

# THE COLUMNS

April 2019



## **Palm Sunday, April 14**

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Pre-school through 5th graders will exit the 10:15 service after Children's Time for a **Lenten Celebration** that will include story time, snacks, games, & Easter egg decorating!

Please bring one dozen hard boiled eggs per child who will be participating.

## **Maundy Thursday, April 18**

**Service at 7:00 pm**

*Come and experience a "Living Last Supper"*

## **Good Friday, April 19**

**Service at 8:00 pm**

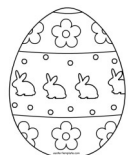
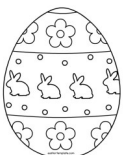
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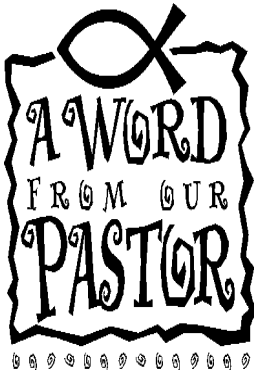


## **Easter Sunday, April 21**

**Services at 8:00 and 10:15 am**

*The great victory over death and sin is discovered in the empty tomb. Jesus is Risen!*





When Maya was little, the fast-forward button was her favorite feature on the TV remote. Whenever she would get to an especially sad or scary part of a movie, she would just hit the fast-forward button.

Seconds later, the problem was solved. Of course, now that our

daughter is 19 years-old, she is brave enough to endure those difficult scenes. And she is mature enough to understand that the triumph of the happy ending is diminished if she chooses to skip the difficult scenes.

Similarly, the joy and victory of Easter are diminished if we fast-forward through the stark days of Lent, the hypocrisy of Palm Sunday, the complex challenges of Maundy Thursday and the heartbreaking tragedy of Good Friday. Some of us might be inclined to just skip over those sad days and fast forward to the happy ending - Easter. Yet, the story of our salvation is told in these events, and we cannot appreciate the victory of the resurrection without facing the hardship of the cross.

For that reason, I encourage you to participate fully in all of the events of Holy Week. This year consider Easter an eight-day event. This permits us to experience the profound spiritual significance of Christ's life, death and resurrection in new and life-changing ways.

**April 14 - Palm Sunday** The drama of Holy Week begins with a clash. We joyfully remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with a festive procession. But it is a party with irony. The same crowd that praises Jesus with waving palm branches, quickly turns on him with shouts of "Crucify him!" Hmm. Do we ever sound like that?

**April 18 - Maundy Thursday**  
**"Living Last Supper" 7pm. service**

We'll begin with communion and a Biblical retelling of Jesus' mandates: "Love one another," and "Do this in memory of me." Then 12 speakers will present a reflection from the point of view of each disciple. Based on what we know from the Bible, we explore what would have been the thoughts, hopes and fears of each of those people around the table. This unique "Living Last Supper" will invite us to join with Jesus around the table of the Lord, to watch and to pray.

**April 19 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
**8 pm. service**

Jesus's suffering and death on the cross lead us to a deep place of prayer. As candles are extinguished the church is plunged into darkness. Then, even the last remaining light - representing Christ - also goes out. This service is inspiring, thought-provoking, and emotionally moving. Come and experience the power of Calvary.

**April 21 - Easter Sunday**

The great victory over death and sin is discovered in the empty tomb. Jesus is risen! The triumphant conclusion of Holy Week is enriched as we

## **April Scriptures**

**April 7:** Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 11:1-44

**April 14:** Scriptures: John 12:12-15 Philippians 25-11 Luke 22:14-71, 23:18-56

**April 21:** Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12

**April 28:** Scriptures: Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31



## Easter Brunch Chefs Needed

*Stratas & Baked Goods*

The WPM Board is asking for your help in providing stratas and baked goods for our Easter Sunday brunch table. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you could make a strata, (any variety) or baked goods, such as

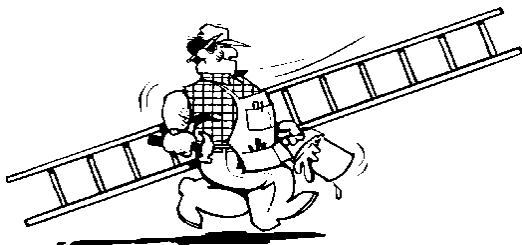
# RUSH

*Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers*

coffee cakes, quick breads or pastries.

## Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers Our next workday is Saturday, April 13

Is the pew you sit in less squeaky? Chances are that

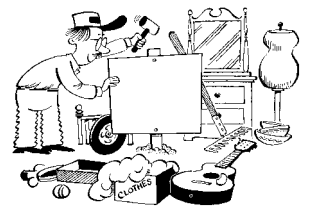


## Adult Mission Group

We all have very important bridges in our lives, both physical and emotional. They connect us to family, church and friends, to name a few. The Adult Mission Group will be traveling to West Virginia May 12-18 to assist with a bridge project.

Due to flooding in 2016, over 300 bridges were destroyed, leaving families unable to safely attend church, school, doctors' appointments and family gatherings, and obtain groceries. Through the WV VOAD project, teams have volunteered, under the supervision of engineers and site coordinators, to rebuild these bridges

one by one. This will be a new challenge for our group. For more information, visit the website at [wvoad.org/bridge-project](http://wvoad.org/bridge-project) or contact the church office if you would like to help.



