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The days are getting longer and the pace will soon get a little slower. I just heard there might be a little bit of snow in the forecast. Go figure that that would be the case after a little bit of a warm spell. We are right at that time of the year when Mother Nature doesn't really know what she wants to do.

It seems like the flu season has been a little bit worse this year. Lately wherever I turn I've been hearing that someone is sick or not feeling well. It's far from the most wonderful time of the Year. As we get over our sniffles, the best that we can do is hope that March and April Showers will bring May flowers.

With those May flowers come baseball season and the slower pace of vacations. I always look forward to Vacation season even if I don't travel. It is a reminder for me to take my time off and to refresh, something that I don't always do.

Sometimes I need to remind myself to take my Sabbath time refresh and renew. As we get closer to Vacation season, I invite you to do the same. Take your time away and your time off to refresh and renew. The concept of Sabbath is of course Very biblical.

Traditionally I think we tend to associate the Sabbath with Sunday. Traditionally there are fewer businesses open on Sundays and no mail delivery. We need not restrict our time off and our time away to Sundays. We can take other time to be lazy and to renew our energy.

Here's the thing though. It's not resting and refreshing for the sake of a rebuilding our energy. Sabbath is about resting and



refreshing so that we can come back from our break with Renewed Energy to serve and to make the world a better place. We take our Sabbath time to rest and refresh so that we can come back into the Daily Grind ready to be participants in God's work and in God's Kingdom.

With that in mind, I invite you to take your favorite vacation this spring and summer. Or maybe don't take your favorite vacation. Maybe find a new place to go. Find a new way to refresh. Either way, do it knowing that God is calling you and that you are refreshing so that you can do God's work in the Kingdom when you come back. Take some time while on your vacations and Ponder how God might be preparing to use you in God's service.

Pastor Tim Garman
Pastor Tim



Church Council Members

Neal Galbraith (*President*)
Louise Lundquist (*Vice President*)
Nancy Brightbill (*Secretary*)
Brad Bishop (*Church Treasurer*)
Kathy Bishop
Jay Brown
Jack Derfler
Karen Fitting
Pam Gainer
Jessie Green
Scott Hower
Lynn Kern
Henry Wampler



Committee Chair Persons

Worship/Music—Paul Copenhaver
Finance—Horace Ehrgood
Christian Education—Elizabeth Hershey
Property—Henry Wampler
Archives— *Position Vacant*
Social Ministry—Jim Dibert
Social Activities—Stephanie Kaylor



Our Vision...Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission...We are a community of believers who come together in:

- ✠ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.
- ✠ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.
- ✠ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.
- ✠ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.

WORSHIP

with us



March 2024 Worship Schedule

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 28*, 29*, and 31
9:00 AM—Traditional Service
10:15 AM— Sunday School for all ages

Radio Worship Service:

There will be a radio broadcast of the service available to those who are parked just outside of the church, either in the parking lot or on the street. Just tune your radio to 88.5.

Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. You can find the service by going to <https://www.trinityleb.org/links>. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, and the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

*Maundy Thursday and Good Fridays Services 6 p.m.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

- March 15-17: Women's Quilting Weekend at Kirchenwald
 - March 17: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa
 - April 1: Facility reservation book opens for 2025
 - April 6: Summer Camp Early Full-Pay Registration Discount deadline
 - April 14: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa
 - April 21: Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald
 - April 27: Work Day at Nawakwa
- Always check LutheranCamping.org for the most updated calendar!



LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in March is **peanut butter and jelly**. Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled “**LCCM Food Bank**” located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).

Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. 67 pounds of food was donated in February. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

Prayer Partners

If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567 or email at stephanie@trinityleb.org.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Barb Baeckert, Terry Clearwater, Monique & Jack Derfler, Jim Dibert, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Julian Johnson, Matthew Kaylor, Dana King, Raymond Kohr, Doris Kreiser, Jeff Lau, Jim & Judi Light, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, The Family of Roger Whitmire, and Mary Yeagley.



R&K SUB SALE

Support the Mission Trip volunteers and grab a tasty meal! Orders will be taken from Sunday, March 10 to Sunday, April 7. Cost for subs is \$7 and cost for pretzel sandwiches is \$6. Customer pick up is Thursday, April 18 from 3p to 5p in Luther’s Place. All Misson Team volunteers are welcome to take orders to help defray the cost of your Mission Trip expenses. See Judy Cassel, Heather Buffington, or Denise McDaniels from order forms and other details.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES



We have a small lending “library” of equipment and new medical supplies that are available for use by members of Holy Trinity. Some of the items include: wheelchairs, shower chairs, medical bed, pads for beds, adult diapers, and more. If you have a need or would like to donate an item, please contact the Church Office at 717-273-8567.

