

# VOICE Newsletter

## Lenten & Holy Week Schedule

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# CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

**Midweek Lenten Schedule**  
**April 2 & 9**  
**Soup Suppers ~ 6:00 pm**  
**Worship ~ 7:00 pm**



**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13**  
**Worship Service**  
**9:30 am**



**Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch**  
**April 13**  
**After Worship**

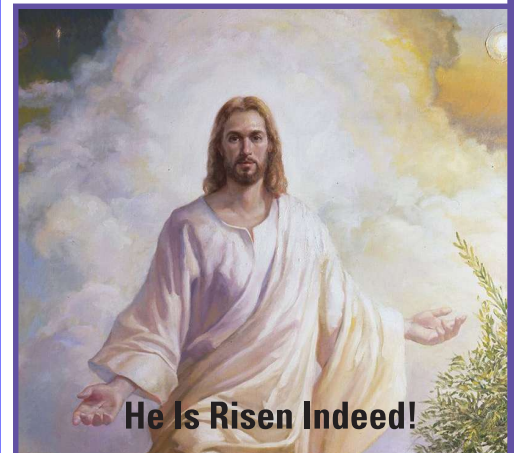


**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**April 17**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**& 2025 Choral Presentation**  
***Empty Chairs at Empty Tables***  
**7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
**April 18**  
**7:00 pm**



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 20**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**9:30 am**



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## Council President's Corner - Gretchen

Easter is on it's way—Sunday, April 20:

- Trees and flowers are blooming.
- There are many wonderful Lenten activities to participate in with the Wednesday night soup supper at 6 pm and our 7 pm Lenten service.
- You are invited to help your fellow members with spring cleaning on Saturday, April 12, from 9 am to 2 pm.

- Holy Week begins with our Palm Sunday worship service which will be followed by a Potluck Brunch for everyone to enjoy.
- Maundy Thursday service with the Choir's 2025 Choral Presentation.
- Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7 pm.

—Gretchen

# Education

## GODLY PLAY

This season of spiritual and self-reflection, prayer, and acts of service provides us all with an opportunity to journey toward a deeper relationship with God and perhaps even ourselves as we prepare for Easter.

In Godly Play® this month, the children delve into the profound concepts of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Through Godly Play's multi-sensory approach to discovery, this month's stories focus on the central events of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection. This season of introspection allows the children to reflect on their relationship with God while engaging in play, wonder, and celebration with their Godly Play® family.

My goal for Godly Play® is to carry on this beautiful program with love and support for each child and their families. I plan to continue to hold space for the children to learn, grow, and get lost in wonder.

—Warmest blessings,  
Annie



### 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS Sundays at 8:45 am in the Youth Room

- Enjoy spring break—on April 6 we will not meet.
- Class continues on April 13 with learning, discussion, service project, and treats.
- Easter April 20—9:30 worship and celebrate with our families.
- April 27 at 8:45 youth meeting and prepare for Baked Potato Bar.

Questions? Please talk to Virginia.

### EDUCATION MINISTRY WATCH (Wednesday At The Church)

Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) classes will resume at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 23,



with Pastor Benson. During April students will attend Lenten worship services. Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, April 8, at 10 am**

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 for discussion and planning our education opportunities.

### FIVE MINUTE DEVOTION

Just a reminder: At Ebenezer we are reading through the Bible one chapter at a time taking about five minutes a day.

NEW - You can now find the Bible reading schedule on the updated webpage or [www.ebenezerlakestevens.org](http://www.ebenezerlakestevens.org). Click on the date and read along with us.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-27

Our theme is "True North" and will be as much fun as last year. We need lots of help to make this

year's VBS a success or we cannot share this wonderful experience with the kids.



Our next planning meeting is on Sunday, April 27, at 10:30 am in the Youth Room. The Crew Teams and Station Teams will begin their planning.

Spread the word to all of your neighbors, family, and friends to come for a fun-filled week. Watch for registration to begin online May 1. Questions? Talk to JoAnn or Melissa.



