



## THE WORK OF EASTER

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During Lent we experience a time of transition so that we can arrive at Easter with a chance to start anew. It sounds easy, right? Yet days can go by without noticing little progressions that are hard to see. We might be tempted to give up. Wouldn't it be easier to return to how things were before?

If you have been walking with us in Lent, you might arrive to a point of introspection or of challenging yourself to see things differently. This part is the most painful and discouraging part of change and renewal. No one wants to start with confession and reflect on sin and brokenness, and yet that is how our service begins every Sunday morning.

We start by looking into a mirror and recognizing that we all fall into the category of "work in progress." I really don't like this part of the service but it helps that we are doing it together. I can hear the many voices behind me and beside me saying words of sorrow and

regret. Truth be told, without the help of everyone there and without hearing our voices together, I might not even have the courage or the willingness to say those words or feel those feelings. There is a power in our community to face our challenges together.

The good news is that the work of Easter in us and around us is not done by us. If you've ever heard the words "just pull ourselves up by the bootstraps," you never heard it from God. The work of Lent, the work of confession and reflection is to finally know that God is a source of never ending forgiveness, consolation, love and acceptance.

Easter makes us look at the empty cross, the empty tomb where we expect to find death, suffering and grief, only to be surprised by life, hope and love. The joy of Easter is to know for sure that we do NOT do the work required for change. God does. God does in us and around us the work of Easter.

*Pastor Viktoria*

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On Easter morning, you will see in the welcome area a cross that is ready to become a symbol of life and resurrection. It is the Easter cross that we decorate, which is a tradition at St. Mark. The cross is traditionally made out of the Christmas tree that was present in the sanctuary as we celebrated Jesus' birth and God's love to us by becoming one with us. We will place flowers on the cross that you are welcome to bring from your garden or receive at the church as you arrive.

*St. Mark Lutheran Church, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone, is a people called by God to be servants of all people; to experience God's saving grace through faith; to come together as the body of Christ in worship and celebration of the gifts of God; and to reach out to those outside the church with witness to the loving grace of God through Christ*

# WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

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**April 7 – Fifth Sunday in Lent:** The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God’s new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

Isaiah 43:16-21 • Psalm 126 • Philippians 3:4b-14 • John 12:1-8



**April 14 – Palm Sunday:** The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah’s words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus’ passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16 • Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 22:14—23:56



**April 21 – The Resurrection of Our Lord:** “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

Acts 10:34-43 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 • Luke 24:1-12



**April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter:** In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus’ victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 • Revelation 1:4-8 • John 20:19-31



# LENTEN CALENDAR

**April 1, 8, 15** - Please join us in the library from noon -1:15 for a group discussion based on the book *Lasting Hope: Devotions for Lent 2019: Pocket Edition*. Each day during Lent this book can serve as your personal devotional guide and then weekly we will gather to share our insights and pray together. We will read the book of Psalms that gives us "a realistic look at the journey of faith for individuals and a community." Please feel free to bring your lunch. Pick up your book at the office.

**April 3, 10** - We will have Wednesday evening Lenten services at 6pm. During these services we will have prayer and quiet meditation with the help of Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer. We will have soup supper at 5:30 pm in the narthex, service with communion at 6 pm.

**April 18, Maundy Thursday**-- Join us at 5:30 in the narthex for soup supper and learning about the Seder meal and remembering the Jewish Passover that Jesus and the disciples celebrated at the Last Supper. As we gather we share dinner, communion and experience the intimate fellowship between us that Jesus called us to share. The service will end in the sanctuary witnessing the stripping of the altar in the sanctuary and our preparation for Good Friday.

**April 19, Good Friday** - We will hold services at noon and at 6pm. We remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ by our traditional liturgy that uses the Bidding Prayer, procession of the cross, lighting candles and listening to the recounting of Jesus passion story according to the Gospel of John.

