

The Shepherd's Voice

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Sharing The Love of Jesus



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You are welcome to join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Dear Friends,

The second half of this month we celebrate Easter. I can't remember an Easter that I've been more excited for. I think part of it is because for the past couple of years we haven't had the privilege of being able to gather for worship. We have been reminded about how blessed we are to live in a country where, under normal circumstances, we can gather for worship whenever we want. I don't think the pancakes or whatever we have at the Easter breakfast will ever have tasted better. We can take things for granted when they come to us with such regularity. This pandemic time has made me appreciate the life we have in the church more than ever!

At least at the beginning of this month we will still be watching Russia Destroy Ukraine. Maybe by the time you read this we will have joined the fray. At Easter we celebrate the Prince of peace. Peace is something that we can also take for granted. Our world needs peace now. Our world needs Jesus now. I pray that you can invite Jesus into your life so you can know more peace. We could all use a little more peace in our lives: at work, at home, and especially when we get tested in the world. Let's do what we can to bring peace into the world. See you at worship!

God's Peace, Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer:

Julie Werfelmann & Family on the loss of Her Husband Rev. Paul Werfelmann. Jennifer Neer Connie Alvarado Woody Wilk Doris Moscatelli Tom Rogers The Norris Family Rev. Arlynne **Turnquist** Mabel Vogler William & Liz Smith Susan Berg Richard & Kay Schumacher Irene Pierini Jocelyn Miller Kirsten Linder Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Michelle B. (Mary Norris) Barbara Pennington (Jennifer Neer) Jaylyssa (Saturday Sports Family)

Bonnie Wolfe (Norris')

Nels Harris (Anderson-Harris')

Liz Conner (Sue Hays)
Diane's Sisters & Niece

Mona White

Hudson Otten (Jill Anderson)

Pauline Ritterbush

Marilyn & Family (Carolyn Linn) Rhylee Dinning (Kathy Edison)

Mary (The Wilk's)

David Davenport (Susan Linder)
Anne Todd-Cortez (Norris')

Don, Wife & Nicole (Jill Ander-

son)

Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny's Friend)

Eric & Cathy Bose (Cecile Bach-

ar)

Nathan Robbins (Arlene Rob-

bins)

Darlee (Norris')

Molly (Norris')

Mickey Cecil & Vergie G.

(Norris')

Mike D.

Anthony Chollicho

Kim Carlson

Kim Boren and Family



Richard Schumacher– 4/04 Pam Gerster – 4/07 Woody Wilk – 4/08 Dee Wright – 4/09 Jim Provost– 4/10 Sue Hays– 4/10









Mary Norris – 4/02
Madelynn Pattillo – 4/08
Whitney Linder – 4/16
Kirsten Linder – 4/16
Richard Schumacher – 4/28
Chris Dueker – 4/28

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." John 14:14, 1185v



Betty Snyder



Please PRAY for those affected by COVID-19



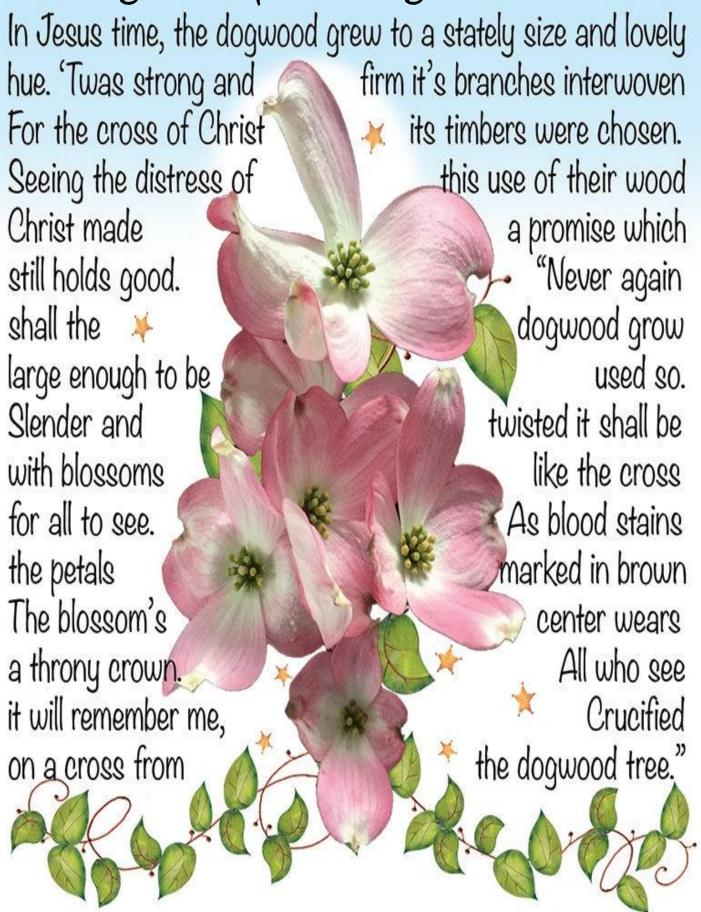
Don & Chris Dueker - 4/4 William & Elizabeth Smith - 4/20 Alan & Brenda Hofmann - 4/23

