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April CALENDAR

SUNDAY April 2nd

Palm Sunday 8:45 service with Holy Communion Wednesday April 5th

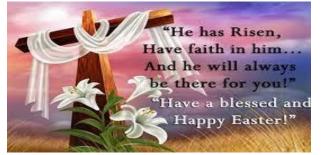
No Confirmation

Thursday April 6th

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service at FLC Friday April 7th

6:30pm Good Friday Service at NWLC SUNDAY April 9th

Easter Sunday service with Holy Communion 7:00 am at FLC 8:45 am at NWLC



Monday April 10th Council meeting at 6:30 Wednesday April 12th Lunch Bunch at FLC at 12:00 ALL ARE WELCOME 6:30 <u>Confirmation</u> at FLC SUNDAY April 16th 8:45 Service with Holy Communior

8:45 Service with Holy Communion Wednesday April 16th

6:30 **Confirmation** at FLC

SUNDAY April 23rd

8:45 Service

Wednesday April 26th

6:30 Confirmation at NWLC

SUNDAY April 30th

8:45 Service

Conway's



On March 5th

Mabel Jean was baptized. She is the daughter of Matthew and Nicole Conway. Matt is the son of Bill and Nicole Conway.

Johnson's



On October 18th of 2022 these two beauties were welcomed by parents, Joel & Shayne Johnson, and sister Kaylee. Harper Violet and Makenzie Jade were baptized on March 19th. Grandparents are Bruce and Lynette Johnson; Great Grandmother is Betty Schaal.



A note from the Pastor

In these early days of April we are coming to the end of our Lenten journey and preparing to make our way through death and grave to new life. As we sit in the in between, in the now and not yet, I invite you to look around and take notice of the things that are preparing for new life right before your eves. A beautiful metaphor for death and resurrection is the process caterpillars undergo to become butterflies. They curl up into a cocoon, turn to goo until the caterpillar is no more, and emerge some time later completely transformed into a butterfly. Promises of resurrection are all around us! Spring is on the way, with snow melting, the sun and the birds returning, buds forming slowly but surely. As a congregation, the ongoing Gospel transformation of the church means new life springs out of all our endings, big and small. Life continues to evolve for each of us, and we experience little deaths and resurrections every day, every day waking up to the promise of a new and transformed life. What in your life is preparing for transformation? What needs to be left behind in the process? What new life will be gained?

"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week... Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, *Peace be with you.*" - John 20:19, ESV

"For Easter Sunday" Oh God, I stretch out my hands to you in this early Easter darkness. I need you to pull me up and set me on my feet again, for I am weak and tired.

God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Spirit, have mercy.

God, on that first Easter morning while it was still dark, one woman went alone to the tomb to do what could be done to honor you, though hope had drained away.

Two bright angels met her there, and thenhow is it possible?you were there, fully alive, beyond belief.

Blessed are we who stretch out our hands to you in doubt and grief, in sickness of body and mind and spirit, our prayers not fully realized, rejoicing . . . anyway.

For that is what makes us Easter people: carrying forth the realized hope of the Resurrected One, singing our alleluias great and small, while it is still dark.

Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

-Blessing by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie, from *The Lives We Actually Have*

Noisy Offering

For 2023 the loose change and after service breakfast has collected over \$500.00 so far. On March 9th we added \$131.00. Thanks for all the donations. Good Earth Village appreciates it. Way to shake your cans, kids.

Midweek Lenten Services

The end has come to the Holden Prayer Services held on Wednesday through Lent. It was a wonderful time for spiritual enlightenment and fellowship. The confirmation students did a fabulous job of assisting in the services. If you have not been to a Holden Evening Prayer Service, I would encourage you to attend one if you have the opportunity.



The choir entertained us with "Amazing Grace" on March 29th. The song "Amazing Grace is 250 years old this year. Praise God for the writers of songs



Soup Suppers were enjoyed with many kinds of soup. Thanks to all that were involved and especially to Stacy Shaw for coordinating the Midweek Suppers and Services.

THE SPRING THING 'CROCUS'

