

The Circle

April Worship at St. John's

Fifth Weekend of Lent

Saturday, April 6th—Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 7th

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

This weekend is full of the expectation of Easter: God is coming to do a new thing; enemies will be drowned; there will be water in our deserts; we will be handed the prize that we cannot hope to win on our own. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning we gather as the body of that crucified and risen Lord. On Monday, we return to serve the poor, who will still be here around us.

Palm/Passion Weekend

Saturday, April 13th—Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 14th

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

Oftentimes, to grasp the fullness of something significant, we have to look at both sides. So it is that to approach the meaning of Christ, we have to say two things: Jesus and Christ; human and divine; death and resurrection; bread and body. This weekend we begin by praising Christ with the song of the angels, and we go on to shout “crucify him!” Come to join us as we fit both truths into one service.

Maundy Thursday, April 18th

Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.

This Thursday is called “maundy,” which means “command,” from the verse in John’s gospel in which Jesus commands us to love one another as he loved us. At this service, you may come forward for individual forgiveness. We hear about the Passover lamb, Jesus’ last meal with his disciples before his death, and Jesus washing his disciples’ feet. You will be invited to have your feet washed and then to wash the feet of another. Finally we strip the chancel bare . . .

Good Friday, April 19th

Tenebrae, 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the Church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.



Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 20th—Easter Vigil at 7 p.m.

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith—experiencing anew the creation, the cross of the Red Sea, the promises proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah, and rejoice in a deliverance from a fiery furnace, affirm the new life of baptism at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection. Our vigil is very child friendly with lots of opportunity to participate and generally is about 90 minutes in length.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21st

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

Second Weekend of Easter

Saturday, April 27th—Evening Light at 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 28th

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:45 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

Confirmation Retreat Weekend

In this weekend’s gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Please hold our confirmation students and guides in your prayers as they are on retreat where they will explore the wonders of the Apostles Creed and, weather permitting, will celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter with communion on the beach in Cape May.

The Pastor's message:

Life Together . . .

It is a good time in our life together at St. John's. Lent began on Ash Wednesday as signs of the cross being traced on our foreheads with the ash of last year's palms, reminding us of our mortality and our salvation—death and life held together in Christ.

In the afternoon, I was called to the hospital, for our dear brother in Christ, Bob, was dying. Would I come to pray and bless, to do the commendation of the dying? (While the words are almost exactly the same as the Roman Catholic last rites, the name is different.) When I arrived his family surrounded his bed and together we asked God "to deliver your servant." Then with holy oil (blessed by the Bishop in Holy Week of 2018), Bob was marked with the cross as we commended him to the mercy of God. I write "we" because you were there too—with family, his beloved wife Sandy, the nurses, and "the glorious company of the saints in light." God was there.



It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Then I took the elevator down one floor to visit a brand new baby who was born the day before. She was snuggled up in her mother's arms, while her dad looked on in love and a tired sort of surprise. With holy oil she was blessed, marked with the cross of Christ. And again, you were there too.

Death—life—cross—resurrection—that is our life together. Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes of it "It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren." Indeed, it is grace that at St. John's we do so with six generations—each one a blessing—bringing to the whole body of Christ energy, ideas, wisdom, dedication, service, talents, faith, questions, sometimes attitude, but most especially love. God is here.

Each one of us is welcome, indeed expected, in prayers and presence, to participate in worship every week and most especially during the week the Church calls "holy." This newsletter has articles about the details of the services in Holy Week beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday and ending with Easter. God will be there bringing life out of death, hope out of despair, filling our life together with love.

Pastor Cynthia Krommes



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**Annual
Community
Prayer Breakfast**

“We Share His Dream”

25th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to the 25th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 6, 2019 in the Phoenixville Area Middle School Cafeteria beginning at 7:45 a.m. The theme of the breakfast this year is: “Living My Dream of Social Justice.” The keynote address will be by Frank Cervone of the Support Center for Child Advocates. Tickets are \$12 per person or a reserved table for \$125 (seats 8). For tickets, please contact Pastor Krommes.

Three special awards are presented as part of the breakfast: the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award, the Emma Valenteen Award of Compassion and the Ruby Armour Love Thy Neighbor Award. Over the years, six of our brothers and sisters have received rewards. We are blessed with their legacy of faith, service, justice and compassion. The morning also includes presentations by Phoenixville Elementary, Middle School and High School students on Dr. King, music by a mass choir and a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors.

The Social Concerns Committee was formed in 1977 as a subcommittee of the Phoenixville Council of Churches. The name Phoenixville Area Social Concerns Committee was adopted in 2012. The mission of the Committee is “to promote social justice and community harmony throughout the Greater Phoenixville community in the spirit of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through direct action and relevant events.” Presently, we do not have anyone from St. John’s serving on this important community committee. If you are interested in learning more about it, please speak with Pastor Krommes.

We enjoyed a very interesting and informative program on Tuesday, February 26th, when Jack Ertell provided information on the history of Majolica pottery, once manufactured by Griffin, Smith & Hill, here in Phoenixville, in the late 1800s. This style of pottery required a specific type of clay, existing here, as well as a few other locations throughout the world. Majolica pottery has a rich

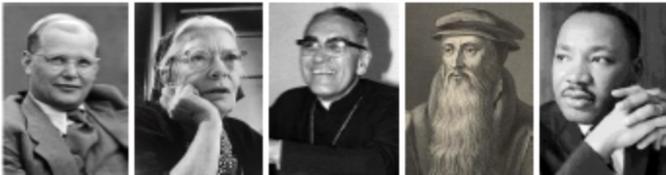


and interesting history, includ-

ing the fact that it was displayed at the Centennial Expo in Philadelphia in 1876 and at the World Cotton Expo in New Orleans in 1884. Along with his slide presentation, Jack brought a number of pieces from his and Janet’s personal collection as well as pieces belonging to the display at the Phoenixville Historic Society.

