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a message from our pastor

As we continue on with our Lenten Pilgrimage, we know that Easter is coming! And when it gets here, what an event it will be. Around the globe we proclaim the mind-bending good news that death is defeated.... pain, suffering, and grief are not the final word. We stand with our brothers and sisters across this tired world to lift up the life-giving refrain.... inexplicable and undeniable:

**ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!!**

You have multiple opportunities to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and our baptism into that life, death and resurrection. We will gather with the larger Fairfield Glade community at 6AM for the Community Sunrise Service at St. Francis Catholic Church. The Council of Church sponsors this ecumenical service of worship. Come early and welcome the life changing, life affirming Good News of the Gospel.

Then we will gather at 8:30AM on the Columbarium pad surrounded by the new landscaping and dedicate this space to the glory of God and the use of God's people who gather for worship and reflection in this place. In addition to dedicating this new space, we will also remember those of our brothers and sisters who are in the Columbarium.

The food will happen. Important to keep our strength up on this day of celebration and commemoration and dedication!! Thank you to all those who will be feeding us on this morning!!

We then reassemble for worship at 10:30AM. And what an event it will be. We will be celebrating with Zoe Miriam Fierle the sacrament of Holy Baptism. A small human carried to the font by her parents Michael and Ellen. She will be joined by sponsors Matt Olin and Donna Mank.... and Great Grandma Beverly Olin!!! Having remembered and given thanks for those who went before us, we gather to welcome this new sister in Christ into God's community of faith. I am so excited!!!

But... there is more. In addition to Zoe joining this particular congregation, we will welcome three additional new members: Ann Breti & Richard Findlay and Barbara Jean Viskup. We are so excited to welcome these folks into the congregation.

I can remember busy Easter Day's in the past, but I think this one takes the cake! I cannot think of a better way to celebrate God's gift of new life than by this Gospel packed day. From Font to Columbarium, we proclaim the good news of this Easter Day and each day.... it finds us and forms us.... gathers us and send us for service:

**ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!!**

God's Peace-

Pr. Groce

From our President.....

The month of February was another busy time for CLC Teams and Council. I want to thank all of you that attended the Business Meeting on February 18 and the support you have given me during my time as Council President. A summary of that meeting showed a good financial start for 2024. Thank you David Irvin, Treasurer, for your report. The new lights on the cross and steeple look great. Columbarium will have water line brought to new landscaping area during March; Chi-Rho signs will be replaced at a cost of \$300 each one of which will be paid for by an anonymous donor. Security System working and more fobs will be available. CPR classes will be held on March 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the CLC Fellowship Hall taught by Fairfield Glade Chief Self. Vickie Hodge is retiring September 1. Golf Tournament is moving forward and will be held on September 15, 2024. Many projects have been completed and more are coming. This month will continue with Lenten Services, moving toward Holy Week and Easter. Columbarium Dedication is at the 8:30 a.m. Easter Service.

Some events in life might compare to a hammer tap; others feel like a wrecking ball. These are times it seems the very walls and structures of life have collapsed, and nothing will ever be the same. It may be a health reversal, the loss of a child or spouse, or a sudden financial setback. How are we to live among such ruins, when everything familiar has changed? Today's scripture offers this hope. God says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. I will build you up again, and you...will be rebuilt." God promises Israel—and us—that He will work among the ruins, and do so with living-kindness. Life may never look as it once did, and the landscape may be changed, but if God is behind the reconstruction, He will bring beauty and purpose where you thought you would never see it again.

Lord Jesus, I want to partner with You in this. Help me not to spend the rest of my days looking over my shoulder, remembering what was—the way things used to be. In Your strong, gentle grace, renew my vision and align my heart with Your plans, Your intentions, for the rest of my life. (from Spectacle of Glory by Joni Eareckson Tada with Larry Libby

God bless,
Gary Deierlein.

