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Lent

Coming up this month is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. We have many traditions and practices surrounding the season of Lent, but the reasons for these practices are often unknown or forgotten.

Lent, also known as "The Fast" in German, or "Quadragesima" (which means forty, referring to the forty days in Lent), goes all the way back to the first few centuries of the Christian Church. This period of increased prayer and fasting was in acknowledgment of our sin and how this sin has separated us from God and His perfect creation for us. Since the Fall into sin, we do not enjoy God's creation as He intended, but are now in a dying world with dying bodies. This focus on fasting and repentance in lent is ultimately in preparation to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord (Easter), where Christ deals with the problem of sin and death once and for all.

As the Church grew, two practices were quickly added on to this time of preparation. First, this became an ideal time for catechumens, those learning about and being brought into the church, to have their formal introduction into the church. After the forty-day period of prayer and fasting, they would be baptized and confirmed into the Church during Holy Week. This reflects the renewal Christ brings to His Church through His resurrection and confesses (along with Paul in Romans 6) the connection between Christ's death and resurrection and our baptism.

The second practice attached to Lent was reconciliation to the Church. Those who had been excommunicated on account of a grievous public sin and had repented of that sin would then be brought back into the Church during Holy Week along with the new converts. This was a perfect time for reconciliation because this is a celebration of when God reconciled the world to Himself, fixing this separation that sin had caused. In preparation for this, the forty days of prayer and fasting in Lent was a sign of their repentance. This is also how the imposition of ashes on the forehead on Ash Wednesday started. The ashes are a sign of both mortality (you are dust and to dust you shall return) and repentance. This practice then quickly spread to the rest of the Church body as an acknowledgment that we all live lives of repentance, putting our hope on Christ, who reconciles us to the Father.

Today Lent is still a time of repentance and fasting. This fasting is seen even in the church service where we fast from much of the beautiful parts of the service such as the Hymn of Praise ("Glory to God in the Highest" and "This is the Feast" which are usually sung towards the beginning of the service.). We also leave out much of the chanting and even the Gloria Patri (Saying or singing "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit).

Lent is also a good time for us to get into the habit of daily prayer. It has become a common practice for people to give something up during Lent, but starting a daily devotional is another great thing you can do during this season of prayer and fasting. Luther's Small Catechism is a great resource to use in daily devotions. I encourage you to start each day with Luther's morning prayer, found in the Small Catechism, along with a short reading from scripture, praying the Our Father and Apostle's Creed, and a short reading from the Small Catechism. The Small Catechism has six parts, which makes Lent a perfect time to pray through it week by week. If you have any questions on how to set up a daily devotion in this way or need a Small Catechism, feel free to talk to Pastor or me at any time.

Vicar Mullins

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- ◆ Pastor: Rev. Nathan Janssen
- ◆ Vicar: Kyle Mullins
- ◆ Director of Youth Ministries: Sharon Raney
- ◆ Secretaries: Sharon Raney & Beth Wallis
- ◆
- ◆ Preschool Teacher: Maggie Dewey
- ◆ Preschool Aide: Brittany Grounds
- ◆ Daycare Director: Mrs. Bethany Asher
- ◆ Asst. Daycare Director: Mrs. Christy Gornall

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Worship during the pandemic

After surveying the congregation, the Board of Elders has established the following worship guidelines as we experience a surge of Covid-19 cases in our community. These will be in place until further notice.

- Masks will be required at all services when members or visitors are moving around. This means when someone walks into the narthex or in or out of the sanctuary, they should wear a mask. Once in the pew, members will not be required to keep the mask on. Social distancing at all times will be required.
- The Wednesday 7:00 p.m. service will now be a “mask-required” service. Masks will be required to be worn at all times, even during the service.
- Acolytes will sit in the front pew.
- Record of fellowship pads will be removed.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in observing these guidelines.

Christmas Greetings

We received Christmas greetings from **Christian and Magdalena Schultz and family**. An excerpt from the greeting is below.

