

**Fourth Avenue
United Methodist
Church**

**219 Fourth Ave. NW
Faribault, MN 55021**

April Fourth Teller

April 2023



To Walk With Jesus

Dear Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

I just came back from the track at Shattuck-St. Mary's. For a few weeks now I have taken up walking four times a week for a half hour as a Lenten discipline. As I walk, I meditate, pray, listen to podcasts, and address my aim to be more physically fit at the same time. It's been good for me. I've done well and been consistent. I feel like I'm making progress on my goals to be sharper and fitter.

Walking coupled with prayer is a powerful spiritual habit and a means by which we grow in our "walk" with Jesus. As I enter these last weeks of Lent with Holy Week and Easter on the horizon, I am anticipating some significant walking with prayer. As we read through the Gospel of John, let me encourage you to do so as a pilgrim on a journey with Jesus. Picture the scenes in your minds eye, look at the faces of the characters, hear the words spoken and the spirit of the person speaking, take in the action, and prayerful consider what the Lord is revealing to you. As we walk through the days of Holy Week, ponder all of that from the Palm Processional to the Last Supper, Jesus' prayer in the Garden, his betray at the hands of Judas, the denial of Peter, the desertion of the disciples, his arrest, trial, and crucifixion, his words spoken from the cross, and the burial at the tomb. We will meditate on all these scenes and more on Passion/ Palm Sunday.

Right after Easter, Rebekah and I will leave for Chicago enroute to our Holy Land pilgrimage April 11-21. Both of us independently have desired to take such a trip, but now as we approach our first wedding anniversary we will make our first Holy Land pilgrimage together. We will walk where Jesus walked, rehearse many scenes from the Old Testament and New, and enter into prayer all along the way. For years, we have heard people who have been about how profound the experience is and the difference the Lord makes in the life of a Christian believer through such a journey. Please pray for us as we take this trip of a lifetime.

Jesus Christ is alive! He is not bound by place or time. He is everywhere and available to everyone who calls upon his name. We may not be able to travel to the Holy Land this year and we may never make such a journey, but we can walk with Jesus through scripture and prayer. Let me invite you to do just that as the closing days of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter unfold. Walk with Jesus. We'll make progress in our spiritual journey. And we will be sharper and fitter for God's Kingdom.

For a renewed walk with our Lord, I am sincerely yours,

Pastor Greg Ciesluk



Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 2 to 4:30 pm

April Birthdays

Lois Christen	03
Donald Kleeberger	03
Brad Prange	08
Donna Schuenke	08
Karen Hauptli	09
Alissa Steinberg	09
Bonnie Hammer	10
Richard Michel	15
Jean Vincent	15
Kathy DuChene	18
Brody Hatfield	30

May Birthdays

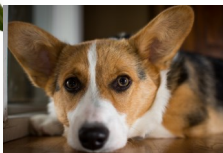
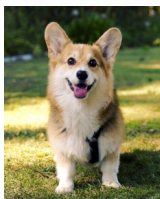
Donna Morgan	01
Kirsten Strnad	04



We Remember

**Brittney Rose
Landsverk**

1989 ~ 2010



April Worship Servers

Acolytes

April 2 - Ella Prange
April 9 - Comfort Sonpon
April 16 - Hanna Gehrke
April 23 - Dominic Ericksen
April 30 - Will Sonpon

Lay Readers

April 2 - Audrey Quiggle
April 9 - Phyllis Wegner
April 16 - Kahler Grant
April 23 - Carolyn Hanson
April 30 - Elizabeth Prange

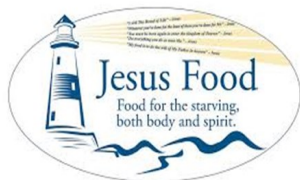
April Anniversaries

Ken & Tena Harren 15



Jesus Food Packing Event Mark Your Calendar!

**Saturday, April 1, 10 am – 12 noon
at Faribo West Mall**



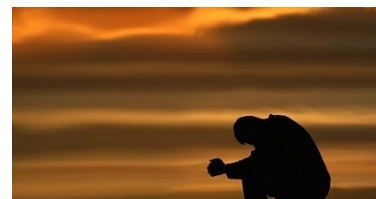
Join us **Saturday, April 1, 10 am - 12 noon** at the Faribo West Mall to pack food. At this time, the meals will be going to the Ukraine. Be a part of the fellowship and be inspired about the mission of Jesus Food and the great need we will be alleviating through our act of service. Bring a friend to share in this meaningful experience.

