

News & Announcements

- > **Special thanks to the Biblical Storytelling Team** (Maarten Pereboom, Ryder Yackel, Donna Parks, Jim Cockey, Sharon Walsh, Julie Crabill, Pam Dedicatoria, Carrie Connelly, Dean Dedicatoria, Howard Doak, Rachel Shedaker, Linda Torbert and team leader Amy Isaacs) for sharing their time and talent with us during Palm Sunday services.

- > **Hey, St. Alban's members!** Can you help us identify which of the webbed weave chairs need to go? We're looking to get rid of chairs that are broken or wobbly or cracked or overly saggy or otherwise bad. We will have segments of yarn available on the table behind the lectern. If you find a seat you'd like NOT to sit in, simply grab a piece of yarn and tie it through one of the holes. And that's it. You're done. Thanks in advance for getting "behind" this initiative.

- > **Maundy Thursday** is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter, April 2, to remember Jesus' last meal with his friends and the love they shared. Prior to the service, we will gather in the parish hall for an agape meal at 6 pm. The traditional agape meal is a simple fare of grapes, cheeses, nuts, dried fruit, olives, pita bread and humus, bread, wine, and juice. A signup sheet is located in the breezeway if you wish to participate. Faith Lutheran will join us for the meal and the service. We will then move into the sanctuary for the celebration of the Last Supper and foot washing. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar and leaving in silence.

- > **Good Friday, April 3** - Join us for worship at noon with Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcom or at 5:30 p.m. for an opportunity to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. If you wish to reflect on the messages of the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, you may also come during the week from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Come, sit in the nave, and reflect on the images or you may use the booklet found on the small table by the doors in the office hallway.

- > **The Great Vigil of Easter**, Saturday, April 4, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. will be hosted by Faith Lutheran, 1416 Old Ocean City Road and led by Pastor Jonathan Moyers. The Easter Vigil is one of the most exciting moments in the church year! We begin on the front lawn as the new fire is blessed, representing the light of the Resurrection breaking into the darkness. From that fire, the Paschal Candle is lit. An ancient hymn/prayer of praise for this night is sung once the people move inside. The Resurrection Gospel is read, our baptismal vows are renewed, and we celebrate Holy Communion. It is this night that breaks the agony of Holy Thursday and the misery of Good Friday and Christ into our midst!

- > **Blessing of the Bread** - You may bring the bread that you will serve at your Easter meal to be blessed on Easter Sunday, April 5. There will be a table where you can place your loaves of bread or rolls. Please place your name on your bread.

- > **The Lunch Bunch** - Join us on Saturday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Green Hill Country Club, 5471 Whitehaven Road in Quantico, for a great lunch and even better fellowship! If you would like to carpool, be at the church before 12 noon. There is still a sign up sheet on the table in the breezeway OR you can RSVP using the following link before Wednesday, April 8 with the names of those who are attending - [Lunch Bunch Invitation - Google Forms](#). We look forward to seeing you then!

> **Young Adults in Global Mission in Cambodia!** *Hannah Kurtz*, a missionary with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serving as the YAGM Country Coordinator for Cambodia, will present information about the YAGM program during a worship service on Saturday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1416 Old Ocean City Road, between West Fairfield Drive and East Fairfield Drive. Park along the buildings in the grass. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Turnamian at 410-430-0383.

> **The 2026 St. Philip's Guest Lecture Series** at the parish hall at St. Philip's Episcopal Church (6457 Quantico Road, Quantico, MD 21856) is a community outreach program, free to the public. The first session will take place on Monday, April 13. Need some balance in your step? Come to "Musical Chair" with Dorothy 'Dottie' Lecates for music and motion. No pushups, no sit ups, just rhythm and rhyme to improve your mobility. Activities are based on MPTV's "Sit to Fit" with Mary Ann Wilson, nurse and fitness instructor. Bring a tennis ball! Light afternoon refreshments are included. Please register if you plan to attend at ewallingford2004@yahoo.com using GLS in the subject line or call 410-742-1837.

> **Nickels for Nachos** - We are almost out of containers, so please check the basket in the breezeway. Have you filled yours? There is a sign-up sheet on the table on the breezeway if you plan to stay after church on Sunday, April 20 to count money, roll coins and sidle up to the nacho bar.

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, April 1

> **Passover begins**

Thursday, April 2

> **6:00 p.m. Agape Meal - Parish Hall**
7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service with foot washing - Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm / Maundy Thursday service with foot washing at Faith Lutheran

Friday, April 3

> **Good Friday**
> noon - Good Friday service - Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm
> 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
> **Service at Faith Lutheran at 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, April 4

> **The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Faith Lutheran, Rev. Jonathan Moyers (see announcement)**

Sunday, April 5

> **Easter - He Is Risen!**
> 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm
LECTOR: Judy Gracey
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan Caton
VESTRY PERSON: Germaine Marshall
ACOLYTE: Toby Porter
TECH TEAM: Chuck Porter
> 9:00 a.m. - **NO Christian Formation class**
> 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Canon Charles Osberger
PARISH MUSICIAN: Veronica Tomanek
LECTORS: Brian Raygor, Arlene White
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Carrie Connelly
VESTRY PERSON: Walt West

ACOLYTE: Maggie O'Grady
ALTAR GUILD: Altar Guild Team
TECH TEAM: Brian Raygor
GREETERS/USHERS: Jani & Jim Gottschalk
COFFEE HOUR: Dee Rinehart
> Service at Faith Lutheran at 11:30 a.m. - Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm



CELEBRATIONS!!!

Mary Doak - April 1
Nancy Linck - April 2
Vic Evans - April 3



Audrey & Vernon Rivers - April 5

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