Please remember that the annual WELCA retreat is coming up on Saturday, April 6th. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the program runs from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This year’s theme is “Meeting Life’s Changes with Hope.” Invite your friends and join us for an inspiring, enriching day with Reverend Kris Peterson as facilitator. The cost to attend is \$15.00 which includes lunch. The registration deadline is March 25, 2019; make your checks payable to WELCA and mail to Linda Landis at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

On Tuesday, March 26th, WELCA President, Linda Landis will present a program based on humor which promises to be fun for all. We hope to see you at 10:30 a.m. as we say goodbye to winter and welcome spring!



God’s Holy People

2019 Wednesday Evening Community Lent Worship
All Services begin at 7:30 pm

Bishop Oscar Romero
March 27 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
121 Church Street, Phoenixville
Preacher: Episcopal Bishop Daniel G. P. Gutierrez

John Knox
April 3 at GraceCrossing Community Church
248 Church Street, Phoenixville
Preacher: Rev. Douglas Hagler of First Presbyterian Church

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
April 10 at First Methodist Church
865 Main Street, Phoenixville
Preacher: Rev. Dan McDowell of GraceCrossing Community Church



Maundy Thursday—April 18th—Worship at 7:30 p.m. Eat, drink, wash, love. Hands, feet, body, blood. The vocabulary of Maundy Thursday is sensory, corporeal. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you (Exodus 12:14) and a day that our bodies are remembered, tangibly. On Maundy Thursday, love is not an empty sentiment but grace enacted with washbasin and towel. We wash and eat and live, that we might love one another as Christ has loved us. Those who wish will come forward for individual laying on of hands and forgiveness; and again, to join in the washing of feet or hands; and again, to gather at the table and be filled with Christ's body.

Good Friday—April 19th—Worship at 12:15 and 7:30 p.m.

On this day we go to the cross with Jesus as we hear the passion of our Lord according to the Gospel of John. As each portion of the scripture is read, candles are extinguished and lights turned off until all is darkness. At the cross we lay our prayers—for ourselves, our world, all of creation, trusting the Wounded One with all our wounds.

Easter Vigil—April 20th—Worship at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil is a special night. God brings us through fire and water, out of death and night, welcoming us into the light of life. This night we light a new Christ candle from a new fire. By the light of that flame we gather to remember who we are and where we have come from by telling and enacting the stories of creation, exodus, a prophet and a fiery furnace. We gather at the baptismal font to remember being washed with the waters of grace and life. We hear Christ welcoming Mary: calling her by name, bringing her out of weeping into the joyous light of Easter morning.

Through the drama of Easter Vigil, we are invited to honest reflection and real renewal. On this night we remember that God's great story holds all of our little stories: the joy and fear of a new baby, changing jobs, cancer, celebrating friendship, waiting for new faith to emerge. All of us are written into God's ongoing and welcoming narrative of passionate grace and service. The St. John's Easter Vigil is child friendly and about 90 minutes in length.

Providence Chamber Orchestra In Concert

On Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. the 35-member Providence Chamber Orchestra will appear in concert at St. John's. Featured soloists are Catherine Getchell, trumpet and Sam Getchell, trombone. Tom Snyder, Director of Music at St. John's, serves as conductor of the ensemble which was founded in 1999 to meet the musical needs and aspirations of its members, a group of talented, amateur musicians from the greater Philadelphia area, all of whom share a common passion for playing music.



The program includes Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, *Concerto in Eb for Trumpet*, by Franz Joseph Haydn featuring trumpeter Catherine Getchell, Aaron Copland's *Quiet City* with trumpeter Catherine Getchell and trombonist Sam Getchell, and Mozart's *Symphony No. 40*, K. 550.

Catharine Getchell is the co-principal trumpet of the *Edgewood Symphony*, *East Winds Symphonic Band* and *Unity Brass Quintet*. Sam Getchell has performed with the *Pittsburgh National Repertory Orchestra*, *New World Symphony*, *Tanglewood Music Center*, *Wheeling Symphony*, *Pittsburgh Ceremonial Brass*, and *Unity Brass Quintet*.

As we celebrate 20 years of music and friendship, you are invited to share our music making. A reception follows the concert.



Providence Chamber Orchestra

Celebrating 20 Years of Music and Friendship

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Sunday, April 14, 2019

2:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

355 St. John's Circle Phoenixville, PA

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Beethoven, Egmont Overture

Haydn, Trumpet Concerto in E flat major

Copland, Quiet City

Mozart, Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550

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Featuring Catherine and Sam Getchell

Trumpet, Trombone soloists



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**ST. JOHN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
& EASTER EGG HUNT**

EGG HUNT FOR AGES 2 - 10

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
**BREAKFAST STARTS AT 8:30**  
**HUNT STARTS AT 9:30**

BREAKFAST COST \$8 FOR ADULTS  
 \$5 FOR KIDS (INCLUDES HUNT) AGES 2 AND UNDER FREE  
 EGG HUNT ONLY \$2

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 355 ST. JOHN'S CIRCLE  
 PHOENIXVILLE, PA

**Easter Vigil with Children**

The Welcoming Team will be hosting a special worship session on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.—the EASTER VIGIL!. The activities are especially geared towards children and families and are highly interactive. We are retelling four stories from the Bible, starting with a parade depicting the days of creation. You will also get the chance to cross the parted Red Sea, without actually having to get your feet wet! And you will get the chance to form our own little orchestra! Be sure to mark your calendars to come join the fun!