PRAYERS FOR

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of Our Military Service, First Responders, & Those Affected by Natural Disasters and COVID-19.

For Prayer Requests Call or email the Church Office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

Legend of the Dogwood Tree



STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	Mar. 6, 2022	Mar. 13, 2022	Mar. 20, 2022	Mar. 27, 2022
Attendance	Ash Wednesday 26 46	46	48	57
General Fund	\$4,565.00	\$6,383.00	\$2,630.00	\$4,078.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)	ELCA Disaster: \$2,220.00	ELCA Disaster: \$410.00	ELCA Disaster: \$1,300.00	
Community Center Capital Fund Loose Plate	Loose Plate: \$980.00		Loose Plate: \$130.00	Loose Plate: \$2.00
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Altar Flowers: \$20.00	Refund (DeLange): \$232.52 Altar Flowers: \$40.00 Initial: \$9.00	Special (Paraments): \$538.00	Special (Lighting): \$500.00 Special (Paraments) \$300.00 Altar Flowers: \$120.00
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.				
	\$7,785.00	\$7,075.52	\$4,638.00	\$5,000.00

March Financials

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Our income was down this month. This was partly because we received BIA's rent the last week of February, which is just over \$5300.00. We only had a few unexpected expenses this month.
We had a fire inspection at the end of February. They found the Church fire alarm was not working and required repair, which was a cost of \$252.52. The fire inspection cost \$486.00 for the inspec- FINANCES tion and reinspection. Our income is still ahead of expenses by \$5,430.33.



We collected a total of \$3,390.00 for the ELCA Disaster response to the Ukraine!! This has already been sent to the ELCA, along with a previous \$5.00 donation.

We also received donations for new green paraments. These have been ordered and should be here in time for the Sunday after Pentecost!

Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd! It is appreciated. Looking forward to seeing everyone Easter Sunday. Oh – and it is not too late to order lilies!

Yours in Christ,

Caroline Sullivan

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$26,059.68	\$25,671.37	\$388.31
Feb	\$39,072.90	\$26,260.04	\$12,812.86
Mar	\$19,168.00	\$26,938.84	(\$7,770.84)
Apr			\$0.00
May			\$0.00
Jun			\$0.00
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$84,300.58	\$78,870.25	\$5,430.33

Check Out These Announcements & Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

COFFEE HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED!!!



We have restarted our Coffee Social Hour and need people to sign up to be host/hostess for April 24th and the upcoming month of May. If you are

able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up.

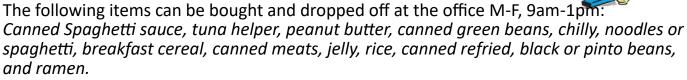


Food Pantry

Needš

Pantry Needs

The GSLC Food Pantry is in need of restocking.



If you prefer we do the shopping, that works too! Just make a donation and designate it for the "Food Pantry".

†Live in the Faith lane, Sue Hays

National Quilting Month

National Quilting Month was celebrated by **Lutheran World Relief** Saturday, March 19 and by our **Sewing Saints on March 20th**! Thank you again to Gloria Miller, Diane Fake, Mary Schmidt, Jackie Miller, Pam Gerster, and Stacey Lairson. I especially want to thank Kay Schu-

macher who is able to drive again and attended with Richard!! Thanks so much.

Dee Wright, Sewing Saints Coordinator



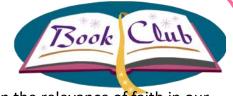


GSLC Book Club

April's book: "The Year of Living Biblically" by A. J. Jacob

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Sunday, April 24, 4:00 pm in the Community Center



Raised in a secular family but increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in our modern world, A.J. Jacobs decides to dive in headfirst and attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year. He vows to follow the Ten Commandments. To be fruitful and multiply. To love his neighbor. But also to obey the hundreds of less publicized rules: to avoid wearing clothes made of mixed fibers; to play a ten-string harp; to

stone adulterers.

