

# Life-Lines

God's Work, Our Hands

April 2014 Edition

## Inside this issue:

What's Changed?	1
Greeting Cards	2
Thanks!	2
Kindred Sisters	2
Prayer List	2
Missional River Meeting	2
Prayer Shawl Ministry	2
Sunday Readings	2
Birthdays/Anniversaries	2
Flower Chart	3
Seder Supper	3
Church Work Day	3
Holy Week	3
Library Notes	4
Easter Brunch / Egg Hunt	4
Habitat for Humanity	4
Vacation Bible School	4
March Council Highlights	5
Easter Lilies	5
BBQ & Bake Sale	5
Lifestraws	6
Global Initiatives	6
State of the Church	6
Worship Leadership	7
Calendar	8

## WHAT'S CHANGED IN YOUR LIFE?

There are numerous potential answers to such a question when one applies it to the grander schemes of life. Depending upon the context, the responses could vary and range from one end of the spectrum to the other. So, let me narrow down the context of the question considerably: On Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at approximately 11:53 a.m. and 7:23 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, those in attendance at Ash Wednesday worship heard the following words:

"As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament."

And so, in light of the aforementioned "Invitation to Lent" issued at both Ash Wednesday worship services on the day that begins the season of Lent, I'll again posit the question: "What's changed in your life?"

For too many Christians, Lent is all about Ash Wednesday and then we're done again until Palm Sunday and the Week of Passion. We are desirous to go through the liturgical ritual of receiving ashes, washing them off before we go to bed, and waking up the next morning knowing we have "done our Lenten thing". The words of the Invitation to Lent however, call us to begin a disciplinary process, not a one-night stand! Lent should be a process that includes self-examination and repentance on an on-going basis, a process that involves prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Presuming the invitation was accepted, change should be taking place, noteworthy change! That type of discipline should call forth a new me, with new behaviors, deeper spirituality, and works that denote a change has taken place. In other words, God, you, and maybe even others, should notice that there is something different about you!

Good News! – It's never too late to start! There is still time to enter the process of the Lenten journey and enter into the discipline of Lent. Even Better News – whether you do or you don't, God will not love you more or less than God already does. But, you will be amazed at the potential and variety of responses to the question as you access what happens along the way. God is ready and waiting to celebrate with you the changes you will discover and dare I say, you will enjoy them so much, you won't want to live without them nor will you want to limit them to the 40 days of your Lenten journey.

In the name of Jesus,  
Pr. Skip



**GREETING CARDS**

Do you know someone in need of a greeting card, whether sick or for support, please call Patsy Walker: 512-670-3494.

**THANKS!**

Thank you dear friends of LOL for supporting me during my recent illness. Your prayers, calls, visits, food, and cards continue to encourage me.  
Barbara Dailey

**PRAYER LIST**

Ann Willman,  
Angie Parr,  
Doug & Brenda Searcy,  
Herman & Olga Haenel,  
Summer Simon,  
Linda Vaughn,  
James Paul Pennington,  
Mel Wolf,  
Carol Bender,  
Tjark Rickers,  
Dot Harrington

**SUNDAY READINGS****April 6**

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

**April 13**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 27:11-54

**April 20**

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18

**April 27**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

**KINDRED SISTERS**

Our April meeting of Kindred Sisters will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at the Koinonia Cafe at LOLLC. We have been gathering needed articles and money donations for some time for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will be assembling these kits at our April meeting. Thanks to generous donations from LOLLC members and Kindred Sisters, we can bring new hope and dignity to many people in need, with these kits.

All ladies and friends of LOLLC are cordially invited to attend. Please bring your own sack lunch, and dessert and drinks will be provided by our April hostess.

We will also have someone from the Missional Team who will speak with us during our lunch, and give us an overview of the work they are doing, and getting our input into what we can do.

We are looking forward to having a great meeting, with a worthy project, and good fellowship! We hope to see you there! If there are any questions, please call Glenace Klinker at 512-671-3690 or Joanne Forseth at 512-986-7387. Thank You!