**St. John's Easter Breakfast  
Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

It is wonderful to gather after or before Easter worship to share breakfast together! Our Fellowship Committee organizes us so that we can all enjoy this special time of celebrating our Lord's Resurrection. The breakfast begins at 9:15 a.m. and continues until approximately 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited!!!! Because "many hands make light work" help is requested. Here's what needs to be done:



- Set up on Saturday morning at about 10 a.m.
- Make a breakfast casserole—12 are needed, casserole pans are provided. You can pick up your pan in the narthex. Please include a list of ingredients to help those with allergies.
- Provide a fruit tray or fruit salad—2-3 are needed.
- Make or buy some sweet breads such as cinnamon buns or coffee cake. Provide juice—we need two ½ gallons each of orange, apple, white grape and cranberry juice.
- Assist in the kitchen on Saturday between 3 and 7 p.m., early Sunday morning or during the breakfast.
- Clean-up after 10:30 a.m.—a gift those who attend the early services can provide.

Thank you for signing up for a task through the Yellow Communication Card, or by calling or emailing Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org.



### Philadelphia Mission Day

On Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, our ninth graders will go on a Philadelphia Mission Day as part of their preparation for confirmation on June 9<sup>th</sup>. In the morning, they will learn about doing ministry in the city. They will have lunch and then head over to University Lutheran Church at 37<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets to prepare a fabulous dinner for the guests at Feast Incarnate. After serving and cleaning up from the meal, they'll head back to Phoenixville full of new growth and joy. High-school students are also welcome to attend. Your help is needed! They are in need of donated desserts for the day. If you are able to provide one, please put it in the church kitchen by 8:30 a.m. on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. THANK YOU!!

### Confirmation Retreat

Cape May . . . here we come! On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students, along with their guides will meet at the church to head “down the shore” for the week-end for their spring retreat. (Please pray for nice, warm weather.) The theme of the retreat is The Apostles’ Creed—which though an ancient creed continues to comfort and challenge as we ponder the amazing mystery of God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier—the Holy Trinity. They’ll be camping out at the DeMutis’ shore house and gathering at Cape May Lutheran Church for their learning events. The weekend will include some time for relaxing, prayer, and weather permitting, Holy Communion on the beach on Sunday morning. The confirmation students will return refreshed and relaxed on Sunday afternoon while the leaders and guides will be ready for long naps. Please keep them in your prayers!



Dear St John’s Member’s:

The Property Committee is seeking volunteers to form a Flooring Task Committee (FTC) to evaluate replacement of our floors in the Sunday school entrance, the main hallway, the kitchen and Kley Hall. The ask is to evaluate and recommend flooring options to replace our existing flooring that balances both durability and maintenance with our building’s rich history and beauty. We would expect this commitment to take 1-3 months and conclude with a recommendation to Property, after which Property will send out request for proposals and find a contractor, seek funding approval from Council and schedule the project. If interested, please contact me at the phone or email below.



*The Property Committee is devoted to keeping St. John’s safe, sound and beautiful and with your generosity and willingness to share your talents, we can succeed.*

Sincerely,  
Rick Kramer  
610-812-5956  
[Rickkramer@outlook.com](mailto:Rickkramer@outlook.com)



### Palm Stripping

Are you curious about our Palm Sunday palms? Come for a quick hour on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. to learn how to turn 14 palm crowns into hundreds of palm strips. Meet the palm strippers in Kley Hall.

### Easter Preparations

Join members of the Altar Guild on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon to help clean and then decorate the sanctuary. Supplies and a "task" list will be provided. Come for an hour or two and help transform our worship space!

### Easter Lilies

Sign up to purchase Easter lilies and dedicate them "in memory of" or "in honor of" loved ones. The cost is \$10.00 each for a 6" pot with 4-5 blooms. You are welcome to take your plant home following the late Sunday service on Easter day. Make your check payable to St. John's with "Easter Lilies" on the memo line and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.