TRUTHFILLED

Year Living Biblically

The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, reverent and irreverent, personal and universal and will make you see history's most influential book with new eyes.

Jacobs's quest transforms his life even more radically than the year spent reading the entire Encyclopedia Britannica for The Know-It-All. His heard grows so unruly that he is regularly mistaken for

clopedia Britannica for *The Know-It-All*. His beard grows so unruly that he is regularly mistaken for a member of ZZ Top. He immerses himself in prayer, tends sheep in the Israeli desert, battles idolatry, and tells the absolute truth in all situations—much to his wife's chagrin.

Jacobs's extraordinary undertaking yields unexpected epiphanies and challenges. A book that will charm readers both secular and religious, *The Year of Living Biblically* is part Cliff Notes to the *Bible*, part memoir, and part look into worlds unimaginable.

Join us this month or any month one of our books stirs an interest in you. We meet the third Sunday of most months for casual discussion in the Community Center.

Thou shalt not be able to put it down. -- Amazon

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY for Spring

TruthFilled" - The Practice of Preaching to Yourself Through Every Season

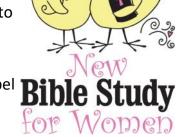
by Ruth Chou Simons

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." —Colossians 3:16a

Many of us want God's Word to dwell richly in us, but life can get in the way. We'd never intentionally write chapters of confusion, failure, loss, pain, conflict, or suffering into our stories. No one plans to wrestle with her identity in Christ, to struggle to

love her husband, to feel lonely in ministry, or to feel helpless in mother-hood. Yet we often find ourselves in these seasons, struggling to embrace the gospel hope we need to fill our discouraged souls.

Join Ruth Chou Simons as she leads us through a practice of preaching gospel truth to ourselves by studying Paul's example in the Book of Colossians. In *TruthFilled*, Ruth combines her signature artistry and practical encouragement to help us face the changing landscapes of our lives with hearts in-



spired by beauty and filled with God's Word. In every changing season of life, we can rest in God's character, rehearse our identity in Christ, respond in faith, and remember God's provision for us. In today's culture, there's no shortage of self help, easy fixes, and worldly advice, but only the truth of God's Word was meant to fill you up and satisfy you fully.

This will be a 7-week Bible Study, beginning <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 20</u> and ending June 1. Meeting @ 6:30PM in the Community Center.

I have ordered 10 books. Contact Sharon Rowley 313-0757 (text okay) to reserve your copy. The cost will be \$20.00

(Books available to order on your own through Amazon and Christianbook.)

Easter Lily Order Deadline—Palm Sunday
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We have decided to go back to Rosie's for our Lilies this year, so we will need all orders placed by Palm Sunday. They are a much better quality Lily and a better presentation than what I could get elsewhere. The cost will be \$20.00 each. We would like to offer you the opportunity to order one or two either in memory or in honor of someone. Please pick up an order form in the Narthex or give Kathy a call at the office. You can include the \$20.00 per lily in your envelope, just indicate how many lilies you'd like to order. Thanks, Carol S.



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April 9th 10:30 to Noon GSLC Community Center



Tome have some fun treats, tea and conversation!
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Roeding Summer Reading Project

We will once again be collecting books for our children at Roeding to be delivered right before school gets out for summer break. We are looking for new or gently used books for ages preschool through teens. Please keep your eyes and ears open for yard sales, library sales, and teachers retiring! Bring them in as you find them. Thank you!





Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services Please join us for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service Thursday @ 7PM on the 14th & 15th of April.



LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ Bethel Lutheran Church, 4/02, 9 -11a.m.

There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at Bethel Lutheran Church located at 157 N. Broadway St., on Saturday, 4/02, from 9-11 a.m. Central CA Food Bank will provide gloves, and you will need to bring your own mask. On 4/2, anyone planning to volunteer who is or has been feeling ill - especially if they have or have had a fever, cough or flu-like symptoms - is asked to PLEASE stay home. Volunteers will

be encouraged to get food for their own household, too, just like usual. Please share this information with everyone you know who could benefit and with those who might want to volunteer. Questions can be directed to me @ 13jdixon13@gmail.com or 559-287-3457.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry!

