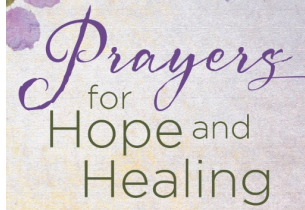


The Trinity Trumpet

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- Holly McEldowney—Cancer
- Kenny Hesler—General health
- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Amber
- Gracee
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Jody Hesler—Safety
- Jayne Connair—Cancer free
- Brian Connair—Headaches & throat issue
- Bev Zimmer—Health
- Mike Gray—Healing
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Tyler Morris—Paralyzed from auto accident
- Mary Piel—Health
- Patti Troutwine—Recovery at home
- Mary Lou Lewis—Breast cancer
- Mike Goodwin—Cancer
- Jim Brown—Health
- Chris Mumaw—Cancer remission
- Grayson Naff—Batten, Rare childhood disease
- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Katherine Jump—Health
- Scott Troutwine—Cancer
- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing

Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Israel fighting
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Kidney function
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Jeff Sebring—Health
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Marge Warner—Healing
- Jim Tappen—Cancer
- Linda Darlage—Surgery
- Brixton—Health
- Bob Harter—Health
- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen—Sinus/Asthma
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Jerry E—Health
- Anders Family
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Shirley Hensel—Cancer returned
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Niki Angles—Strength
- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Brooke Bergman—Car accident
- Sam Porter—Healing
- Sidney Brown—Head injury
- Erick Pelfrey—Knee Surgery
- Miller Weiss—Surgery recovery
- Kelly Fourman—Cancer
- Julie Bourne—Health
- Joanne Carter
- Cory Hocker—Cancer
- Nancy Longo—Heart surgery
- Sophie
- Stephen Angles—Headaches
- Eric Warner—Health
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- California Wildfire Victims
- Jason Schenk—Cancer
- Neil Crawford—Fall
- Glenda Case—Chest pain
- Linda Emerick—Heart surgery
- Lydia Troutwine—Cancer
- Larry Wilson—Heart
- Linda Feitsans—Pneumonia
- Bob—Inoperative brain tumor
- Ross Zimmer—Back surgery
- Phyllis B—Healing
- Eldon Weber—Kidneys
- Julie Kossler—Sinus surgery
- Bev Erdmann—Cataract surgery
- Ruby Boord—Lung cancer
- Devon Eley—Back surgery
- Lee Crowell

Our sympathy
to the family of
Lisa Hudson

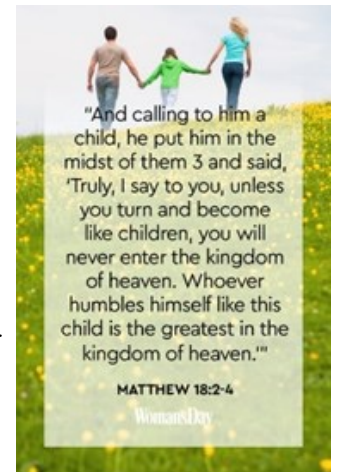
Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to trinityprayers@woh.rr.com and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL TRINITY TRUMPET IS MARCH 18th.



Turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8th. (Or you might be late for church on Sunday!!)

Youth & Family Ministry



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Youth Sunday School is aimed at pre-K through 6th grade. Marlene Dirksen is our Sunday School Coordinator. If you would like to make a positive impact on our youth- please see Marlene. I am sure she would love to have you assist with Sunday School.

Trinity Troops- (4th, 5th, and 6th graders). Our February meeting was canceled due to snow. Next meeting is tentatively set for March 30th. We will be planning for a summertime cookout.

Confirmation Class Confirmation is for those youth in 7th and 8th grade. Confirmation is currently each Sunday starting at 9am. Remember that all confirmands are encouraged to fill out the sermon notes and turn them in to the Pastor. Confirmands are also encouraged to sign up to acolyte- Be sure to sign on the acolyte calendar when you serve.

Acolyte training-Any youth who wishes to serve as an acolyte - please contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ.

Adult Sunday School Come join us for some fellowship prior to church service. Adult Sunday School is from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. We are currently using Christian Conversation cards to have meaningful discussions.