## June Garage Sale

### ***Donations and Sneak Peek***

The Adult Mission Group is planning to participate in the Richfield community Garage sale on June 1. It is not too early to begin setting aside your "too good to throw away" treasures for this mission group fundraiser. More information will be coming soon as to when donations can be brought to the church or contact



**Senior Citizens  
Brunch and Show**  
*Joseph and the  
Amazing  
Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Community senior citizens are invited on April 10 to Revere High School for a free presentation of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by the Revere Players.

There is a free brunch at 9:00 am in the Revere H.S. cafeteria before the play. The play begins at 10:00 in the school auditorium.

Evening performances will be held on April 11, 12 & 13 at 7:00 pm and April 14 at 2:00 pm. Presale adult tickets are \$10 and \$12 at the door.

**Richfield Youth Group**

**April  
Activities**

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**Sunday, April 7**

**10:15 service**

We are ushers, greeters, reader.  
Bring dessert to share for Coffee  
Hour and come help us serve.

**Sunday, April 14**

**4:30 -6:00 pm**

**Children's Lenten Celebration  
Palm Sunday, April 14**

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Please bring  
boiled eggs per

one dozen hard  
child who will be

## Ushers for April

April 7: Youth Group

Jeff Braun Victor Stanko Karen & Tom Kiska

## April Lay Readers

April 7: youth representative

Rosemarie Sprague

*Monthly Lay Readers are needed for  
May, June, July, September, October*

*and December. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fel*



*lowship Hall bulletin board.*

## Boards and Council Meetings in April

### **Monday, April 8:**

6:30 pm: The Stewardship and Administration Board

7:00 pm: The Retirement Village Board

Christian Education Board

Worship & Parish Ministry Board

8:15 pm: Church Council



**Tuesday, April 9:** Hobbitts Church  
Board at 7 pm

## Book Club

Book Club will meet on **Tuesday,  
April 23**, at 7 pm in the Gathering Room.

The reading selection for April is  
*Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

Note the change of date because of East-  
er.



## The Men's Discussion Group

The Men's Discussion Group has been  
meeting every Wednesday morning from 6:30 to  
7:30 for 25 years!

## April Birthdays

4/2 Janet Anderson

4/2 Patty Ellis

4/3 David Butera

4/5 Alice Klagge

4/6 Grace Dabernig

4/7 Thomas Kiska

4/7 Will Ackermann

4/9 Caroline Neillie

4/10 Donna Treubig

4/12 Sally Gill

4/12 Kevin Linek

4/13 Maggie Gerber

4/17 Wade Luther

4/18 Carl Ahlborg

4/20 Kara Hamilton

4/20 Gail Kuglar

4/21 Susan Sheffer

4/22 Gary Lindsey

4/24 Bud Wisnieski

4/25 Dorothy Hooper

4/25 Lori Walentynowicz

4/26 Chris Stanley

4/27 Mary Lou Best

4/28 Jane Ellis Scharff

4/28 Jim Schilling

4/28 Dan Marsh

4/29 Ron Luther

4/30 David Hayes

## April Anniversaries

4/3 Jerry & Jean Gentner

4/11 Frank & Barbara Sterenberg

4/11 Gordon & Kathy Brown

4/16 Diana Julien & Gail Kuglar

4/18 Shannon & Mary Lou Best

4/19 Vicky and John Bryg

4/21 Chris & Kathy Hayes



## New Members

Dan and Janet Marsh

Brittany & Ben Murphy, Erin & Marley

Kim Smith, Olivia Hall



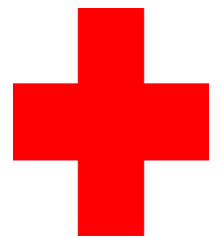
## In Loving Memory

February 28, 2019 Lois Eastwood

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, April 10**

**1-6 pm**



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### **GATHERING OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

#### **EVERY SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Early Worship Service  
9:15 AM Sunday school  
10:15 AM Worship Service

#### **EVERY WEEK**

MON 7:30 PM AA  
WED 8:00 PM AA  
SAT 8:30 PM AA

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM MEN'S GROUP

#### THURSDAY

7:00 PM BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

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## **April Activities**

**April 3:** Lenten Study at 7:00 pm

**April 7:** Communion / Youth greet, usher and host coffee hour

**April 8:** S&A Board meeting at 6:30 pm / Retirement Village meeting at 7 pm

Christian Ed & WPM Board meetings at 7 pm / Council meeting at 8:15 pm

**April 9:** Hobbitts Church Board meets at 7 pm.

**April 10:** **Red Cross Blood Drive** at RUCC 1-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall / Lenten Study at 7:00 pm

**April 11:** Men's Health Group meets in the Gathering Room at 11 am

**April 13:** **Richfield UCC Sunshine Helpers** workday 9:00 am

**April 14:** **Palm Sunday** Children's Lenten program after Children's Time at the 10:15 service

Youth Group meeting at 4:30 pm.

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