“...How marvelously busy we have been since I last wrote to you. First and foremost, we rejoiced at the birth of Philip Clement Bruce on August 16th, and his baptism on August 30th. Now nearly four months old, Philip is already starting to roll, chattering and smiling whenever he sees us, and reaching for his toes every chance he gets. All things considered, he has been a very easy and cheerful baby this Fall. We know his baby fat rolls won’t stay around long, so we are doing our best to take in every moment while he’s still little, and savor these memories before he joins big brother Noah running around the house.

Noah has noticed that there is an addition to the family that takes up Mama and Daddy’s time, but he has accepted the newcomer. One of Noah’s favorite things to do these days is group things together on the floor. We will find random assortments of toys arranged *just so* in the middle of the floor, or strange stacks here and there. More than once, Noah has “grouped” Philip with some of his other beloved toys—Noah has accepted Philip. Besides this, Noah continues to grow in new ways. He is crawling and cruising all around the house. Right now, he is still not brave enough to let go of his supports, but we know he is ready to walk on his own. The other big - big! - news for Noah is that he had a cochlear implant placed in September. As you might remember, he is deaf and we have had standard hearing aids for the last year or so, but these have not been enough for Noah to hear. The cochlear implant bypasses the structures of the ear to deliver sounds that have been converted into electrical signals directly to the auditory nerve and the brain...Since receiving the implant, we have noticed that he makes new sounds and (sometimes) turns to our voices. While this is exciting, we must remember that his “hearing age” is roughly equivalent to that of a newborn: he has only been able to hear for three months and is still trying to figure out how to respond to this new sense. That being said, the future is bright and we look forward to how he will grow with this new help.

Magdalena’s days are filled by her boys...As for my studies, tests, and so on, I am progressing well...Much more exciting to me, however, is the quickly approaching call night (April 27th) when we will learn what church I will serve. I am certainly glad to be pursuing further academics, but can’t wait to start doing what I have been formed for over the last several years of college and seminary...”

Those Serving at Prince of Peace February 2021

Elders & Ushers

Wednesday Noon

2/3 John Taylor
2/10 John Taylor
2/17 John Taylor
2/24 John Taylor

Wednesday 7 pm

2/3 Brady Mann
2/10 David Drake
2/17
2/24 Kevin Raney

Sunday 9 am

2/7 Dennis Eickhoff & Tom Polster
2/14 Neill Hully & Levi Johnson
2/21 Greg McKelfresh & Ben Sheldon
2/28 Tom Jackson & Ken Gilenwater

Acolytes

2/7 Adam Satter & Maryn Willoughby
2/14 Marissa Boler & Payton Boler
2/21 Logan Johnson & Landon Johnson
2/28 Nathan Mann & Willow Petersen

Altar Guild

Lucy Rike, Laurie Johnson, Rita Chambers, Annabelle Cleary & Lyna Rinehart

Fellowship Treats

2/7 Sue Jackson
2/14 Brenda Polster
2/21 Catherine Prater
2/28 Lyna Rinehart

Greeters

Wednesday Noon

2/3 Theresa Hawkins
2/10 Lois Lambert
2/27 Tom & Barb Gray
2/24

Wednesday 7 pm

2/3
2/10 Mark & Robin Will
2/17
2/24

Sunday 9 am

2/7 Roger & Rita Chambers
2/14 Tom & Sue Jackson
2/21 Brenda Polster
2/28 Sam & Lyna Rinehart



CHURCH ATTENDANCE AT PRINCE OF PEACE FOR JAN 2021

| | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------|------------|------|
| 12/30 & 1/6 | 118 | 102 |
| 1/6 & 1/10 | 129 | 104 |
| 1/13 & 1/17 | 91 | 89 |
| 1/20 & 1/24 | 117 | |
| 1/27 & 1/31 | | |
| Average | 114 | |

Official Acts

January 2021

Deaths:

1/5/2021 Martha Rivard

Births:

1/24/2021 Eleanor Olivia Rey Bailey

Church Directory Updates

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| Dwight & Lueallin Pate 1051 Cumberland Ave. West Lafayette, IN 47906 | Amy Uebel 1634 W Abingdon Dr, Apt 202 Alexandria, VA 22314 |
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A Class Reunion at James D Murder High on hold*

Due to the high number of COVID-19 cases, the Murder Mystery has been put on hold. I pray for a solution to this virus and a return to some kind of normalcy. Be safe and well.

