

From the Pastor

This past Sunday, I experienced my first annual meeting at Emanuel, and I was impressed. It was nice to see the wide representation of membership and have questions raised in thoughtful, reflective manner.

As a veteran of annual meetings in several different congregations, there are two ways that annual meetings can be problematic. The first is obvious--when people become hostile, accusatory, and defensive, creating an environment that reflects poorly on the church as the body of Christ full of sinner/saints. Sadly, more than a few people have run screaming away from a congregation after being a part of one of those meetings, where civility is forgotten, to say nothing of core values of Christians.

The second type of annual meeting that is problematic may seem less obvious, and to be honest, there are more than a few pastors and leadership teams who hope for this kind of meeting--where no one says anything and everyone rubber stamps decisions, without reflecting on the challenges of the mission and ministry of the church. While seemingly "easier," it is nonetheless not always helpful, especially when a congregation in this day and age needs to honestly reflect on the changes in culture which affect what it means to be church today.

The best kind of annual meeting is the kind we

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Sundays in March, Holy Week and Easter at Emanuel

March 4	3rd Sunday of Lent Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 2: 13-22
March 11	4th Sunday of Lent Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 3: 14-21
March 18	5th Sunday of Lent Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 12: 20-33
March 25	Passion/Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 14: 1-15:47
March 29	Maundy Thursday Services at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
March 30	Good Friday Service at 5:30 p.m.	John 18:1--19:42
March 31	Easter Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m.	John 20:1-18
April 1	Easter Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. No Sunday School	Mark 16:1-8

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had--where people were polite, leaders were responsive, and challenges were acknowledged. We talked openly about the changing needs of the church, its decline in society, and where Emanuel fits in during this time.

The simple truth is that Emanuel has both a blessing and a burden in our endowment. The blessing is obvious. We have a piggy bank to which we can go when we need money to pay bills. The burden, however, is that it does not make us accountable in a helpful way.

The purpose of the endowment, as I understand it, is to give us an avenue for mission opportunities and community engagement--whether that is by supporting members or our neighborhood. It is not to support the daily operations of the church.

Unfortunately, in the past several years, we have been relying too much on the endowment to cover expenses rather than mission. And mission is not only what gets people excited about being part of a church--it is what Jesus calls us to do to be "in the city for good."

I have examined the budget carefully and to be honest, there isn't a lot of fluff in it. I'm very judicious with my own money and believe our stewardship of the funds of the church needs to be even more responsible--using funds for mission and engagement, but not wastefully--living out an "attitude of gratitude" responsibly.

Given that, we as a congregation have a few choices to make in the coming years. One is to ignore the fact that we are relying on the endowment, continue to spend it as we have, and in a few years, have to make some tough choices that will not only impede our opportunities for mission, but also change who we are as a church.

The second is to radically alter our staffing and thus make us a radically different church--and as a result limit opportunities for mission and growth, and basically starve to death slowly.

The final option is to step up the plate and be the mature and faithful Christians who want to fulfill the mission God has called us to and find the joy that comes from giving of ourselves.

Guess which option I think we should chose?

But how? How do we do it? There are three ways to help us become a congregation that "pays its own way" for our daily expenses and then uses

the endowment to explore incredible ways to change the lives of others--which is what it is meant to do.