**MISSIONAL RIVER COTTAGE MEETING**

The Lord of Life Guiding Team has put their paddles in the water on the Missional River effort and have started interviews of the various ministry groups within Lord of Life and will continue this for the next two months. We will also plan to have one or more open "cottage meetings". Our first cottage meeting is planned for April 27 after the late service in the café.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to remind everyone that if you have a friend or loved one in need of a prayer shawl that you are free to take one from the trunk located in the back of the welcome center. Just select a shawl and provide David Pencil with the name of your loved one. These shawls have been made with prayers of healing, comfort, strength and peace. We also have prepared a special prayer card that you may take and give with the shawl if you so wish. They are in a zip lock bag which is also in the trunk. If you want a special blessing for the shawl by Pastor Skip please contact the office. If you are interested in joining this ministry or have any questions, please contact Deanna Brown at dmbrownmn@hotmail.com.

			
<b>Birthdays:</b>			
Penland, Madalyn	04/01	Grunska, Christopher	04/19
Warnsman, Eric	04/01	Hafner, Eric	04/20
Lucas, Jonathan	04/03	Rosas, Jennifer	04/21
Lane, Robert	04/05	Simon, Aubree	04/21
Crawford, Glen	04/07	Hafner, Melanie	04/23
Lopez, Oscar	04/10	Drake, Dan	04/27
Drake, Mary	04/12	Weston, Kori	04/28
Tarsi, James	04/12	Pencil, Dante	04/29
Carter, Lucian	04/15		
Melton, Ryan	04/16		
Simon, Shawn	04/18		
<b>Anniversaries:</b>			
		Jeff and Mimi Kattawar	04/08/1995
		Mike and Kim Klotz	04/13/1996
			



## FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart is now at home in it's location on the wall next to the door in the back wall. Look to your left as you are walking towards the sanctuary and you will see it.

THANK YOU to all that have signed up and are planning to bring flowers this year. I will try to connect with you for a reminder when your turn is coming up. The Lord's altar area and you will be blessed by your giving. If you have any questions or need help give me a call and I'll try to help you . Marge Robison - 512-335-1242.



## CHURCH WORK DAY

Don't miss the upcoming opportunity to beautify your church and its grounds. We are scheduling our semi-annual workday starting at 9 am on Saturday, April 12th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We will be trying to complete a lot of tasks and we need LOTS of help. There will be jobs for all abilities and ages including indoor and outdoor work. Please come and join in on the fun and fellowship that accompanies this donation of time and talent. A fellowship lunch will be provided. If you can't come at 9 am please join us when you can. We are hopeful with enough volunteers we can be done shortly after lunch. A listing of tools needed will be provided as we get closer to the day. If you have any questions please see Mike Brown, e-mail him at [property@lordoflifeaustin.org](mailto:property@lordoflifeaustin.org), or call 512-850-8844.

In addition, if you see anything that needs repairing please send an e-mail to [property@lordoflifeaustin.org](mailto:property@lordoflifeaustin.org) or place a note in the property mailbox in the office.

## LOLC SPRING WORKDAY

Sat, April 12 • 9:00 am (lunch served at noon)

Help beautify the church inside and out.  
Volunteers and tools needed.



Sign up in the church Narthex or contact Mike Brown at [property@lordoflifeaustin.org](mailto:property@lordoflifeaustin.org)

## SEDER SUPPER

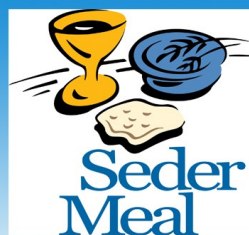
We will be celebrating Maundy Thursday on Thursday, 4/17, with a Seder Supper again this year. Join us to experience this traditional Jewish Passover ceremony just as Jesus would have in the upper room that night!

This service includes ceremonial food and a full dinner; because of this you must reserve a space, and a donation is requested to cover costs (suggested: \$5/person, max of \$20/family). To RSVP, please email the church office or speak with David Pencil.

