



**GREET, GATHER,  
GROW AND GO  
IN GOD'S GRACE**

# PEACE † GRUE

## God's Country News

AN ELCA PARISH



TO BECOME THE  
VOICE AND  
HANDS OF JESUS

# APRIL 2023



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### Lenten Service's

April 6th

Maundy Noon Service 12:00 p.m. @ Peace with light lunch

**Maundy Thursday @ PEACE 7:00 PM**

April 7th Good Friday 7:00PM

GRUE 9:00a.m. Service with a brunch after service

**EASTER SERVICES SUNDAY,**

April 9th **PEACE**

Sunrise service 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday rolls served between services at Peace Boy Scouts and  
Cub scouts serving  
late service at 10:45a.m.

**Palm Sunday First Communion @ Peace,  
10:45 a.m. Service**



### REMINDER CONFIRMATION CLASSES

WILL START  
BACK UP ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
April 12, 2023

The last day of confirmation  
class this year will be on  
Wednesday, May 24th.

*SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY -*

*Sunday, April 23rd PEACE & GRUE*

*during worship service. Coffee and cake  
served to honor our Seniors*

**PEACE & GRUE SENIORS**

*Please join us in honoring our Seniors during coffee hour*

*PEACE Seniors*

*Ryleigh Brendmoen Ethan Johnsrud & Hannah Johnson*

*Grue Senior*

*Erika Heibel*

*Congratulations*  
CLASS OF  
**2023**



## Pastoral from the Pastor

April 2023

Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue,

It has been said that life is enriched not so much by good answers as it is good questions. As a seminarian I was given such a question by Prof. Gerhard Forde when he asked: “Now that you don’t have to do anything to be saved, what are you going to do?” It was a question that captured the essence of Easter. A question that would take a life time to answer. A question that lead me to Paul’s letter to the Romans, since it was Paul who said, “a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law” (Rom. 3:28). His answer is found most explicitly in Romans 12-15, where Paul gives specific directives concerning Christian behavior.

For the first 11 chapters Paul lays out a vision of God’s righteousness: Jesus Christ. This new vision of righteousness has many facets. Christ is the righteous one, the one who God has vindicated, the one who has prevailed (sounds like Easter to me). Christ, as the new word of God’s righteousness, is encountered as both law and gospel, with both vertical and horizontal implications. In relation to God (vertical implication), we are made righteous through faith in the righteous one, Jesus Christ (Rom. 26). Our life in this world (horizontal implication) is empowered by our connection to this righteous one in baptism. Through faith and baptism, we “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

Romans 12-15 is about this “new walk”. Through faith in Christ, we are made righteous for righteousness sake, justified to do justice. Paul’s exhortation “to present your bodies as a living sacrifice” (Romans 12:1) is a logical response to this new vision of God’s righteousness. A righteousness most clearly revealed in Christ’s sacrifice on the cross for our sake, It is not a sacrifice of self denial, but of self-giving. A sacrifice in Paul’s day was not only a burnt offering for sin but also a feast to celebrate God’s goodness. In this sense, a living sacrifice would be a body given for the world to feast upon. Not only does this sound like Holy Communion (congratulations to the fifth grader who now joins us at the table) were Christ gives us the sacrifice of his body and blood for us sinners to eat and drink.

Luther called this the happy exchange in which we trade our sin for Christ’s righteousness. But God gets more than sin out of the deal, God also gets bodies, for bodies are the place where the righteousness of God will be worked out in the world. Paul has a wholly positive view of the human body, he can describe our activities as “holy, acceptable, good, and perfect” (Rom 12:1-2) without fear of works righteousness, because what is being expressed is God’s righteousness in Christ through our bodies.

To reinforce this notion, Paul employs the image of of a body, the body of Christ. Out of the sacrifice of many bodies is made one body, each member with equal status and worth. Each and every Christian ought to think as highly about his or her task in the body of Christ as Paul did of his-but not too highly, for every other task is equally vital to the life and work of the church.