1. Prayerfully reflect on how you give financially. Notice I didn't say "How much." God loved the widow's mite more than the boastful man who gave more. Do you give a set percentage? Do you give faithfully and regularly, whether you are in worship or not? Do you give "pay per view" so you give when you are there but not when you aren't even though God is faithful to you day in and day out? Faithful, regular, percentage based giving is truly freeing, because you know it isn't about what you are giving, but about what God has given you. Pray about your giving, look at the percentage you give, and challenge yourself to give a percentage or two more--or go for it and try tithing. Ten percent of what you have. To the church, to mission, to wherever you feel called. Trust me, if you start you won't quit. I've never met a former tither. I don't know how--but it works.
2. Invite people to join us at Emanuel. Not to "get them to give" but to find out what we have to give to the world. People are excited to be a part of something that not only feeds their spirit, but also involves them in meaningful work. I believe Emanuel does both. By inviting friends to join you and sharing with others about what is happening here, you are helping them in a life that is often overwhelming and hard. I truly believe we have something special here at Emanuel--and by getting others to join us, it will be even more Spirit filled.
3. Reach out to those who you know who may have drifted away. I keep hearing about people who were here who no longer are part of our community. Call them, tell them you miss them and invite them back. We are church together, and we need to care for those who aren't with us anymore and let them know that they are a part of the body of Christ is missing. And if they have any concerns or issues that I can help address, let me know. I stand ready to reach out and help people re-engage in Emanuel.

I believe if every member does these three

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things, the challenges we will face will not be “how much of the endowment are we using” but rather “how can we use what we have to bless others?” which is an incredible and amazing thing.

I struggled with whether to write this for my monthly reflection, but one of the hallmarks of who I am is that I am upfront and direct, and I think we need to be direct about this challenge and opportunity for the coming year, in the same way we were at the annual meeting.

Relying too much on an endowment keeps us from being spiritually mature as a congregation, but being spiritually mature with the gifts we have as church will open untold opportunities for us--in terms of our own spiritual health as well as the our role in the community.

We have been blessed to be at Emanuel. As we grow in spiritual maturity and faithfulness, I am excited to see how those blessings will unfold.

Peace, Pastor Paula

Trinity Academy and the Shy Lutheran Ballot

At the annual meeting, I explained how the opportunity to pursue a partnership with Trinity Academy by having a pre-first grade at Emanuel beginning in the fall of 2019 came to pass. In addition I talked about our current proposal, which would be to enter into a year long exploratory period with Trinity Academy. We would not be committing to a partnership, but two members of the congregation, along with me, would join the board and we would advertise and support their fundraisers for the coming year, as we asked questions and determine if this is a good fit for Emanuel.

I also answered some of the questions that had been posed at Mission and Ministry meetings, like why don't we pursue opportunities with a Middle School (answer: our hallways are such that only a school for smaller people would work, given space issues.) I also explained that, based on a suggestion I received at a Mission and Ministry meeting, I would recommend that if we go forward with this proposal in a year, we do so on a 3 year trial basis, so that if, after a year, we feel it isn't a fit, we would be able to see the Preschoolers through 1st grade, and give the Academy time to pursue other options.

I also explained that this doesn't preclude us exploring other uses for our wonderful space during the week, thus honoring God and the people who built this church by making it accessible to as many people as possible as often as possible. Additionally, if members in the coming year come forward with a home grown ministry they want to pursue, we are open to that, as well as long term

examination of facility use.

After fielding some questions, some of which I could answer and some that I could not, we proceeded with a shy Lutheran ballot--a tool that is a great way to “take the temperature” of a group to see if there is overall support of an idea.

Whether to enter into a year long exploratory period with Trinity, which if successful, would lead to us partnering with them next year, is a decision for the Church Council. However, it needs to be supported by the congregation. The shy Lutheran ballot is a wonderful way to determine that. Those in attendance were asked to mark their ballot with a number from 1-6. 1 means “Absolutely not. If we do this, I will take all of my marbles and go home.” 2 means “I am really not at all in favor of this, but I won't leave over it.” 3 means “I'm not thrilled but I can live with it and am open to learning more.” 4 means “I am on board. I have some questions, but I think it is a good idea.” 5 means “I just have a few questions, but I am really in support of it and think we should go forward.” 6 means “I am all in. This is a call from God.”

With a shy Lutheran ballot, you are able to equalize voices, some of which may be louder than others, and get a good idea of what people are feeling. You never count them (except in the case when there are only one or two in a group) --this isn't about winners and losers. It is more about getting a “feel” for things. As a pastor, I would NEVER want my congregation to pursue something if the overall feeling was against it. Mission needs to be

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true to a congregation's DNA to be successful.