**Springing to LIFE**

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

**What you need:**

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

**What you do:**

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

# Youth of Ebenezer Preschool

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Contacts:**  
Virginia & Andi  
**Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory**



## SILVERTIPS EVENT

Navy Appreciation Night at Everett Silvertips Hockey. On March 8, 17 youth, family, and friends were back to the ice for an exciting game watching the home team play the Prince George Cougars. Fun for all!

## YOUTH COMMITTEE (EYC) MEETING

Sunday, April 27, at 8:45 am. All are welcome!

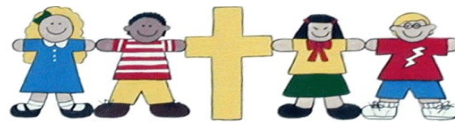
## LOADED BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER Sunday, April 27—after service

We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again! Our Loaded Baked Potato Bar is by donation this year—as you are able. Come by after service in the Fellowship Hall. Funds will go towards synod retreats, helping youth attend YOE group events, and costs to keep YOE going. The YOE thanks the congregation for their continued support.

Contact one of our group to learn more about the opportunities coming up. Watch for us in the announcements or talk to Andi, Kristin, or Virginia.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sno-King Youth Ministry Night (SKY)  
Sunday, April 6, from 6:00-7:30 pm  
Hope Church, Lake Stevens  
Call Virginia to meet there.
- Norwegian Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday, April 19, 7:30-10:30 am  
Youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades can help at the breakfast.



## WHAT'S NEW AT PRESCHOOL?

Preschool classes will continue learning the Bible lessons about how Jesus gives us new life and cares for us always. The kids will celebrate that Jesus has risen by having a Jesus Is Alive party! Then we will end with April showers bring May flowers. The themes they will cover are insects and the welcoming of springtime.

### EASTER DAY

by Evaleen Stein

Christ the Lord is risen today!  
Angels rolled the stone away  
From the tomb wherein He lay!

Little children, come and sing,  
"Glory, glory to the King,  
Christ the Lord of everything!"

## SPECIAL DATES

- Spring break, April 7-11, No School
- Trike-A-Thon Fun-raiser will be the week of April 21. Each class will have their own day and time for this fun event.

## TRICYCLES, BICYCLES, & SCOOTERS ... OUR TRIKE-A-THON FUN-RAISER

All Preschool classes will participate in this FUN-RAISER event which is a great opportunity for everyone, including Ebenezer's congregation, to make a donation to the Preschool.

Your pledges will go towards keeping our program affordable for all families, preschool materials, maintenance, and adding and replacing broken toys. Preschoolers will collect pledges from family, friends, and neighbors. Be sure to check the Preschool newsletter for your child's special date.



# Worship & Music

## FAST MINISTRY

FAST Team Wilson members will serve during the worship services in April. Team Papworth/Bauer will serve in May. Watch for your postcard in the mail during April.

## WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)

Midweek Worship will resume on April 23 from 7:00-7:30 pm. The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These services include:

- Contemplative Prayer service
- *Holden Evening Prayer* service
- *Unfailing Light* Communion service
- Festival of Hymns service

Join us to hear God's Word and receive His blessings. Holy Communion will be served at some of these services.



Welcome  
to Worship

*(continued from column 2)*

The preschoolers will start the day with a bicycle and helmet safety lesson! Then they will take laps around a track and earn a certificate with a gold medal for all their hard pedaling. If you would like to make a pledge for one of our "Ebenezer Kids," call the Preschool office at 425-397-6374 or send an email to [preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org).

Thank you for supporting the Preschool.

## FALL 2025 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

A few spots are still open. Help spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors that you know of a caring, fun, creative, and supportive preschool program they should check out. To schedule a tour and to receive registration information, email [preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org).



Enroll now for  
preschool



# Events Page

## ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 5



The Endowment Board is pleased to be able to continue the tradition of providing scholarships

for Ebenezer students continuing their education. High school graduates continuing their education in college will receive \$2,000 toward their future education. A student continuing their education in college will receive \$1,500.

Application forms are available in the Narthex at Ebenezer or online at <https://ebenezerlakestevens.org>. We ask that completed applications be returned to the church office by May 5. The Board will meet on Monday, May 12, to go over all returned applications.