Not thinking too highly about oneself, submitting to the rule of governing authorities in order to avoid anarchy, and welcoming one another with respect, accepting one another without judgment are three ways of being in the world that do not condone evil, but unmask it. It is an ethic that does not insist on its superiority over the world, that does not force its way into the world, but welcomes the world as it is, witnessing to the righteousness of God revealed in Christ Jesus on the cross.

We might call the ethics of Paul “body politics”: God’s uses our bodies to show his way in the world, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you” (2 Cor. 4:7-12).

Happy Easter as you live into the resurrected body to which you are called.

*Pastor Dan*

**PEACE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**PEACE SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR April and May 2023**



**APRIL PEACE SERVICE 10:45 AM / SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM**

**MAY PEACE SERVICE 9:00 AM / SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM**

<b>APRIL</b> - Sunday School at 9:30	
2	9:30A.M.
9	9:30 a.m PALM SUNDAY - Sunday School plays Bells
16	EASTER - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
23	9:30A.M.
30	9:30 a.m.
<b>MAY</b> - Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.	
7	10:15 A.M.
14	10:15 A.M.
21	10:15 A.M.LAST DAY OF SS Breakfast (Egg Bake & Muffins) Served by Education Commitee
21	
28	

**PEACE CHURCH**

**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE 2023**

April

- 2 Ayden Behrens & AJ Olson
- 6 MaundyThursday7:00p.m.-?
- 9 Abigail Spielman & Jessica Schlundt
- 9 Easter 7:00 - Emily Evavold & Lilly Balgaard  
9:00 - Jacob Sorenson & Liam Hanson
- 16 Kenneth Spielmann / Evan Rossum
- 23 Lukas Anderson & Noah Anderson
- 30 Beckett Johnson & Joey Johnson

May

- 7 Ayden Behrens & Lily Balgaard
- 14 Abigail Spielmann & Mia Thompson
- 21 Jacob Sorenson & Emily Evavold
- 28 Lily Balgaard & Abigail Spielmann



***\*\*\*If you are unable to acolyte on the Sunday that you are listed please contact another youth and switch or ask them to cover for you-thanks.***



## APRIL WELCA MESSAGE

Happy Spring,

That's what the calendar says despite what the ground looks like outside.

Thanks to all of you who said YES when Cindy or Wayne Vorland called to help with Sunday morning church services. If you have never been called and want to help with ushering, communion, serve coffee or make your favorite recipe to share, please call June in office at 218-747-2273.

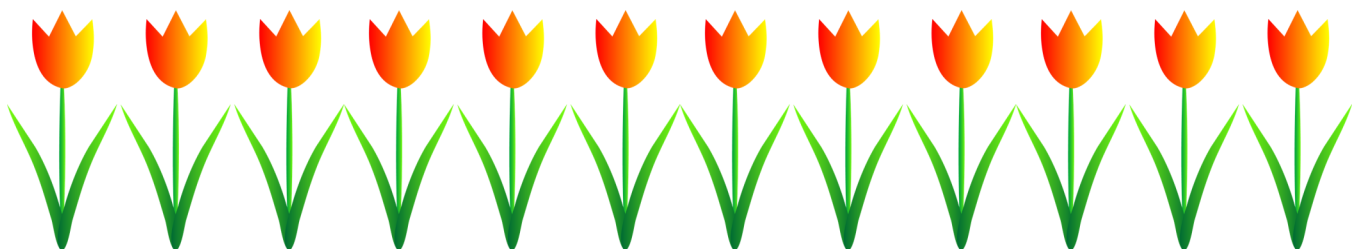
Cindy and Wayne also coordinated our Lenten supper this past week. It was delicious and nice variety.

Hope you were able to join us for the indoor picnic lunch of hotdogs, potato salad and trimmings a few Sundays ago. We were celebrating Rally Sunday. Kids sang in church and we joined in fellowship after. Special gratitude goes to Lynn and Gene Jenson for going above and beyond when others could not get out of their driveway.

