



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



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April 21, 2024

10:30 AM

Mon	Apr 22	No Quilt Class in April
Tue	Apr 23	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga -CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-Criswell Hall, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room.
Wed	Apr 24	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Morning - CH, Mary-Martha-Esther Circle-McMillen Room.
Thu	Apr 25	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 4:30 PM Communications-L, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
Fri	Apr 26	11:00 AM Nominations-Pastor's Study.
Sat	Apr 27	9:30-11:30 AM All-Church Workday
Sun	Apr 28	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.

Abbreviation Legend

- CH--Criswell Hall
- S--Sanctuary
- K--Kitchen
- L--Library---
Room #123
- MMR--McMillen
Room #113
- PS--Pastor's Study
- HR--Handbell
Room #115

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
---Psalm 23:6

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* Silesian folk melody/arr. Melody Bober

HANDBELL INTROIT *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Tyleen Stults

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Good Shepherd is calling.
We come, abiding in love.
The Shepherd of Love is calling.
We come, living in faith.
The Shepherd of Life is calling.
We hear, trusting in God's word.

*OPENING HYMN *My Hope is Built* No. 368

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Shepherd of love,
we yearn to sense your loving mercy.
Walk with us beside your waters of life.
Help us see the goodness of this world all around us.
Teach us your language of love and grace,
as you dance with us in the light of your love. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Shepherd Me, O God* TFWS #2058
Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Choral Response *Shepherd Me, O God* TFWS #2058



Sat Apr 27 All-Church Workday 9:30-11:30 AM. Looking for volunteers young & old for small jobs around the church. **Sign up in the Narthex!** A productive day of working together--is noon pizza a rumor?



Sun Apr 28 Children's Center Sunday. There will be a children's art show and they will sing at the **10:30 AM** church service. The Children's Center is also hosting the hospitality time following the service.

Sun Apr 28 3 PM County Band Concert Held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 959 Valley Rd, AG. Leonard Lutz, our handbell director, is also director of the County Band.



Sun Apr 28 MOVIE NIGHT in Criswell Hall at 4:00 PM, featuring Oscar nominee, "NYAD" Free movie and popcorn. Sign up at Connections.

Sun May 5 United Methodist Men Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar after 2nd service. Eat in or take out. Taco bar, rice and beans for \$10 per person. Tickets now available.



Sat May 11 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
The United Women in Faith (UWF) is presenting a

Ladies Luncheon

which will be a salad luncheon with special entertainment already lined up! This is an event the ladies will not want to miss. Cost is \$10 per person.

Wed May 15 Deadline for applications for the 2024 ELT Scholarships. Apply online at www.worshipweekly.com or church office.



Sat Jun 1 Sweet Springs Nature Walk (Los Osos) and Lunch. Leave the church at 9:30 for 10 AM walk. Sign up at Connections.

Sat Jun 22 We have an invitation to visit the home and garden of member Scott Trees. Mark your calendar and watch for more information. Sign up at Connections.

Today's Scripture

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Easter Song* Annie Herring, arr. Leonard G. Lutz

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24

HYMN *(remain seated)* *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* No. 136

SERMON WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
Beyond Fear

OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Charles Stanford/arr. Mark Hayes
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CLOSING HYMN *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* No. 129

*BENEDICTION
God, our Shepherd, leads us forth.
The One who gives us everything we need leads us on steady paths and righteous roads.
Surely the goodness and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ will guide us and follow us on every journey we face.
And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

RESPONSE *He Leadeth Me (refrain)* No. 128
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

POSTLUDE *In Him We Live* Norman Lester

*Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt
Handbell Director, Leonard Lutz with the Grande Ringers

ACTS 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Today's Liturgist: Roz Clauson

1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
03/24	39	60	99	31	120	\$6,969
03/31	42	95	137	43	180	\$3,294
04/07	38	61	99	36	135	\$12,356
04/14	35	62	97	14	111	\$ 2,795
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$269,107 Budgeted \$240,398 Easter Received \$5,325 Easter Budgeted \$5,000 Native American Sunday Received \$132						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

COMMUNICATIONS

Next Sunday,
April 28
Children's Center