The photo of the shy Lutheran ballots provides a visual of its results. There was one 1, two 2's, a handful of 3's, more 4's, even more 5's and a majority of 6's (with a 2.5, a 3.5 and two 7's in the mix.) It is apparent that the majority of those present want us to continue to pursue this opportunity and that will be my recommendation to the Church Council.

If you are interested in touring Trinity or learning more about it, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch. In the meantime, look for more information and put April 28 on your calendar, for their annual fundraiser, which will take place at the Delmar in West Hartford. More information on that will be in the April newsletter.



Marks of Discipleship

Discipleship is an intentional journey in grace. Marks of discipleship are like signposts along the way. The Invitation is to come and grow with us:

1. **Scripture**—Feb 21: The practice of personal spirituality through private Scripture reading on a regular (daily) basis. [Psalm 119:105]
2. **Prayer**—Feb 28: The practice of personal spirituality through personal prayer on a daily basis, including prayer for the staff, leadership, members, and ministry of Emanuel. [I Thess. 5:16-19]
3. **Worship**—March 7: Regular (weekly) worship attendance. [Ps. 122:1 and Heb. 10:23-25]
4. **Spiritual Growth**—March 14: Active participation in a spiritual growth program such as intentional devotions, small groups, adult education or Bible Study. [Eph. 4:11-16]
5. **Giving**—March 21: Active Christian giving through:
 - ♦ volunteer involvement in a ministry at Emanuel. [1 Cor. 12:4-13]
 - ♦ tithing or a commitment to work toward tithing. [Mal. 3:10 and 2 Cor. 8:1-2]
 - ♦ involvement in at least one mission or service project a year to help people outside of Emanuel. [Matt. 25:31-46]
6. **Team Player**—A commitment to ministry as a relationship by being a team player. [Mark 6:7]
7. **Discipleship**—Intentional discipleship of at least one other person as a mentor, to help grow spiritual giants. [Matt. 28:18-20]

Communion 101 To Be Offered March 25

Since arriving, I have asked a few questions about Communion Instruction and gotten a variety of answers, leading me to understand that generally, children have begun taking Communion in 3rd grade, but that it varies, and that children who receive Communion at a younger age at other congregations before moving here continue to take it here (which is fitting as I would NEVER excommunicate someone who is receiving the Sacrament.)

I personally believe that there is a difference between taking First Communion and deliberate instruction on the Sacraments and am also aware that there are differing opinions on the age of First Communion, which is in keeping with what was said in the ELCA publication on the Sacraments *The Use of the Means of Grace* which notes that "There is no command from our Lord regarding the age at which people should be...first communed." Later, it determines that, because admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord to the baptized, "baptized children begin to commune on a regular basis at a time determined through mutual conversation that includes the

pastor, the child, and the parents or sponsors involved, within the accepted practices of the congregation."

In keeping with that understanding, I will be offering a "Communion 101 Class" following Passion Sunday Worship on March 25, which is open to any children who wish to receive first Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29, but will focus on 3rd graders. The class, which a parent is required to attend with their child, will go from 11:30-1:30. During that time, we will share a pizza meal, where I will explain the origins of both Passover and Communion, perhaps with the kids acting it out, we will make bread for Maundy Thursday Worship, and learn how to properly receive the Sacrament, as well as tasting the wafers and wine. When students are in 5th or 6th grade, they will receive further instruction on the Sacraments as part of a "pre-Confirmation" preparation, thus this is Communion 101.

To help us better prepare, please let the Church Office, Pastor Paula or Jeff know if you plan to attend.

