Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Bulletin Key

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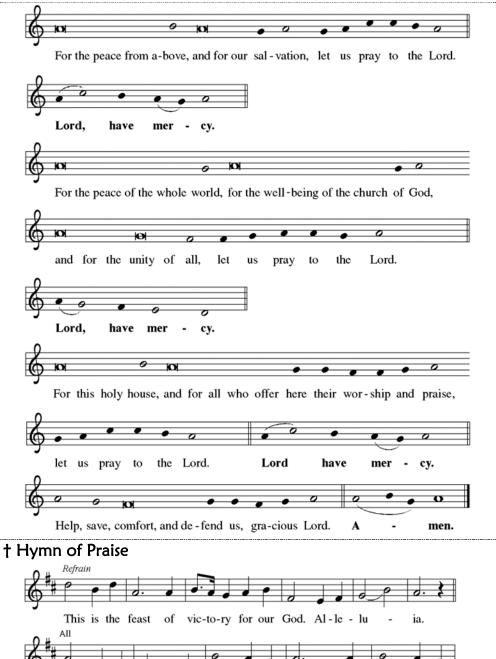
† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

Third Sunday of Easter

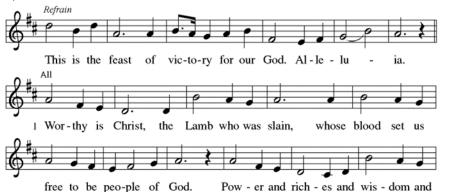
The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

	Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
	Prelude
	Welcome
In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.	† Thanksgiving for Baptism
	Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
	Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God,
	the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.
	Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
	We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.
	The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the Red Sea into freedom's land.
	At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
	By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
	freeing us to live as Easter people.
	We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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	now and forever. Amen.
	† Gathering Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide (ELW 391)
	1 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
	Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.
	2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. <i>Refrain</i>
	3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. <i>Refrain</i> Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934
The assembly and presiding minister greet one another. (scriptural reference: 2 Corinthians)	† Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.
Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."	The peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Along with the return of the Alleluia, the Hymn of Praise returns on Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the resurrection.





The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

The Season of Easter features stories from the Book of Acts following the news of Christ's

† Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

To put this reading into context:

resurrection and the development of the early church.

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

Hear now the reading.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4:1, 3, 5-8



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful; the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices, and put your trust | in the LORD.

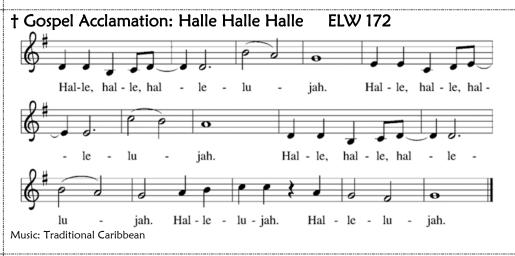
⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us | any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart, more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.



Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

To put this gospel reading into context:

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Children grade 1 and younger are invited to step out with one of our Sunday School teachers to join the "learn and grow in faith" class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace. Sunday School classes for all children (nursery school – grade 6) meet after worship.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for Reflection. Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:

When have you witnessed God's action in your life or in the life of the world (God moments)? Have you ever shared those "God moments" with others? How about with people who are not your family or church family? How might you to expand your witness of what God has done and continues to do through the Risen Christ?

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† Hymn of the Day: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 647)

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone.

teaching people to live to bless,	
love in word and in deed express.	Refrain

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! Refrain

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As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive. emphasizing our own

Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:

participation.

- + The Church + Creation
- + Nations and leaders
- +Those in need
- + This faith community + The great

with God

cloud of witnesses/those now resting

† Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to generously share all that we have. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. Be especially with the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Haiti. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. We pray especially for family & friends of Diane, Helen, Carl, Pam, Joe, Tanya, Tim, Joe, Frank & Vicki, Gary, family & friends of Nancy, Willie, Char, Susan, Rich, Gus & Michele, Jeanette, Archer, Ruth, Steve, Dick, Kristina, Sandy, Jeanette, Khams & his people and family in Manipur, India... & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, receive our prayer

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God

of grace, receive our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. Amen.

A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another

and share it

† Passing of the Peace

And also with you.

The Peace of Christ be with you always

The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.

together.

God entrusts us
with everything
we have. Our
offering is one
way we give
thanks to God

and support the

ministry of the

church

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering
God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and

your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving today by using the QR code to the right or at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support

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† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1

The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for

God's blessings.

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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† Offering Prayer

Risen One.