**April 20, Saturday** - All families are invited to join us from 2-4 pm in Fellowship Hall for a Family Easter crafting party. We will have eggs to color, bunny headbands with ears, paper plate bunnies and a surprise! Older children can help with stuffing the Easter eggs for Sunday's egg hunt.

**April 21, Easter** - We will hold services at 8 am and 10:15 am with potluck breakfast at 9 am and an egg hunt for the children at 9:30 am. A sign up sheet for the potluck breakfast will be available in the narthex.

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**Easter at St. Mark Lutheran Church is a joyful occasion with many visitors joining our congregation. We would like to invite you and your family to join us for any or all of our special events during this wonderful weekend!**



- Saturday, April 20, 2-4 pm: Family Easter crafting party in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs).
  - Eggs to color
  - Bunny headbands with ears
  - Paper plate bunnies
  - Surprise!
- **Sunday, April 21, 8:00 and 10:15 am:** Easter services. We welcome children in our worship services. However, we also staff a free nursery in one of the preschool classrooms during the 10:15 service for any young children who are more comfortable there.
- **Sunday, April 21, 9:00 am,** family breakfast followed by an Easter egg hunt on the St Mark Nature Classroom at 9:30. Be sure to bring your baskets!

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## **April is hunger awareness month**

One in six children go hungry on a regular basis in the U.S. and there are both hunger and homelessness in our community. Lent is an appropriate time to do our part to help our hungry neighbors. First, we have plenty of nicely branded cloth bags you can take and use to fill with canned goods and other non-perishable foods, bring them back to St. Mark and put them in the corner with food donations, empty the bag (or take a new one).

- Bring in food to St. Mark on April 25th (the Sunday after Easter).
- Help help Carolyn Rader deliver the food to the Blue Ridge Food Bank: [dixie65@icloud.com](mailto:dixie65@icloud.com).
- Volunteer to help at the Loaves & Fishes food ministry: Bill Roberts at [wwr@virginia.edu](mailto:wwr@virginia.edu).

Thank you!

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# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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We grieve with **the Horton family** on the death of Susan's mother Feb. 25, with **the Hecmanczuk family** on the death of Tom's father Paul on March 11, and with the **Schurmann family** on Roy's death, also March 11.



We are **rejoicing as a church family** as we welcome **9 new full members**: Jessica, Charles and Huck Malpass; Margi, John and Andrew Roache; David and Tanya Samples; and Eleazer Resurrection. We are happy that they will join with us in our mission and to call this place home. We are all part of St. Mark, finding healing and hope and following our call for ministry. We welcome these new members with open arms. Please lift all their names up in prayer so they experience the love of Christ at St. Mark.



Please join us on Monday, **April 8, from 7-8pm** at Trinity Irish Pub on the Corner for **Beer & Hymns!** We will meet on the **second Monday of each month** for singing and fellowship with members of our church, members of other area churches, and of course, the UVA community. Hope to see you there!



**Easter Lily** sign up sheets are on the bulletin board outside of the office. Please pay \$15.00 by **April 14th** for a white lily to enhance our worship and remind us of the transformational glory of God reflected in the beauty of what God creates.



The **Womens' Book Club** will be meeting the 5th Monday in April at 7:00 to discuss Poetry.

Everyone is to bring 2 poems that they like. If possible, make copies of them and we will discuss them under the leadership of our own English professor, Karen Love. So if you love poetry, bring you favorites to the church library on **April 29th at 7:00** and join our discussion.



If you enjoy our weekly reception after the Sunday service this is a great opportunity to help. **The St. Mark Welcome/Snack Group** is in need of, at least, three new volunteers. If we can recruit these new members it will mean that you only have to bring in goodies every 10 - 12 weeks. You would be paired up with one other person and each of you would bring snacks to share with the congregation after the service. We do also ask that you stick around a few minutes after the snack time to make sure that the table is cleaned up and that leftovers are taken home. A schedule is sent out with contact information for the committee so if you are assigned on a week you are unable to do it, you can easily switch with someone else. Please call or email Marcy Wisbauer at 434-825-9269 or [mlwis62@comcast.net](mailto:mlwis62@comcast.net) if you have any questions or would like to be a part of this service.