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (rinsed & flattened) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).



March 16: Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area - Observation of migrating and resident birds along the tour road. Meet at 9 a.m. in the visitor center parking lot. If interested, please contact the leader, Fritz Heilman at 717-273-0487



March 17: Swatara State Park: Timberdoodle - this is the first of two trips to observe the “sky dance” of the woodcock. Meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Trout Run Trailhead parking lot. Please bring a flashlight. If interested, please contact the leader, Gary Kinkley 717-503-4027

March 24: Memorial Lake State Park: Timberdoodle - the second observation event. Meet a 7:15 p.m. at the upper parking lot. Please bring a flashlight. In interested, please contact the leader, Gary Kinkley 717-503-4027.



Council Notes

Highlights of Annual Congregational Meeting February 11, 2024

- On the Income side, we fell short of our budget goal for the year 2023 by approximately \$30,000. Brad reviewed our sources of income and stressed that we were able to meet our expenses only by relying on investment income. It is a goal of the church to meet these expenses through the Unified Offering of members of the congregation.
- Administration – Cost of church offering envelopes was higher than budgeted since we switched to a new company during the year. The timing of the payments resulted in higher expenses during this budget year, but we will save money in the future with the new company.
- Operation and Maintenance – In the Maintenance and Repair line item, we exceeded our budget due to several large expenses, including work on the furnace and the walk-in cooler, along with roof repairs. We also incurred significantly higher costs for gas, exceeding the budget by approximately \$7000.
- Worship and Music – The only item of note was that we had the organ fully serviced and tuned by a new company.
- Christian Education – The line item for Camping Scholarships is higher than the budgeted amount, but a significant portion of this expense is paid from Hershey Company stock dividends. This stock was bequeathed to the church for the sole purpose of providing camping scholarships.
- Other Categories – Brad noted that the Social Ministry Committee donates \$2000 to community organizations each year. These donations are now grouped together as one item on the budget.
- Benevolence – We continue to provide approximately 10% of our income to Synod/ELCA Mission Support. This amounted to approximately \$17,000 for the year.
- The proposed budget goal for 2024 is \$292,813.

- Brad briefly reviewed the Income side of the proposed budget, noting that the goal for Unified Offering is \$215,863. He again stressed that relying on investment income to meet expenses is not a good long-term practice.
- Administration – Staff members will receive a 3% increase in salaries. The decrease in cost of church collection envelopes, as noted earlier, is reflected in the 2024 budget.
- Operation and Maintenance – Budget for Maintenance and Repairs is increased to \$6000 due to higher costs and ongoing maintenance issues. Budgeted amounts for gas and electricity were also increased to reflect higher prices.
- Presentation of Candidates for 2024 Council: Louise Lundquist presented the candidates for the 2024 Church Council
Election to First Term – Jessie Green, Pam Gainer, and Henry Wampler.
Election to Second Term – Lynn Kern.

Highlights of Church Council Meeting, February 15, 2024

- Council welcomed 3 new members: Pam Gainer, Jessie Green, and Henry Wampler
- \$1,500 given to church from Bazaar was earmarked for moving expenses of new pastor.
- Election of Council Officers for 2024: President – Neal Galbraith, Vice President – Louise Lundquist, Secretary – Nancy Brightbill
- Discussion regarding approval of Pastor [REDACTED] to be our next pastor. The compensation package was discussed and approved.





Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark Campaign 2024

We will conduct our Noah's Ark campaign this Lenten season from February 18th to March 24th. The Social Ministry Committee has selected flocks of chicks as our Lenten Good Gift this year. Each flock costs \$10 and consists of 10 chicks. We have set a goal of purchasing 200 flocks which would have the potential to positively impact many families. Chicks grow up to become chickens. Chickens and their eggs provide an ongoing supply of protein rich meals to help children develop well. And chickens are easy to breed so the gift can grow and multiply to help start a small business and generate a steady source of income, be shared with neighbors and ultimately make life better for a whole community. This Lent we invite you to help us help many families spread their wings. Special offering envelopes with chick stickers are available at both Welcome Tables. If you donate by check the check should be made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and "Noah's Ark" should be written in the memo line.