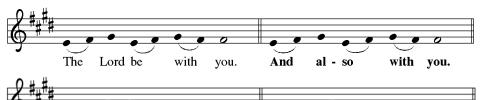
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

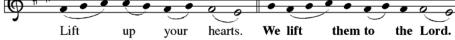
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

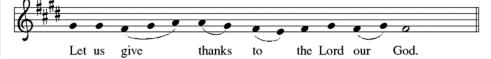
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

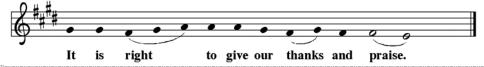
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving









† Preface

† Sanctus

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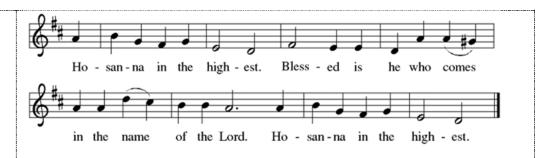
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† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

† Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

† Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.

Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or

for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.

When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.

Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.

Communion Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)

- As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Communion Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW 729)

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat,

	and never live before they die. 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
	4 For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
	We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.
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	† Post-Communion Table Blessing
	May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.
	The Sending
	God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
	† Blessing
	Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
	The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. Amen.
Through the	† Sending Hymn: Christ has Arisen, Alleluia (ELW 364). v. 1, 2, 3, 4
sending hymn we are sent out	1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.

into the world to follow Jesus.	Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.
	Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!
	2 For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed. He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show. Refrain
	3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the graveclothes are lying there." <i>Refrain</i>
	4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." <i>Refrain</i>
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The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: fed, nourished, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!	† Dismissal
	Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
	Postlude

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You are warmly invited to gather upstairs in the <u>kitchen</u> for coffee fellowship and the <u>lounge</u> for our special RIC discussion event!

Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Sean Lanter	Reader: Jennifer Krankowski	
Ushers: Sharon Hollowell, Bill Fink, &	Counters: Becky Williamson & Bill Fink	
Darlene Wahl		
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Acolyte: Ryan Williamson	
Cantor: Brenna Connor		



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Apr 14, 2024

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Family & friends of Diane Alusheff, Helen Andrews, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Tanya Calcote, Tim Chiang, Joe Forshey, Joe Gray, Frank & Vicki, Gary Kaiser, family & friends of Nancy Koch, Willie Lee, Char Mattson, Susan Omerod, Archer Oster, Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Gus & Michele Robles, Dick Schluep, Kristina Seeley, Sandy Towberman, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, India, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, & Haiti.

For those celebrating their birthdays: Kirsten Reading (4/16) & TJ Lanter (4/19).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism: Edith Young (4/17).

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Amanda Inman.

Reconciling in Christ "Cottage Mtng" (Small Group Discussion) TODAY after worship.

The RIC process asks the RIC team to host one-on-one conversations with as many people as possible in the congregation as a part of the RIC journey. Because Good Soil's support of RIC is so widespread already, our RIC team is hosting 2 "small group" discussion events (4/14 and 5/19) for anyone who'd like to do their conversation in a group setting rather than one-on-one with an RIC team member. Then after May 19th, the RIC team will figure out who did *not* attend either small group opportunity and reach out to those folks for a one-on-one conversation. Light breakfast items and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there! More info at reconcilingworks.org

The annual Secret Sisters Tea is TODAY at 2:30 at Good Soil. At this time the names of the prior year's sisters are revealed. Further the next year's secret sister will be drawn. The Secret Sisters is a group of women in the church who remember their sister in special ways during the year. They pray for, send an occasional card and sometimes give a small gift, such as at a birthday. The year ends at the afternoon tea. All Women are welcome to

participate, or just come to the tea and see what it is all about. If you have one, you are invited to bring your own teacup, but if you don't there are extras available.

Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. <u>Please note</u>: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up



for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed! - Please consider volunteering to host and/or



provide healthy snacks or baked goods. Volunteers can sign-up using the Ministry Scheduler Pro platform, the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the Lounge, or by contacting the church office. Coffee volunteers aren't expected to provide snacks or baked goods but can if they would like. Anyone can donate ready to serve healthy snacks or baked

goods. Please use the sign-up sheet in the hallway or the QR code to the left.

Newsletter- Want to keep up with the latest Good Soil news or share the enews with a friend? Sign up for or share our newsletter *Seeds* with this QR code to the right or this URL: https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp



Calendar of Events				
Date	Event	Time		
Sun, Apr 14	In-Person and Livestream Worship and	9:30 am		
	Kickoff to "Paving the Way!" Parking Lot Campaign			
	RIC Discussion event: One-on-One's with Small Groups	11:00 am		
	Secret Sister Tea	2:30 pm		
Tue, Apr 16	Council Meeting	7:45 pm		
Sun, Apr 21	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am		
Sun, Apr 28	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am		
Tue, Apr 30	In-Person RIC Bible Study on "Clobber Passages"	7:00 pm		
Sat, May 4	Confirmation Class @ Bethesda	5:45 pm		
Sun, May 5	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am		
	RIC Bible Study on "Clobber Passages" (via Zoom)	12:30 pm		