Saturday morning, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8am – 10am, is our **BAKE SALE**. We have not done one for a few years and excited to see the goodies everyone brings and opportunity to get together for fellowship. Yes, there will be coffee and place to sit and chat. **BAKE SALE** will be at the Senior Center on main street of Ashby. Please bring your baked items before 8am that morning or drop off at church kitchen day before. I look forward to seeing all of you!

You're Sister in Christ and WELCA Co President

Janet Novak



## BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

#### APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

##### April 1<sup>st</sup>

Charles Hanson

##### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Zach Barry

##### April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Heidi Grove

Daniel Martinson

##### April 4<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Holte

Gregory McPike

Erin Peterson

##### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah Anderson

##### April 6<sup>th</sup>

Fynn Miller

Kristyn Fick

Reuben Sorenson

##### April 7<sup>th</sup>

Brenda Johnson

##### April 8<sup>th</sup>

Erica Runningen

Aaron Dahlen

##### April 9<sup>th</sup>

Reyna Langlie

##### April 10<sup>th</sup>

Carmen Odegaard

##### April 11<sup>th</sup>

Lisa Behrens

##### April 12<sup>th</sup>

Roberta Runningen

##### April 15<sup>th</sup>

Haley Ness

##### April 16<sup>th</sup>

McKenzie Drexler

##### April 17<sup>th</sup>

Carolee Hokanson

##### April 18<sup>th</sup>

Jade Bjornson

Mya Roley



##### April 19<sup>th</sup>

Aaron Thompson

Gayle Langlie

##### April 20<sup>th</sup>

Deb Hanson

Wayne Vorland

##### April 21<sup>st</sup>

Kathleen Johnson

Abby Evavold

##### April 23<sup>rd</sup>

David Grover

Ryan Palm

##### April 24<sup>th</sup>

Robert Anderson

##### April 25<sup>th</sup>

Emily Johnson

Joyce Langlie

##### April 27<sup>th</sup>

Amy Maunumaki

Alexander Hammer

##### April 28<sup>th</sup>

Erika Goette (Sorenson)

##### April 29<sup>th</sup>

Samantha Olson

##### April 30<sup>th</sup>

Jackie Huseth

*If I don't have your  
birth date or if I have it  
listed incorrectly please  
e-mail or call me -  
747-2273 /  
peace@prtel.com*

*June*

#### Nutrition Services for Anyone 60 and over!

Also known as Meals on Wheels and much improved over the past couple of years!

When: Monday-Friday around noon,  
delivered to your home or you can come into  
City Cafe and enjoy your meal there alone or  
with others.

Who's Eligible? Anyone 60 and over plus  
your spouse

Delicious noon meals are currently being  
made and delivered by City Cafe in Ashby. If  
you can afford and/or want to contribute,  
suggested

Guideline is \$4-\$7 BUT THERE IS NOT  
REQUIREMENT TO PAY ANYTHING. This  
Nutritional Food program provides this  
service through a contract with the Land of  
the Dancing Sky-West Central Area Agency  
on Aging with funding from the Federal Older  
Americans Act through the Minnesota Board  
on Aging.

**Housekeeping** reminder please clean kitchen  
after use. Please place recycling in outdoor bin by  
back door. Please remove kitchen garbage after  
Large events and place in blue garbage bin

**THANK YOU**

#### **GRUE women meet:**

Tuesday, April 19th @ 1:30pm.



#### **Ruth / Rebecca Circle meeting:**

Tuesday, April 19th , 9:00am @ PEACE  
All Saints Movie



**PEACE COUNCIL MEETING**

Peace church council minutes  
3-12-23

Council present: Donna Grover, Wayne Vorland, Duane Spielman, Don Hanson, Louise Lang

Secretary's report: approved as amended- Louise 1<sup>st</sup>, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>

No treasurer's report

No pastor's report

Education-See in newsletter

Christian Growth-no report

Worship-See in newsletter

Old business: communion twice a month- we don't have stuff currently for 2 times. We will have a list of volunteers for communion drawn up and then discuss twice a month.