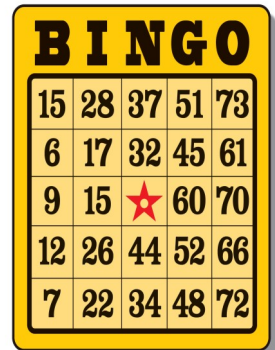
Thank you,

Karen Weaver on behalf of the Social Ministry Committee



Spang Crest Needs Your Generosity!

As with most nursing homes, your generosity adds to our residents' lives and activity programming. Listed below are some of the typical prizes that our residents would choose to take off the prize cart. Any of these donations or any other items would be greatly appreciated.



- Kleenex (boxes and tissues packs)
- Candy (individually wrapped): chocolate bars, sugar free hard and/or chocolate candy, hard candy, Tic-Tac packages
- Snack Foods: pretzel bags, snack packages, cookies, crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- Jewelry (mainly long necklaces)
- Perfume and/or Cologne
- After Shave, Body Spray, and/or Hand Lotions
- Quarters to spend in the Gift Shop
- Adult Coloring Books
- Colored Pencil Packs
- Small Notebooks (to write in)
- Small Stuffed Animals

For more information, please contact Marian Brandt at 717-273-4385. Donations can be placed in The Giving Place in the bin marked "Spang Crest."



Let's help Betty Reese celebrate her 100th birthday on March 24 by showering her with birthday cards! Please send her a birthday card at

Betty Reese
2411 Elias Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17046

From the Archives



This 1954 photo features the Haak family at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new sanctuary. In the photo are (L to R) Catharine (Harpel) Buser, J. Albert Buser, Elizabeth Haak, and Sara Ann (Buser) Haak. This photo was submitted by Sara Ann's son, John Haak.

The Suggestions For Lent Article was featured in the 1957 Quinquagesima Sunday Bulletin. The bulletin is from the dedication of the Church listing all of the gifts and memorials.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT

The forty days immediately preceding Easter have always been of deep significance to Lutherans. In a very real sense it is our period of revival. If we were perfect Christians, of course, we would not need to be "revived," but since none of us is perfect it is good for us, now and then, to pause in our feverish rush after worldly things and take the time to think seriously about the love God has shown us in Christ.

The season of Lent offers a fine opportunity to do this. It should be a time of deep penitence and mourning for one's sin, leading to a deepening of our spiritual lives.

There are a number of ways we may be helped to grow in grace through this season. Here are a few suggestions:

Read the Bible daily. At the center of our observance of Lent should be an earnest contemplation of the Passion of our Lord. Follow the life of Christ through at least one of the Gospels—the Gospel of Matthew, for example—or, preferably, through all four of them. The reading of even a few verses a day is better than reading none.

Pray daily. When you awaken in the

morning, when you retire at night, and every time you sit down to eat, say a prayer. There are countless other opportunities in every day when you can find time to pray. Try praying for one particular person each day for a week, and note the effects of such prayers. If your home does not have a period of family worship, try to have one during this season.

Attend church regularly. Prepare yourself for meaningful worship by getting sufficient sleep Saturday night, and by being in your pew for meditation before the Service begins. You will be surprised at how much more the services will mean to you if you begin each one with a prayer for the pastor, the worshippers, your family and yourself.

Talk Christianity. Why not talk about God, prayer, the Bible, and what Christ means to you and to the world? Why not try mentioning such subjects where you work, or study, or visit?

Of course, Lutherans do not value Lent for the sake of accumulating merit but only for Jesus' sake. If this season helps to make Christ supreme in our lives it has fulfilled its highest purpose.



Friends of Spang Crest

2024 Annual Membership Drive

The Annual Membership Drive is your chance to join or renew your membership to the Friends of Spang Crest. This year's membership drive will run through March 31, 2024.

The Friends of Spang Crest is an auxiliary organization dedicated to supporting activities and projects benefitting the residents of Spang Crest, LutherCare's Senior Living Community in Lebanon, PA. In 2022-2023, the Friends of Spang Crest donated **over \$26,000** to Spang Crest for programs, services and purchases including:

- Benevolent Care • Resident Christmas Presents**
- **Outdoor Patio Furniture**
- **Activity Program Equipment**
- **Outdoor Band Concerts • Fish Tank Maintenance**

Your membership dues, combined with generous donations from congregations, individuals, annual fundraising events and proceeds from the Spang Crest Gift Shop, will allow the Friends of Spang Crest to continue its work in 2024. Membership Levels for 2024 are:

Member:	\$2.00	Sustaining:	\$10.00
Contributing:	\$5.00	Patron:	\$25.00

You may submit your membership contribution directly to your congregation's Key Person: Marion Brandt, 1103 Elm Street, Lebanon, PA 17042. Please add "Friends of Spang Crest Membership" on the memo line of your check.