## THANK YOU!

Dear St. Mark Family,  
Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and kind words of support. Having a spiritual family at all times is such a blessing but during these tough times gives us hands to hold and shoulders to lean on.

The prayer shawls are such a comfort and sweet reminder of mom's love. We appreciate these gifts of love so much. Thank you, The Horton Family



Thank you to all who donated new **Christmas and other holiday cards** to donate to Grace Inside. People who are incarcerated will use these cards to send a holiday greeting to loved ones and friends. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



**Thank you** to all who attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper! Thanks to your generous offering, we donated \$77 to the Blue Ridge Area Food Banks and \$77 to ELCA World Hunger.



St. Mark's **camping trip at Shenandoa Lake** (about 45 minutes away) is open to all, including guests. We'll begin the afternoon/evening of **Friday, April 26**, and conclude with worship on the morning of **Sunday, April 28**. You do not have to be there for the entire time. The trip includes meals together, activities and crafts, relaxation, hiking and kayaking and such, campfires, singing, and worship. It's open to everyone. Please let Paul Shepherd or Tony Marbury know if you are going, and how long you plan to stay. We have only two group sites this year (the two closest to the bathrooms) so space will be limited. Campus Ministry: you are invited, there's room, and you can get gear from Outdoor Recreation on campus. We can probably also get you rides—but let Paul Shepherd or Tony Marbury know. **For complete details:** <https://stmarklutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-Camping.pdf>

Last year we asked for your **favorite hymns** so that we can sing them during the summer. We all have favorite hymns that we just love to hear and have maybe missed for a long time. So here is your opportunity again. Submit the hymn number and title and you will hear the

hymn sometime during the month of June, July or August. Give your request to Pastor Viktoria or email [office@stmarklutheran.org](mailto:office@stmarklutheran.org).




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### MISSION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Mission Council approved spending \$8375 to complete repairs on the sewer line leading from St. Mark to the hookup on Alderman Road
2. Approved a contract with Meridian Engineering for a property survey necessary for planning a new drop-off area in front of the church and for possible improvements to our parking area.
3. Accepted with regret Nancy Kliever's resignation and thank her for her exemplary service to St. Mark and its ministries.
4. Authorized Pastor Viktoria and the Executive Committee to begin a search for a permanent Bookkeeper and an Office Manager.
5. Approved increased hours for the Office Assistant.




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In preparation for the **egg hunt** on Easter morning, please consider donating **individually wrapped candy**. Although we have many plastic eggs, we are in need of candy to fill the eggs. Please leave donations in the office. Thank you!





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY HANK!** The St. Mark care group and Pastor Viktoria visited Hank Morgan at Our Lady of Peace. Hank celebrated his 100 birthday on March 20. We delivered a specially made birthday card that was signed by St. Mark members and flowers. During the visit, memories were shared about the good memories and experiences that Hank had traveling the World and enjoying life to the fullest with five children and his beloved wife Susie. Hank's wife Susie was an active member of St. Mark. We wish Hank a happy birthday and we are thankful for the many years that contributed to our community by being an exemplary volunteer and a faithful Christian. Happy Birthday Hank.

## **HOW DO YOU SET YOUR PRIORITIES?**

Since our passions usually cause a strong reaction, we might not think about what they are or why. As we bring awareness to our own passions, we can then prioritize and pursue those that we feel help us to live according to God's purpose for us.

Responsibilities, commitments, or maybe even some fears hold us back from investing more fully in pursuing passions. Or we might have so many dreams that we become overwhelmed and rarely accomplish even a few of them. Sometimes we assume the passions of those we work for or with. How might you allow your passion to become more of a priority? Consider that when you say "yes" to something you are saying "no" to an idea or opportunity to pursue passions in another part of your life.