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Easter Decorating and Egg Stuffing, Saturday, 4/16 @ 10AM



We will be stuffing all of our Easter eggs on Saturday, 4/16, for the Easter Egg Hunt the next day. We will also be decorating Jacobson Hall for the Easter breakfast and the sanctuary for Easter Sunday worship services at this time. This is always a fun time and many hands make the work light. We will gather at 10AM, and it usually takes until noon or so. Please plan to help out in this way if you are available. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt RETURNING to GSLC on Easter Sunday, 4/17! Collecting Wrapped Candy, Etc.

We are excited to once again host an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday between worship services. We are collecting wrapped candy, stickers, coins, etc. with which to stuff the eggs on Saturday, 4/16. If you can donate toward this fun tradition, please bring in your items and place them in the appropriate bin.

4/17/22 GSLC Easter Schedule:

8 a.m. Sunrise Service Outside at the Cross

8:30-9:30 Easter Breakfast in Jacobson

9:30 Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard

10 a.m. Easter Worship in the Sanctuary



Easter Pancake Breakfast 4/17 from 8:30—9:30AM



As is our custom, we will offer an Easter Sunday breakfast for everyone in Jacobson Hall. We are once again looking for pancake flippers - No experience needed! We will train you! Please sign up on the clipboard or see Julie if you can help out. We need people from 8:30—9:30AM A free will offering basket will be available for donations to our youth ministry. Plan now to eat Easter breakfast with your Good Shepherd family.

Earth Sunday is Coming, April 24th "Give & Take Day"

Our Earth Sunday celebration, of our beautiful world, will be Sunday, April 24th. Good Shepherd has a long tradition of "Give & Take Day." Such a delightful concept!! We are planning to do it again this year, so if you have plants to share, please plan now to start rooting them or thinning them for Earth Sunday at the end of April. If you have other suggestions, please see Julie Werfelmann.



Please help John Hays fund his 11th house building trip with the nonprofit BULA!

He leaves June 8th from Fresno/ **Yosemite Airport!**

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Music in April!!!



The Fresno Community Chorus Master Chorale presents W. A. Mozart's vocal masterpiece, "Requiem," on Sunday, April 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Shaghoian Concert Hall at the Clovis Unified School District Performing Arts Center, 2770 East International Ave., Fresno 93730. Cheryl and John Montgomery sing in this prestigious chorus. For tickets visit the tickets page of the chorale's website www.fresnocommunitychorus.org., email to fresnocommunitychorus@gmail.com, or call (559) 709-6245. All concert attendees must present valid ID and proof of full vaccination (including booster shots) prior to entrance.

Masking is required.

Garber Sunday Sing

The Worship Service for Easter Sunday, April 17, will close by singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah*. Anyone from the congregation is invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary to lift your praises to the risen Lord!. Music will be provided.

Sunflowers for Ukraine



Pick up your free Sunflower seeds to plant in your garden & you can make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response. Sunflowers are the national flower of Ukraine. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus!

Sunflowers were **Ukraine's national flower** to start with. The flower is an integral part of the Ukrainian tradition and is found in the yards of village houses in the country. Sunflowers are also a part of women's dresses worn during celebrations in Ukraine. Following the war, it has taken on a new and defiant role as it became a national symbol. Amid the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, sun-



flowers have taken on a new role in the world as they became the symbol of Ukraine's resistance to the Russian invasion. As Ukraine continues to fight Vladimir Putin and his troops' invasion, Ukraine's foreign ministry on Tuesday shared a video depicting how people in the country are 'greeting' the Russian forces and one among them went viral. The video of a Ukrainian woman telling Russian soldiers to put sunflower seeds in their pockets so that flowers would grow where they die in battle was largely shared by citizens worldwide.



Help Celebrate Mission Endowment Fund's 25th Anniversary

Sunday, May 1st join the board of the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) in celebrating 25 years of promoting Christian stewardship and the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd. There will be a short temple talk and refreshments provided after service to highlight the difference your donations have made here at Good Shepherd, in our community and around the world. Thank you for all of your support over the years!



Roeding Carnival Date Set for May 27th @ 1PM



The Roeding administration has asked us to once again staff the Cake Walk booth at their carnival this year, so please check your calendars to see if you can help out. It's lots of fun and a great way to be present with the students on campus. Please let Julie know if you can have some fun with the children at this event. Thank you!





