



THE LESSER WORD

Spring 2019

The people of Church of Our Savior are committed to developing a deeper relationship with God and to reaching out to each other, the community, and the world through scripture, tradition, and reason.

From the Interim Pastor . . .

April, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ -

Things done and left undone ... it is a phrase that has run through my head since the first years of my involvement with the Episcopal Church. *Things done and left undone* ... it is the core idea contained in the corporate prayer of confession in the *Book of Common Prayer* ... *we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone*. It is an acknowledgement that there are times when we knowingly or intentionally behave in ways that hurt God or hurt our neighbor. Equally important is the idea that there are times when we fail to think or act in ways that further our baptismal promises or promote the work of God's mission.

While I am generally able to acknowledge times when I consciously violate the teachings of Christ, I find I am far more likely to spend time thinking about those things that have been *left undone*. It seems that they are ever before me. It bothers me when I fail to speak up for others, neglect to offer words of encouragement, or disregard the concerns of other people because their thinking is different from my own. Am I not called to work for justice and peace, treat everyone with dignity and respect, and take the time to assist those in need? At the close of each day, when I purposefully pause

to consider the events and interactions that have taken place, I pray that the next time I am confronted with such need I will remember how much things *left undone* bother me. After all, I suspect it is God whispering in my ear.

Acknowledging the ways in which we fall short of the life God would have us live is not something to take lightly. At the same time, our confession is not merely an act of hurried contrition. Rather, confession is a path we pursue to consciously acknowledge the baptismal promises we have ignored or neglected. As the days of Holy Week and Eastertide draw near the sacred stories of our faith will remind us once again that the waters of baptism refresh and renew, the resurrection of Christ contains the promise of new life, and the eucharistic meal that both sustains and transforms is meant for all. These are words that bring hope to the troubled soul and encourage People of God to shift their attention from things of the past to the renewed life we seek to discover and live.

Shalom -
Pastor Mary+



The Good Friday Offering

It has become a tradition in The Episcopal Church to designate the Good Friday Offering for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. We do so, in the words of our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, “because we walk the walk of Christ when we walk in solidarity with the Christians of the Middle East, who keep the faith in the very land Jesus called home. We walk the walk of Christ when we advocate for the voices of those who work fearlessly for peace in the midst of unremitting violence. We walk the walk of Christ when we support ministries of healing, education, pastoral care, and interfaith cooperation rooted in a deep desire for a future full of reconciliation and hope.” Consider giving generously to this important ministry in our church. Thanks!

From the Senior Warden . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you read this, I am hoping that we are finally getting some Spring weather!

We are continuing our quiet, reflective season of Lent, as we strive to deepen the connections to our faith. We also look forward with hope and anticipation to the celebration of the resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus!

Speaking of hope and faith, I had a conversation with a friend the other day, whose son recently died. He was hoping that in time, the intense grief, and despair he and his family are experiencing, will get better over time. Having experienced the death of my son almost 20 years ago, I was able to assure him that the huge, painful, gaping hole in their hearts would somewhat heal over time. Although the feeling of loss will always be present, they will be able to remember their son with joy and happy memories as time passes.

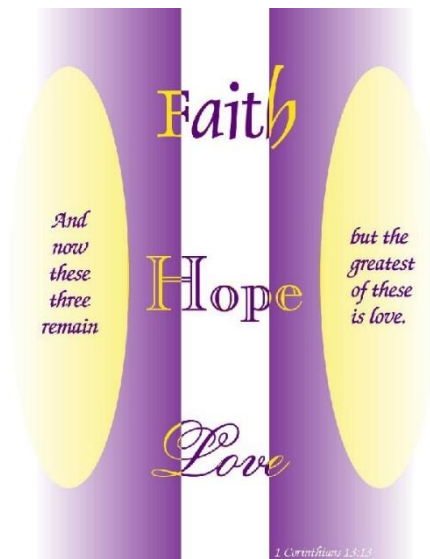
We both agreed without faith, surviving difficult times such as these, would be impossible. We look forward with hope and anticipation that we will be reunited with our children someday! We also have the hope, faith and assurance that we will meet our Lord one day, as well!