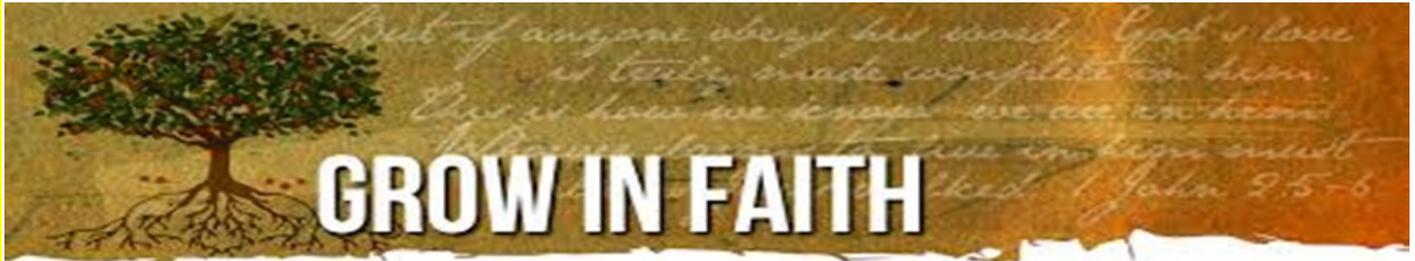
### Youth Summer Mission Trips

There will be two St. John's Mission Trips this summer! Four of our youth, Rosa Gerner, Anna Gerner, Will Stotler and Katie Kramer, along with adult leader Shelley Saeger will join the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Youth on a servant trip to Rapid City, South Dakota and **the Rosebud Native American Reservation** from July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. This powerful experience promises to be a wonderful week of exploring faith and service in a context very different from that with which we are familiar. Reservations for this trip are closed.

Just before the South Dakota Group arrives home on July 21<sup>st</sup> our Appalachia Service Project Team will be heading out to repair homes and buildings in West Virginia and will return on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Youth planning to attend include: Jason, Madison and Cole O'Neill, Gabrielle and Margaux VanDerveer, Katie and Sarah Yonosh, K. Saeger, Tyler and Zack Pekofsky, Dylan New and Max Strunk. Adults going on the trip are Jodi and Justin O'Neill, Tom Snyder, Jeff VanDerveer, Claudia Borst, Len Pekofsky and Bobbi Riley. We hope that some of our college students will also join them. There may still be a few spots left. Youth must currently be in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to participate. Any interested youth or adults should contact Jodi O'Neill at [oneillsinvf@comcast.net](mailto:oneillsinvf@comcast.net).



We continue to sell Wawa hoagie certificates between services and to collect aluminum beverage cans in Kley Hall to help fund our upcoming mission trips. Thank you for your support!



On Sunday mornings there are many learning opportunities for adults at St. John's. Class locations are listed outside of Kley Hall near the church office. All the classes begin at 9:25 a.m. New folks are always welcomed.

#### **Happy Hour**

This class is called Happy Hour because they are happy their children are in Sunday school so that they can enjoy the gift of Christian community. On the first Sunday of each month, the group also enjoys planning activities and events for our Youth and Family ministry. They meet in the church library (Meeting Room #2).

#### **Sunday Morning Book Club**

Our Sunday Morning Book Club discussions are always lively with much laughter. Beyond Sunday morning the Club gathers for evenings at the movies, particularly enjoying films on books they have read together. Coordinator Jean Herbranson lets everyone know what's happening through *Life Together* and our weekly email update. They meet in Pastor Krommes' office.

#### **Faith Life**

Faith Life is for those who want to think deeply about what's happening in the world in relationship to their faith. This weekly discussion is coordinated by our Dean of Education, Jack Ertell, and is led by people from a variety of specialties including science, politics, education, and health care.

#### **A Study of Katie Luther**

Sandra Zimmermann leads a study of *Katharina von Bora: Wife, Mother, Businesswoman and Reformer* in Fireside Room.

#### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

Every Wednesday there are two Bible studies. The first meets at 10 a.m. in the Episcopal House Community Room located at 601 Center Street in Phoenixville. The second meets at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room at St. John's. Each group delights in welcoming new people to the study. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary.

#### **Confirmation—Save the Dates**

April 14<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> grade leads the reading of the passion during worship at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> grade mission day at Feast Incarnate

April 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>—Confirmation spring retreat in Cape May

May 19<sup>th</sup>—Last day of confirmation classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, YOUTH CAR WASH

June 9<sup>th</sup>—PENTECOST/confirmation (rehearsal at 8:30 a.m.; confirmation at 9 a.m.)

June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>—Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Adventures

#### **Scholarship Applications**

Applications for the St. John's Scholarship established by Earl and Grace Dahms are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications were sent to all our active 12<sup>th</sup> graders and nontraditional students of any age pursuing a course of study in academics or technical skills are also encouraged to apply. Please contact Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or [office@st.johnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@st.johnphoenixville.org) if you would like to receive an application.





The St. John's youth are collecting aluminum beverage cans as a fund raiser to help with the costs of the 2019 mission trips.

The aluminum beverage cans we collect can be taken to a local recycling center and we receive CASH for the aluminum based on weight. This is a very EASY way to earn money and we would really appreciate ALL your cans to help in this effort.

Not only will bringing your aluminum beverage cans to St. John's help support the youth fundraising effort but recycling aluminum is wonderful for the environment.

The aluminum beverage can is by far the most recycled and recyclable beverage container on the market today. Aluminum cans are unique in that they are most often recycled directly back into themselves meaning that the average can has a very high percentage of recycled content. It takes

just 8 percent of the energy to produce aluminum from recycled material versus producing new aluminum so high recycled content is a good indicator of the can's environmental footprint.

- The average aluminum can is made from 68 percent total recycled content, the highest of any beverage container.
- Cans go from the recycling bin to store shelves within 60 days.
- The aluminum can is the only package that more than covers its recycling costs, helping to finance the collection and recycling of other materials such as glass and plastic.

**PLEASE help us and bring us your cans. All aluminum cans are welcome. There is a special aluminum recycle bin in Kley Hall for can collection. Please bag your cans and drop them in this bin. Thank You!!**

### Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast—Help Needed!