Beth Wallis

February 7 is LHM Sunday

On Wednesday, Feb. 3 and Sunday, Feb. 7, we will recognize the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries. 90 years ago, on Oct. 2, 1930, the course of Christian Broadcast history was changed when Dr. Walter A. Maier stepped behind the microphone to launch **The Lutheran Hour**. Over the last 90 years, Lutheran Hour Ministries' impact has grown beyond the radio signal reach. LHM Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the difference the Lord is making in lives around the world. This year, we will focus on the spiritual vibrancy of our own households, based on research found in partnership with Barna Group. The timeliness of this research is so important since people are spending more time at home than they have before, offering a great opportunity to examine your own household. LHM offers a wide variety of digital resources for you to build vibrant households while worshipping at home. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour**®, airs on our very own WCBK 102.3 Sunday mornings at 7:00 a.m. LHM also provides our Advent and Lent devotional booklets and produces the online mission trips in which our Sunday School, Daycare and School children participate. You may learn more about Lutheran Hour Ministries by visiting www.lhm.org.



Time to think about summer camp at Lakeview Ministries!

Where can your children experience Christian growth while riding horses, canoeing, swimming, and zip-lining? At Lakeview Ministries! Online registration for Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages will open on **February 8**. Campers whose sessions were cancelled in 2020 will get to register a week earlier. Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy, and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. For more information, visit the camp's website at www.lakeview.camp or call the camp office at 812-342-4815.

February Celebrations



Happy Birthday

- 1 Les Denney
- 3 Gary Hawkins
- 5 Holden Hall
Lucy Hall
- 6 Maggie Dewey
- 7 Lloyd Gosser
- 8 Catherine Gadberry
Dana Ramey
Kerry Waite
- 10 Jerry Guinn
Greg McKelfresh
- 11 Arnold Schutz
- 13 Beth Bylsma
- 14 Bryce Frederick
Bill Hall
Joanna Lamberson
- 15 Liam Gadberry
- 16 Sherri Taylor
Scott Sundell
- 18 Tim James
- 19 Sue Day
- 20 Angela Mann
Rachael Martin
- 21 Sharon Bruhn
- 22 Penny Rinehart
Debbie Crist
Jade Sharpe
- 25 Magdalena Schultz
Evelyn Ramey
Eleanor Ramey
- 26 Magdalena Mullins
Cindy Tincher
- 27 Jessica Roth
Tyler Wegiel

Happy Anniversary

- 6 Don & Linda Abel
- 18 Bill & Kayla Geiersbach
- 26 Neill & Heather Hully

A Greeting

Katherine Satter visited John and Teffie Engwall's church. John and Teffie send greetings to all.

Read the Bible in a Year

In 2021 we suggest reading the Bible in **chronological order**, sequencing events and books as they occurred in real time.

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| February | 10 Exodus 33-35 | 20 Leviticus 22-23 |
| 1 Exodus 7-9 | 11 Exodus 36-38 | 21 Leviticus 24-25 |
| 2 Exodus 10-12 | 12 Exodus 39-40 | 22 Leviticus 26-27 |
| 3 Exodus 13-15 | 13 Leviticus 1-4 | 23 Numbers 1-2 |
| 4 Exodus 16-18 | 14 Leviticus 5-7 | 24 Numbers 3-4 |
| 5 Exodus 19-21 | 15 Leviticus 8-10 | 25 Numbers 5-6 |
| 6 Exodus 22-24 | 16 Leviticus 11-13 | 26 Numbers 7 |
| 7 Exodus 25-27 | 17 Leviticus 14-15 | 27 Numbers 8-10 |
| 8 Exodus 28-29 | 18 Leviticus 16-18 | 28 Numbers 11-13 |
| 9 Exodus 30-32 | 19 Leviticus 19-21 | |

Easy, FREE ways to help Prince of Peace

Did you know there are FIVE ways you can support our church or school with NO additional cost to you? They may take a little extra time but are all worthwhile ways to raise money for our various causes. Please consider offering your support by participating!