Prayer Chain

If you need prayer for any reason, there is an active group in our

congregation committed to praying for you.

Contact **Carole Evans** at 507-210-6971 or e-mail her at caroleannjean@gmail.com.



**United
Women
in Faith**

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will be meeting on **Thursday, April 13 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlor. Shari VanDerVeen, Lorraine Deming, and Carole Evans will provide treats & serve.

April Calendar of Events

- April 1 ~ Jesus Food at Faribo West Mall 10 am to noon
- April 2 ~ **Passion/Palm Sunday 9 am**
- April 3 ~ Lakelanders at 7 pm
- April 4 ~ Ad Council 6:30 pm
- April 5 ~ Choir Practice 6 pm & **NO** Confirmation
- April 6 ~ **Holy Thursday Service 7 pm** & Operation 23 to 0 at 7 pm
- April 7 ~ **Community Good Friday Service at noon**
- April 8 ~ **Community Vigil of Easter**
at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior 7 pm
- April 9 ~ Easter Breakfast 7:30-8:30 am, **Easter Sunday Worship 9 am**, & Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am
- April 10 ~ Missions/Memorial Committee 6 pm & Lakelanders 7 pm
- April 12 ~ Choir Practice 6 pm & **NO** Confirmation
- April 13 ~ United Women in Faith 1 pm & Trustees 6:30 pm
- April 15 ~ Rice County Piecemakers Workday 8 am
- April 16 ~ **Worship with Pastor Mike Dyrdal 9 am** & Bequest & Gifts Quarterly Zoom Meeting 5 pm
- April 17 ~ Lakelanders 7 pm
- April 18 ~ Finance 2:45 pm
- April 19 ~ Choir Practice 6 pm & **NO** Confirmation
- April 20 ~ Rice County Piecemakers 7 pm
- April 23 ~ **Worship with Pastor Wes Gabel**
- April 24 ~ Lakelanders 7 pm
- April 25 ~ SPRC 6:30 pm
- April 26 ~ Freedom Kids 5 pm, Choir Practice 6 pm, & Confirmation 7 pm
- April 30 ~ **Worship with Pastor Greg Ciesluk 9 am**



Pastor Greg & Rebekah's Holy Land Trip

Pastor Greg & Rebekah will be in the Holy Land on April 10-24. While they are gone Pastor Jef Olson (507) 951-1271 will be on call. Retired Pastor Mike Dyrdal will preach on Sunday, April 16th. Pastor Wes Gabel will preach on Sunday, April 23rd. Kirsten will be available during office hours and via email at fourthaveumcoffice@gmail.com.



Scholarship

The Bequest & Gift Trust Fund of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church has fund available to support “scholarship or gift to members of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school, or such other training that enables members of the church to grow in Christian faith and service to God.”

The application can be found on the church's website or in the church office. **The deadline is May 15th.**

Attendance for January

	<u>In Person Worship</u>	<u>On Line Worship</u>
January 1	64	17
January 8	61	36
January 15	63	31
January 22	54	34
January 29	52	18
Average	58	27

Attendance for February

	<u>In Person Worship</u>	<u>On Line Worship</u>
February 5	70	26
February 12	61	14
February 19	53	10
February 26	54	18
Average	59	17

Attendance for March

	<u>In Person Worship</u>	<u>On Line Worship</u>
March 5	61	14
March 12	60	21
March 19	62	18
March 26	73	20
Average	64	18



Offering by Week

February 5

Unified Budget	\$3,674
Project RESTORE	\$1,000

February 12

Unified Budget	\$3,763
Project RESTORE	\$8,080

February 19

Unified Budget	\$4,970
Project RESTORE	\$1,400

February 26

Unified Budget	\$1,972
Project RESTORE	\$ 500

March 5

Unified Budget	\$4,660
Project RESTORE	\$1,200

March 12

Unified Budget	\$2,830
Project RESTORE	\$2,350

March 19

Unified Budget	\$1,915
Project RESTORE	\$ 150

March 26

Unified Budget	\$2,145
Project RESTORE	\$ 0

Project RESTORE

A **big thank you** to all who have donated to Project RESTORE! The total to date raised **\$16,475**. Project RESTORE will remain open and be an ongoing fund to preserve our church building. Watch the Teller for further upcoming projects.