Your Assignment:

Write down the things that stir your passions. These are the ideas, activities and people that create strong feelings or beliefs within you. They might be music, your children, traveling, community activism, politics, movies, being in nature, athletic activities, and more. Remember these aren't the things you may think you should be most passionate about, but what you simply are most passionate about.

What might they be if you had no limitations such as time or money?

What do you fantasize about but don't necessarily share with others?

What would you regret not doing if you died today?

## ACTS 2019 Spring Course

### Spirituality and Leadership Course April 6 and May 11, 2019

**Led by Dr. Jill Y. Crainshaw**  
Acting Dean at  
Wake Forest University School of Divinity

This course will explore how throughout biblical history prayerfully listening to God changed the way leaders served in response to God's call. The participant will learn ways a congregation can prepare and use their many differing personal and spiritual gifts for mission.

For more information:

<https://www.vasynod.org/ministries/acts/>



#### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDING BISHOP

Dear Church,

Today we awoke to the devastating news of the mass shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. We join in mourning for the people who were killed and wounded, for their families, for the first responders and grief counselors, and for all whose lives have been shattered today. We know that God is present in the midst of their suffering.

We know that our own Muslim neighbors here in the U.S. are also experiencing grief and fear. Many will wonder whether it is safe to attend Friday prayers today. These are not the kinds of questions that any of us should have to ask ourselves as we seek to live out our religious commitments. Yet, devastatingly, this is also a reality that binds us together as people of faith. As I wrote last November in the wake of the Tree of Life shooting: "Hate-filled violence knows no bounds – whether a Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, a Christian church in Charleston, a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh" – and now these mosques in New Zealand.

Together with our ecumenical and inter-religious partners, we stand shoulder to shoulder in condemning hatred, bigotry, racism and violence whenever and wherever it occurs. We do so because all people are made in the image of God. Therefore, as an act of neighborly love, I urge you to reach out to your Muslim neighbors today and in the days to come to ask how you might offer solidarity and support – joining whenever possible with other ecumenical and inter-religious neighbors.

I leave you with the words of Psalm 16:1: “Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.” This is my prayer – for our Muslim neighbors, for the people of Christchurch, and for all who mourn and are afraid. May we see in this devastation the possibility to be Christ’s presence with our neighbors in this world – to be present in their suffering and to be partners in God’s justice and peace.  
 In peace, The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

### LOVE INC NEEDS March 2019

Love in the Name of Christ mobilizes churches to transform lives and communities. Walking up and down neighborhoods knocking on doors to find a needy person is not a viable option; Love INC provides opportunities for volunteers to cultivate relationships with clients in need. Join the Love INC- Volunteer Ministry! The web link is [http://www.loveincville.org/basic\\_needs](http://www.loveincville.org/basic_needs) Call the Love INC staff at 434-977-7777 or email [office@loveincville.org](mailto:office@loveincville.org) to inquire!

Need	Community	Request #
<b>Home Repair/Yardwork</b>		
Yard work/grass cutting needs	Cville: county	# 1717, 3001, #8258
Leak in older home bathroom. Older couple.	Crozet area	# 7894
Older woman needs front bush trimmed	Crozet area	# 5154
Ramp for seriously disabled daughter needs repair	Louisa /Zion Xroads	6735
Needs bathroom caulking and a filter replaced. Can purchase parts.	Barracks Rd area	# 3112
Kitchen and living room need painting. Carpets cleaned. (has machine) Older woman, friendly.	Near Kentucky Fried Chicken	# 4576
Older woman needs help clearing closet	Rose Hill Drive area	628
Townhouse front/back porches need repair, cleaning. Also needs washer and dryer! (handicapped adult son)	Orangedale Ave Cville	#1336
<b>Other relational opportunities</b>		
Gravel needed on Afton driveway so children can get to the bus	Afton area	#3978
Needs ride home from work late in evening on-going. (NO bus)	Proffit Rd to W. Park	#9338