1. Kroger Community Rewards program: Each time you shop at Kroger, a portion of what you spend is donated directly to either the Prince of Peace Youth Group or Prince of Peace Lutheran School (you decide!). We receive quarterly checks based directly on what registered people spend. The directions for linking your Kroger Plus card to Prince of Peace are on the information center.

2. Great Lakes Scrip program: When you order gift cards from GL Scrip, a portion of the face value of the card is donated back to Prince of Peace. You can donate these funds to the school or church (and even designate a special fund, such as Care & Compassion fund or youth group fund!).

3. AmazonSmile program: If you shop on Amazon, all you need to do is "start with a smile" and choose Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Martinsville, Indiana, of course!), and our youth group receives 0.5% of your purchase. Occasionally, Amazon raises this percentage as part of a special promotion.

4. Greendell Landscaping Solutions: When you shop at Greendell this spring, please mention Prince of Peace as you check out. Greendell donates a portion of what you spend back to our church.

5. Box Tops for Education: Download the all-new app and scan your receipts to benefit Prince of Peace Lutheran School. You no longer need to cut out all those tiny coupons! The office is happy to assist you with this process. Thank you, Box Tops supporters! We recently received a check for **\$50.80** for our electronic submissions!

Need more information about these wonderful programs? There are now links on our website to each of our fundraising partners. You can also contact Sharon Raney in the church office. Thank you!



Youth Group Notes

The POP Youth Group is open to all youth in Grades 7-12. We usually meet the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in further details about the activities listed below, please contact Sharon Raney, 765-516-4108.

Youth Group Activities - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Open Youth Group Room, Every Wednesday from 3:00-5:30pm

Come hang in the YG room with us. Get your homework done, play some video games, a game of pool...there's always something to eat, tunes to listen to...

Chili Cookoff canceled

For the health and safety of all, we have decided to cancel this year's Chili cookoff. With all the handling, sampling, and intermingling that occurs at a cookoff, we feel this would not be a good choice at this time. We are pondering alternatives to this famous POP event...stay tuned for details!

Camp Lakeview needs you, POP youth!

Camp is happening this summer...and you can be a part of it! If you're a sophomore, junior, or senior you can be part of the Junior Staff team at Lakeview Ministries. Spend two weeks at camp serving, laughing, and playing. Find real community, make deep friendships, connect with God, and make a difference. The Junior Staff program is FREE. To apply, go to lakeview.camp/juniorstaff. The initial deadline to apply is **Feb 1st** (but could likely extend beyond if necessary), so don't wait—being on Junior Staff will be the best decision you make all year. See you at camp!

2022 LCMS Youth Gathering

We are happy to report that the next LCMS Youth Gathering, scheduled for July 2022 in Houston, Texas, is still ON! All potential youth are encouraged to follow the Gathering on social media (Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter) for updates as well as Bible passages and devotions. Simply search LCMS Youth Gathering on these sites and like or follow.

School Book Fair

Our Book Fair will go on as planned the week of Mar. 1-5. Scholastic has implemented rigorous safety standards for their 2020-21 Fairs. Watch for a separate flier sometime in February.



Lent begins Feb. 17

Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday, with services at **12 noon** and **7:00 p.m.**
Sunday, March 28 is Palm Sunday and Confirmation at **9:00 a.m.**

Thursday, April 1 is Maundy Thursday with service at **7:00 p.m.**

Friday, April 2 is Good Friday with the *Service of the Tenebrae* at **7:00 p.m.**

Sunday, April 4 Easter services will be at **7:00 a.m.** and **9:00 a.m.**

May our good and gracious Lord walk with us on our Lenten journey, that we may experience the full joy of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

2021 Attendance Recognition!!!

Traditionally at the conclusion of the calendar year, we like to recognize members who attended at least 40 out of the 52 services. 2020, as you know, was not your typical year! Our doors were closed for 7 weeks in March and April, reducing our "live" worship opportunities to 45. Many people have continued to worship virtually, and while we can see the number of views each virtual service receives, we have no way of knowing who the viewers were. We will therefore not do our typical listing of attendance for this most unusual year. (If you would like to know your number, contact Beth or Sharon in the office as we have that information.) May our good and gracious Lord provide His grace and mercy upon us in 2021.