We are seeking teams of volunteers to assist with this service, as it involves lots of work. Please speak to Marilee if you can help with any of the following:

- Table host (setting up/decorating a table for the service)
- Event set up (will be Wednesday 4/16)
- Food preparation (need a team to do dinner preparation, not ceremonial food)
- Event tear down/clean up (kitchen & sanctuary)

Sign up for the above teams will be available in the welcome center between and after services on Sunday--please see Marilee Parsons for more information.



MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 17 7:00 pm

Traditional Jewish passover ceremony  
concluding with a full dinner.  
Please RSVP to church. Suggested donation to cover meal.

Volunteers for table hosts, set up, and dinner prep are needed.  
Please contact Marilee Parsons.

Palm Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 AM  
Maundy Thursday 7 PM Seder Service  
Good Friday 7 PM Choir Cantata

Easter  
SUNDAY  
8:15 & 10:45 AM







## LIBRARY NOTES: SUGGESTED READING

By: Donna Estes

THE LADIES OF MISSALONGHI - by: Colleen McCullough  
(author of THE THORN BIRDS)



Do you believe that there are angels among us? You will after reading this short novel! It is a warm and lighthearted story, that is almost like a fairytale. It is set in a small town in the Blue Mountains near Sydney, Australia just before World War I and is about the Hurlingford family whose men own, rule and dominate literally everything in the town.

The main character is "Missy", a drab and homely spinster, who lives with her widowed mother and maiden aunt - a group of man-less women--- bullied, pitied, exploited, patronized and utterly unimportant in the scheme of things for this era. Missy meets a new friend in the town library who has a scandalous past & becomes a good friend. A handsome stranger comes to town and Missy eventually marries him, but her new library friend happens to have known him prior. Missy Hurlingford, whom everyone thought to be meek and mousey, proves that she is someone to be reckoned with!

It is a wickedly accurate picture of life in a place where men may try to dominate -- but women rule! This is a super good book to read!

## EASTER BRUNCH & EGG HUNT

The youth will be serving brunch on Easter morning between the two services. Plan on enjoying a special breakfast of pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, breakfast casseroles and a whole lot more!! Any free will offering received from this brunch will help offset the cost of confirmation camp and other youth events!

We will also be having an Easter egg hunt between services on Easter morning. The youth would ask for donations of candy to fill the eggs. Please drop off any candy in the Welcome Center in the designated basket no later than April 13th! Thanks so much for supporting Lord of Life's Youth!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, May 3rd is Lord of Life day for Habitat for Humanity!

We need you! Some of you have previously worked as volunteers on Habitat for Humanity projects, but some of you haven't done that yet. Perhaps you have imagined that it might be fun to do something completely different from your ordinary routine, while actually helping some brothers and sisters who really need our help – THIS IS IT! No prior construction experience is required and you do not have to be a member of LOL. Please ask your friends and family members to join. To sign up contact Felicia Wachsmann @ 512 763-6498 or [mrs1stlady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrs1stlady@sbcglobal.net)

Lord  
of Life

Sat. May 3

Sign up now!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
Build Workday

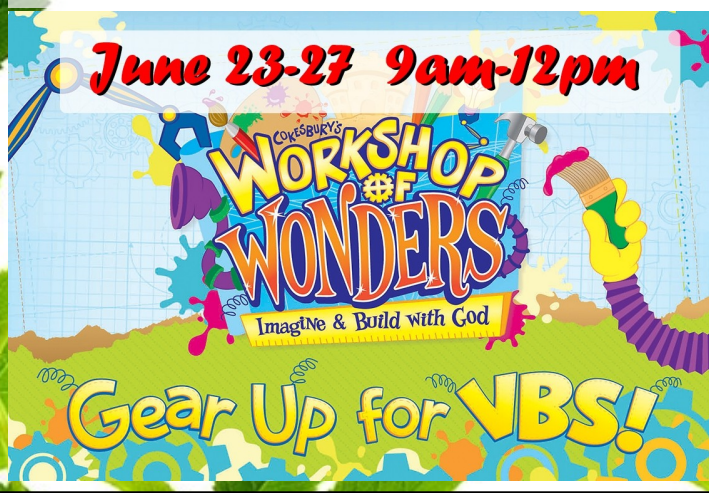
Contact Felicia Wachsmann for more info

Thrivent  
Builds  
with Habitat for Humanity®

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS program this year will be June 23 – June 27, 9am to noon. We have a fun program called "Workshop of Wonders" planned for children from 4 years old to 4th grade. We are looking for volunteers! Please contact Laura Lopez at [laurazepol@yahoo.com](mailto:laurazepol@yahoo.com) or 512-925-2961 if you can help or for more information.

