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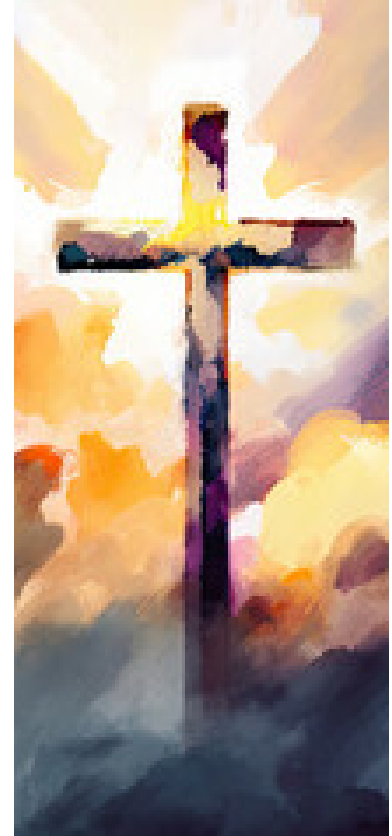
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

-John 11:25-26

## A Season of Renewal and Hope

April already? A quarter of the new year has passed. We have moved through the liturgical season of Lent, the celebration of Palm Sunday and are setting our sights on Easter. In nature, we have passed the seasonal solstice. The darkness and cold of winter is being conquered by the extended light from the sun as the earth strives to welcome the promised warmth of the coming season. There is a transitional struggle in our world that is felt in our very spirits as darkness is subdued by light, cold gives way to warmth, and what was thought to be dead displays its resurrection. With this comes a renewed hope that we will make it home to our Father, no matter how dark the situation has been, for it is in the darkest night that God's love shines the brightest.

As the season changes, we are reminded of the beauty and promise of renewal. The blooming flowers, singing birds, and gentle warmth of spring are all reminders of



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God's love, reflections of God's work in creation, and the renewal of the beauty of life. Spring offers us a unique opportunity to pause and witness the newness of life bursting forth around us. Easter, or more accurately Resurrection Day, invites us to embrace the profound truth of eternal life and renewal in Christ—a truth that brings life, hope, and light into the darkest of places.

Jesus' resurrection is a reminder that no matter how bleak and lifeless a season in our lives may feel, God is always working, always redeeming, always bringing new life. Life did not end at the cross; it was a necessary time of darkness leading to the final glorious victory over death, sin, and despair. Just as the tomb could not hold Christ, so also His grace and power free us from what tries to hold in the darkness. Remember the stone was not rolled away from the tomb so Jesus could get out but so that we could see that he was already gone.

Let us open our hearts to the risen Christ, who calls us to experience the fullness of life He offers.

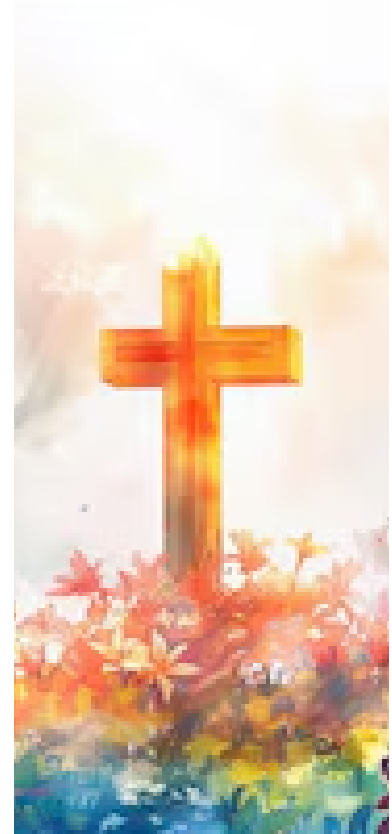
May the springtime flowers remind you of the love God is cultivating in your soul. May the warmth of the sun remind you of God's faithful, unchanging presence. May the joy of Easter fill your heart with peace that passes all understanding. And may the promise of resurrection be the hope of your life.

He is risen—He is risen indeed! Let us celebrate with joy!

*Blessings*  
*Pastor Michael*

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**-John 3:16**





You're warmly invited to join us for a delicious potluck fellowship meal immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 3. Please bring a favorite dish to share as we enjoy sweet fellowship together. During the meal, we will share important announcements regarding the potential sale of the front property and provide an update on our pastoral search. There will also be a time for questions and answers, giving everyone an opportunity to stay informed and involved in these significant matters. We hope to see you there!

*Karla*

# Happy BIRTHDAY

**Brody Fritz**

**April 4th**

**Bethany Kays**

**April 4th**

**Jim Walters**

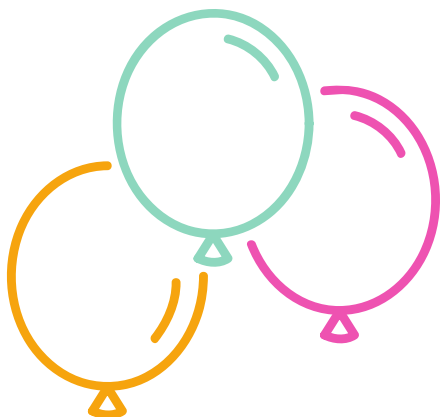
**April 4th**

**Daniel Spangler**

**April 22nd**

**Sherry Wing**

**April 28th**



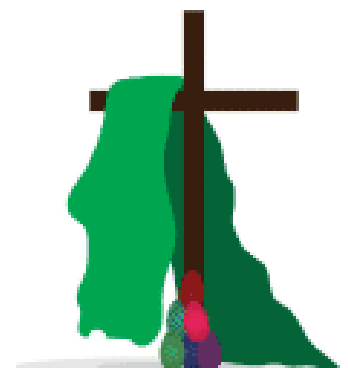
# Easter Word Search

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Thursday, April 2nd**      **Maundy Thursday Service 7pm**

**Friday, April 3rd**      **Good Friday**

**Sunday, April 5th**      **Sunrise Service 7am at Cemetery  
Followed by Breakfast  
Easter Service 10am**

**Monday, April 6th**      **Called Session Meeting 7pm**

**Tuesday, April 21st**      **Finance Commission Meeting 7pm**

**Wednesday, April 21st**      **Session Meeting 7pm**

**Saturday, April 25th**      **Private Event 1-6pm**

**Sunday, April 26th**      **Magic Penny**

**Tuesday, April 28th**      **Newsletter Deadline**



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**Moderator of Session Rev. Michaele Wood (6/8/26)**  
**Clerk of Session Kim Friend (2027)**

<b>Session Members</b>	<b>Name / Class</b>	<b>Co-chair</b>
Administration and Finance	Bill Bahlke (2027)	Kim Friend (2028)
Buildings & Grounds	Bill Bahlke (2027)	
Church History & Cemetery Management	Joanna Long (2028)	
Education & Training	Karla Ellsworth (2028)	
Missions	Kim Friend (2028)	
Nomination Committee	Bill Bahlke (2027)	
Special Projects & Promotion	Karla Ellsworth (2028)	
Worship & Nurture	Joanna Long (2028)	Karla Ellsworth (2028)