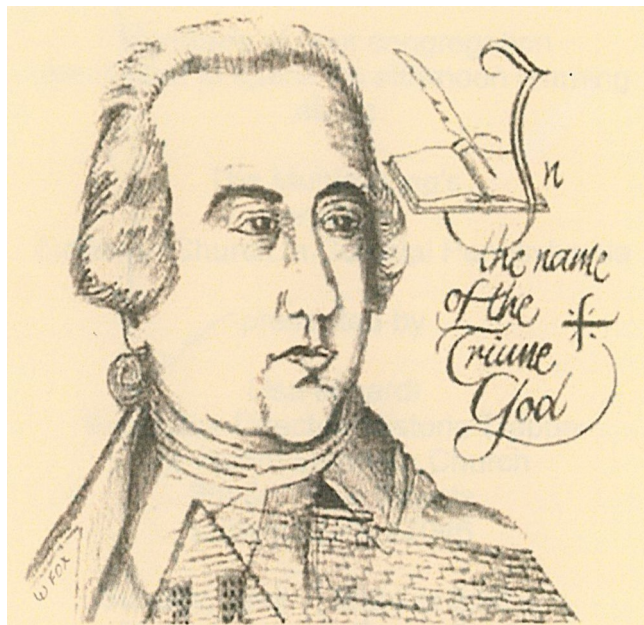
Thank You for Supporting the Friends of Spang Crest

Together We Make A Difference!

Learn About The Muhlenbergs At Old Salem Lutheran Church

You are cordially invited to spend an afternoon learning about the Muhlenberg's and the Lutheran Church in Colonial Pennsylvania. The presenter is Lisa Minardi, Executive Director, Historic Trappe. The event will take place at Old Salem Lutheran Church, located at 8th and Willow Streets, Lebanon, on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. The presentation will be preceded by an Organ Recital on the historic Miller Organ at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by March 27 to 717-272-6151.

A Pennsylvania native, Lisa Minardi is a specialist in Pennsylvania German art and culture. Earning a B.A. in history and museum studies from Ursinus College and an M.A. from the Winterthur Program in Early American Culture, Lisa is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the History of American Civilization at the University of Delaware, where she is researching the German speaking community of early Philadelphia for her dissertation. Lisa has done extensive research on the Muhlenberg Family and has written *Pastors & Patriots, the Muhlenberg Family of Pennsylvania*, a Journal of the Pennsylvania German Society , Volume 45, 2011, Number 1.



Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg
Pastor, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



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**10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**



**To be held at Midway Diner
Rte 78 Exit 16 & Midway Rd., Bethel, PA 19507
In Banquet Hall, Entrance in Rear
FREE - EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

- 10:15 a.m. Die Schwadore Schalle - Youth and adults sing in PA German
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Activity - PA German rhymes and songs with Mary Laub
- 11:30 a.m. Mike Emery - "Pennsylvania German Gravestones"
- 12:15 p.m. Children's Activity - PA German story with Mary Laub
- 12:45 p.m. Dr. Harry Serio - "Spirituality & Folk Traditions of Pennsylvania Germans"
- 1:30 p.m. Children's Activity - PA German songs with Mary Laub
- 2:00 p.m. Mike & Linda Herzog - Performing songs in Pennsylvania German



Silent Auction will be operating until 2:30 pm!

Contact: zammelaaf@gmail.com

 PA German Zammelaaf

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization





March Happy Birthday Wishes

3 - Janice Phillips
407 S. 10th St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

Eugene Reinbold
2901 Tunnel Hill Road
Lebanon, PA 17046

4 - Ronald Witmer
221 Cross Wind Way
Lebanon, PA 17042

10 - Bruce Johnson
101 Overlook Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042

Janice Peiffer
1407 Oak St., Apt. 109
Lebanon, PA 17042

11 - Nancy Hentz
125 John Drive
Myerstown, PA 17067

13 - Quinn Bullock (*celebrating her 5th birthday*)
326 Kauffman Rd.
Annville, PA 17003