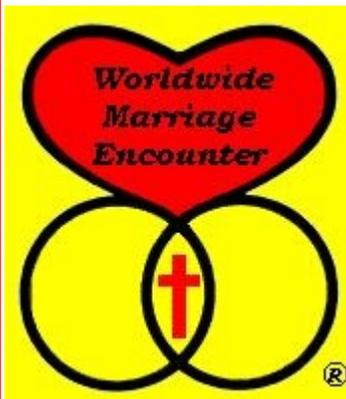
Our Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. We need your help to make it a success! Here's what you can do:

- Donate pre-wrapped candy or small toy prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt
- Help with the Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13
- Attend the Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13 at 8:30 a.m.

Please sign up via the YCC or by email to [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org). Thank you!



### Attention Married Couples



Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter? Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage.

The spring Weekends are:

April 5-7, 2019 at Country Inn & Suites in State College, Pennsylvania

and

April 26-28, 2019 at Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

For all the details and to sign up online, go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) .

For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or (724) 325-3166. Act TODAY while there are still openings!



Dear friends:

We recently received your gift of \$300 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! Be sure to visit our website, [lwr.org](http://lwr.org), for stories of how your gift makes a difference. On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm regards,  
Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO  
Lutheran World Relief

Dear Deborah and friends at St. John's:

You are impacting lives! Thank you for your generous donation of \$500. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue to provide free daycare and support for low-income, single parents who are pursuing their full-time education. We are so blessed to have your support!

Sincerely,  
Wendy McKeon  
Executive Director  
Mom's House

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Greetings from ELCA Global Church Sponsorship! We give thanks for your gifts and investments in God's global work. Your gifts and sponsorship of our missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers enable our church to engage with every corner of the globe. Without your generosity, we wouldn't be able to walk alongside our companions as they grow and live into God's mission. Because of your support, the ELCA remains committed to supporting and engaging the global church. As we continue to live into God's abundance, we realize this is our chance to make a difference in the world.

Together in Christ,  
Andrew G. Steele  
Director  
ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

Dear friends:

In the scriptures it says that "not even a cup of cold water given in My Name will go unrewarded." The meals that your congregation supplied to our shelter last month will merit many blessings for your parish family. The meals certainly were a blessing to our families. We thank you most sincerely and we ask also that you keep The Shelter in your prayers.

Gratefully,  
Sr. Bernadette Dougherty  
St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families





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Care and Compassion

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5 March 2019

Re: Continuation as a Covenant Church with Mark and Linda Jacobson.

Dear Pastor and Mission Committee,

Greetings and Peace in Jesus's name.

The good news is that we are still in this global mission call together!

Linda and I are writing to give you insight and clarification about our continued ministries with the ELCA. But let us start by sharing with you how incredibly grateful we are for your support of our ministries with great generosity and faithfulness over many years. Together we have ministered to thousands and contributed to the saving of countless lives.

At the end of last year, we shared with you the major transitions that we are experiencing. We understand that our general letter to all of our supporting congregations was somewhat ambiguous – probably as we were still in the process of clarifying our futures for ourselves. So please allow us to share where we are and what how we see our ministries continuing.

Yes, we retired as full time, long term missionaries of the ELCA as of the end of the year. And yes, we have been asked to continue as missionaries by both the ELCA and by our diocese in Arusha. I am reluctant to use the word retirement here because we do not feel we are retiring from our call or from continuing as missionaries. Rather, our roles are changing, expanding, and providing us with more flexibility to spend part of our year in the US and part of our year in Tanzania.

Again, both the ELCA and the North Central Diocese in Arusha have requested that we remain as missionaries serving in Tanzania but on a reduced time basis. This role is being formalized with contractual agreements with both the ELCA and the ALMC hospital. We are working together to define the terms of reference.

At ALMC, my roles are to be a senior advisor to the management, lead the development of the School of Nursing, provide leadership for a long term expansion of the hospital, and to continue to serve as an intermediary with supporting congregations and other supporting organizations.

Also, in Tanzania, I have been consulting with our sister Lutheran hospital in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center to start a comprehensive Cancer Care Center. I continue in this advising role as we move into construction of a cancer ward and eventually radiation treatment center.

For the ELCA, I am also called as a consultant for them in health work in other parts of the world. For the past couple of years, I have been consulting on establishing a clinic in Juba, South Sudan as our Lutheran Church serves the displaced and internally displaced people of a war torn and tribally divided nation. This continues going forward and I return to Tanzania next week to return to ALMC and to go to Juba for a fistula repair camp we are doing there the end of March. I also am helping Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh which is a Twin Cities based group of Lutherans who have built and run a hospital and outreach program in Bangladesh for 20 years. I anticipate being something of a roving consultant to various health work of the Lutheran Church globally.

Linda has stepped into a role with the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program of the ELCA as they open Tanzania to this wonderful opportunity. She will continue with Widows Might and other ministries from time to time.

As I shared with my staff when I stepped down as director, I can't find the word retirement anywhere in Scripture. And so, our calls remain, in Tanzania and globally as missionaries.

What does this have to do with Covenant relationships? The ELCA continues to deploy us as their missionaries. This means that we truly hope that your long standing Covenant relationship with us and our ministries will continue. Although our, Linda and Mark, relationship with the ELCA has changed, it continues to be strong and we deeply hope that you will be willing, even eager to continue your support for us as your missionaries.

Thank you, dear friends, for many years of being coworkers in the past and now still, going into the future.