New business:

Senior recognition Sunday April 23,2023

Next council meeting 3rd Sunday in April

Donna will get bid from Brandon Sethre on power washing church

Motion to adjourn: Louise 1<sup>st</sup>, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>

Next council meeting 16th of April @ 10:00 a.m. before church

Submitted by Duane Spielman

**ATTENTION SERVICE MEMBERS/VETERANS**

We are planning a special program for Peace members that have served in a branch of our military. If you have served will you please complete the following form and return to June in the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch served in \_\_\_\_\_

Years served \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Training Completed at \_\_\_\_\_

What was your M O S \_\_\_\_\_

## GRUE COUNCIL MEETING

Grue Council Meeting March 8, 2023

In attendance- Gwen Lillemon, Denise Juven, Randy Koefod, Darlane Miller, June Bjornson, Melissa Runningen, Sharon Hermanson and Pastor Dan.

Additions to Agenda- Senior Recognition. A welcome expressed to Randy and Gwen for accepting a council position.

Secretary's Report- M/S/C

Treasure's Report- M/S/C

Old Business:

Steeple Louvers

Greg and Alex Lillemon will be moving this project along come this Spring. Looking into materials needed to replace the bad louvers.

New Business-

Palm Sunday Brunch: Denise will be putting up a poster for sign-up of food. The brunch starts right after 9:00am services. Please join us for good food and fellowship. We give thanks to God!

Ashby Prom- We will be donating \$100.00 and a beautiful quilt made by Beau Runningen to post prom. Thank you Beau for your amazing talents and time.

Church cleaning- scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00am. Please bring a sack lunch along. Outside cleaning depends on the weather.

**Team Work makes the Dream work!!!**

Harvest Meal- scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. No take out orders.

The committee is working on some fun family activities to go along with the meal.

Senior recognition Sunday- date set for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ericka Heibel is our senior to be recognized.

Next council meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup> after 9:00 a.m. service.

Meeting adjourned. M/S/C

Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hermanson, Council secretary

**Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring**

## Education Committee

Attending: Donna Grover, Heidi Balgaard, Pastor Tom, Carmen Odegard, Sharon Hermanson & Missy Evavold

Absent: Sandy Cunningham & Denise Juven

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> after confirmation classes.

We discussed where each confirmation student was at to date with sermon notes. Much discussion on what should be given as for sermon notes for attending Sunday school. At this time, that item was decided to put on hold until fall to see where everyone was at. The committee reviewed and discussed the requirements for confirmation. It was decided that we would stay with the 30 sermon notes per year per student (total of 60 needed to get confirmed). Decision was also agreed upon that moving forward, on-line sermon notes would be held to 6 per year and get the students and families back to in-person worship services. Missy will be sending out a letter to confirmation students and parents outlining where they are at today and the change in allowing on-line sermon notes.

VBS – we discussed if we want to do it ourselves or go with Presbyterian church again. The decision was for Pastor Dan to discuss with Pastor Paul. If Presbyterian church is agreeable on shared VBS again, Heidi volunteered to be our representative. Watch for more to come on this.

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> has been set as the date we will honor our graduating seniors during worship. Cake will be served after worship. Will contact the WELCA coordinator for April to get a cake ordered.

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> has been set as our Sunday School picnic this year. We have decided on doing Carmel Rolls/Muffins with juice & milk. We will do this during our Sunday school gathering time. We also discussed doing a group project for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Agreed upon that Heidi will lead the students in making May Day baskets to hand out after worship on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Committee decided to bring back Sunday School attendance pins. We have not done these in many years. Every student that attended Sunday school this year, will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> year pin. We will determine how this will work moving forward at our next meeting. We will also be presenting these on May 15<sup>th</sup> at our picnic along with something for our teachers.