READINGS MARCH 2024

March 2 & 3, 2024 3rd Weekend in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm: Psalm 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel: John 2:13-22

March 9 & 10, 2024 4th Weekend in Lent

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

March 16 & 17, 2024 5th Weekend in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel: John 20:20-33

March 23 & 24, 2024 Passion / Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29, 2024 Good Friday

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm: Psalm 22
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

March 31, 2024 Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

(PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL SERVICE)

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays

March 6, 13, 20

5:00 p.m.

followed by Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Palms and Passion

Sunday, March 24

6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28

5:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29

5:00 p.m.

NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, March 30

Annual Easter Sunrise "Christian Service" at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Sponsored by the

Fairfield Glade Council of Churches

Sunday, March 31

6:00 a.m.

CLC Easter Early Service

Dedication of Columbarium Slab

Service to be held outside at the Columbarium

Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m.

CLC Easter Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 31

following Easter Early Service

CLC Easter Late Service

Sunday, March 31

10:30 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church is this year's host for the annual 6:00 a.m. Easter (March 31, 2024) Sunrise Service sponsored by the Council of Churches of Fairfield Glade. Member churches of the Council of Churches include St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Christ Lutheran Church, Community Church, United Methodist Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church. This service is not a "Catholic Mass", but a Christian Service for all residents of Fairfield Glade and surrounding areas. We welcome any and all who can attend this early sunrise service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The Fellowship Team will serve breakfast after the 8:30 service starting about 9:15 – 9:30 on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall. As perhaps you noticed, this year Breakfast will be earlier than in the past because there will be 2 services Easter morning – one at 8:30 and another at 10:30. The Breakfast will be served between those services. People attending the later service are invited to come early so they have time to enjoy breakfast before worship. We will serve until around 10:30-10:45. Please be patient as we try this new time and format. **Please sign up to attend on the bulletin board by MARCH 24. This is a must so we can provide enough food for everyone!** As in the past we need volunteers to provide egg casseroles, muffins, and to help set up, serve, and clean up breakfast. Please sign up on sheets on the bulletin board and **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

Easter Baskets



Once again, we are remembering foster children through House of Hope with Easter Baskets. If you would like to help purchase needed items, they are posted on the Service bulletin board in the hallway. We need grass to go in the baskets, candies, small stuffed animals and small games for the pre-teens. Assembly will be on Wednesday March 25 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall A. Thank you for supporting less fortunate children.

Bread of Life for March 10, 2024

I am so thankful for the food donations that have been coming in each month. We are still preparing food for ~72 people. Two-thirds of the meals are packed into containers, with the remainder served in-house. Clients that are not vaccinated for Covid are still not allowed in-house.

There are limitations in menu choices due simply to the fact that items must lend themselves to being packed in 3-part containers.

Reusing the same menu for 4 months has worked well. The next four months we will be doing a chicken noodle casserole. This should be a cheaper meal, easier to prepare and allow more individuals to participate in the ministry. Please check the service board for items needed.

Jo Borges, Coordinator

BARREL MINISTRY

for March

Crossville Mission Bible Training Center

The CMBTC is a program to help people who have life-controlling problems, such as drug or alcohol addiction, by ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them. The Mission believes the Gospel should be free to all. The discipleship training program is divided into four stages. It is a rigid and highly structured program. There are 5 1/2 hours of Bible study every day. Additionally, each day includes a chore, work project and/or recreational activity. Since the household includes 40, there are many needs.

Dish soap, glass cleaner, paper towels, tissues, sugar, oil, mayonnaise, mustard, catsup, coffee and creamer, tea, spaghetti, marinara sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, canned meats and vegetable seeds.

6X6 Singles

6X6 Singles is a group for singles or caregivers in CLC interested in gathering for food and fellowship. Participants can attend a monthly brunch at Stonehenge on the 3rd Saturday at 9:30. One additional activity in the community is usually offered. If you are interested in participating in 6X6 Singles, please sign up on the bulletin board at church during March. Members will meet May through July with August as an extra month if needed. More guidelines are posted by the signup sheet. Please include an email address on the sheet. Contact Monica Jahn at (931) 287- 0856 or djmj5@hotmail.com with questions or for more information.

