

The Parish Voice

April 2025



When the Day of the Lord is described in Holy Scripture (that is, the appearance of Christ in Glory), the governing image is restoration, not destruction. Don't get me wrong: there are images of destruction associated with the Day of the Lord (many as a matter of fact!), but I would argue that they are not the focus of this event. The Day of the Lord has to do with the restoration of *this* creation. So, it shouldn't surprise us that in the Prophet Isaiah

the Day of the Lord doesn't involve the destruction of human civilization and its riches, but rather the dedication of human civilization and its riches to the one true God (Isaiah 60:9). Moreover, when it comes to the blessings we have received from the Lord in this age, Christ promises that these blessings (houses, family, children, lands) and so much more will be given to those who left such things behind for His sake (Matthew 19:29). Hence St. Peter refers to this day as a time of "restoration" (Luke 22:32; Acts 3:21). St. Paul also speaks about this day as a time of restoration when all of creation will share in the Glory of the Sons of God and be delivered from bondage to corruption (Romans 8:20-21).

Images of destruction serve this primary focus. The image of destruction doesn't have to do with creation in itself, but rather the sinful and broken state within which creation presently exists. St. Paul says that the present *form* of this world is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:31). The present form of this world being human sin, death, illness, weakness, injustice, and so on. The destruction of these evils on the Day of the Lord means liberation from sin, death, and the devil for God's good creation. It is no accident, then, that in the Old Testament as well as the Book of Revelation the coming age, the kingdom of God, is described as a heavenly city with human art and riches (Revelation 21). Creation and the blessings we have in this life are not evil in themselves. What is evil is how these things are misused by sinners. The problem is sin. And there will be no more sin in the age to come for all who enter will have had their sins washed away.

How does this relate to April? Well, this April we will be celebrating Easter, the resurrection of our Lord. In the resurrection of our Lord, we do not see the destruction of the things that made Him human, the things that made Him a unique individual in this life (such as His history and past). Rather, we see a glorification and transformation of the

things that made Him human and the things that make Him a unique individual, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary and Joseph. His human body is not destroyed; it appears in Glory to the disciples (Philippians 3:21). His past has not been erased; rather, the marks of His past (His wounds) become a symbol of His victory over death (Luke 24:39; John 20:20). He does not abandon the joys of this present age; rather He enjoys them anew as He eats with His disciples (Luke 24:41-43). In the resurrection of our Lord, we see a glimpse of what God has promised to accomplish on the Day of the Lord for us when Christ appears in Glory to make all things new (1 John 3:2; Revelation 21:5). The beauty and blessings of this life will only get so much better, imaginably better, when God's reign is established in power. With this fervent joy and expectation of the last day we cry: Christ is risen!

Pastor Blake

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BIBLE STUDIES

NO BIBLE STUDIES through Lent.

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LENTEN SERVICES

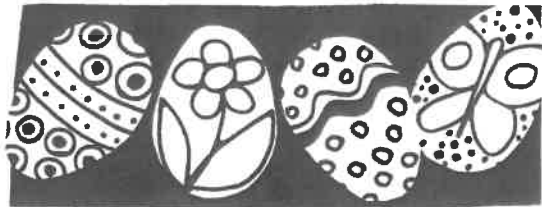
We will be hosting the Lenten services with Soup Supper at 6:00 and Worship at 7:00 on Wednesdays April 2 and 9. The theme for the services is "Death & Resurrection of the Beloved Son". There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex to sign up to bring soup, bread and other items for out joint suppers and worship.

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ENGLISH DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Convention will be held June 26-28 at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI. All high school aged youth (ages 14-18) are invited to apply to attend as Youth Delegates along with our Voting Delegates, Advisory Delegates, and Guests. The application is needed for them to forward to the youth a registration form. Travel, lodging and meals are all covered for each youth delegate. The youth will explore what it means to be a disciple in 2025 by diving deep into the theme "Living Your Baptized Life in Christ." The program will include a strong servant component, an overview of the convention, engaging breakout sessions, late-night camaraderie, and a youth group celebration before we conclude our time together. What will the youth take away from the experience? It is our prayer that post-convention youth will understand discipleship can be a beautiful collaboration between baptized believer, the Holy Spirit, and God's word, guiding us toward transformative action on our life journey. DCE Emily Leising from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Medina can answer any questions you may have or you can contact DCE Rod Lane from Redeemer Lutheran in Lincoln, NE at dcero@redeemerlincoln.org or 402-499-0807.

Any youth interested please let Pastor Blake know so he can get the application form to you.