Questions can be directed to Wayne Kuehl, President; Lon Shultz, Vice President; Susan Shephard, Secretary; Jeff Gust, Treasurer; and Mary Lamb, Financial Secretary.

## EASTER FLOWERS ... A WOODEN CROSS



This year during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, cut flowers will be decorating a wooden cross covered with chicken wire located at the front doors of the church.

You are asked to bring a dozen or more daffodils, tulips, or other spring flowers April 17-20. Place one flower in each hole and watch the beautiful cross come to life for Easter morning.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FRIDAY, APRIL 11 ~ 10 AM-12 PM

All are welcome to our meeting in the Youth Room. Supplies are provided. We have lots of pretty yarn for you to use.

Questions? Call Lynn Riggs or Roseanne at the church, 425-334-0421. Want a shawl to give to a friend or loved one? Just ask.

## NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS SATURDAY, APRIL 19 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

The all-you-can-eat pancakes are YUMMY! The cost is ages 13-99 ~ \$10, 5-12 ~ \$5, 4 & under ~ FREE, 100+ ~ FREE.



You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the breakfast to support our local food banks. It is hoped we will be able to partner with Thrivent.

The March benefit generated \$825 for the Community Supper Program and \$75 for the Youth of Ebenezer. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## EASTER CHRYSANTHEMUMS

If you are interested in purchasing mums for our Easter service in HONOR or MEMORY of someone, you'll soon have that opportunity. Envelopes will be on the Narthex counter. The mums are \$10 each.

Thank you for helping us beautify our Sanctuary! Please contact Jeanette Backstrom if you have any questions.

## EARTH DAY PARK CLEAN-UP

Every flower, tree, and mountain speaks joyfully of God's creativity. As stewards of HIS beautiful creation, and in observance of Earth Day coming up in April, we invite you to join with other community members to help clean up and beautify Eagle Ridge Park in Lake Stevens. Our group will be meeting at the park on Saturday, April 26, from 10-12. Mark your calendars now and watch for more info to come. A signup sheet will be posted April 13 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Social Ministry members for info.

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

- **Hike the Oyster Dome (weather permitting) ~ Saturday, April 5, leaving the church parking lot at 8 am.** It's 5 miles round trip with 1,050

feet of elevation gain. Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross for details

- **Pinochle ~ Sunday, April 6, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.** For those who love to play pinochle, we will meet at Ebenezer on Sunday, April 6, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm. Invite a friend or two. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross.
- **Wits Workout ~ Monday, April 7, at 2 pm.** This is a time to laugh, have fun with friends, and maybe even sharpen your thinking skills. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Call Jane Briske.
- **Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, April 7, at 4 pm.** If you have read or are interested in reading *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee, join us for a short discussion of March's book. During April we'll read *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, please contact Jane Briske.
- **Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch ~ Sunday, April 13, after worship.** Everyone is invited to join us Palm Sunday after our worship service for a delicious meal and fellowship. See you April 13! Questions? Call Jane Briske.
- **It's a Party! ~ Saturday, April 12, from 9 am-2 pm.** This is our annual spring work party with plenty of tasks for everyone both inside and out. Lunch will be provided. Come help our church be ready for Easter activities. Look for a task list to be posted in the Fellowship Hall. See Ken Cross for details.
- **NEW DATE! Camping at Lutherwood ~ Friday, September 12, to Monday, September 14, 2025.** This summer some members will be camping overnight at Camp Lutherwood. Questions? Contact JoAnn Cross to reserve a spot as soon as possible.

# Ministries of Ebenezer

## **STEWARDSHIP**



Every gift, no matter the size, adds up to something extraordinary. Imagine this: If

just 100 of us gave \$10, that's \$1,000 to fuel our mission. If 500 pitched in \$20, we're at \$10,000—enough to change lives, support our community, and sustain what matters most.

We've been able to leverage a matching program at Thrivent to increase our giving. Example, the Norwegian Pancake Breakfast raised \$1,040 at the February breakfast for the California Wildfires. With the Thrivent matching program, that amount increased to \$1,560!