Disabled woman needs to move to another apartment in her complex	Rio Road by May	#4597
OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR! New classes starting in April/May. Email office@loveinccville.org	office@loveinccville.org	
We are always looking for small projects!! If you know of a need, please call 977-7777		



## Lutheran Family Services Day Program

They really appreciated all of the birthday kits that we collected last fall, so we reached out to see if there was anything else we could do. They quickly responded with the request to restock their continual need for all sorts of paper products that they use on a daily basis. So, the Social Ministry Committee has designated the month of March to help this mission. They need:

- paper plates (any size)
- napkins
- paper towels
- plastic eating utensils, especially spoons
- plastic drinking cups

Beginning on **March 3rd**, there will be a designated spot in the narthex where you can bring your donations each Sunday during the month. If you have any questions, feel free to email Marcy Wisbauer at [mlwis62@comcast.net](mailto:mlwis62@comcast.net).



## VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

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### “I’m a Lutheran” nominations

Do you know an ELCA member who has a unique story to tell?

Living Lutheran is looking for nominations for its monthly “I’m a Lutheran” feature. Past features have included people with interesting vocations, impressive accomplishments or exciting experiences.

We’re looking for people who are passionately living and showing their faith in their everyday life and are comfortable talking about it. Send the name and contact information for your nominee, as well as a little bit about why you think they’d be a great candidate, to [megan.brandsrud@elca.org](mailto:megan.brandsrud@elca.org).



## **2019 UNIVERSITY GRADS & POST-GRADS**

St. Mark would like to receive the following information from **all** college/university grads, post-grads or their parents (*or from their parents* if students do not attend UVA):

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR(S) & DEGREE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE PLANS (E.g., adicional education, job, marriage, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form to Linda Imhoff in person or by e-mail at ([lsimhoff@comcast.net](mailto:lsimhoff@comcast.net)) **no later than April 14th**. If you have any questions, you may also reach Linda at 434-823-9953. Thank you so much.

## 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

St. Mark would like to receive the following information from all high school graduates or their parents:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

SPORTS, ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES (HS & Church) -----

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AWARDS/HONORS \_\_\_\_\_

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FUTURE PLANS (E.g., job, military, college/university or technical school you will be attending, etc

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Please return this form to Linda Imhoff in person or by e-mail at [lsimhoff@comcast.net](mailto:lsimhoff@comcast.net) no later than **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, you may also reach Linda at 434-823-9953.

# PACEM NEWS

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Hi, St. Mark congregation—

I am overflowing with gratitude and awe at everything we did together to support 20+ people (guests and staff) almost every night of our **two-week PACEM hosting**. This was a different year in so many ways—from the number of guests and the types of medical issues to their demographics and a snowstorm and limited transportation for them—which meant a lot of planning was done on the fly.

**You all responded in amazing ways!** There were many PACEM fairies who showed up visibly and invisibly. And you all made our guests feel so welcome, whether you helped behind the scenes or in person on one of the evenings. Between us and our partners, more than 125 people helped out, for a total of well over 650 hours!

I'm including my wrap-up memo to the other host congregations and partners so that you can see a few more details about our two weeks. Thank you for all you've done to comfort and nurture the women of PACEM during their time of homelessness. - Heidi Jones

*Dear PACEM host and partner congregations:*

*St. Mark Lutheran Church was blessed to host the women of PACEM for two weeks, February 16 to March 1. We were also blessed with an abundance of volunteers and donors from our congregation and St. Mark Preschool; from our partner churches, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Union Grove Baptist Church; and from UVA's APO service organization and School of Medicine.*