Easter Egg Hunt

April 12—11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Christ Lutheran in coordination with the Mantua Police Department

**April 14—9:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship**



*Hail to the King
of the Universe*



**April 17—6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service**

**April 18—Good Friday
5:00 at St. Thomas
7:00 at Christ Lutheran**



JOHN 19:30



**April 20—Easter Sunday
7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:00 Easter worship**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Palagia Hlava	Lorene Kozar	Richard	Carol Poston
Heather Poston	Grace Rohaley	Patty Abramovich	Allan
Andrea	Isabella Andrews	Ray Bishop	Chip Black
Rose Boland	Brian	Chris	Lana Carnes
Grant Clare	Danny	Darci	Debbie
Denise	Yorum Fierenstein	Bill Foster	Ken Gailey
Gary	Dwight Hask	Kenny Hanson	Daniel Gump and wife
John Henry	Janice	Jerry	Jim
John	John	John	John Zema
Kathy	Kathy	Kenny	Kevin
Kloe	Larry Kraus	Laura	Debbie Mace
Logan McGowan family	Jessica McGowan	Dan Meenach	Stu Merkel
Kyle Moisiso	Amanda Nicely	Denise Nicely	Norma
Patriots family	Patti	Patty's family	Kathy Robicheau
Steve	Susan	Tina	Brenda Ward
Bennie Wegener	Greg Werner		

Our College Students—Grace Rohaley, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Jacob Zimmerman

Our Military members—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

The world/USA—racism and lack of love outside of God's words

Our military veterans All Natural disaster victims COVID virus patients

Gaza & Israel victims Ukraine refugees All Non-believers

All those who have lost their jobs recently

**The power of prayer is so miraculous that we would love to hear good news about someone on this list!
Please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!**

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

Carole Poston
12790 Chamberlain
Aurora, OH 44202

Lorene Kozar
8460 Westport Dr. #225
Mentor, Oh 44060

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

8-Peter Malherek
16-Wendy Weber
18-Jodi Earle
19-Haley Rohaley
19-Aggie Blankenship



APRIL BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Baptism Birthdays

18-Mike Phillips
20-Stephen Nicely
24-Kari Earle
30-Haley Rohaley

EASTER FLOWERS

Deadline is March 31. You may place your order in the offering plate or give to Marla Manijak. Money is due by Palm Sunday. **Check should be made out to Marla Manijak.** Thank you for your order.

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

LILY BLOOMS ON THE OLD RUGGED CROSS \$2.00 each
In Loving Memory of In celebration of

LILIES \$9.50 In loving memory of In celebration of

TULIPS \$9.50 Red Pink Orange Bi-Color
In loving memory of In celebration of

DAFFODILS \$9.50 In Loving Memory of In Celebration of

HYACINTHS \$9.50 Pink Blue White
In Loving Memory of In Celebration of

MUMS \$9.50 Pink Yellow White
In loving memory of In celebration of

HYDRANGEA \$16.00 In loving memory of In celebration

OUR SERVICE PROJECTS

We remember all those who are facing a crisis in their lives. Lutheran Missions Ministry is our main organization that we donate to. Mark on your envelopes "Lutheran Mission Ministry".

Please remember the families of Streetsboro by donating to the Streetsboro Community Pantry with a monetary donation or food donation. You can do this through the church through your offering or placing food items in the basket in the Narthex.

Church Council will be meeting Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. If there is something you would like the council to work on, please let one of the council members know. They are Steve Hlava-president, Del Groff-Vice President, Joyce Torres-Secretary, Deb Wolff-Financial Secretary, Guy Jeanblanc, Gilbert Ayers and Stephanie Manijak.

Contact Person: Please call Pastor Blake Martzowka at the church on Thursdays from 9-3 at 330-626-4945 or on his cell phone 989-372-5318 for emergencies or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

If you haven't sent back your Stewardship form yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Our new weekly budget need is \$1,306.73. Please help us meet this goal through your stewardship giving. Thank you!

TREASURERS REPORT - Month of February 2025

	Current Month:	Current YTD	Prior YTD:
TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only	6554.75	33302.75	28832.00
TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only	6528.29	15065.30	10155.26
NET GAIN (LOSS)	26.46	18237.45	18676.74
TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below)	88.00	144.00	148.00
TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below)	65.54	133.02	108.32
NET GAIN (LOSS)	22.46	10.98	39.68
Average General Fund Income Per Week	1638.69	4162.84	3604.00
Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week	<u>1272.12</u>		

Special Funds Include:

Special Building/Property, Pastor's Second Chance, Memorial Gifts, New Building, Lutheran Women's Group, 5th Sunday Benevolence

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 TOPS 9:30	2 6:00 Soup 7:00 Worship	3 Office Hours 9-3	4	5
6 9:00 Worship	7	8 TOPS 9:30	9 6:00 Soup 7:00 Worship	10 Office hours 9-3	11	12 11-1 Easter Egg Hunt at Christ Lutheran
13 9:00 Palm Sunday	14	15 TOPS 9:30	16	17 Office Hours 9-3 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00	18 Good Friday worship 5:00 at St. Thomas and 7:00 at Christ	19 10:00 Easter Set up
20 7:30 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Worship	21	22 TOPS 9:30	23	24 Office Hours 9-3 Council Mtg 7:00	25	26
27 9:00 Worship	28	29 TOPS 9:30	30			



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Streetsboro, OH 44241**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 A.M.

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OR IN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON CHANNEL 96.9 FM

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE 6:00 SOUP SUPPER AND 7:00 WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY—April 13 9:00 a.m.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY—April 17 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18 5:00 p.m.

EASTER—April 20—Breakfast 7:30 and worship at 9:00