Your giving isn't just a drop in the bucket; it's part of a powerful ripple effect. Together, we build something bigger than anyone of us could alone. Thank you for making it happen!

—Melissa Probst

## **FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

It is important to remember we are still serving our community. Your gifts help to keep the church open and working in the world. Please remember to continue your contributions by:

- Donating online at [www.ebenezerlakestevens.org](http://www.ebenezerlakestevens.org). Use the "Give" link.
- Using Bill Pay from your bank.
- Consider asking your financial planner about a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA or 401K.
- Mailing your contribution to us at 2111 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258, Attn: Financial Secretary.

Thank you for sharing your gifts. We are still doing God's Work with Our Hands. If you would like to have a few offering envelopes, let me know.

—JoAnn Cross, Financial Secretary  
[finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org)

## **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study begins at 10 am every Thursday in April. Join us in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the scripture lessons that will be read on the following Sunday.

## **MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, APRIL 1 ~ 10:30 AM**

All women of Ebenezer are welcome for Bible study, fellowship, and lunch with the Mar-Cilla Circle group. At the April 1 gathering, we will study "Salvation Brings Wellness to the World." We meet at 10:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the Fireside Room. Bring a lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided. For more info, contact Julia Moen.

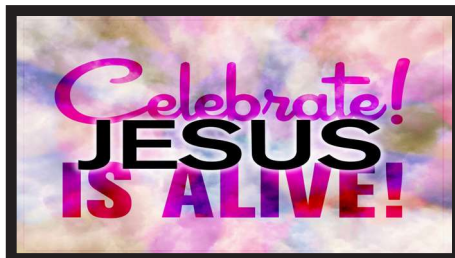


## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, APRIL 15 ~ 10:30 AM**

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.

## **FACEBOOK**

When you find Ebenezer Lutheran Church on Facebook, please comment or share it on your own page. This will cause our Facebook feed to be more widely shown in Lake Stevens and more visible to potential visitors.



## **FAST TEAMS HOST LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Each week a FAST Team will serve a simple meal of soup and bread. They will need the team's help for their week to set up, provide four pots of soup, and to help with cleanup so everyone can make it to service on time.

Call your leaders to ask how you can help. Here is the schedule for teams who serve:

- Team Briske on April 2
- Team Hoffmann on April 9

## **COMMUNITY SUPPER**

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served an average of 350 each week.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more information, contact [supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org).

A BIG shoutout to the crew of Norwegian Pancake Breakfast for supporting Community Supper during their March breakfast. We received \$825 to help with the cost of purchasing containers for this take-out meal.

## **Christian Symbol**

**BUTTERFLY** —  
The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter, and the new life we



have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection—and ours.



# Our April Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Egtvet, Megan	4/2	Butzer, Ted	4/13	Aikman, Gretchen	4/21
Backstrom, Jim	4/3	McDonald, Betty	4/13	Adams, Sarah	4/23
Brandstetter, Paul	4/3	Thompson, Peggie	4/14	Hoel, Kayla	4/24
Travis, Gail	4/5	Sellers III, William	4/18	Sellers, Eli	4/24
Studer, Garet	4/8	Gasseling, Lexi	4/19	Martuch, Paul	4/29
Mattia, Cathy	4/11	Hurt, Linda	4/19	Owens, David	4/29

## The Prayer Corner

### Prayer Chain:

If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leaders Ken Cross and Lia Stuart. They will contact



Prayer Chain members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

### Members of the Congregation:

Ellen Bersas	Terry Lambert
Barb Bucher	Carolyn Lund
Jennifer Flax	Debbie May
Donna Holm	Joe Probst
Pat Jackson	Margaret Ren
Sherene Johnson	Kathy Spade
Colleen Kozak	Marge Wild
Mary Lamb	Dee Anne Williams

### Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Ethel Coryell	Marlene McSherry
Bob DeFrang	Marilyn Peterson
Sheldon Hendrickson	Nancy Poremba
Arlene McDaniel	

### Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:

Dina (Phyllis Peterson's daughter-in-law)  
 Natalie (Glenda Platz's friend)  
 Paul (Kay Caulfield's friend)  
 Dennis Aikman (Hannah Sellers' cousin)  
 Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus' friend)  
 Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst's brother-in-law)  
 Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk's niece)  
 Gloria DeNeders (Kay Caulfield's friend)  
 Marin Drage (Betty Bauer's friend)  
 LeRoy Ettlin (Fran Clapper's friend)

Aaron Gay (Helen Hendrickson's nephew)  
 Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen's great-nephew)  
 Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield's friend)  
 Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson's friend)  
 Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt's nephew)  
 Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay's cousin)  
 Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert's sister)  
 David McDonald (Betty McDonald's son)  
 Joann Millett (Sally Yates' friend)  
 Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper's friend)  
 Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen's granddaughter)  
 Dina Peterson (P Peterson's daughter-in-law)  
 Mary Platz (Glenda Platz's cousin)  
 Carole Thorngate (Fran Clapper's cousin)  
 Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield's nephew)  
 Lori Wight (Margaret Dildine's daughter)

### Extended Family/Friends with Needs:

Coryn (Mary Lamb's granddaughter)  
 Jane Blake (Kay Caulfield's friend)  
 John (Sally Yates's son-in-law)  
 Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad's grandchildren)  
 Madeline Anderson (Brian & Marnie Anderson's granddaughter)  
 Anne Bedford (Kathy Parzyk's sister-in-law)  
 Teresa Bergerson (Margene Squires' cousin)  
 Hans Bersas (Ellen Bersas' husband)  
 Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson's godson)  
 Jim Boyd (Bob Aikman's cousin)  
 Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti's sister)  
 Ken Burley (Kathy Parzyk's friend)  
 Rose DiVittorio (J & P Olson's granddaughter)  
 Kate Everley (CC Kuehl's daughter)  
 Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb's friend)  
 Katherine Gasseling (Kevin & Lexi

Gasseling's daughter)  
 Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)  
 Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's nephew)  
 Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer's brother)  
 Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti's nephew)  
 Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson's niece)  
 Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)  
 Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner's sister-in-law)  
 Dianne Major Storey - ALS  
 Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling's daughter)  
 Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)  
 Bridget Wellen (M Ren's granddaughter)  
 Cale Werner (Alice Werner's grandson)  
 Fiona Werner (Alice Werner's granddaughter)  
 Robert White (Paul Bayes' son-in-law)  
 Tom Wood (Ken Holmes' father)  
 Karen Young (Betty Bauer's cousin)

### Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

### All Our Military and Their Families:

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Tyler Perry, Faith Poor, Ethan Stuart

### Those Who Grieve:

Bergerson Family - Marcella Bergerson passed away  
 Boneham Family - David Boneham's father Roger Boneham passed away  
 Hughes & Squires Families - George Hughes passed away  
 Kuehl & Bielfeldt Families - Wayne Kuehl's sister Janet Bielfeldt passed away  
 Whalen-Tate & Williams Families - Leah Whalen-Tate, wife of Kim Whalen-Tate, granddaughter of Dee Anne Williams, and sister of Blake Tate, passed away

## Readings for Worship

### April 6

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Isaiah 43:16-21

**Psalm:** Psalm 126

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** Philippians 3:4b-14

**Gospel:** John 12:1-8

### April 13 (Communion)

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Psalm:** Psalm 31:9-16

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel:** Luke 22:14—23:56

### April 20 (Communion)

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Acts 10:34-43

**Psalm:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** I Corinthians 15:19-26

**Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12

### April 27

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Acts 5:27-32

**Psalm:** Psalm 118:14-29

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** Revelation 1:4-8

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31



## Worship Schedule

April 2	Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
April 6	9:30 am
April 9	Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
April 13	9:30 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
April 18	Good Friday - 7:00 pm
April 20	Easter Sunday - 9:30 am
April 23	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
April 27	9:30 am
April 30	WOW Service - 9:30 am

### Sundays:

- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the Youth Room ~ 8:45 am
- Godly Play® starts in the Sanctuary ~ 9:30 am

## Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

## Living Lutheran

The ELCA magazine is again available in print form (4 times a year) along with the digital version. Author Lewis Eggleston in *Living Lutheran* recently wrote about the ministry at a guest house in Virginia where formerly incarcerated women live for 6 months while transitioning to life outside prison. One goal is to help women transform to a new life that feels abundant.