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE.  
[www.lordoflifeaustin.org/event-items/vbs-2014/](http://www.lordoflifeaustin.org/event-items/vbs-2014/)





## MARCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here are highlights from the March Church Council meeting:

### Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin from May 2 to May 4. We have a male voting member and a female voting member to represent Lord of Life at the assembly. If a youth member is interested in attending, please let Pastor Skip know.

### Missional River

Pastor Judith Spindt was the guest preacher on March 23, and gave a stirring and motivating sermon to help inaugurate our Missional River project. Members of the Missional River team were installed at both services.

### Water for Africa/Life Straws

Pastor Skip demonstrated Life Straws, portable water filtration units designed for use by people who don't have access to drinkable water. The demonstration, drinking from a pitcher of dirty water, was obviously inspiring. Pastor Skip set a goal of \$1000 for the congregation, enough to purchase 100 straws, and we already blew that goal out of the water (pardon the pun). Thank you all for your response. The deadline for donations is the end of April, before the Synod Assembly, so there is plenty of time to donate for more Life Straws.

### Mission Statement

Council spent time discussing the mission statement for Lord of Life. The council will prayerfully think about what a good mission statement should be. We will develop a mission statement at the April meeting, and will be discussing it with the congregation after that.

### Memorials

Council also decided to set up a short-term group to discuss how to handle memorials that we receive. Some members are interested in being part of the group, and there will be a kickoff meeting soon. If you are interested in helping, please contact any Council member.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 23 through June 27 this year. The Education Ministry decided that from here on out, VBS would always be the fourth week in June. By doing that, it will make it easier for people in the neighborhood to know when VBS will be and to plan for it. The Education Ministry is still in need of a leader for VBS.

If you would like more information on these items, please talk with a Council member!

Thanks,  
Jim Tarsi, Council Secretary

## EASTER LILIES

Easter brings fond memories of childhood egg hunts, baskets, bunnies, bonnets, a new dress and shoes, trumpets, lively music, crosses, and lilies.



The beautiful, trumpet-shaped Easter lily is often associated with purity, hope, and life, the basic nature of Easter, itself. Lilies evoke thoughts of spring, renewal, and new growth. It is during this time of year that our spiritual life is often rejuvenated through the remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection, cleansing us from our sins and giving us new life in Him.

It is that time of year when you have the opportunity to help adorn our altar with Easter Lilies to celebrate Easter Sunday. Cards will be placed in the church bulletins over the next few Sundays. If you are so inclined, please feel free to fill one out and place it in one of the baskets on the way out of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or contact David in the office to let him know you would like to purchase a lily.

The cost per plant will be \$7.00. The deadline to order will be Palm Sunday, April 13th. If you have questions, feel free to contact the office or Diane Smith at [smith\\_dianem@yahoo.com](mailto:smith_dianem@yahoo.com) or 512-483-1699.



## BBQ & Bake Sale

### Sat. April 26

### 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

Briskets/baked goods/drinks/chips/workers needed!

To volunteer /donate: **Sign up in the Café or contact Deanna Brown or Diane Saegert.**

## ANNUAL BBQ & BAKE SALE

Saturday, April 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Café for purchasing briskets, smoking briskets, preparing baked goods, or purchasing drinks, chips, and so much more! We would also accept cash donations to help purchase briskets & sausages. We need some volunteers to smoke the briskets so let's dust off those smokes gentlemen (or ladies)! Any questions, please contact Deanna Brown or Diane Saegert.