SPROUT Next School Year (September through June)

Our Saturday morning program, SPROUT serves our neighborhood children on Saturday morning, providing them with a hot breakfast, active play in the gym, and a healthy lunch. We need more volunteers if we want to continue this hands-on outreach program for next year. Needed positions include:

- ♦ 10 people to bake 48 homemade cookies once every 5 weeks
- ♦ 5 people to grocery shop once every 5 weeks
- ♦ 5 people willing to be "kitchen captain" the week they cook in the kitchen, once every five weeks (9:00-11:15)
- ♦ 15 people willing to cook the breakfasts and make the lunch once every 5 weeks (9:15-11:15)
- ♦ 10 people to set up and clean up once every 5 weeks (9:30-11:30)
- ♦ 5 people to set up and do registration once every

5 weeks (9:30-11:30)

- ♦ 5 people to register children and help pass out lunches once every 5 weeks (10:00-12:00)
- ♦ 15 people to play active games in the gym with the children once every 5 weeks (10:00-12:00)
- ♦ 5 individuals or families to stay on the stage while some of the less active children take some quiet time and color or play quiet games once every 5 weeks (10:00-12:00)

There will be a chart down in Luther Hall to sign your name on if you are interested in volunteering for SPROUT. The chart will be down in Luther Hall through March and we will assess our commitment to SPROUT at that time. This is a well-run, worthwhile program that has taken a lot of work to establish. If you have time to offer, please consider this worthwhile ministry. Questions? Email Terri Dwyer at terri.dwyer@comcast.net.

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January 2018 Council Meeting

The meeting began with the “Congregation Comment” agenda item – which is a time scheduled at the beginning of each Council meeting to give any member of the congregation an opportunity to address the Council, ask questions and/or share information/concerns/ideas. Terri Dwyer shared her perspective on the potential partnership with Trinity Academy, and her concerns that we fully explore other social ministry opportunities for our newly accessible space, before committing funds, time and space to Trinity. The discussion that followed emphasized that we are in an exploratory phase with Trinity and no commitments have yet been made, and that there are many benefits to an ecumenical partnership. At the Annual Meeting, Pastor Paula plans to get the congregation’s feedback on the level of support for continuing to pursue the Trinity Academy partnership.

Pastor Paula then led devotions. The minutes of December 19, 2017 were distributed and accepted as written.

Pastor’s Report -- Pastor explained the “shy Lutheran ballot” that will be used during the Annual meeting to get an understanding of how people feel about exploring the possibility of partnering with Trinity Academy. (See Pastor’s

separate article on the results.) Mission and Ministry meeting are going incredibly well. They have been fun, an opportunity for learning about each other and great information about history and current status of Emanuel.

Treasurer’s Report – Bobbee Canfield shared a budget comparison on personnel expenses, clearly indicating that overall personnel expenses in 2018 will be lower than in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Final changes to the budget were also made, with a motion passing to increase the benevolence commitment to Hands On Hartford by about \$1000, restoring it to prior years.

Operations Report – Council approved a motion to increase the budget for lead based paint removal at the Hungerford House from \$10,000 to \$12,000, allowing the completion of the first and second floors and incidental items like laundry hookups. (These project expenses would be funded from the reserve Hungerford Account in our investment funds.)

Finance Committee – Tim Elwell highlighted some of last year’s budget and investment changes. He urged that time be spent addressing the income issues as currently we are spending more than we are taking in.

Since You Asked

Why did you cancel worship on Feb.18 when it was fine at 10 am?

These decisions are hard, and it really is a no win situation at times. I was in contact with church leadership from early Saturday until late Saturday when we made the call. The final decision was made before 11 PM to get it on the news and we made it after I got stuck in the snow for over a half hour and was unable to park near my condo due to

the heavy wet snow and due to the fact that they said at the time we would have as much if not more snow before it quit. Given that few members live close to the church and there was uncertainty about ice in the morning, as well as the heavy nature of the snow which would have been tough to shovel out once roads were plowed, I was encouraged to err on the side of caution, especially since
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Committing for 2018

Emanuel has exciting plans for 2018 – and many new ideas for mission and ministry! Everyone is important to Emanuel’s future -- be a part of the discussions and planning... come and worship each week... participate in a ministry that resonates with your interests or passions... and make a financial commitment to support Emanuel’s operations.