Special Sunday School offering. Greg Hickman with Lawyers Direct will be speaking at our Adult Sunday School Hour on Sunday, March 30th. Come and find out how this group can assist you in Estate planning and other legal needs.

Youth and Family Ministry Meeting- Meeting on March 13th at 9 am. Be aware that this is a different day and time from our normal meetings. A group from the Brethren Church will be attending to discuss whether we will do our Fall Fest together this year. This is an open meeting to anyone interested with our mission here at Trinity.

Vacation Bible School- Mark your calendars- July 8th and 10th 2025! The program has already been ordered- so watch for more information in the not too distant future.

Video/book club- On "Hold" during Lent.

Euchre night was a great success. I know I had fun. Lexie and Micah said it was a night to remember and cannot wait until next year's Euchre night.

Fund Raiser- Trash Bash. We have 4(2-mile stretches) to clean up. The youth will get \$100 per 2-mile stretch. The more teams that sign up the faster we will get it done! Our date will be Saturday, April 12th. Please pick up a Release of Liability for each member of your team - forms are in the back of the church. Need more information- see Marlene Dirksen.

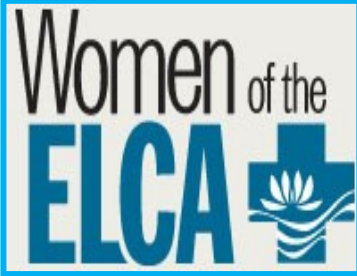
Shrove Tuesday- March 4th at 6pm. There will be pancakes and sausage. We will play some games and have craft projects. This is an intergenerational event (meaning fun for all ages).

Ash Wednesday, March 5th - Service at 7pm. Communion and imposition of ashes.

Wednesdays during Lent- March 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd and 9th at 6pm. Lenten soup supper and video Bible study. Our study will be *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. Brant will tell us that by giving up our right to be offended it will be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things we can do.



All things work together for good to them that love God. Romans 8:28
PJ Musser, (937-626-3295), Youth and Family Ministry Leader (2023-2024)



MARCH 2025

Ok, I think I am ready for some warmer weather. According to meteorological seasons, or seasons divided by weather scientists according to temperature cycles, the first day of spring is always March 1, and the last is May 31.

Astronomically speaking, the first day of spring is marked by the spring equinox, which always happens on March 19, 20 or 21. This year, the first day of spring is Thursday, March 20, and the spring season will last until the summer solstice

on Friday, June 20. I just want warmer weather- please!!!!

Did you know?

- It marks the bridge from winter to spring, symbolizing new growth and transformation.
- Animals wake up from hibernation.
- It's the time for spring celebrations and cleaning rituals.
- The spring equinox heralds the arrival of a sunnier season.
- The "Ides of March" is associated with Julius Caesar's assassination.
- March is the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and fall in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The first telephone was patented in March.

Fund Raising Activities:

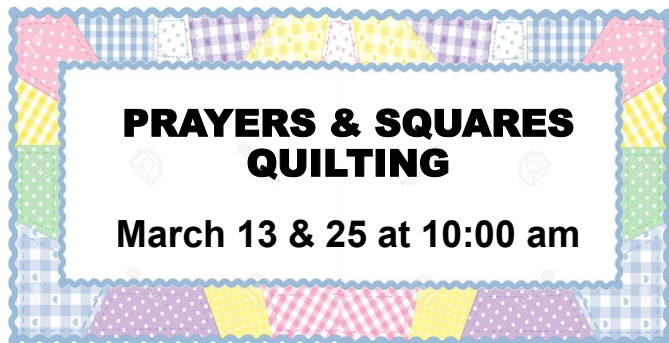
- ◇ Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia.
- ◇ Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner
- ◇ Raffle hand towels by Linda

Our next meeting is March 5th at 11:30 am. Judy Ulrich will provide snacks.

Our bible/video study will be the woman at the well- Turning our messes into messages. Lisa TerKeurst points out that the 1st four letters of the word Messiah is mess. It is almost as if Jesus, the Messiah, is the perfect fit for our mess. God knew we would have mess, and that the Messiah would come and touch our mess and out of that, would give us a message.