3X3 Groups

Although it's still winter, March is the time to sign up for Summer 3x3 groups! The months of May through August offer lots of time for food and fellowship within these groups. A signup sheet and more information can be found on the church bulletin board. Please include your email address. New group information and instructions will be sent out by mid-April. Please contact Monica Jahn at 931-287-0856 or djmj5@hotmail.com with questions or for more information.

WELCA



Bettye, Mary, Cathy from Gloria Dei, Cluster 6 leaders Debbie, Sarah, and Patty, along with SES WELCA president Phyllis (who is behind the camera), wish you a very Merry Christmas! We met to plan the Spring 2024 cluster meeting:

Spring Cluster Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Knoxville, Tennessee

Created to
Shine Like Stars

*Please register in time for Barb Boyce
to mail by April 13.*

Stephen Ministry

Are you a caring individual?
Are you willing to meet with a hurting person weekly?
Are you able to maintain confidentiality?
Are you thinking about becoming a Stephen Minister?

New training classes begin in April.
Contact a Stephen Leader for more information.
Applications are available on the Stephen Ministry bulletin board or the church office.

Your life will be enriched as you help others.
Join this important ministry today.

Brought to you by CLC's Stephen Leaders

Pastor Groce
Carol Donelson
Sue Gauerke
Judy Hammond
Beverly Olin
Linda Vance

WHAT A GREAT RESPONSE!

The 2024 intention card process
was an amazing success!

Over 80 intention cards were submitted.

Additionally 20+ member interest forms were
completed resulting in new interest for each team!

Christ Lutheran is off to a tremendous start for
2024!

Thank you for all you do
to help Christ Lutheran fulfill its mission.

The Stewardship Team

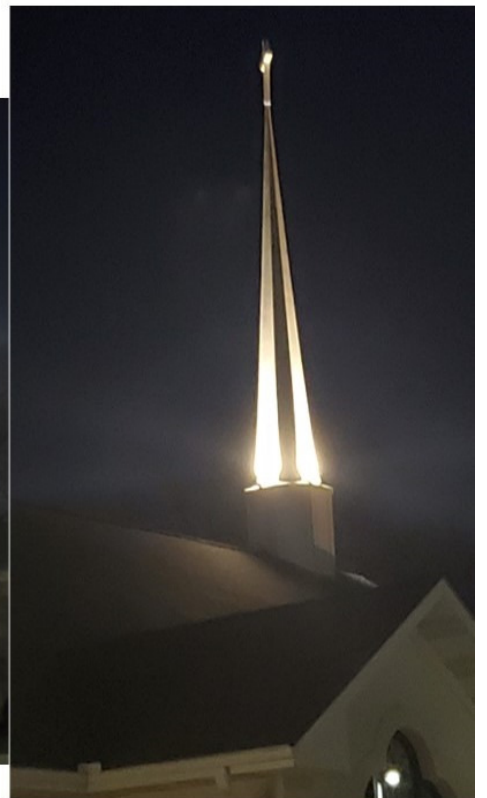
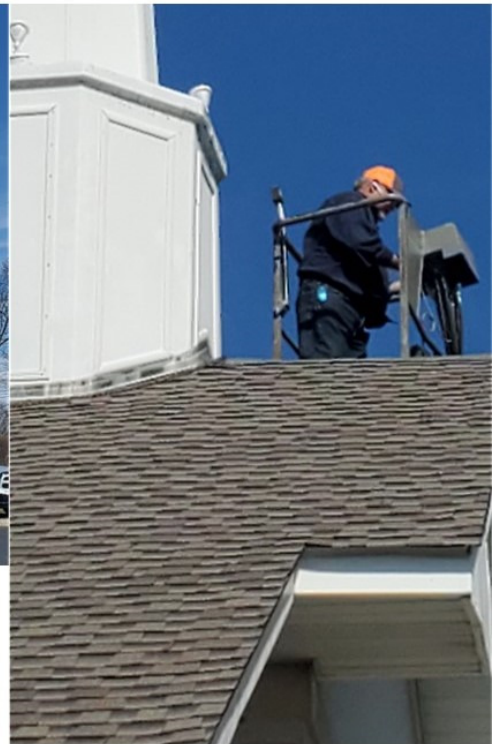
Esther Tea Photos