Kroger Community Rewards



THANK YOU to those who have registered their Kroger Plus cards to benefit either Prince of Peace Lutheran School or the Youth Group. Our 2020 fourth quarter checks have arrived; the school received **\$92.71 with 30 households participating** and Youth Group **\$69.67 with households participating!** If you have not yet registered your card, please consider doing so. There are absolutely no added costs to participate. There is a flyer on the welcome center in the narthex with instruction on how to register your card as well as a link on our church website. You may also contact Sharon Raney in the school office.

Churches in Mission

Dear Community Partners,

We cannot let the last day of 202 go without looking back at the achievements of the year.

A pandemic swept through our nation and Churches in Mission was able to re-set operations to safe drive-through programs without missing a day. A tornado devastated downtown Mooresville and Churches in Mission was able to save all refrigerated items and reopen operations as soon as power was restored.

We believe our 33 years of service to our neighbors in need, with the help of our many partners, donors, and volunteers, strengthened Churches in Mission to be able to serve others throughout this unprecedented year. We have been blessed so that, during 2020, we were able to provide food assistance 7,454 times to 1,930 households with 5,960 people. Hundreds of other acts of service took place with utility and housing help, clothing, Christmas assistance, and basic necessities. Our Charity Tracker partners were able to work alongside us and provide hundreds more acts of assistance to support our neighbors in need.

Thank you, Morgan County, for helping us make 2020 an amazing year of serving others. We are humbled by your generous spirit and your kind acts.

Sincerely,

Dottie Antonson

Mooresville Site Director

Linda Hadley

Martinsville Site Director

Lutheran Favorite Recipes

We have a new addition to the newsletter. Each month, as space permits, we will publish a favorite recipe for those who love to cook (or maybe just eat!) and a way to share some "famous" church recipes that may have been hits at past potlucks.. We are calling on you or anyone to submit a recipe to the church office. There are forms at the information center but feel free to email it to popchurchlcms@hotmail.com, put a copy in the church mailbox of Beth Wallis, or drop off a copy in the church office. We would love to include the "story" behind the recipe if you have one. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Cheese Ball recipe by Theresa Hawkins, from the 1977 POP Cookbook

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| 8 oz. cream cheese | 1 T. chopped green pepper |
| 3 or 4 oz. blue or Roquefort cheese | 1 T. chopped pimiento |
| 1 tsp. garlic salt | 1/2 c. walnuts |

Mix together all ingredients except nuts. Toast walnuts in oven at 350 degrees for 8 mins. Cool. Chop nuts. Roll cheese into ball and roll in nuts. Serve with assorted crackers.

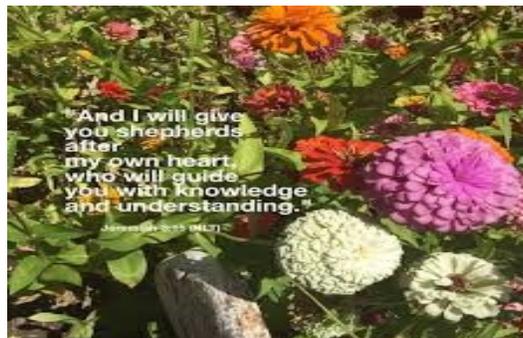
Thanks Theresa!

In 1977 POP produced a cookbook "Prince of Peace Family Fare". It was dedicated to the Ladies Guild of Prince of Peace, whose purpose was to help the church grow. The Editors were Grace Wilke and Sherri Taylor. The Illustrator was Paul Franklin Wycough, Jr. and the contributors and helpers were the Ladies Guild and Martinsville Lutheran Youth and their Sponsors.