Blessings,

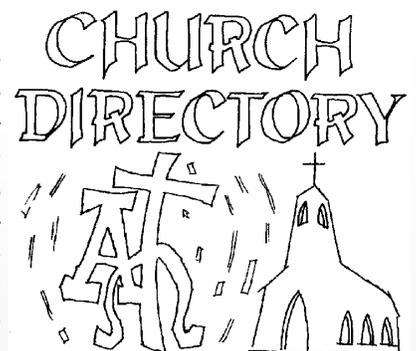
*Mark and Linda Jacobson*

I was the tree  
That gave shelter to weary beasts  
My shade a shelter calm, safe  
A child's cry I heard  
A child that grew strong  
Now I man I see love despised  
I was a tree  
That saw a child grow to be  
A man  
Men came and cut me down  
A cross to be  
A babe I sheltered long ago  
Nailed to me  
He shall ever by a cross be known  
For hate's closed door  
The cross in humbleness  
Shall shatter  
For I a tree shall be a cross  
To set all people free  
A babe was born in Bethlehem  
The sins of men to bear  
In birth I sheltered him  
In death I held him secure  
My humbleness evermore shall be remembered  
That I held the King of Kings

Margaret Walker

### Membership Directory

The Welcoming Team has received a lot of inquiries about an updated membership directory. Some of our previous pictures are of families with babies, and the babies are now walking around on their own. So we agree . . . it's time!



Fortunately, our new church software will allow us to produce a directory, including pictures, of all our members. So all we will need from you is a few minutes of your time to pose for a picture for us. We anticipate beginning the photography process at the beginning of May at the Newcomers Brunch and continue after each worship service throughout the month of May. So please keep this in the back of your mind and keep your eyes peeled for dates and times to follow.

Once the directory is finalized, we will be able to provide each family with a digital copy. We also plan to print out black and white copies for people who don't have access to computers and printers.

# People of God Involved in God's Work

## April Schedule

|                                            | <u>Early</u>                                            | <u>Late</u>            |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>Acolytes</u></b>                     |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Luke Olsen                                              | Ava Demutis            |
| 14                                         | Stephen Hollander                                       | Wyatt Barker           |
| 21                                         | TBD                                                     | TBD                    |
| 28                                         | Giovanna Brown                                          | Dylan Oszeyczik        |
| <b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>                  |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Janet Ertell & Nancy Cressman                           |                        |
| 14                                         | Donna Anderson & Jean Herbranson                        |                        |
| 18                                         | TBD                                                     |                        |
| 21                                         | Jean Herbranson & John Westerman                        |                        |
| 28                                         | Betty Hans & Elena Wallace                              |                        |
| <b><u>Assisting Ministers</u></b>          |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Jay Stearly                                             | Sandi Stotler          |
| 14                                         | Teresa Olsen                                            | Tyler Pekofsky         |
| 18                                         | n/a                                                     | 7:30p—Jay Stearly      |
| 19                                         | 12:30p—Debbie Gordon                                    | 7:30p—Brittney Walters |
| 20                                         | n/a                                                     | 7:00p—Debbie Gordon    |
| 21                                         | Brittney Walters                                        | Dale Herbranson        |
| 28                                         | Nancy Cressman                                          | Donna Thompson         |
| <b><u>Bread Baking</u></b>                 |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Pastor Krommes                                          |                        |
| 14                                         | Pastor Krommes                                          |                        |
| 21                                         | TBD                                                     |                        |
| 28                                         | Lynn Titus                                              |                        |
| <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>                  |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Worship & Music                                         |                        |
| 14                                         | Wednesday Night Bible Study                             |                        |
| 21                                         | Fellowship                                              |                        |
| 28                                         | Youth & Family                                          |                        |
| <b><u>Communion Assistants/Lectors</u></b> |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Jay Stearly (L)                                         | Mitch Reading (L)      |
|                                            | Pat Lucas                                               | Sandi Stotler          |
| 14                                         | Erica Lucas (L)                                         | Kim Fetters            |
|                                            | LuAnne Bindschusz                                       | Larry Fetters          |
| 21                                         | Don Titus                                               | Shelley Saeger (L)     |
|                                            | Lynn Titus                                              | Nancy Cressman         |
| 28                                         | Greg Krueger (L)                                        | Bill Starling          |
|                                            | Teresa Olsen                                            | Sue Starling           |
| <b><u>Counters</u></b>                     |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Stephen & Jennifer Drewes, Donna Anderson, Peg Yanoviak |                        |
| 14                                         | Heather Yonosh, Donna Searchfield, Eileen Subacus       |                        |
| 21                                         | Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl                          |                        |
| 28                                         | Jack Ertell, Lilly Khan, Imtiaz Khan Lawrence           |                        |
| <b><u>Lock-Up</u></b>                      |                                                         |                        |
| 7                                          | Sandra Zimmermann                                       | Stephen Drewes         |
| 14                                         | Kelly Gallagher                                         | Rick Kramer            |
| 18                                         | Brian Greenwald                                         |                        |
| 19                                         | Brian Greenwald                                         |                        |
| 21                                         | Dick Kunsch                                             | Mitch Reading          |
| 28                                         | Don Titus                                               | Donna Searchfield      |