“Hope is being able to see that there is light in spite of the darkness.” Desmond Tutu

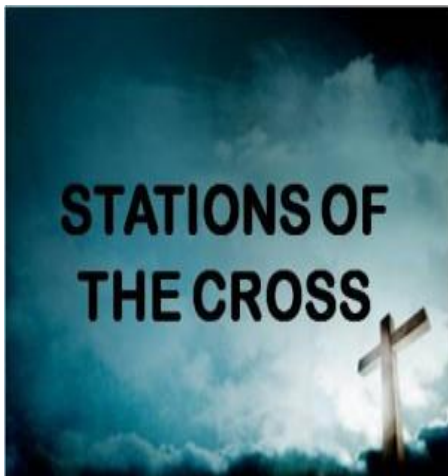
“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

Saint Augustine

Blessings,
Chris Vieyra



Stations of the Cross



The last Friday to attend ***Stations of the Cross*** is April 19. Join us as we gather at noon in the church to pray the ***Stations of the Cross***. The Stations of the Cross offers us the opportunity to walk with Christ through his passion, death, and burial using scripture passages and prayers. This is an interactive prayer discipline. One can either actively join in the prayers and scripture at each station, or one can simply walk along in contemplation and prayer. This year, after the Stations of the Cross, you are invited to the library for a bowl of soup, bread, conversation, and prayer. Please join us.

EASTER LILIES

Easter Sunday is April 21. Lilies to decorate the church for Easter may be ordered by Sunday, **April 14**. They are \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to the church and taken to the church office along with information for the Easter bulletin, or contact Susan Fry at 532-8160.



Downtown Community Meal

Volunteers from Church of Our Savior are needed to help with the meal, particularly for the serving / clean-up shift from 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Church of Our Savior** serves on the 1st, 4th, and 5th Wednesday of the month. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway by the Fireside Room. Also, if you are interested in supporting this ministry in another way, food donations are always welcome. Talk to Shari Shore for more details, and thanks!



Palm / Passion Sunday (April 14) 9:30 AM ***The Holy Eucharist***

Procession and Passion Narrative with Parts

Wednesday (April 17) 12:00 PM ***Rosary*** in the St. George Chapel

Maundy Thursday (April 18) 7:00 PM ***The Holy Eucharist***

with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

8:15 PM ***Gethsemane Watch*** begins in the St. George Chapel

Good Friday (April 19) 8:00 AM ***Gethsemane Watch*** Concludes

with ***Morning Prayer*** in the St. George Chapel

12:00 PM ***Stations of the Cross*** (NO Soup)

7:00 PM ***Liturgy of Good Friday***

Communion from the Reserve Sacrament

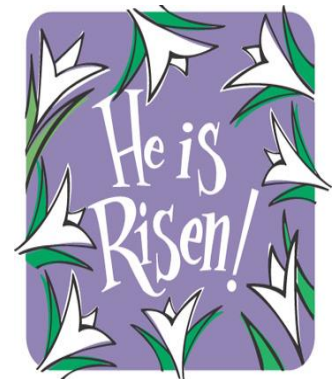
Holy Saturday (April 20) 12:00 PM ***Service of Holy Saturday***

in the St. George Chapel

7:00 PM ***The Great Vigil of Easter***

Easter Day (April 21) 9:30 AM ***The Holy Eucharist*** with GREAT JOY!!

11:00 AM Easter Brunch in the Fireside Room





BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL: 4/8 Brad Stickelman; 4/16 Liz Fletcher; 4/20 Karla Axford, Joseph Eller; 4/24 Lloyd Synovec; 4/25 Chris Vieyra; 4/27 Rebecca Lindley

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL: 4/22 Amy and Howard Waples

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY: 5/2 John Huebner; 5/6 Connie Edwards; 5/12 John Striebel; 5/19 Austin Axford; 5/20

Holland Cooper, Aardel Walters; 5/21 Colton Nisley; 5/22 Ryan Farley; 5/24 Dan Wright; 5/25 Brandon Eller

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY: None

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE: 6/1 Dan Brown, Jeff Fisher; 6/2 Julie Rohr; 6/7 Don Yoshida; 6/18 Elleigh Fisher; 6/19 Marcia Mapes; 6/20 Stephanie Eller; 6/22 Mark Blackburn; 6/28 Jon Hermelbracht, David Lindley; 6/29 Bernice Sakurai

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH: 6/4 Becky and Jerry Hohnbaum

At its last meeting, the Vestry elected to give half of the 2019 Easter Offering to the Nebraska Flood Relief through the Diocese of Nebraska and half to the General Fund of Church of Our Savior. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Prayer Requests for:

- Comfort and healing for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit
- For all those who have been affected by natural disaster, especially the occurrences of inclement weather throughout the state
- Church of Our Savior as we discern who God is calling us to be
- For the safe travel of all, especially Pastor Mary Hendricks, our Interim Pastor