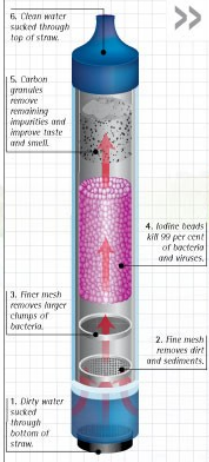




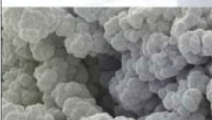
► PROTECT

► LIFESTRAW

## HOW LIFESTRAW WORKS



Water in rivers and ponds is unsafe to drink because it contains a mixture of impurities. Lifestraw removes these in stages. At the bottom, a pair of textile filters remove soil and dirt and the larger clumps of bacteria. Filtering alone is not enough to make the water safe, because viruses and bacteria are small enough to pass through. So the next stage of the process uses a chemical called iodine to disinfect the water by killing the bacteria and viruses. At the top of the filter, there are millions of active carbon granules. Each of these acts like a tiny chemical laboratory, and the water is purified on its surface through a process called catalysis. The carbon also helps to remove any unpleasant iodine taste.



Carbon granules (here magnified around 4,000 times) from a filter trap the contaminants like a magnet as the water flows through.

▼ Water, the essence of life, covers more than 70 per cent of Earth's surface, but less than 1 per cent of that is usable freshwater. If all the world's water could fit in a bucket, the amount people could drink would barely fill a teaspoon.

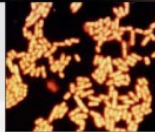
► Images: Two boys drink water through Lifestraws

# LIFESTRAW

► Just imagine if the only place to drink from is a dirty river or having to walk an hour each day to collect water. More than 1.1 billion people (one-sixth of the world's population) still do not have access to clean water. The portable Lifestraw® drinking straw could help to improve their lives. ►

## Risk of disease

► Every day, more than 5,000 children in the developing countries die of diseases such as cholera and typhoid because they lack clean water. Typhoid is transmitted when the bacteria from human faeces contaminates water.



Micrograph of typhoid bacteria

► See also: Hydroponics p28, Cat. Converter p102, Rebreather p226

230

231

## LIFESTRAWS FOR SYNOD OFFERING

On Sunday, March 23, Lord of Life heard about "Life Straws" and was informed that the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly offering is designated for the purchase of Life Straws in support of the Water for Africa ministry. Following a "real-life" demonstration, congregation members were invited to donate \$10 for each straw for our congregation's synodical offering. Our goal was 100 Life Straws or \$1,000. We exceeded that goal by eight straws - a total of \$1,080 was gathered! Thanks be to God!

The good news is that you are still able to participate in this life-saving effort. We have increased our goal to 200 Life Straws (\$2,000) and when we make that goal we'll increase it again. Just send (or bring) your check or cash to Lord of Life and mark on the check or envelope "Life Straws". We truly are "blessed to be a blessing"!

## GLOBAL INITIATIVES

[www.elca.org/global-links](http://www.elca.org/global-links) Through the benevolence we pay to the ELCA we are supporting these global initiatives. A link is available on our website under "Giving", so you can keep up-to-date on what the ELCA is doing to reach the world for Christ.



Income for Feb.:	\$19,851	Income YTD:	\$45,772
Expenses for Feb.:	\$23,332	Expenses YTD:	\$46,002
Net <u>Loss</u> for Feb.:	(\$3,481)	Net <u>Loss</u> YTD:	(\$230)