Columbarium Landscaping Photos



Lighting the Steeple Photos



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- o **Betty Anderson**
- o **Hazel Bardash**
- o **Sherry Botsford**, Good Samaritan Society, Lily 118
- o **Jan Deibel**
- o **Carol Donalson**
- o **Jude Dzibinski**
- o **Paul Kronau**
- o **Mac McFadden**
- o **Karla Miller**
- o **Duane Schiller**, visitors welcome
- o **Jody Schuning**
- o **Paul Sloboda**
- o **ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL**
- o **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church**, Nashville, our mission partner
- o **ELCA Global Mission**
- o **Barbara Bejcek**, sister of **Kay Wode**
- o **David Corrado**, CLC Seminarian
- o **Katherine Corrado**, mother of **CLC Seminarian David Corrado**
- o **Roz Kerr**, mother of **Bill Kerr**
- o **Christopher Lee**, step-brother; **Karol McCarthy**, step-mother; and **Robert McCarthy**, father of **Kathleen McCarthy**
- o **Kathy Pulley**, friend of **Larry & Diane Camp**
- o **Connie Reagan**, **Bread of Life**
- o **Thelma Sheneman**, friend of **Donn & Linda Vance**



Birthdays

1	Nancy Fairchild
2	Doug Cooper
2	Donn Vance
3	Diane Camp
3	Karla Miller
4	Jim Mercer
5	Jim Reemts
7	Heidi Dagg
8	Helen Buhrmester
11	Betty Anderson
11	Kay Kibbel
12	Mark Hansen
18	Monica Jahn
19	Larry Whiffen
21	Ruth Waters
23	Rick Utz
25	Vicki Deierlein
28	Pam Bergvin
28	Gisela Reinhardt
30	Barb Boyce
31	Jean Haberhern
31	Linda Miller
31	Lynne Schwaberow



Anniversaries

16	Carl & Linda Hubbard	7 years
17	Glen & Betty House	56 years
17	Larry & Pam Nowicki	62 years
23	Bill & Pat Bock	13 years
26	Craig & Patti Floros	30 years
27	Phil & Nancy Sparagna	53 years

Life Lines submissions are due
March 21 for publication in
the April issue.
Items can be submitted
by email to **Vickie** at
info@christlutheranffg.org