Lent is a time when we can transform to a more abundant life. In John 10:10, Jesus says, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Or translated as ". . . that you may have life—life in all its fullness." (Good News TEV) Eggleston says, "may we, as followers of Christ, be bold enough to help others find their way to the abundant life Jesus promised. When we do, we don't just witness resurrection, we become part of it." [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org)

## Special Thanks

### Thank You, FAST Teams

Thanks to all the FAST Teams, who served delicious soups before the Lenten services in March. We had a great variety of YUMMY soup served this year. —JoAnn Cross

### Thanks for Your Recent Donation

On behalf of the Lake Stevens Community Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$827.20 we received on February 15 from the Norwegian Pancake Breakfast. Your donation helps provide healthy food and staples as well as toiletries and diapers to our friends and neighbors who may be struggling. Your one gift has a deep and lasting impact for the betterment of all in our community.

—Anthony Hawley, Executive Director

### For All the Love & Support

I want to thank everybody for all the love and support through George's illness and

passing. Each day brings new challenges, but I know that I will make it thanks to God and all the wonderful people who make up my church family. Again, my heart felt thanks and love. —Margene Squires

### Thanks for Ebenezer's Donations

The youth and kids of Ebenezer would like to extend their thanks to the congregation for an amazing month of donations for the Lake Stevens Community Food Bank. We donated 66 spice and gravy packets along with 110 cans of pet food and 4 bags of dry pet food and treats. This was along with additional food donations placed on the shelves in the Fellowship Hall. Your donations were greatly appreciated! —Kristin Sutton


### Our Son David Needs Prayer

Our son David is hospitalized and in poor condition with multiple myeloma he has been fighting for 10 years. Treatments have failed so far. Please pray. —Betty McDonald

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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Palm/Passion Sunday  
with Processional  
April 13 ~ 9:30 am**

**Maundy Thursday  
with Choral Presentation  
April 17 ~ 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday  
April 18 ~ 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday  
April 20 ~ 9:30 am**

Remember to post your calendar!

JESUS LOVES ...



## In the News

### A Local Hero



Herb Singleton, who has been a member of the Lake Stevens Lions Club since 2008, was honored with the Local Hero award at a Lions Club Tuesday night

dinner meeting. He is also a member and volunteer for the Kiwanis.

Herb enjoys helping with the Norwegian Pancake Breakfast at Ebenezer, Lake Stevens Community Food Bank, Relay for Life, the Beer Garden, American Legion, Hungry Hearts, and was awarded the Kiwanian of the Year where he was presented a plaque that's hanging on the wall in his barber shop. In 2015 he was also chosen to be the Grand Marshall for Aquafest—a complete surprise. Congratulations, Herb!

### Community Helpers

You may have noticed the youth and kids of Ebenezer keeping busy at collecting items for local organizations. One person who has brought opportunities to us and assisted in following through to the delivery of the goods was Lia Stuart. We give thanks to God for her time given to the YOE and the community. Please let Lia know Ebenezer's appreciation and hold her in prayer. Good news! In March YOE collected over 100 coats, jackets, and other warm things for the coat closet at Hope Church, Lake Stevens. —Virginia Dutcher

### All-Church Work Party



#### Work Day

Saturday, April 12, from 9am-2pm we will be working to spruce things up for Easter.

For more info, read Property Committee's article, "It's a Party," on page 4, column 3.

### Ebenezer's 2025 Phone Directory

The church office is getting ready to print the annual Ebenezer Phone Directory. If you have changed your name, address, phone number, or email, please notify Roseanne in the office right away.

If you are interested in having the announcements emailed to you weekly or the *VOICE* newsletter emailed monthly, please let Roseanne know, 425-334-0421 or [ebenezer@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:ebenezer@ebenezerlakestevens.org).

### Over 50th Anniversary

On April 2, Joe and Paula Olson will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We pray God's blessings on them and their family and thank them for the wonderful example they are to all. Congratulations, Joe and Paula!



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