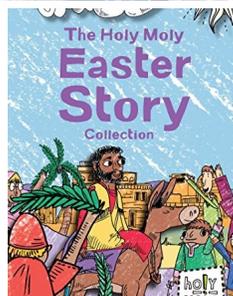
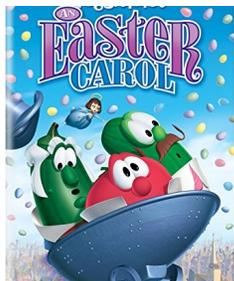
The Financial outlook:

- ♦ **\$856,504**—2018 Expense Budget approved by the congregation on 2/11/2018
- ♦ **\$452,500**—2018 Faith-based Giving Budget (regular offerings) to support the expense budget. (An additional \$386,000 also comes from Emanuel’s endowment funds to support expenses along with \$40,000+ in rental and other income).
- ♦ **\$370,000**—Pledged/committed portion of above Faith-based Giving Budget, representing 2017 actual pledges plus a 2% increase. (The additional \$82,500 in faith-based giving represents historical giving that is not pledged.)
- ♦ **\$343,000**—2018 pledges received as of 2/20/2018. (Thank you to each of the 155 individuals/families who have pledged for 2018!)
- ♦ **\$ 27,000**—Pledge shortfall

If you haven’t pledged, will you consider making a commitment to Emanuel for 2018?

Children’s Library News

Our favorite vegetables are back in two Easter DVDs. Bob and Larry plus a music box angel named Hope are working hard to convince Nezzar that Easter isn’t just about candy and eggs in the DVD titled *An Easter Carol*. Nezzar had been trying to make Easter bigger by filling London with plastic eggs using mechanical chickens. Will Bob and Larry succeed in this big challenge? This story is inspired by Dicken’s Christmas classic and explains why Christians worldwide celebrate Easter past, present and future. ‘Twas the Night Before Easter finds news reporter Marlee Meade (aka Petunia Rhubarb)



searching for some way to help others. When she finds the old town theater is about to be shut down, she comes up with a plan to save the theater. Thus, the show “Up With Bunnies” is born. The drama does not end there however and hopefully Marlee will discover the true meaning of Easter.

New last year was also the *Holy Moly Easter Story Collection* DVD. Published by Spark House, this DVD includes the stories of Jesus entering Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Jesus and the cross and the empty tomb. This DVD can be paired with the Holy Moly Bible Storybook which is also available in the library.

Would you like to help with Sunday Worship?

Please contact our ministry coordinators:

Greeters:	Eileen Mitchell	860-688-4867
Lectors:	Lynn Sherman	860-523-1702
Ushers:	Jim Ashwell	860-667-0264
Asst Ministers:	Janice Favreau	860-978-1681
Sound & Recording:	Mal Doyle	860-561-1582

Worship Ministry for March

Acolytes & Crucifers

March 4	Acolyte	Lilly Maynard
	Crucifer	Andre Montoya
March 11	Acolyte	Brittany Caldwell
	Crucifer	Alejandro Morales
March 18	Acolyte	Braden Hazard
	Crucifer	Harrison Arcand
March 25	Acolyte	Griffin Fairchild
	Crucifer	Addison Fastiggi

Aides

March 4	PreK-K	Lindsey Anderson
	1st & 2nd	Hannah Karim
	3rd & 4th	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
March 11	PreK-K	Brynn Murphy
	1st & 2nd	Griffin Fairchild
	3rd & 4th	Luke Johnson
March 18	PreK-K	Samantha Johnson
	1st & 2nd	Trey Hazard
	3rd & 4th	Charles Sinche
March 25	PreK-K	Maire Hollertz
	1st & 2nd	Lizzy Arcand
	3rd & 4th	Meredith Swanson