*We had a steady 18-20 women for the first week and a half, putting out all 22 beds because of turnover, and about 15 guests on the final nights. There was only one Jaunt van on most nights, so the women often came in two groups, about 30 minutes apart, arriving anywhere from 5:45 to 7:15. All the bad weather and UVA events contributed to late arrivals, too.*

*On the first evening, we asked for wish lists for meals, drinks and desserts. Our volunteers stayed open to these possibilities and provided just about everything our guests wrote down. We also supplied underwear, ear plugs and socks at their request, plus gave gifts of CVS gift cards and blank journals. Our second-Friday meal planner put together her annual themed party and gave everyone gift bags.*

*Meals included roast chicken, dal, breakfast for dinner, taco bar, enchiladas, fajitas, meatball subs, lo mein, hot dog bar, Cane's, Sticks, mac and cheese, lasagna, soups, Salisbury steak, chicken pot pie and pizza. One woman has a peanut allergy, a few others have tomato allergies, and one eats a gluten-free diet and is also vegetarian. They loved ice! And OJ, cranberry juice and milk.*

*A few people were in and out of the hospital during the two weeks, including for the peanut allergy (from an interaction during the day, not at St. Mark). Guests were more interested in packing up morning food, including PB&Js, than in recent years. Evening activities included a UVA women's basketball game, head/neck/shoulder/arm massages, guitar music, movies in the living room area we set up, and games/puzzles/coloring books. One guest joined a few congregants in a healing service in the sanctuary. We were happy to serve the guests again this year and get to know them. We pray for warmth, comfort and good health for all of them. And thank you to all the PACEM staff who are so kind and helpful to the guests and to us.*

# PRESCHOOL

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## Spring greetings from the Preschool!

We're enjoying the warmer days and looking forward to sharing some upcoming events with the church family, especially Easter activities!

The church family and preschool families will also come together on June 9th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the preschool ministry to our community. Former teachers, directors and alumni, along with current staff & families, will be invited to attend the service and stay afterwards for a picnic lunch.

You may have noticed that we've added a "bunch of rocks" to the playground! The pile of rocks is actually a dry creek bed that we call "The Creek." The dry creek bed has two purposes, the first and most practical, is that the creek solves the drainage/mud problem at the bottom of the playground. This is traditionally a very wet, muddy area and the creek bed was designed to help water flow from under the stage, through the bed, to a small drainage area at the end. The second purpose, which is most exciting to us, is that "The Creek" is the beginning of a discovery habitat that will be home to all kinds of "creepies and crawlies!" Very soon we'll add tools such as bug catchers, nets, buckets, etc...

We're happy to share this beautiful space with our church & neighborhood friends and have posted a sign with the guidelines for using the habitat:

- Be kind, quiet & careful.
- Rocks stay in the creek.
- No "big" digging or dump trucks.
- Please do not add sand or mulch to creek.
- Please return discovery tools to hooks on posts.
- Wear shoes!

We also ask that everyone be careful of the new plants & landscaping. For the time being, until the plants are more established, we'll be asking the preschool children to stay on the playground side of the creek bed. Later this spring, we'll invite the children to use the far side of "The Creek" for quiet reflection, reading and discovery. There are some nice pavers that our landscaper, Kevin, has put down for children to use for this purpose. Children are welcome and invited to haul water from the rain barrels to the creek bed and to the new plants. Stay tuned for news of our exciting discoveries in "The Creek!"



Donna Kellam April 5  
 Charlotte Owen April 5  
 Marcy Wisbauer April 10  
 David Zentmyer April 10  
 Christa Escobar April 14  
 Brant Isakson April 14  
 Thomas Isakson April 15  
 Jennifer Dwiggin April 25  
 Pearl Evans April 25  
 Kat Ravichandran April 27  
 Arnold Jensen April 30

Date	Offering	Attendance
February 3	\$2,960	91
February 10	\$3,345	102
February 17	\$1,611	86
February 24	\$5,826	90

### **MISSION COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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