We will start using our Acolyte gowns starting at our March 5<sup>th</sup> worship service. Sharon agreed to take them home and wash/iron them, so they are fresh for us to start using them. Acolytes are reminded to be a few minutes earlier to put these on prior to lighting candles. Reminder also to acolytes to be here approx. 20 minutes prior to worship starting to get gowns on and candles lit.

We will start asking our current teachers if they are willing to teach next year so we are better prepared for the fall schedule. Discussed also finding someone to be Superintendent, Treasure & attendance taker. Carmen will think about doing the Treasurer & attendance (hopefully she will say yes!).

Committee agreed to meet again every other month with our next meeting set for some time in April.

We had a very busy agenda and managed to get thru it in a very timely manner.  
Thank you everyone for your time.

Respectfully submitted, Missy Evavold



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## Worship Committee

Peace Lutheran Church  
Worship Committee Agenda  
Sunday Feb. 26, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Dan, Don Hanson, Teresa Ohren, Cindy Vorland and Carol Koefod  
Minutes:

### Old Business:

I. Communion: The recommendation was made to the Council to have Communion the first and second Sunday of each month in order to offer Holy Communion for the people who work every other weekend. The Council will discuss it at their March meeting. A concern was presented about having enough people willing to set up, serve, and clean up communion twice a month.

II. Sound System Updates: The sound system is in working order. A case has been made to protect the sound system. Vents will be added to the case to ensure the board doesn't get too hot.

### New Business:

I. Request from Sunday School to have Noisy Can Offering each Sunday with children collecting change. This was approved and the committee looks forward to it! Time will be taken at offering for children to collect coins from the congregation and deposit into the "Noisy Can" at the altar railing. Funds collected will be used for Sunday School materials.

II. It was also approved to allow children to participate in the closing hymn each Sunday. Children and teachers will be advised as to the location for their participation so as to keep flow for the acolytes and pastor's closing smooth.

III. Easter services will be as follows: Sunrise Services at Peace 7:00am with Holy Communion, 9:00 Services at Grue and 10:45 at Peace.

### Next Meeting

May 2023 to discuss and plan for worship for summer months

### Duties for Sunday Ushers

- 1. Greet and hand out bulletins**
- 2. Count the number of people in attendance and write in on the sheet on table in back of Sanctuary**
- 3. Handle the Offering Plates**
- 4. After service pick up bulletins left in pews**
- 5. Replace hymnals the holders in the back of the pews**

PEACE WELCA



SAT. APRIL 1, 2023

ASHBY SENIOR CENTER

8:00-10:00AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PEACE MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING MARKED BAKED GOODS TO THE SENIOR CENTER SAT. MORNING OR LEAVE THEM IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN FRI. AFTERNOON.



**Bake Sale Suggested Pricing**

Homemade Buns: \$1 per bun

Lefsa \$6.00

Flat Bread \$4-6.00

Whole Cake: \$6-8

Pie w/homemade crust \$10.00+

Pie w/ boughten crust \$8.00

Cookies: \$4/dozen

Bars: \$4-6.00 for 6

Bars: \$6-8.00 for full pan

Bread: Large Loaf: \$5.00

Bread: Small Loaf: \$3.00

Jellies & Jams: \$2-4.00

Donuts: \$4-6.00 Dozen

Rolls: \$1.00 each

Snack Bags \$1-3.00

**These are just suggested prices. Please feel free to price as you see fit.**

And keep in mind, this is for a worthy cause.

WELCA supports all areas of PEACE: VBS, Sunday School, Confirmation W.I.N.G.S., Bible Studies, Camps & Retreats, programs & speakers, quilts and many more.

Peace WELCA thanks you ahead of time for contributing to the bake sale, whether you bake something or buy something!



*Grue Palm Sunday Brunch  
April 12th After Church*



**ORDER FORM EASTER FLOWERS**

Lilies and various other flowers will be used to decorate our alter and Chancel

For Easter at Peace Lutheran Church

Cost for Easter Flowers is:

6" Bloom Lily - \$18

Mum - \$20

8" Bloom Lily - \$35

Begonia - \$20

**Deadline for ordering your plant is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s) Please specify by circling item above.