Noisy Offering

A total of **\$246.41** has been collected to date for the food shelf. **Thank you** to all who have donated to help others in our community have food on their tables.



2023 Offering by Month

January Total Offering

<i>Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$12,980</i>
<i>Project RESTORE</i>	<i>\$ 1,795</i>

February Total Offering

<i>Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$14,379</i>
<i>Project RESTORE</i>	<i>\$10,980</i>

March Total Offering

<i>Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$11,550</i>
<i>Project RESTORE</i>	<i>\$ 3,700</i>

In Sympathy

Our condolences are extended to our sister, **Marcia Speiker**, on the death of Ed Kvestad's mother, Dorothy Mae Kvestad. Dorothy was born on May 23, 1929 and entered Heaven on March 22, 2023. Memorial visitation will be held at Boldt on April 27, 2023. Check Boldt Funeral Home for more details.

You may send cards to Ed & Marcia at: 1322 Merry Court, Faribault, MN 55021.



Soup Luncheon

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported our first Lenten Soup Luncheon since COVID! It has taken everyone to make this happen. What a blessing the soup luncheon has been to the community and our church! The laughter, hugs, caring and sharing of a meal is something that would be amazing to bottle up and be able to experience all year long! Watch for all the soup details in an upcoming newsletter. Again, thank you to everyone for making this Lenten Soup Luncheon happen!



Thank You!

Thank you Kelly Landsverk for the beautiful, bulletin board! What wonderful words to live by,
*"Be joyful in hope...
faithful in prayer!"*



Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church
proudly presents:

FREE CARNIVAL

August 5th
10am-4pm

Food and drinks will be provided as well as an assortment of games and displays:

- * Ring Toss
- * Duck Pond
- * Dunk Tank
- * Cotton Candy
- * Storybook Readings
- * ...and MORE!

Everyone is welcome! Come to the church parking lot!
219 4th Ave NW, Faribault, MN

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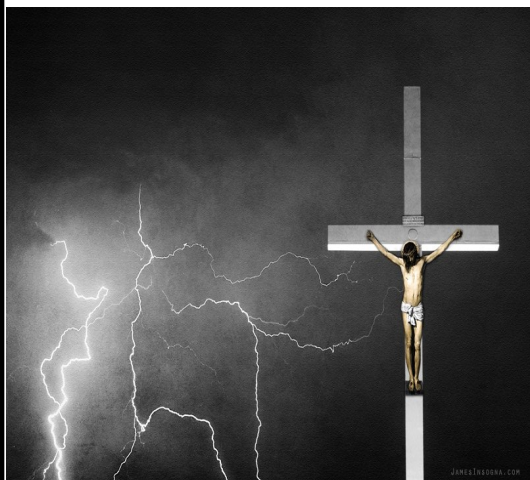
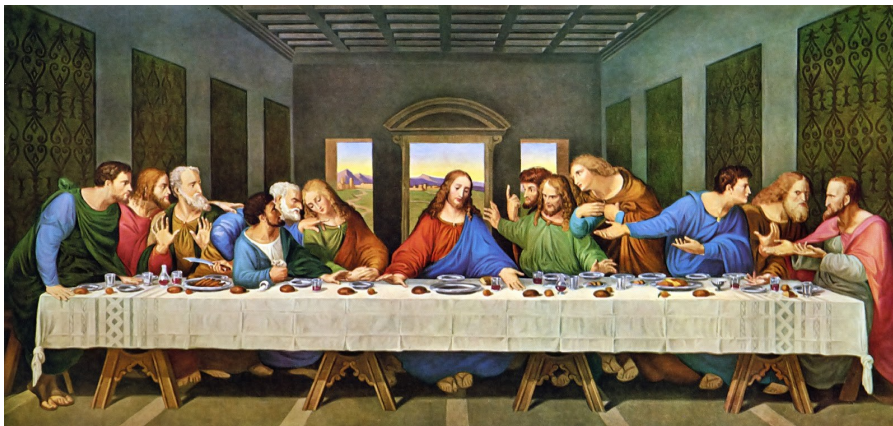


HolyWeek Schedule



Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, April 2nd at 9 am
Palm Processional
Meditations on the Passion

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 6th at 7 pm
A Celebration of the Institution
of the Last Supper and
Holy Communion
Dramatic Stripping of the Alter



Community Good Friday
Friday, April 7th at 12 Noon
We gather with the wider Faribault community to
commemorate the death of our Lord Jesus Christ
with the solemn reading of the Passion from
John's Gospel by community servants and lay ministers,
hymns, choir anthem, prayers, and a brief meditation.
Offering supports Rice County Habitat for Humanity

Community Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 8th at 7 pm

Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior

515 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021

Meet at the Cathedral door facing Central Park to observe the holy fire on the front lawn.