Come with ideas for our Mother/Daughter/Friend event. Start thinking about next year's WELCA officers.

Jesus loves you and so do I!
PJ- WELCA president at Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church 2024/2025



Ladies & Gents Luncheon

Thursday, March 20 at 11:30 am
@ Sharp's Tavern,
101 S. Main St., Palestine OH

*Please contact Linda Baker at 937-545-8410
or 937-547-0975 if you plan to attend.*

OHIO SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT

FOR YOUTH ENTERING 6th GRADE THROUGH 12th GRADE!

June 29-July 2, 2025 @ Hopewood Pines Lutheran
Memorial Camp in Marengo, Ohio.

Contact Pastor or Ms PJ for more information!



Word from Our Pastor

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. (Lk. 21:29-31)

Dear Trinity,

Grace and peace to you. As I write this, the temperature outside is 13 °F with a wind chill of 3, but I know spring is on the way. Even in the cold, when I walk the puppies, I'm starting to see buds forming on the tree branches. March can of course go either way, roaring or calmly. (I vote for calm.) March isn't just for college basketball madness. The Church begins our 40-day season of Lent starting with Ash Wednesday, which is March 5th. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Communication Table across from the church office for our fabulous soup suppers! All are welcome! This year we'll watch and discuss the video series by Brant Hansen, titled "Unoffendable".



I have always loved springtime. In college I had a class called Local Flora. We literally went out to different parks and school leased properties to identify the local plants. In the beauty of wildflowers and blooming trees, even in the forests and bogs of northeastern Ohio, I always thought springtime was God's way of reminding me there will be new life after death. Every year the trees and plants remind me of the salvation I have because of Jesus.



As we enter into the season of Lent, rather than giving something up, I suggest we try to identify those specific events, times, and places where you saw or felt the nearness of the Kingdom of God. If you noticed, for example someone allowing a disabled person to go ahead in the store checkout lane, that might be a Kingdom of God moment... A jet airliner flips over after landing on the runway and comes to a stop, upside down and not a single person lost their lives, that's a Kingdom of God moment... Perhaps yours is as simple as a feeling of peace deep inside that can only come from God. No matter if your God sighting is great or small, I think it would be interesting to write them down and see how tuned in we are to God's wavelength. So, that's going to be my thing during Lent this year -- To notice how God is working in the world around me and to write these events down. Sort of like a journal.

If anyone decides to join me, we can decide later if we want to share any of our "Kingdom" or "God" stories or just keep them private. Either way, how and where we notice God will be a fun way to honor the one who first loved us. Please check out the many events happening in the other sections of the Trumpet, in the weekly bulletins, and on our website for the upcoming Springtime Events at Trinity, including the Lenten and Holy Week schedules. Maybe by Easter the snow will melt by then... (I wonder if the bird flu affected the price of plastic candy and toy filled Easter Eggs...)

May the Lord continue to bless this community of faith. May the Lord teach us how to avoid becoming offended and how to be quick to forgive. May you have a blessed Lenten Season, amen.

In Christ's Love,

Pr Mel



Promotional video link (less than 2 minutes long) to "Unoffendable", our Wednesday evening Lenten study about how to avoid staying angry for more than a minute or two.

Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/wCaXShQdXFU>

TRINITY DART BALL TEAM — 2024-2025 TOURNAMENT 1ST PLACE CHAMPIONS!



The team will be celebrating at the Greenville Elks on March 15 at 1:30 pm. All players are invited and may bring their wives or significant others. If you will be attending, please contact Dean Thompson at 937-459-2791 so the correct reservation can be made.

Dartball Fans and Followers,

What another successful year we had. With last year's success in winning both the league and tournament, it is hard to believe we would be in a position to repeat our success. Well, we did win the tournament with not too many runs, but just enough to be successful. In the league, we actually tied with Painter Creek for third but, with a tie comes other factors which determine the position, so we fell a couple runs short and settled for 4th. It was so close at the end that we also missed first place by one game.

We were able to donate over \$40 to the Fish Food Pantry because of our 25-cent penalty for throwing our darts and missing the board.

We really do enjoy each other as well as the fellowship with many other area churches.