Assisting Ministers

March 4	Janice Favreau
March 11	Monica Swanson
March 18	Lynne Strecker
March 25	Mal Doyle

Communion Preparers

March 4	Ellen Anderson
March 11	TBA
March 18	TBA
March 25	Bobbee Canfield
March 29	12:00 Jane Wunder 7:00 Marj Johnson

Greeters

March 4	Mark Hollertz and Keren Paquette and Maire
March 11	Dylan St John and Carol Johnson
March 18	Carol and Brad Dennler
March 25	Patti and Mebret Farquhar

Lectors

8:00 a.m.	
March 4	Randy Olson
March 11	Rosie Vojtek
March 18	Christine Dalton
March 25	Kathy Haller
10:00 a.m.	
March 4	Janice Favreau
March 11	Monique Jennings
March 18	Rae Ann Gremel
March 25	Lee Sherman

Sound & Recording

March 4	Mal Doyle
March 11	Lindsey Anderson
March 18	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
March 25	Noah Fairchild

Since You Asked (continued)

Sunday School was already cancelled because of the long weekend. Also, I discovered the codes I have for calling the media did not allow for only cancelling one service and I did not want to create confusion so it made more sense to cancel both. Once we had cancelled, the snow lessened (of course) and it did not turn into as much of a storm and it was absolutely fine by 10 am. I am deeply sorry for those who ventured out and did not know we cancelled. Waiting until 6 am may have been the wiser course. My apologies. My personal preference is never to cancel, but I also want to honor the situation and make the best choice giv-

en the information we have, especially given how far people are from the church, since we aren't, like so many other churches in the area, a strictly "neighborhood church."

When we cancel, I call all the major networks, we put it on Facebook, change the message at the church office and send out an email. When in doubt, call the church office or perhaps check your email spam, as well, as apparently a few people did not receive the sent email. Thanks for understanding the challenges associated with making decisions like this.

Special Emanuel Birthdays this Month

Doris Johnson (March 5), Lois House (March 7), Jean Wiltse (March 7), Alice Gustafson (March 13), Kenneth Stetson (March 20), Myrtle Bloomquist (March 21) and Karin Gottier (March 28)



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Mal Doyle † Hailey Johnson † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Gail Duek † Melanie Sinche † Karin Gottier †
Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson † Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron †
Betty-Lois Benson

Altar and Easter Flower Order Form

Please make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church and note "Altar Flowers" or "Easter Plants" on the memo line. Place your check along with the order form below in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Please Select: **Altar Flowers** (\$45.00) **Easter Plants** (\$18.00). Deadline is Sunday, March 25

Date for Altar Flowers: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Contact the Church Office (860-525-0894) if you have any questions.

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>3rd Sunday of Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Loose Change for Noisy Offering • 11:30 Pancake Brunch • 11:30 – 1:30 PM Mission & Ministry: Lounge 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 PM Neonatal Bereavement 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Conference • 6:00 Sandberg Mission Fund Committee in Conference Room • 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup • 6:45 – 7:15 PM “Worship” † 7:30 Service 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal • 7:00 -9:00 PM Mission & Ministry at Franzis Home 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patrick Day Parade in Hartford. • No Sprout
<p>4th Sunday of Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 PM Property Committee 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup • 6:45 – 7:15 PM “Spiritual Growth” † 7:30 Service 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program • Confirmation Banquet 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 – 12:00 Sprout • Confirmation Retreat 	
<p>5th Sunday of Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup • 6:45 – 7:15 PM “Giving” † 7:30 Service 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 11:15 AM Service • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 – 12:00 Sprout • 12:00 March for Our Lives 	
<p>Passion/Palm Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Communion 101 Class 11:30 am – 1:30 pm 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study † 12:00 Noon Service † 7:30 PM Service 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 PM Service 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Vigil • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout † 7:00 PM Service

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