Personal Care Kits



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

JoAnn Heubner is spearheading the collection of items for Personal Care Kits. Lutheran

World Relief has already shipped 8,000 kits to support the refugees from the Ukraine in their new situations. This list is included here and a bin is in the Narthex for any contributed items. Items Needed: Bath Size Towels, Bath Size Bar Soap, Adult Size Toothbrush, Sturdy Comb, Metal Nail Clippers. You are welcome to contribute until April 3rd. We will assemble and tie the items on April 29th to ship to LWR. Thanks!



Community Event



The West Coast Mennonite Central Committee's annual auction sale for relief will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Fresno Pacific University, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave, Fres-



no, CA 93702. Enjoy delicious ethnic German food and the exciting auction of beautiful handmade quilts; to name a few of the attractions at this wonderful event. All proceeds go to worldwide relief.

For more details visit the website www. westcoastmccsale.org.

Memory Memory



Paul Werfelmann

April 05, 1950 - March 30, 2022

Paul celebrated Easter two weeks early this year.

In memory of our dear friend that has gone home to be with the Lord. You will be missed!!

King's Blood Tulip Submissions



"See, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:5, NRSV

Submission By Dee Wright



Submission By Diane Fake



Submission By Mary Norris



OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) From The Hooties

Obedience By George MacDonald (1824-1905)

I said: "Let me walk in the fields."
He said: "No, walk in the town."
I said: "There are no flowers there"
He said: "No flowers, but a crown

I said: "But the skies are black; There is nothing but noise and din."
And He wept as He sent me back –
"There is more," He said; "there is sin."

I said: "But the air is thick, And fogs are veiling the sun." He answered: "Yet souls are sick, And souls in the dark undone!"

I said: "I shall miss the light, And friends will miss me, they say." He answered: "Choose tonight If I am to miss you or they."

I pleaded for time to be given.

He said: "Is it hard to decide?

It will not seem so hard in heaven

To have followed the steps of your Guide."

I cast one look at the fields,

Then set my face to the town;

He said, "My child, do you yield?

Will you leave the flowers for the crown?"

Then into His hand went mine; And into my heart came He; And I walk in a light divine, The path I had feared to see.

Woody Wilk Being Honored as Publicist for Fresno City College Rams



My Dad is being honored for his work as a Sports Publicist and supporter of the Fresno City College Rams! **Jennifer Wenzel**



DARRELL BROWN
EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

BASEBALL 1974 WOODY WILK
FRESNO CITY COLLEGE
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Brown, Wilk comprise 2022 CCCAA Hall of Fame Class

A special honor for GSLC's Woody Wilk

A member here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church since 1996, Woody Wilk is to be inducted into the California Community College Athletic Hall of Fame at a dinner in Ontario, Calif. on April 6.

Woody, retired since 2009 as Fresno City College's sports publicist, is being honored for his accomplishments on behalf of Rams' student/athletes and support of CCCAA state championships.

FCC's two previous CCCAA HOF inductees in 1986 and 2011 respectively, are the late Baseball Hall of Fame member Tom Seaver (Fresno High, 1962) and recent NFL Hall of Fame inductee, Tom Flores (Sanger, 1954), Seaver posted a 11-2 record and 1.58 earned run average at FCC in 1964. In addition to football, Flores also played one season of Rams baseball in 1955 leading FCC with a .372 batting average 20 runs batted in.

"I am deeply humbled and greatly honored to be among two of the San Joaquin Valley's sports icons whose accomplishments transcended beyond the playing field. Go, Rams!" Woody said.

He is a 1966 graduate of Texas Lutheran University.

-RAMS!-



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Thanks Sewing Saints!!!

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	Fri	1 April Fools Day • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)	8 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)	15 Good Friday • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm) • 7PM Service	22 Earth Day • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)	29 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)
	Thu		7 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)	14 Maundy Thursday • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm) • 7PM Service • 7PM Service	21 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm) • 5:30M Council Meeting (Conf Rm)	28 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)
	Wed		6 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm) • 6:15PM Soup Supper, Jacobson Hall • 7PM Lenten Bible Study, Sanctuary	13 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)	20 • 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm) • 6:30PM Bible Study, Comm Ctr	• 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm) • 6:30PM Bible Study, Comm Ctr
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	Sun		10AM Worship Service11AM Coffee Social	10 Palm Sunday • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social	 17 Easter 8AM Sunrise Service 8:30AM Breakfast 9:30AM Egg Hunt 10AM Worshin Service vice 	10AM Worship Service 11AM Coffee Social, Comm Ctr 4PM GSLC Book Club, Comm Ctr

