

Saint Luke Messenger



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WEEKS OF MARCH 29 AND APRIL 5

March 29 — The Passion of Our Lord

Holy Communion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Concert 5:00 p.m. in the Nave
featuring Franz Joseph Haydn's *Solemn Mass (Heiligmesse)*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 30, 31, and April 1
Noon Reading and Prayer

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Simple Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Communion—Passion Symbols

Maundy Thursday, April 2

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion
Stripping of the altar at the 7:00 p.m. service

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. – Three Hour Devotions
7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday, April 4

7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil – Baptisms, Affirmation of Baptism, and Confirmation

Easter Sunday, April 5 – The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. – Festival Services

HE IS RISEN!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

March 29 — Sunday of the Passion

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

Mark 14:1—15:47

April 5— The Resurrection of Our Lord

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, March 29, 2015 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
9:00 AM	Floral Express	Hallways
	+ Fair Trade Sunday +Fair Trade Winds	Fireside Room
9:00 AM	Up For Discussion	Library
10:00 AM	Novice Bells	Bieber Hall
10:30 AM	Christian Education for All Ages	Campus
10:30 AM	Sunday School Gathering	Great Hall
10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
11:45 AM	Welcome Gathering	Luther Room
1:00 PM	Sunday Hospitality	Great Hall
5:00 PM	Lenten Concert	Nave
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall
6:15 PM	Concert Reception	Fireside Room

Monday, March 30, 2015 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8:00 AM	CDS classes (Mon & Tues)	CDS Classrooms
12:00 PM	Readings and Prayers for Monday in Holy Week	Chapel
1:30 PM	CDS Staff Meeting	Fireside Room
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Bieber Hall
6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

12:00 PM	Readings and Prayers for Tuesday in Holy Week	Chapel
6:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 6257	Great Hall
7:00 PM	Ensemble Bells	Music Room
7:00 PM	OA	Library

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7:00 AM	Faith Connections	Panera
12:00 PM	Readings and Prayers for Wednesday in Holy Week	Chapel
12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room
	++ Wednesday Night Alive ++	
4:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Music Room
4:30 PM	Genesis Bells	Bieber Hall
5:00 PM	Choristers	Music Room
5:30 PM	Confirmation Choir	Bieber Hall
6:30 PM	Dinner	Bieber Hall
7:00 PM	Devotions	Bieber Hall
7:30 PM	Augsburg Bell Choir	Music Room

Thursday, April 2, 2015**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

10:00 AM	Bible Study	Library
10:30 AM	Lutheran Lay Fellowship Board	Bieber Hall
11:45 AM	Lutheran Lay Fellowship	Bieber Hall
12:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Nave
5:00 PM	Martin Luther Choir	Music Room
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Nave
8:00 PM	Schola Cantorum	Music Room
8:30 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Friday, April 3, 2015**GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 PM	Tre Ore Service	Nave
7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service	Nave
7:00 PM	Ethiopian Fellowship	Chapel

Saturday, April 4, 2015**HOLY SATURDAY /VIGIL OF EASTER**

9:15 AM	Alanon	Luther Room
9:30 AM	AA	Bieber Hall
10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt	Great Hall
10:00 AM	Brass Rehearsal	Nave
7:00 PM	Easter Vigil	Fireside Rm/Nave

Sunday, April 5, 2015**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY**

8:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
9:00 AM	Holy Communin	Nave
10:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
11:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Monday April 6, 2015**OFFICE CLOSED****Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

3:30 PM	Piano Lessons	104-105-106
7:00 PM	OA	Library
7:00 PM	Congregation Council	Fireside Room
7:00 PM	Ensemble Bells	Music Room

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

7:00 AM	Faith Connections	Panera
10:00 AM	Women in Community	Library
11:00 AM	Bible Study	TVAR
12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room

Thursday, April 9, 2015

10:00 AM	Bible Study	Library
8:30 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Friday, April 10, 2015

12:15 PM	Saint Luke Fellowship	Bieber Hall
7:00 PM	Ethiopian Fellowship	Chapel

Saturday, April 11, 20215

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	915 Highland Drive
9:15 AM	Alanon	Luther Room
9:30 AM	AA	Bieber Hall

WE BEGIN PALM SUNDAY WITH THE HOSANNA of the entry into Jerusalem only to move to the hearing of the **Passion**. Participate in the mood of the crowd, hear the betrayal and experience the awesome price of love.

