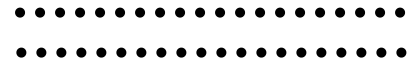


HAVE-O-GRAM



Dear Friend,

LOVING PRESENCE



Spring is here, and with it, the beauty of new life. The lilies are blooming, and there's a feeling of joy in the air. Jesus has risen, bringing us a fresh start full of hope and promise.

Life can be tough, and some days feel heavy, but Easter reminds us that the story doesn't end in darkness. Resurrection is God's victory over death and despair. What seemed like an end was actually the beginning of something beautiful. One moment, the tomb is sealed, and the next, it's empty, offering the promise of new life that can never be taken away.

This isn't just something that happened long ago—it's the foundation of our faith. Resurrection is in every act of kindness, every second chance, every time we choose love. It's why we sing, laugh, and yes, sometimes enjoy those extra chocolate eggs!

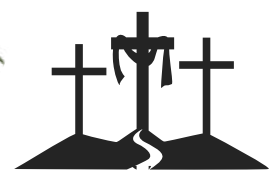
This month, wherever you are—whether you feel full of joy or are struggling to find hope—I want you to know: You are seen. You are loved. Christ rose for those who feel strong and for those of us still working through the hard parts. For the doubters and the weary, His resurrection is for you, too.

So, come as you are. Bring your doubts, your tiredness, and your laughter. Come ready to be surprised by the God who rolled away the stone and is still helping us carry our burdens.

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.’” — Luke 24:1-5

He is risen. And so are we.

With love and hope,
Kyu





Congratulations!

Dakota & Kristin Gladson welcomed their son, Bradley Michael, on February 22.

Justin Irons & Cassandra Christensen welcomed their daughter, Hattie Lee, on February 23.

John & Dylan Douglas welcomed their son, Lennon Jean, on March 6.



APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial Update thru February 2025

Totals are Year to date:

Giving: \$21,146.77

Interest - Ess Investment: \$11,385.52

Total Income: \$32,532.29

Expenses: \$24,014.93

Difference: \$8,517.36 (extra)



All bills are paid. We did already use about \$2,800.00 of the Interest money from the Ess account. I was hoping we would only use \$1,000 a month and it would last all year. We did bring in \$2,937.96 from the craft fair in March!

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Patricia Lee Hughes



Lenten Season Events for April:

Lenten Study - This year, our Lenten study will be at 7:00 pm in the church library. April dates: Tuesdays - April 1, 8, & 15. The book we will be studying is *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton. Books can be purchased for \$17 each directly from the church. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Lenten Offering - Our Lenten offering this year will go to Loaves & Fishes, which is a local non-profit operated by Karen Lamb! Look for the special offering envelope in your Sunday bulletin.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - We will have an Easter egg hunt for all Sunday school children on Palm Sunday, April 13th in the church courtyard. The egg hunt will take place after the morning worship service and before the Palm Sunday potluck. We hope you will stay to watch the children find all the eggs!

Palm Sunday Potluck - Please plan to join us for our Palm Sunday potluck on Sunday, April 13th. We hope you will bring a dish to share, and join in the fellowship!

Good Friday Open Communion - We will have open communion available for anyone on Good Friday, April 18th, from 7:00 - 9:00 am in the sanctuary. Please feel free to come and go as you are able during that time.

Easter Sunday Worship - Our Easter Sunday morning worship service will be in our sanctuary at 10:45 am on Sunday, April 20th. We hope to see you there!

The next Last Wednesday Community Supper will be held on Wednesday, April 30th from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This will be a grab-and-go meal.



Please join us for coffee and refreshments every Sunday:

- In the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 am
- In the narthex immediately following our morning worship service



If you are interested in buying SCRIP cards contact Pati Hughes at 402-440-7512 for delivery or pick-up options. You can also purchase the SCRIP cards on Sunday morning in the East hall. Our church receives a percentage of all sales!



The 2025 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.

The friendship parlor will be used for the Lincoln city primary election polling on Tuesday, April 8th. FoodNet will be moved to Monday, April 7th at 4:30 pm for this week.



Our next Mahoney Manor Breakfast will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 8:30 am in the Mahoney Manor dining room. All are welcome!



Please Note: Due to Lenten/Easter activities in the church throughout the month, we will not have a Young Adults Gathering in April. We plan to resume the gathering in May!



Are you called to help make a difference? We have 2 available positions within our Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, and would love to have some new volunteers! Please see Nancy Ray with any questions, or if you'd like to help!




Life Line Screening will be at HUMC on Thursday, April 10th. Appointments can be scheduled now by calling 1-888-814-0466 (promo code HSCA001) or website <https://www.llsa.social/hzca>



We still have cookbooks available for \$8 each! These would make great gifts for upcoming graduations, Mother's Day, birthdays, or "just because"! Please see Sandy Carlson or Nancy King-Gardner if you have any questions. All proceeds will go to the church general budget.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>April worship music schedule: Choir - April 13 & 20 Ignite - April 6, 20, & 27 Please contact the church office if you'd like to join the choir or Ignite!</p>		<p>FoodNet 4:30 pm 1 Lenten Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Animal Ambassadors Meeting 6:00 pm 2 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>AA 7:00 pm 4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 6 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship 12:00 pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>FoodNet 4:30 pm 7 AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>City Primary Election All Day 8 Lenten Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9 Mahoney Manor Breakfast 8:30 am Finance 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>10 LifeLine All Day</p>	<p>11 AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 13 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt/Potluck</p>	<p>AA 7:00 pm 14</p>	<p>FoodNet 4:30 pm 15 Lenten Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>16 Ad Board 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Good Friday open communion in sanctuary 7:00 - 9:00 am AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Happy Easter! 20 9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship</p>	<p>AA 7:00 pm 21</p>	<p>FoodNet 4:30 pm 22</p>	<p>23 Priscilla Circle 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>AA 7:00 pm 25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 27 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Children's Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship 12:00 am Cong Care Team Mtg.</p>	<p>AA 7:00 pm 28</p>	<p>FoodNet 4:30 pm 29</p>	<p>30 Last Wed Community Supper 5:00 pm Animal Ambassadors Meeting 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>Our sympathies to the friends and family of Mary Porter. Mary passed away on March 16.</p> 		

Why should you avoid the stairs on April Fools' Day?
Because they're always up to something!

What kind of shoes do frogs wear when spring comes?
Open-toad.



Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage, illness, or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual call, the church office (402-466-6736) or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.