14 - Hunter Nelson
1410 Todd Ct.
Annville, PA 17003

16 - Beverly Cantrell
2411 Elias Ave.
Lebanon, PA 17046

18 - Pamela Gainer
1373 Sholly Ave.
Lebanon, PA 17046

Cole Nye
1304 S. 5th Ave.
Lebanon, PA 17042

19 - Preston Darkes
124 S. 22nd St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

Bartholomew Keip
35 Palmer St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

Edward Kolle
79 Arbor Dr.
Myerstown, PA 17067

Donna Kullman
568 W. Locust St.
Cleona, PA 17042

21 - Denise McDaniels
12 Parkview Dr.
Myerstown, PA 17067

22 - Carl Deemer
1303 Douglas Fir Cove
Lebanon, PA 17042

23 - Mary Andrews
38 E. Locust St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

Louise Lundquist
PO Box 8
Cornwall, PA 17016

24 - Amanda Lamason
605 E. Evergreen Rd.
Lebanon, PA 17042

25 - Betty Reese
2411 Elias Ave.
Lebanon, PA 17046

26 - Dennis Michael
151 Weidman St.
Lebanon, PA 17046

28 - Ruth Gassert
1546 Oak St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

22 - Cookie Rothermel
604 S. 15th St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

*Please consider sending
a card or giving them a
phone call to celebrate
their special day.*



First Communion



Pastor Tim gave First Communion to Samuel Kaylor and Charley Bullock on Sunday, February 25.

EASTER ITEMS NEEDED

We are collecting items for the Children's Sunday School Easter Celebration. If you would like to donate you can either place wrapped candy (for the egg hunt) or items for baskets in The Giving Place. If you would like to help with the party, you can make a donation marked EASTER CELEBRATION. The celebration will take place during Sunday School on Palm Sunday, March 24.



SHARE & CARE BOX

The box is located in front of the Church on Lehman Street by the flag pole. The box is a place to donate food and personal care products to our neighbors in need. The following items are needed: ramen noodles, canned vegetables and beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce (no glass), peanut butter, cereal, granola bars, applesauce cups, canned tuna and chicken, spam, socks, lotion, soap, shampoo, water bottles, combs, toilet paper, baby wipes, razors, chap stick, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, etc. Feel free to either place your donations in the box or bring them into the Giving Place. Items can be placed in the bin marked Share & Care box.



For those who wish to provide an Easter mum in memory or in honor of a loved one, please visit the Welcome Table and pick-up an envelope or include a note in your donation. **\$7.00 provides one flower.** **Please remember to include the name of the person (s) presenting the flower.** Place the envelope in the offering plate or in the envelope slot. **Deadline for acknowledgement on the Easter Flower List is Sunday, March 24.**

WELCA HOSTS SPANG CREST FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY PARTY

The ladies of WELCA hosted a party for residents of Spang Crest on February 19. Twenty-two residents and six staff members enjoyed the festivities. The program started with a sing-a-long led by Nancy Brightbill. Heather Buffington provided the accompaniment on the piano. With a little help from the song sheets, we all joined in full voices to heartfelt songs like America the Beautiful, This Land is Your Land, and Amazing Grace, as well as fun songs like Daisy Daisy, Yankee Doodle, Let me Call you Sweetheart, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, and She'll be Coming 'Round the Mountain. Valentine poems that brought smiles were read by Rita White, Jesse Green, and Nancy. After we sang Happy Birthday and Christine Paradise offered prayer, our birthday residents received a surprise-filled gift bag. Rita's granddaughter Lucy Synder presented each resident at the party with a lovely long-stemmed rose. Homemade cookies and drinks were served with the helpful assistance of Nancy's granddaughter Alexis Neitz. It was a delightful afternoon enjoyed by all.



Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 3

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1 - 17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 25

John 2:13 - 22

Sunday, March 10

4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4 - 9

Psalm 107:1 - 3, 17 - 22

Ephesians 2:1 - 10

John 3:14 - 21

Wednesday, March 17

5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

Psalm 51:1 - 12

Hebrews 5:5 - 10

John 12:20 - 33

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4 - 9a

Psalm 31:9 - 16

Philippians 2:5 - 11

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1 - 4, [5 - 10] 11 - 14

Psalm 116:1 - 2, 12 - 19

1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26

John 13:1 - 17, 31b - 35

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:1 - 13 -- 53:12

Hebrews 10:16 - 25

John 18:1 - 19:42

Sunday, March 31

Easter

Acts 10:34 - 43

Psalm 118:1 - 2, 14 - 24

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

Mark 16:1 - 8

Sunday, April 7

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32 - 35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

John 20:19 - 31