THE FLORAL EXPRESS is in, and on **March 29** we ask your help to deliver these messages of caring. Cards with clear driving instructions are with every plant.

FAIR TRADE AND FAIR TRADE WINDS will be in the Fireside Room on **March 29**.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN (3 years through grade 5) will gather in the Great Hall this Sunday (**March 29**) for a Sunday School Gathering that focuses on Holy Week. Please note that there is no Sunday School on **April 5 and 12**.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN please join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.** We will gather in the Fireside room for a story and some songs, then head out to the Parsonage lawn. The group will be split age wise to hunt for eggs. After that, we will meet up in the Great Hall for some Easter craft making time. Please be sure to mark your calendars to join us for this fun activity.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE? Don't want to cook? Join us at El Golfo on **Wednesday, April 8, from 6:00—9:00 p.m.** for a fundraiser for Youth Gathering 2015. El Golfo is located at 8739 Flower Ave. in Silver Spring. Come and join us and El Golfo will donate 20% of that night's profits to Saint Luke Youth traveling to Detroit. We had a fabulous time there back in June, so come out and join the party!

BOOK AND VIDEO WILL MEET Friday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room and discuss the book *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan. This is the story of the great forest fire of 1910 in the Northwest and the resulting conservation movement started by President Teddy Roosevelt.

“INVITATIONS TO CARE FOR CREATION” — You are invited to discover in scripture our call and motivation to care for creation. Martin Luther wrote, “God’s entire divine nature is wholly and entirely in all creatures, more deeply, more inwardly, more present than the creature is to itself. God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, in the field.” (LW 37:60,61). Reading and reflecting on scripture, sharing thoughts and experiences, and listening for God’s invitations to care for creation will be the focus of our discussions led by Pastor Bob Abarno. These conversations will in the Seminar Room at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays, April 19th and 26th**.

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE at www.saintluke.us for Saint Luke members! Children age 4 (as of Sept 1, 2014) through 5th graders in 2014-2015 are welcome to attend Saint Luke's Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power during **June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** Registration will open to non-Saint Luke members beginning on April 13. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis. Teens (current 6th-12th graders) who are interested in volunteering and helping the younger children should also register online.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR THE LORD'S TRUCK. For 30 years, The Lord's Truck has transported food, clothing, medical supplies and other items from people who want to share with people in need. There are 11 regular and several back up drivers. Additional drivers are needed who can work one morning a week. If

you are interested, please contact roger.caldow@verizon.net or call 301-774-2570. Saint Luke's food pantry is a recipient of this ministry, so you can also contact Ruth Manchester for more information.

YARD SALE 2015. We will be renting spaces in the Highland Drive lot for people to sell their own things, then the Youth Gathering families will take a couple of spaces as well to sell some things. Please contact Liz Garifo at lgarifo@saintluke.us if you are interested in reserving a space.

LOOKING FOR A SLEEP AWAY summer camp for your child? Consider Mar-Lu-Ridge, a year-round outdoor ministry of the ELCA, located in the Catoctin Mountains of central Maryland. They offer a variety of camps, including a Confirmation Camp for middle school aged youth. Please see their website at www.mar-lu-ridge.org, or take a brochure out from the kiosk across from the Youth Lounge.

LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP will meet **April 2 at noon** at Saint Luke. Our speaker will be Gail Hambleton of the Global Peace Foundation speaking on "Human Trafficking, Safe Haven Campaign." If you wish lunch, contact Vicki Porter at 301-229-9884 or e-mail luncheon@lutheranlayfellowship.org by March 31. The next Lutheran Lay Fellowship meeting will be **Thursday, May 7**. Ruth Manchester will speak on her trip to Cuba.

ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS, sponsored in part by the ELCA, will convene **April 17-20** in The Doubletree Hotel in northern Virginia. The theme this year is *Breaking the Chains: Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation*. More information in the "Happenings" kiosk.

INVITE SOMEONE TO COME AND SEE — This theme of our 75th Anniversary is a great opportunity to tell the story of Saint Luke. What would you tell them? Watch for more anniversary events.

SOMETHING WONDROUS IS COMING! Have you ever attended an Easter Vigil? On the evening of **Saturday, April 4**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire-side Room, Saint Luke will be transformed into a dramatic venue as we trace the story of salvation history. From creation and new birth, to baptisms, affirmation of baptism, welcoming new disciples, and the first communion of Easter, it is a story to behold. Come and experience the unfolding drama!