## April Schedule (continued)

|                      | <u>Early</u>      | <u>Late</u>          |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>Ushers</u></b> |                   |                      |
| 7                    | Bob Gorman        | Dale Herbranson      |
|                      | Greg Krueger      | John Westerman       |
|                      | Cindy Gadzicki    | Travis Brown         |
|                      | John Rawlins      | Glen Murphy          |
| 14                   | Cathy Garrett     | Nancy Cressman       |
|                      | Judy Wolstenholme | Sandi Stotler        |
|                      | Dick Wolstenholme | Donna Anderson       |
|                      | Bev Rote          | Brian Becker         |
| 21                   | Erica Lucas       | TBD                  |
|                      | Toni Hadfield     | TBD                  |
|                      | John Hadfield     | TBD                  |
|                      | Barry Church      | TBD                  |
| 28                   | Don Titus         | Cathy Garrett        |
|                      | Luanne Bindschusz | Paul Miller          |
|                      | Rich Latella      | Beth Williams        |
|                      | Rich Skoniczin    | Gabrielle VanDerveer |

## Summary Report as of February 28, 2019

|                         | Monthly          |                   | Year-to-Date     |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | Budget           | Actual            | Budget           | Actual           |
| <b>Income:</b>          |                  |                   |                  |                  |
| Envelope Giving         | \$ 32,971        | \$ 26,777         | \$ 65,943        | \$ 63,675        |
| Other Income            | 2,118            | 1,655             | 4,235            | 4,947            |
| <b>Total Income</b>     | <b>\$ 35,089</b> | <b>\$ 28,432</b>  | <b>\$ 70,178</b> | <b>\$ 68,622</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 35,089</b> | <b>\$ 33,786</b>  | <b>\$ 70,178</b> | <b>\$ 69,522</b> |
| <b>Income (Deficit)</b> | <b>(0)</b>       | <b>\$ (5,354)</b> | <b>(0)</b>       | <b>\$ (900)</b>  |

### Donating Stock to St. John's

One of the many ways to financially support St. John's is through the donation of stock. Donating appreciated stock will benefit the church and provide a potential tax benefit to the donor. For stock that has been held for more than a year and has appreciated in value, one can take a charitable deduction based on the stock's fair market value on the day of donation. Additionally, making such a donation will avoid capital gains taxes on the increased value of the stock.

If interested in donating stock to St. John's, contact our Church Treasurer, Shirley Platzer, at (484) 938-7763. The donated stock would be sold and the funds placed in St. John's investment accounts. Shirley can arrange the stock transaction through our church's brokerage account with Vanguard.



# April 2019

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                             | Saturday                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31<br>8am Holy Communion<br>9am Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>9:25am Christian education classes<br>10:45am Holy Communion<br>12pm DiGioria baptism luncheon<br>12pm St. John's Crafty Folks<br>2pm PCO Rehearsal<br>7pm St. John's Choir & Friends Rehearsal            | 1<br>Scholarship Applications Due<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>5:45pm Daisy girl scouts<br>7pm Stephen Ministry<br>7:30pm Property | 2<br>12:30pm PACA<br>2pm Staff<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group<br>7:30pm Worship & Music                                                            | 3<br>10am Bible Study<br>3pm Social Ministry<br>5pm Girl Scouts #4308<br>7pm Alanon<br>7:30pm Community Lent Worship at GraceCrossing<br>8pm Adult Choir | 4<br>10am Mom's Monthly Mingle<br>5:30pm Junior Troop #4514<br>5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon<br>6pm Phantom Backpacks<br>7pm Naranon<br>7:15pm Adult Handbells                                                                                           | 5<br>10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections                                                                    | 6<br>7:45am Community Prayer Breakfast<br>9am WELCA Retreat<br>5pm Evening Light                                           |
| 7<br>8am Holy Communion<br>9am Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>9:25am Christian education classes<br>10:45am Holy Communion<br>12pm St. John's Crafty Folks<br>2pm PCO Rehearsal<br>7pm St. John's Choir & Friends Rehearsal                                               | 8<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts #4330<br>7:30pm Church Council                                                   | 9<br>7pm Christian Education<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group                                                                                        | 10<br>10am Bible Study<br>7pm Alanon<br>7:30pm Community Lent Worship at 1st United Methodist<br>8pm Adult Choir                                         | 11<br>5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon<br>6pm Phantom Backpacks<br>7pm Naranon<br>7:15pm Adult Handbells                                                                                                                                                    | 12                                                                                                                 | 13<br>8:30am pancake breakfast & egg hunt<br>1pm Stripping of the Palms<br>1:30pm PCO Dress Rehearsal<br>5pm Evening Light |
| 14<br>First Bibles received<br>8am Holy Communion<br>9am Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>9:25am Christian education classes<br>10:45am Holy Communion<br>12pm St. John's Crafty Folks<br>2pm PCO Concert (reception following)<br>7pm St. John's Choir & Friends Rehearsal | 15<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>5:45pm Daisy girl scouts<br>7pm Stephen Ministry<br>7pm Welcoming Team                             | 16<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group<br>7pm Pickering Glen Homeowners Association                                                                     | 17<br>10am Bible Study<br>5pm Girl Scouts #4308<br>7pm Alanon                                                                                            | 18<br>Circle deadline<br>10:30am Moms' Music & Crafts Club<br>5:30pm Junior Troop #4514<br>5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon<br>6pm Phantom Backpacks<br>7pm Naranon<br>7:30pm Maundy Thursday (followed by Adult Choir Rehearsal)<br>8:15pm Naranon Support | 19<br>St. Peter's lunch<br>10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections<br>12:15pm Good Friday<br>7:30pm Good Friday | 20<br>9:00am Decorating sanctuary<br>7pm Easter Vigil                                                                      |
| 21<br>8am Holy Communion<br>9:15am Easter Breakfast<br>10:45am Holy Communion<br>12pm St. John's Crafty Folks                                                                                                                                                            | 22<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>11:30am Covered Bridge Garden Club<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts #4330<br>6:30pm Kiwanis Board             | 23<br>9th grade confirmation mission day<br>10:30am WELCA<br>4:15pm PACS Development/Marketing<br>4:30pm PACS Board<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group | 24<br>10am Bible Study<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>8pm Adult Choir                                                                               | 25<br>5:30pm Daisy Troop #42024<br>5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon<br>6pm Phantom Backpacks<br>7pm Naranon<br>7:15pm Adult Handbells                                                                                                                       | 26<br>Confirmation Retreat                                                                                         | 27<br>Confirmation Retreat<br>5pm Evening Light                                                                            |
| 28<br>Confirmation Retreat<br>8am Holy Communion<br>9am Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>9:25am Christian education classes<br>10:45am Holy Communion<br>12pm St. John's Crafty Folks<br>3pm Concordia Choral Arts rehearsal<br>7pm St. John's Choir & Friends Rehearsal    | 29<br>11am Alanon Family Group                                                                                                       | 30<br>5:30pm Stewardship<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group                                                                                            | 1<br>10am Bible Study<br>3pm Social Ministry<br>5pm Girl Scouts #4308<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>8pm Adult Choir                                | 2<br>10am Mom's Monthly Mingle<br>5:30pm Junior Troop #4514<br>5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon<br>6pm Phantom Backpacks<br>7pm Naranon<br>7:15pm Adult Handbells                                                                                           | 3<br>10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections                                                                    | 4<br>Synod Assembly<br>5pm Evening Light                                                                                   |