## Worship Attendance

2/2/2014	133
2/9/2014	106
2/16/2014	99
2/23/2014	110

Weekly Average 112

YTD Total 877  
Weekly Average 110



## *Worship Leaders for April 2014*

**APRIL 6, 2014****Fifth Sunday in Lent****Color: Purple****Presiding Minister:** Pastor Skip Wachsmann**Assisting Minister:** John Paul Crawford**Lector:** Jennifer Rosas**Communion Assistant:** Nell Pennington**Acolyte:** Dakota Simpson**Media Assistant:** Dee Smith; Chuck Neeley**Ushers:** Doug Caldwell, Bill Saegert; Callie Prather, Madeline & Natalie Smith, Maddy Penland, Lauren Brown**Altar Guild:** Barbara Snook; Tim & Diane Smith**Tellers:** Julia Neeley, Barb Haskins**Flowers:** Mark & Wendy Waggoner, in celebration of Eric & Jessica's anniversary.**APRIL 13, 2014****Palm Sunday****Color: Scarlet****Presiding Minister:** Pastor Skip Wachsmann**Assisting Minister:** Diane Smith**Lector:** Marge Kretschmar**Communion Assistant:** Dorothy Crawford**Acolyte:** Sydney Kattawar**Media Assistant:** Jim Tarsi; Raina Parsons**Ushers:** Doug Caldwell, Bill Saegert; Callie Prather, Madeline & Natalie Smith, Maddy Penland, Lauren Brown**Altar Guild:** Cindy Wilks, Dee Smith; Barb Petry**Tellers:** Julia Neeley, Barb Haskins**Flowers:** Marge Robison, in celebration of her daughter Mary's and granddaughter Alexia's birthdays.**APRIL 20, 2014****Easter Sunday****Color: Gold****Presiding Minister:** Pastor Skip Wachsmann**Assisting Minister:** Rex Schroeder**Lector:** Mindy Penland**Communion Assistant:** Shari Lagerstrom**Acolyte:** Bryce Sheehan**Media Assistant:** Alan Breyer; Lloyd Haskins**Ushers:** Doug Caldwell, Bill Saegert; Horace & Nell Pennington, Robert & Linda Lane**Altar Guild:** Lyn Caldwell, Jim Tarsi; Kori Weston**Tellers:** Julia Neeley, Barb Haskins**Flowers:** Easter Lilies**APRIL 27, 2014****Second Sunday of Easter****Color: White****Presiding Minister:** Pastor Skip Wachsmann**Assisting Minister:** Marilee Parsons**Lector:** Dick Fink**Communion Assistant:** Mike Kamensky**Acolyte:** Kady West**Media Assistant:** Dee Smith; Connor Sheehan**Ushers:** Doug Caldwell, Bill Saegert; Horace & Nell Pennington, Robert & Linda Lane**Altar Guild:** Barbara Snook; Tim & Diane Smith**Tellers:** Julia Neeley, Barb Haskins**Flowers:** Dick Fink

# April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>10:30am</b> Kindred Sisters  <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>11:30am</b> Morning Service <b>6:00pm</b> Pre-Service Meal <b>7:00pm</b> Evening Service <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>     <b>7:00pm</b> Finance Ministry Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>8:15</b> Early Service <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Late Service <b>12:00</b> Evangelism Ministry Meeting <b>5:00</b> Emmanuel Indian Fellowship Gathering	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>     <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>9</b> <b>11:30am</b> Morning Service <b>6:00pm</b> Pre-Service Meal <b>7:00pm</b> Evening Service <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>     <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:00am</b> Church Work Day
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:15</b> Early Service <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Late Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>     <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>16</b>     <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>17 Maundy Thursday</b>     <b>7:00pm</b> Seder Service (RSVP Required)	<b>18 Good Friday</b>  <b>7:00am</b> Prayer Vigil  <b>7:00pm</b> Evening Service: Cantata	<b>19</b>
<b>20 EASTER</b> <b>8:15</b> Early Service <b>9:30</b> Easter Egg Hunt / Brunch <b>10:45</b> Late Service  <b>5:00</b> Emmanuel Indian Fellowship Gathering	<b>21</b>    <b>6:30pm</b> TIFA Meeting	<b>22</b>  <b>6:00pm</b> Davis Spring Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>10:00am</b> Bible Study   <b>6:30pm</b> Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7:00am</b> Scouts STEM Day <b>7:30am</b> Annual BBQ & Bake Sale
<b>27</b> <b>8:15</b> Early Service <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Late Service <b>12:00</b> Member Info <b>12:00</b> Missional River Cottage Meeting <b>1:30</b> Choir Caroling	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>    <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>10:00am</b> Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Confirmation <b>6:45pm</b> Bells Rehearsal <b>7:45pm</b> Choir Rehearsal			