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1 Pastor Out of Town</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Hetrick Bible Study</p> <p><u>2:00 p.m.</u> Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 Pastor Out of Town</p> <p><u>8:00 a.m.</u> Alcoholics Anonymous <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p><u>2:00 p.m.</u> Card Makers</p> <p><u>5:00 p.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion <u>6:00 p.m.</u> Game Night</p>
<p>3 Pastor Out of Town</p> <p><u>8:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Sunday Education Time</p>	<p>4 Pastor Out of Town</p> <p><u>9:30 a.m.</u> Fairfield Glade Ladies' Club Board Meeting <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Personnel Team Meeting</p> <p><u>1:00 p.m.</u> P.E.O. Sisterhood Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Knitting Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> New Grace Church of Christ Bible Study <u>1:00 p.m.</u> GriefShare <u>1:00 p.m.</u> 3-Year Planning Team Meeting <u>2:30 p.m.</u> Property Team Meeting <u>3:30 p.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Plateau PC Users Group Board Meeting <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>2:30 p.m.</u> Hand Bell Rehearsal <u>4:00 p.m.</u> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <u>5:00 p.m.</u> Mid-Week Lent Service supper to follow</p>	<p>7</p> <p><u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Farber Mahjong</p> <p><u>1:00 p.m.</u> Kinseekers Fairfield Glade <u>1:00 p.m.</u> Welcome Team Meeting</p>	<p>8 Pastor's Day Off</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Fellowship Team Meeting <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Hetrick Bible Study</p> <p><u>2:00 p.m.</u> Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</p> <p><u>7:00 p.m.</u> Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p><u>8:00 a.m.</u> Alcoholics Anonymous <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p><u>5:00 p.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>10</p> <p><u>8:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Sunday Education Time <u>12:30 p.m.</u> Serving Lunch at Bread of Life</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Stephen Minister Leaders Meeting <u>4:00 p.m.</u> CPR/Defibrillator Training Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p><u>9:00 a.m.</u> Communication/IT Team Meeting <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Knitting Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> New Grace Church of Christ Bible Study</p> <p><u>1:00 p.m.</u> GriefShare</p> <p><u>3:00 p.m.</u> Plateau PC Users Group <u>3:30 p.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p><u>9:00 a.m.</u> Memorial Golf Team Meeting <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Machine Embroidery Sewing Society <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Stephen Ministers Meeting <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>12:00 p.m.</u> Class on Prayer <u>1:00 p.m.</u> Korean War Vets Association <u>2:00 p.m.</u> Hand Bell Rehearsal <u>2:30 p.m.</u> Worship & Music Team Meeting <u>3:30 p.m.</u> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <u>5:00 p.m.</u> Mid-Week Lent Service supper to follow <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Cumberland County Civil War Round Table</p>	<p>14</p> <p><u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Farber Mahjong</p>	<p>15 Pastor's Day Off</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Hetrick Bible Study</p> <p><u>2:00 p.m.</u> Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p><u>8:00 a.m.</u> Alcoholics Anonymous <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p><u>5:00 p.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>17</p> <p><u>8:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Sunday Education Time</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Knitting Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> New Grace Church of Christ Bible Study</p> <p><u>1:00 p.m.</u> GriefShare <u>1:00 p.m.</u> Congregation Council Meeting</p> <p><u>3:30 p.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>5:30 p.m.</u> Lion's Club Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Good Samaritan Society Service of Holy Communion <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>12:00 p.m.</u> Class on Prayer <u>1:00 p.m.</u> Stewardship Team Meeting <u>2:00 p.m.</u> Hand Bell Rehearsal <u>3:30 p.m.</u> Service Team Meeting <u>3:30 p.m.</u> Chancel Choir Rehearsal <u>5:00 p.m.</u> Mid-Week Lent Service supper to follow</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Life Lines submissions due</p> <p><u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Farber Mahjong</p>	<p>22 Pastor's Day Off</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Hetrick Bible Study</p> <p><u>2:00 p.m.</u> Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</p> <p><u>7:00 p.m.</u> Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>8:00 a.m.</u> Alcoholics Anonymous <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p><u>5:00 p.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>24</p> <p><u>8:30 a.m.</u> Coffee Fellowship <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Worship with Holy Communion <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Sunday Education Time</p> <p>31</p> <p><u>8:30 a.m.</u> Easter Early Service <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Easter Breakfast <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Easter Late Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p><u>1:00 p.m.</u> Service Easter Baskets Assembly</p>	<p>26</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Knitting Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> New Grace Church of Christ Bible Study</p> <p><u>1:00 p.m.</u> GriefShare</p> <p><u>3:30 p.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p><u>11:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Smooth Moves <u>12:00 p.m.</u> Class on Prayer <u>2:30 p.m.</u> Hand Bell Rehearsal <u>4:00 p.m.</u> Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 Maundy Thursday</p> <p><u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Farber Mahjong</p> <p><u>5:00 p.m.</u> Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p><u>10:00 a.m.</u> Hetrick Bible Study</p> <p><u>2:00 p.m.</u> Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</p> <p><u>5:00 p.m.</u> Good Friday Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p><u>8:00 a.m.</u> Alcoholics Anonymous <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p><u>5:00 p.m.</u> NO WORSHIP SERVICE</p>