## April 2019—Birthdays and Anniversaries

| Sunday                                                   | Monday                                                                                                                                          | Tuesday                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                              | Friday                                                                                                                                                              | Saturday                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31<br>Malika Khan's birthday                             | 1<br>Janet Reading's birthday<br>Jeremy Unruh's birthday                                                                                        | 2<br>Bob Faddis's birthday<br>Stephen Hollander's birthday                                         | 3<br>Jay Greco's birthday<br>Judy Wolstenholme's birthday<br>Kendall Tobin's birthday<br>Robert Kunsch's birthday | 4<br>James Reading's birthday<br>John and Bobbi Riley's anniversary                   | 5<br>Todd Ehrhart's birthday                                                                                                                                        | 6<br>Arlene Greenwald's birthday<br>Lexi Booz's birthday<br>Paul Miller's birthday             |
| 7<br>Lucas Pekofsky's birthday                           | 8                                                                                                                                               | 9<br>Gabriel Mowrer's birthday<br>Meredith LaBoon's birthday                                       | 10<br>Jack Drewes's birthday                                                                                      | 11<br>John Salamone's birthday<br>Samuel Fryer's birthday                             | 12<br>Aaron Romano's birthday<br>Bob and Diane Blattner's anniversary<br>Michella Ehrhart's birthday<br>Raymond Fulmer's birthday                                   | 13<br>April Mica's birthday<br>Sean Weiss's birthday                                           |
| 14<br>Allen Kramer's birthday<br>Evan Becker's birthday  | 15<br>William and Donna Breiterger's anniversary<br>William Shirk's birthday                                                                    | 16                                                                                                 | 17<br>Colin Riley's birthday<br>Lisa Frees's birthday<br>Mike Kahl's birthday                                     | 18<br>Teresa Olsen's birthday                                                         | 19<br>Jean Herbranson's birthday<br>Leah Kramer's birthday<br>Matthew Ash's birthday<br>Page Durlfing's birthday                                                    | 20<br>Andrew Blackledge's birthday<br>Carolyn Rutherford's birthday<br>Hope DeMutis's birthday |
| 21                                                       | 22<br>Cathy Garrett's birthday<br>Chris Saeger's birthday<br>Jason Stewart's birthday<br>Mark Blattner's birthday<br>Matthew Younker's birthday | 23<br>Donna Dries's birthday<br>George and Anna Wilkinson's anniversary<br>Rachel Dewey's birthday | 24<br>Amber Barker's birthday<br>Marc Herbranson's birthday<br>Sandy Bradbury's birthday                          | 25<br>Justin and Faith Rawlins's anniversary<br>Keith and Cheryl Kenyon's anniversary | 26<br>Beth Williams's birthday<br>Carter Niness's birthday<br>Randall Carr's birthday<br>Richard and Michelle Bader's anniversary<br>Samantha Schumacher's birthday | 27<br>Brian Becker's birthday                                                                  |
| 28<br>Kay Mann's birthday<br>Morgan Klotzbach's birthday | 29<br>Bob Karcher's birthday<br>Jason and Tracy Stewart's anniversary<br>Jason Mara's birthday<br>Ramona Moreland's birthday                    | 30<br>Jason Birdsell's birthday<br>Joe Themens's birthday<br>Stephen Drewes's birthday             | 1<br>Erin Schaible's birthday                                                                                     | 2<br>Linda Landis's birthday                                                          | 3<br>Donald Carr's birthday                                                                                                                                         | 4<br>Allan Moreland's birthday                                                                 |

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