The team consists of the following:

Brad Harleman, Caleb Custer, Dave Warner, Dean Thompson (Poor excuse for a coach), Eldon Erdmann, Larkin Ressler, Logan Ressler, Lee Stanley, Mark Brumbaugh, Mark Coppess, Mel Musser, and Steve Kossler. We had 3 first year players with Brady and Parker Hesler and Reece Carnes. We also had an early season sub who is really under the beginning age rule, but can play if the other team agrees to it, Noah Harleman. He is the youth who will be the future of dartball at Pittsburg Trinity Lutheran Church.



St. Patrick's Day celebrates the life and death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. It has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture. The earliest recorded parade was held in 1601 in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier, were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur.

President's Perspective...

To my beloved church family,

Brrrr. What a winter we have been having so far. In the past I can remember cold and I can remember snow, but what an Ohio weather roller coaster we have had so far.

One thing that affects our purse strings is the fact that it takes more fuel oil for the furnace and pretty serious raises in the cost of electricity. You know, the same thing that affects you in your own home. Please remember this as you plan your giving. The one thing that we don't want to talk about in church is the monetary conversation, but it is better to be proactive rather than retroactive.

Remember, Spring is right around the corner-----SOMEWHERE.

His love to you all,

Dean

Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule at Trinity:

Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm

Wednesdays, March 12th through April 9th at 6:00 pm (Soup Supper & Video Bible Study Discussion)

Maunder Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th —8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, Breakfast at 9:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45



“Jesus Shares His Heart”

Sponsored by the Greater Greenville Ministerial Association and held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 131 E. Fourth St., Greenville

Wednesdays at Noon, March 5 thru April 16 followed by Lunch at 12:30 pm provided by the Brethren Retirement Community.

Good Friday, April 18 will be the “Way of the Cross” beginning at St. Mary's Church, 233 W. Third St., Greenville.

Jesus, the model of salt and light

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, “You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world.” Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means.

“The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person,” writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*.

“He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his Father, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets.”





MARCH 2025

Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.

Choking- Medical Emergency

Choking happens when an object lodges in the throat or windpipe blocking the flow of air. In adults, a piece of food is usually to blame. Young children often choke on small objects. Choking is life-threatening. It cuts off oxygen to the brain.

Give first aid as quickly as possible if you or someone else is choking.

Watch for these signs of choking:

- One or both hands clutched to the throat.
- A look of panic, shock or confusion.
- Inability to talk.
- Strained or noisy breathing.
- Squeaky sounds when trying to breathe.
- Cough, which may either be weak or forceful.
- Skin, lips and nails that change color turning blue or gray.
- Loss of consciousness.



When to seek emergency help

If a choking person can cough forcefully, let the person keep coughing. Coughing might naturally remove the stuck object.

If a person can't cough, talk, cry or laugh forcefully, give first aid to the person.



If you're the only person around, give back blows and abdominal thrusts first. Then call 911 or your local emergency number for help. If another person is there, have that person call for help while you give first aid.

If you're alone and choking, call 911 or your local emergency number right away. Then, give yourself abdominal thrusts, also called the Heimlich maneuver, to remove the stuck object.

Did you know that we have several CPR trained individuals here at Trinity? I will be placing laminated cards through out our church with names of church members who may be able to assist in cases of emergency. If I miss your name- please let me know!!!

You may or may not have seen information/advertisement about LifeVac. Our Council president had been talking with me recently about the LifeVac. The LifeVac can help if someone is choking or can be used on yourself.

I still highly recommend that everyone takes a first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class. But the LifeVac is extremely easy to use- simply place LifeVac over the mouth and nose to create a seal, then push to create a one-way suction and pull to remove the lodged food or object in seconds.



Our church now has a LifeVac. I am looking for recommendations as to where to place it!!!

In a choking emergency, every second matters. Be prepared.

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse

Thank You Notes....

Dear Trinity Family,

I want to thank you for remembering me this past Christmas. Love the poinsettia — so different and beautiful. Also the jigsaw puzzle of the church. Miss you and blessings to you for 2025.

Always,
Mary Piel



HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE & SWEETS FUND RAISING KIT
52 BARS

YOUTH ARE STILL SELLING CANDY BARS !
\$2.00 each — Wide selection!



Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we collected \$267.00 on Souper Bowl Sunday to go to the FISH Choice Food Pantry. We combined the Dartball Woody money (for those times the darts missed the board) and purchased \$308 worth of food that was delivered on February 14. Some of that was distributed that day by our volunteers.

We planned to purchase bread also, but when we went to the bakery outlet they donated 25 loaves since it was for a food bank. Thank you, Trinity!

-Bev & Eldon Erdmann



THRIVENT PRESENTATION

On February 9th, Andrea Hayworth of Thrivent joined us for breakfast and conversation regarding Thrivent opportunities for Trinity members.





March Celebrations



Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Mark Oswalt | 12 Darlene Morris | 26 Judy Howard |
| Pat Rademachir | 13 Dave Gilmore | 27 Daniel Netzley |
| 3 Brian Baker | 15 Julie Kossler | Gary Obringr |
| Debra Harleman | Riley Sagan | 28 Mary Piel |
| Marvin Fourman | Marlene Dirksen | 31 Kenneth Hesler |
| 5 Kraig Ressler | 18 Darrel Schneider | |
| 8 Dean Thompson Jr. | John Beard | |
| 9 Kerry Vanatta | Emerson Schmitmeyer | |
| 10 Dana Heckman | 19 Tracy Muhlenkamp | |
| Holly Merzke | 20 Wesley Harleman | |
| Jamey Rismiller | 24 Greg Barga | |



Anniversaries

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| 1 Wayne & Claire Wilt | 18 James & Amber Thacker |
| 3 Matthew & Sarah Erdmann | 19 Shane & Brandy Warner |
| 7 Danny & Claudette Diceanu | 28 David & Penny Wills |



Baptisms



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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Kerry Vanatta | 22 Claire Hein | 29 David Hofacker |
| Shawn Hein | Courtney Jasinski | David Netzley |
| 2 Becky Daniels | Emma Hein | Pat Rademachir |
| 7 Monica Heckman | 23 Penny Wills | 31 Jennifer Arling |
| 14 Ethan Tauscher | 26 Carolyn Blocher | |
| 18 Rita Erdmann | Trudie Arling | |
| Sara Moberly | 28 Logan Ressler | |


MARCH	
READERS	
2	Marge Warner
5 Ash Wednesday	PJ Musser
9	Eldon Erdmann
16	Linda Baker
23	Teresa Neitzelt
30	Robby Arling

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MARCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:00 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship w/Communion	3 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Game Night	4 11:30 am WELCA Meeting 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	5 6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper/Devotion	6 9:00 am Youth & Family Ministry Team Meeting 10:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting	7 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	8 <i>Remember to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before going to bed tonight!</i>
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! 9:00 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am Christian Conversations 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Video/Book Club "The Chosen"	10 St. Patrick's Day 	11 8:30 am GGMA Meeting 10:30 am GRCC Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper/Devotion	12 10:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting	13 11:30 am Ladies & Gents Luncheon @ Sharp's Tavern, 101 S. Main, Palestine	14 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	15
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE



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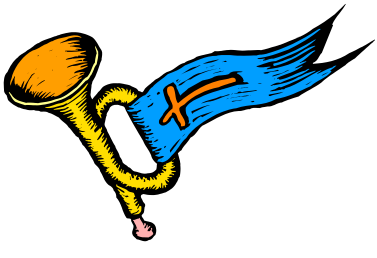
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TRINITY TRUMPET

MARCH, 2025



SAVE THE DATE

AT TRINITY

- Tuesday, March 4 @ 6 pm — Shrove "Fat" Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Wednesday, March 5 @ 7 pm — Ash Wednesday Worship
- Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9 @ 6 pm—Lenten Soup Supper & Video Bible Study Discussion
- Thursday, April 17 @ 7 pm — Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- Friday, April 18 @ 7 pm — Good Friday Worship Service
- Easter Sunday—April 20;
 - 8:00 am — Early Worship Service
 - 9:15 am — Easter Breakfast
 - 9:45 am — Easter Egg Hunt
 - 10:30 am — Late Worship Service

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