blessings from Bethesda &amp; Volunteer Recognition</b> <b>10 Fellowship and Silent Auction</b> 10:15 Sunday School (last day for this year) 10:15 Bible and Brew	<b>Mon, Apr. 27</b> 10-am Coffee in the Chapel 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	<b>Tue, Apr. 28</b> 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – <b>for the community</b> 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study	<b>Wed, April 29</b> 3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes 5:30 Confirmation/Deacon interviews <b>6:15 confirmation Celebration dinner for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents, mentors</b>	<b>Thu, April 30</b>	<b>Remember:</b> <b>Confirmation/ Affirmation of Baptism is Sunday, May 3. Worship time is 9:00 am</b>		



## Holy Week

Sunday, March 29	9:00 am	Gather in the Narthex for the Processional Gospel and Blessing of the Palms before processing in for Worship
Tuesday, March 31	5:00 pm	Community Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 1	6:00 pm	Seder Meal for all confirmation students, immediate family members, mentors, Deacons
Thursday, April 2	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship at Bethesda
Friday, April 3	7:00 pm	Good Friday Community Worship at Bethesda
Sunday, April 5	8-8:45 am	Easter Breakfast served by the Confirmation Students
Sunday, April 5	9:00 am	Easter Resurrection Worship Service

### Upcoming dates to add to your personal calendars:

- April 5: No Sunday School
- April 26: Volunteer Recognition Sunday
- April 26: Music Blessing from Bethesda
- May 3: Confirmation Sunday
- May 10: Senior Recognition Sunday
- June 8-10: Vacation Bible School will be held at Bethesda this year



### April Birthdays

- 1 Banan Lunsford
- 2 Barb Johnston
- 3 Denise Gajewsky
- 5 Roxanne Herrman
- 7 Deb Thompson
- 8 Matt Carlson
- 10 Brayden Knutson '14
- 11 Zach Erickson
- 14 Jay Barquist  
Nick Consier
- 15 Doris Rastetter
- 17 Roxie Young  
Zachary Ehlert
- 18 Pat Melchert
- 22 Gabrielle Muller  
Megan Engelby  
Amanda McGonigle  
Sergio Gomez Alanis
- 24 Nora Scott  
Kerra Swenson

### April Anniversaries

- 5 Larry & Donna Sharer
- 22 Duane & Carol Soma



*Rain: A Gentle  
Reminder of  
God's Care*

A rainy day can be many things ...  
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,  
Or the picnic that has to be postponed;  
It can be the replenishing of a stream,  
Or the overflow of a flood;  
It can be relief from a hot summer day,  
Or the chill of an autumn wind.  
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth  
Is part of nature's plan  
For stability throughout the Universe,  
As old as the hills,  
And dependable as the seasons.  
Rain and sunshine are equal partners  
In the daily expression of God's love.

Jeanne D. Birrell



Community  
*Matters!*

# OPEN EYES



# SAVES LIVES

## Trafficking Awareness

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1629 Dewitt St. Ellsworth, IA

**April 7 at 7PM**

Speakers

Deputy Sheriff Story County  
Hamilton County Sheriff  
State Representative District 56  
Adults Saving Kids Ministries  
Surviving Human Trafficking

Jeff Scott  
Alex Pruismann  
Mark Thompson  
Greg Ploeger  
Renata



TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

515-836-4792

Refreshments provided



## HELP BRING AWARENESS & PREVENTION TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

It happens everywhere and thrives on silence.  
Awareness saves lives!

**KNOW THE SIGNS:**

CONSTANT MONITORING & CONTROL  
LACK OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION OR FREEDOM  
SIGNS OF FEAR, ABUSE, OR INTIMIDATION  
INCONSISTENT STORIES OR SCRIPTED RESPONSES

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

**CALL 911**

*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." Psalm 31:8*



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*Mark your calendar!*

# ANNUAL SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

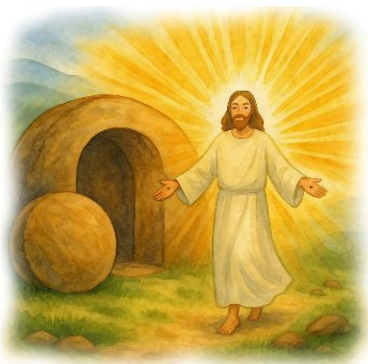
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

**10:15 A.M.**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**Sign up to donate auction items by April 19 – forms are in the back of the sanctuary.**

**Fundraiser for camperships, evangelism, and stewardship.**



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?