This ancient Easter service celebrated the evening before Easter Sunday
features powerful symbols and rituals with scripture readings that trace
salvation history from the Old Testament into the New Testament culminating
with the witness of the empty tomb of our Lord. This worship gathering of
several churches will also include congregational hymns, a choir anthem,
a brief message, and renewal of baptism.

The Celebration comes to a climax with Holy Communion.





Easter Sunday



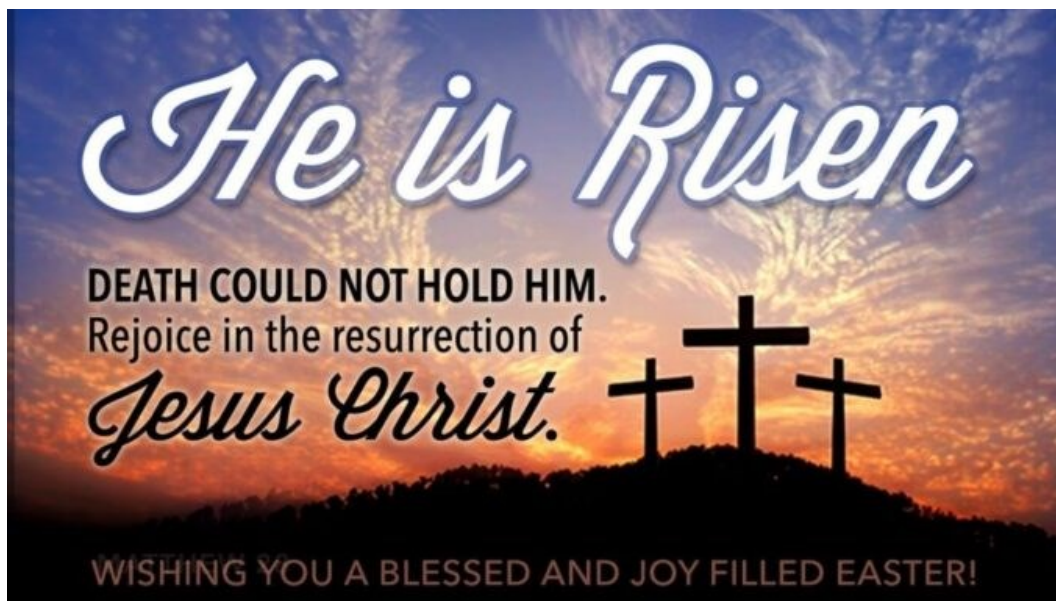
Breakfast ~ 7:30 to 8:30 am

Everyone is invited to join in the Breakfast Feast
*French Toast bakes, various Egg bakes, Hashbrown casserole,
Fresh rolls ~ cinnamon, caramel, & orange,
Fruit, Yogurt bar, Orange juice, & coffee*
**Freewill donation supports our local Habitat for Humanity*



Celebration of Easter Sunday Worship ~ 9am

"Eternal Life" message, Special Music by the Choir & Holy Communion



Easter Egg Hunt ~ 10:15 am

All the children are welcomed to hunt for
Easter eggs after church



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Staff

Choir Director: Kelly Landsverk

Accompanist: Doug Madow

Director of Children's Ministry:

Rebekah Ciesluk

Nursery Attendant: Kim Luedke

Custodian: Ken Harren

Admin Asst: Kirsten Grunnet

Sunday Worship/9:00 AM

Join us at 2:42 PM daily as we pray our church's Breakthrough Prayer.



Our Church's Breakthrough Prayer

O God, our God, we praise and magnify Your Name!

Great are You, Lord, and greatly to be praised

With you, all things are possible.

We know that you are *with* us and *for* us
and Your plans are for our good,
for a future and a hope.

Breakthrough into our lives and into our church.

Stir up afresh our faith.

Set our hearts aflame with the fire of your love.

Open our eyes to new, fresh possibilities
and fill us anew with the power of your Spirit.

Usher us into a new season of faithfulness
and fruitfulness for your Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.