Plant is given

In memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must accompany order blank and be returned to  
**Missy Evavold (218-770-4510)**, please call her if you have questions.

You can pick up your plant after the Easter worship (late service)

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
**2023 Conference 8 Spring Gathering**  
**@**  
**First Lutheran Church**  
**25 State Street East**  
**Kensington, MN 56343**

*Hosted by the WELCA of First Lutheran Church*

**Dear Unit Presidents and Circle Chairmen:**

Please share this invitation with the women of your congregation.

Come and join us in Worship and Christian Fellowship on Thursday

**April 27, 2023 @ First Lutheran Church**  
**8:15-9:00 AM Registration & Fellowship**  
**12:00 Noon Lunch**

**Theme: Let Your Light Shine**  
**Theme verse: John 8:12**

**Guest Speakers: Sharon Prink, Love INC**  
**Char Norlien – Powerpoint of Holy Land**

The Registration fee of \$ 15.00 will cover the cost of lunch, refreshments, and materials. An offering will be received. This includes both individual and unit offering. Each unit is asked to pay an assessment fee of \$ 25.00. Make your checks out to “Women of the ELCA”. On the memo section of the check, please write “Assesment Conference 8”. Registrations are needed by Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Lunch count is based on this, so please register ASAP. Send your registration and check made out of “Women of the ELCA” to:

**Mary Suckstorff, 17551 Horizon Drive SW, Kensington, MN 56343**  
**Phone: 320-760-7274      Email: [ktownco@runestone.net](mailto:ktownco@runestone.net)**

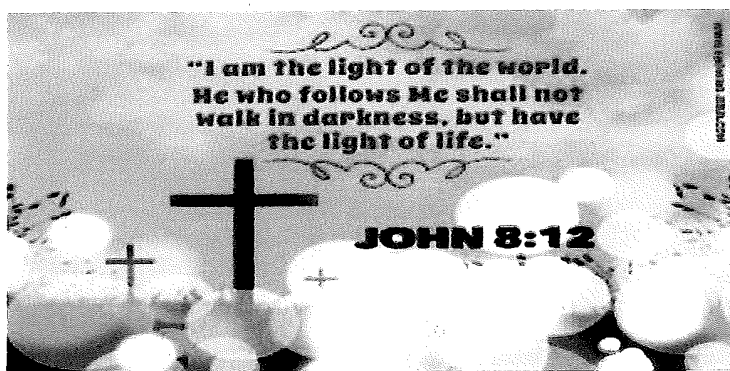
**Make checks payable to Women of the ELCA**

A monetary donation will be taken for Love INC. A list of items needed by Love Inc is attached if you would like to bring also.

**Women of the ELCA  
NW MN Synodical Women's Organization  
2023 Conference & Spring Gathering**

**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

*Hosted by WELCA of First Lutheran Church  
25 State Street East  
Kensington, MN 56343*



*Theme: Let Your Light Shine*

*John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

Devotions and Bible Study with: Dorothy Hedlin

Guest Speakers: Sharon Prink of Love INC

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Char Norlien – Powerpoint presentation of Holy Land

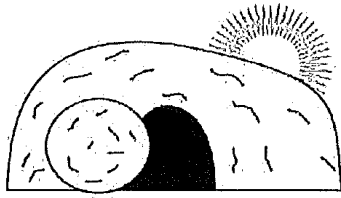
Registration and fellowship: 8:15-9:00 am