Altar Flowers

Feb 7/10 Open—Sign up now
Feb 14/17 Open—Sign up now
Feb 21/24 No Flowers—Lent
Feb 28/Mar 3 No Flowers—Lent

Sign up today for 2021 Altar Flowers. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Members will donate \$25.00 to the church when they have signed up for flowers on the altar. If a member would like to donate flowers from their own flower garden or desire a different florist, please contact Theresa Hawkins, 765-342-5641, and the Church office. Flowers are needed beginning April 11. Sign up now!



A Thank You for a card to a soldier

Greetings,
Thank you for the Veterans Day card. I hope all is well.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Capt. Brian Kautz
MCRD San Diego USMC

Capt. Brian Kautz
182 Elkwood Ave, Apt. D
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Dear Friends in Christ,

Some of our congregation were unable to attend the voters' assembly meeting in December, so I felt compelled to put a letter together to let you all know where the church stands financially at this time.

This past year, since the COVID hit, our offerings have been reduced significantly. We did not offer worship for 7 weeks because of COVID and our attendance remains lower, as people are more comfortable not attending in person or watching our services virtually. Because of COVID, we also had to suspend our school and daycare operation and return tuition to our school parents. Both items negatively impacted our budget and we ended up roughly \$48k less in all funds taken in for the year, a \$27,447.00 reduction in the General Fund, the other roughly \$21,000.00 was lost tuition and reduced giving to special funds. In addition to this loss of revenue is revenue lost with the suspension of the daycare ministry that gives 10% of revenues back to the church. Thankfully we were able to offset most of that loss by receiving the PPP loan the Federal government offered. We have not increased our spending outside of our normal budgeting process, and in fact this budget has reduced spending in many areas. We have not carried on any building projects of late, and do not anticipate any unless it be under the auspices of a special donation drive for any such project. Prayerfully we can remain faithful in our stewardship at Prince of Peace and continue to support our Church. We have experienced a 13-14% reduction in giving from our top 50 givers since the COVID reared it's ugly head. The COVID has affected everyone in some way, shape or form and we hope and pray the worst is behind us and things can get back to somewhat normal.

The church council is engaging in a more intentional effort to encourage virtual, on-line giving and this should be available to our congregation very soon. Our daycare and school are in session again, doing very well, and we pray they will be able to remain open with the COVID concerns. Our worship attendance is beginning to inch higher, and with that, we pray we will be able to reach our budget numbers. However, the council will continue to monitor and be judicious in our spending and if necessary, take steps to cut spending further in other areas. May the Lord provide faithful stewards to alleviate this challenge and strengthen this mission to expand His work.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Jackson
Council President

School Chapel Offering Update

Since school began in August, our students have been working toward the goal of collecting \$300 in chapel offerings for Compassion International for the purchase of one goat (a source of milk & income for an impoverished family) and 4 water wells. **They currently have \$175.31 toward this goal.**

Upcoming School Event Modifications

At this time, we have elected to suspend Parent-Teacher conferences until further notice. If a parent has a specific concern they would like to discuss, contact the office and we will notify Mrs. Dewey. We will not have our Family Fun Night as originally scheduled on Jan. 29. Likewise, our Grandparents' Days will likely not occur on Mar. 4 & 5. We are hopeful that we can have these events in the spring, and we will keep you informed.

Love . . . keeps no
record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:5



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"Come Grow With Us"

Coming Events to Note on Your Church Calendar

February

- ◆ 7 - Super Bowl
- ◆ 11 & 12 - School Valentine's Day Parties
- ◆ 14 - Valentine's Day
- ◆ 15 - Presidents' Day-no school
- ◆ 17 - **Ash Wednesday**
- ◆ 21 - **1st Sunday in Lent**

March

- ◆ 1-5 - Spring Book Fair
- ◆ 14 - Daylight Savings time begins
- ◆ 22-26 - Spring Break (No School)
- ◆ 21 - **Confirmation Questioning**
- ◆ 28 - **Palm Sunday; Confirmation**
- ◆ 29 - School reconvenes

April

- ◆ 1 - **Maundy Thursday**
- ◆ 2 - **Good Friday**
- ◆ 4 - **Easter Sunrise Service**
- ◆ 4 - **Easter 9 am Service**