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## April CALENDAR

### SUNDAY April 2nd

#### Palm Sunday

8:45 service with Holy Communion

### Wednesday April 5th

No Confirmation

### Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm **Maundy Thursday** Service at FLC

### Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm **Good Friday** Service at NWLC

### SUNDAY April 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Easter Sunday service

with Holy Communion

7:00 am at FLC

8:45 am at NWLC



### Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Council meeting at 6:30

### Wednesday April 12th

Lunch Bunch at FLC at 12:00

ALL ARE WELCOME

6:30 Confirmation at FLC

### SUNDAY April 16th

8:45 Service with Holy Communion

### Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>

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 18<sup>th</sup> of 2022 these two beauties were  
welcomed by parents, Joel & Shayne Johnson, and  
sister Kaylee. Harper Violet and Makenzie Jade were  
baptized on March 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 eyes. 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 then—  
*how 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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'