12 noon Lunch: Cost is \$ 15 per person

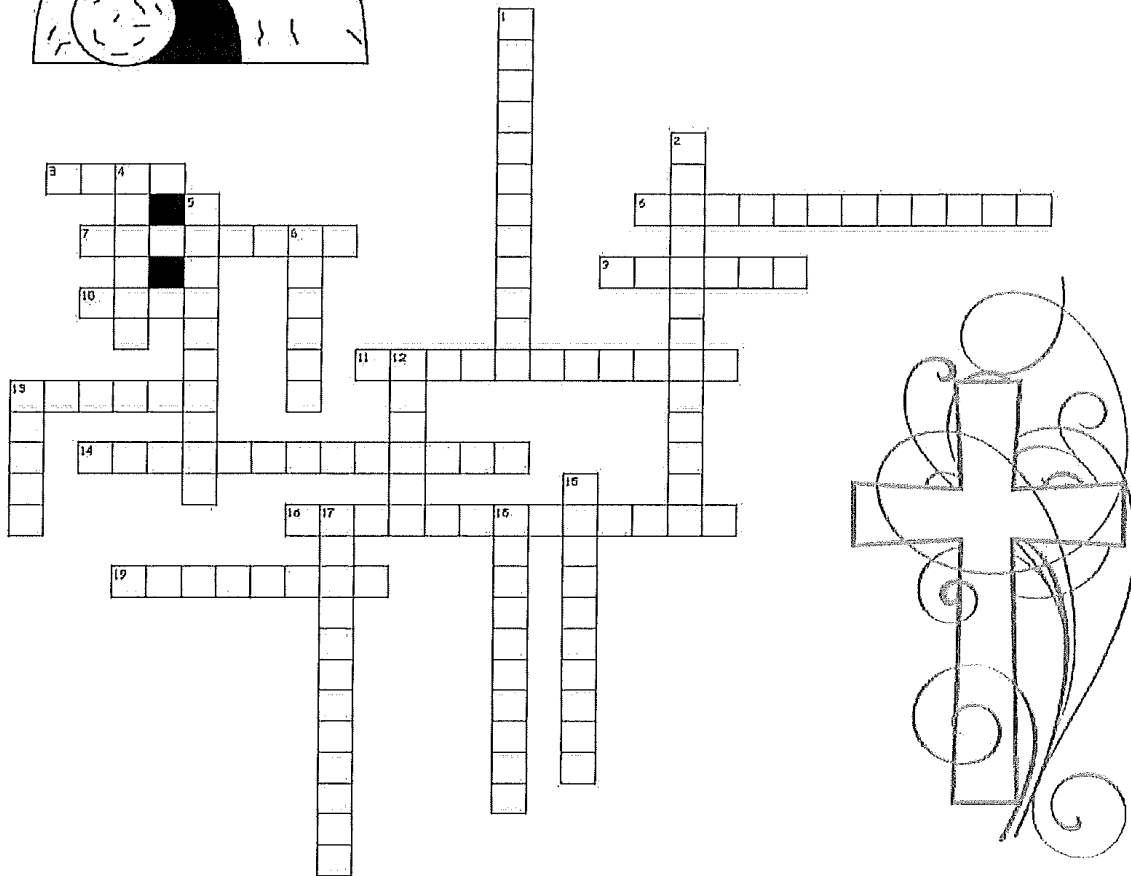
Registration Deadline: April 21, 2023

Send registration and fees to: Mary Suckstorff, 17551 Horizon Dr. SW,  
Kensington, MN 56343

***MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: WOMEN OF THE ELCA***



# Easter Crossword!



## Across

3. The only disciple to stay with Jesus when he was dying.
6. How Jesus died
7. The man whose life was saved when Jesus took his place on the cross.
9. The Thursday before Easter
10. The period of time before Easter
11. What Christians gain from Jesus' death.
13. The apostle who didn't believe Jesus had risen.
14. The man who betrayed Jesus:
16. One of three people to stay with Jesus during the crucifixion.
19. The place where Jesus is said to have been crucified.
18. The day the murder of Jesus took place.

## Down

1. What happened before the tombstone was moved
2. What some historians believe was Jesus' burial shroud
4. Where Jesus went after he rose from the dead
5. Mardi Gras
8. What Jesus did after he was resurrected
12. The number of silver pieces it took for his disciple to betray Jesus
13. The number of days between the crucifixion and the arising
15. What Jesus and his disciples shared prior to his execution.
17. The first day of Lent