April 2019 Calendar

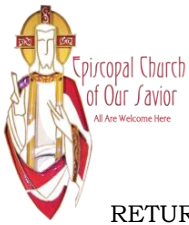
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Girl Scouts	2 9:00 Morning Pr. 10:00 WW 11:15 Pr. Min 12:00 B. Study 5:30 WW 7:00 G-12	3 9:00 Morning Pr. 12:00 Rosary 4:00 Catechesis 5:30 Downtown Community Meal	4 9:00 Morning Pr. 5:30 The Holy Eucharist with Healing 6:15 Altar Guild 6:30 DOK	5 9 M Prayer 9:30 Staff Mtg 12:00 Stations of the Cross 1:45 Music	6
7 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 The Holy Eucharist 2:00 Prayer Shawl	8 5:30 Girl Scouts	9 9:00 Morning Pr. 10:00 WW 12:00 B. Study 5:30 WW 6:00 Men's Grp Women's Group 7:00 G-12	10 9:00 Morning Pr. 12:00 Rosary 4:00 Catechesis 5:30 Downtown Community Meal	11 9:00 Morning Pr. 4:45 Finance Mtg 5:30 The Holy Eucharist with Healing 6:00 Vestry	12 9:00 M. Pr. 12:00 Stations of the Cross	13 
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 The Holy Eucharist 2:00 Stamp Club	15 5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Prayer Shawl	16 9:00 Morning Pr. 10:00 WW 11:15 Pr. Min 12:00 B. Study 5:30 WW 7:00 G-12	17 9:00 Morning Pr. 12:00 Rosary 4:00 Catechesis 5:30 Downtown Community Meal	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 9:00 Morning Pr. 7:00 The Holy Eucharist 8:15 Gethsemane Watch	19 <i>Good Friday</i> 8:00 M. Pr. 12:00 Stations of the Cross 7:00 Good Friday Liturgy	20 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 12:00 Holy Saturday 7:00 PM Easter Vigil
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:30 The Holy Eucharist 11:00 Easter Brunch	22 5:30 Girl Scouts	23 9:00 Morning Pr. 10:00 WW 12:00 B. Study 5:30 WW 7:00 G-12	24 9:00 Morning Pr. 12:00 Rosary 4:00 Catechesis 5:30 Downtown Community Meal	25 9:00 Morning Pr. 5:30 The Holy Eucharist with Healing	26 9:00 Morning Pr.	27
28 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 The Holy Eucharist 11:00 Healing Minister Mtg	29 5:30 Girl Scouts	30 9:00 Morning Pr. 10:00 WW 11:15 Pr. Min 12:00 B. Study 5:30 WW 7:00 G-12				



April 2019 Ministry Schedule

	Sunday April 7	Sunday April 14	Sunday April 21	Sunday April 28
Acolytes	Henry Cline Marcia Mapes Stephanie Eller	Chris Vieyra Elleigh Fisher Janine Stickelman	DaNelle Nisley Henry Cline Pam Wright	Elleigh Fisher Marcia Mapes Ryan Farley
Lector & Intercessor	Brian Gardner	Skip Altig	Chris Vieyra	
Element Bearers & Coffee Hosts		David Lindley Carolyn Cline	Easter Brunch	Pam and Dan Wright
Chalice Bearers	Marcia Mapes	Skip Altig	Pam Wright Chris Vieyra	
Greeters/ Ushers	David Lindley Skip Altig	Scott Brady John Striebel	Rob Evans John Huebner	Jon Farley Dan Wright
Altar Guild	Marcia Mapes Brian Gardner	Marcia Mapes Brian Gardner	Nicki Evans Terry Martin Janine Stickelman	Nicki Evans Terry Martin Janine Stickelman
Healing Minister	Shari Shore	Kathy Stevens	Marcia Mapes	Chris Vieyra
Tellers	M. L. Martin Connie Edwards	M. L. Martin Connie Edwards	M. L. Martin Connie Edwards	M. L. Martin Connie Edwards

If you can help, PLEASE sign up on the sheets outside the Fireside Room.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Leadership:

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker
Interim Pastor: Rev'd Dr. Mary D. Hendricks
Senior Warden: Chris Vieyra 532-5851
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Treasurer: Susan Lore

Parish Staff:

Administrative Assistant: Marcia Mapes
Parish Musicians: Carolyn Cline
Chrysanne Bailey
Sexton: Sam Domingus

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Weekly Liturgies:

Sundays:

The Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM

Thursdays:

The Holy Eucharist with Healing
5:30 PM - Chapel

Weekly Contemplative Prayer:

Tuesday – Friday:

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM - Chapel

Wednesdays:

Rosary, 12:00 PM - Chapel

Vestry Members:

Toni Dale	308 534-2186
Janice Roth	402 440-6307
Lois Vargas	308 539-0714
Howard Waples	308 368-7432
John Huebner	308 368-7422
M. L. Martin	308 534-2017