

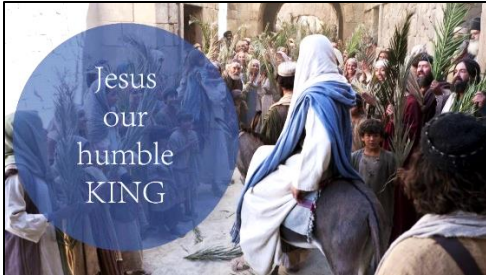
WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2, 2023

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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“Look your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey.”
- Matthew 21:5

There is a wondrous sense of hope to Palm Sunday. Jesus enters Jerusalem as a triumphant king to the shouts and celebrations of the crowd. Yet this king is markedly different from all others. Jesus has not returned from a military conquest; he has no army processing with him. He is described as humble. A humble king. A peaceful king. A king whose dedication and obedience to God lead him to give his very life for others. On Palm Sunday we are invited to join the crowds in welcoming this humble, peaceful, faithful servant as our king. We have the opportunity to turn away from all worldly kings and their values and to embrace the Prince of Peace as the king of our lives.

As hopeful as Palm Sunday can be, it also inevitably leads to Good Friday. The crowds that at first welcomed Jesus with shouts of joy and celebration have changed their minds. They have chosen to stand on the side of the kings of this world. They have chosen to accept the values of dominance, and violence, and self-interest as their own. They collude with the rulers of this world to put to death the Prince of Peace, to stamp out the humble king who offers a life of love, grace, and sacrifice instead of victory, triumph, and power. We too fall away from our embrace of Jesus Christ during difficult moments. We too become overwhelmed by our self-interest, intoxicated by power, and led astray by crowds. We also often side with the values of this world and its kings.

Just as Palm Sunday leads to Good Friday, so too does Good Friday lead to Easter. The story does not end with our failure and Jesus’ death. All our failures and all the power of death are overcome by Jesus Christ in the resurrection. He is risen. Love is triumphant. And we are offered once more the invitation of Palm Sunday- to choose Jesus the Christ as our king, the one in whose service we will find new life. We will always fail to follow Jesus perfectly; we will always go astray from time to time. But our failures and our faithlessness do not cancel out God’s invitation to follow Jesus. Each year at Palm Sunday we are invited once more to claim Jesus as our King and to serve him in love, peace, and faithfulness. May God grant us the grace to accept this invitation and embrace our new life in Christ once more.

Rev. Andrew Greenhaw

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun	4/2	10:15 AM	Sunday School
Tue	4/4	2:00 PM	Bible Study - Zoom
		7:00 PM	Stewardship & Benevolence Ministry Team
Wed	4/5	9:45 AM	Nurture Ministry Team
		-----	NO Bell Choir
		-----	NO Youth Group
Thu	4/6	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
		6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri	4/7	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service

Dorothy Lassig is turning 100! Help her celebrate at a SURPRISE Open House **Tuesday, April 4 from 11 AM - 1:30 PM** for a light lunch and cake at her home (711 - 3rd Ave. SE, Stewartville). See flyer on Narthex bulletin board.

This Sunday, Communion will be served by passing of the plate. If you prefer prepackaged Communion elements, they are available in the Narthex or from an usher.

The Care Fund is collected on the first Sunday of the month and is used for emergency relief for our members. Please consider making a contribution so that we may continue to respond to the emergency needs of our members during difficult times.

Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 6:00 PM - In an intimate service we will remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples with ritual foot washing and Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday

April 9 – Two Services

Our Easter celebration begins with a **Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM in the Memorial Garden**. Join us for a celebration of the resurrection in the midst of God's creation.

Good Friday

April 7 at 6:00 PM –

We will commemorate the crucifixion of Christ at our Tenebrae service featuring a reading of the Passion narrative and extinguishing of candles in steadily increasing darkness.

The culmination of our Lenten Season and Holy Week is our **Easter Sunday Service at 10 AM!** We'll celebrate the Risen Christ with beautiful music, the preached Word, and communion. A special Easter Offering will be collected for Elder Network and Jeremiah Program.



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Our annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering totaled **\$930** this year. As Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson stated in the OGHs 2021 Mission Impact Report, *"With your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we can be present for the long term as we partner with churches and organizations in the US and around the world to walk with families as they rebuild their homes and lives following disaster and crisis."* **THANK YOU!** Your gifts **DO** make a difference!

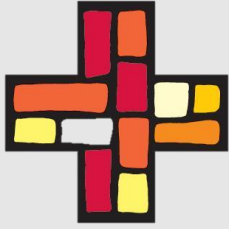


A huge "Thank You" to all who answered the call to strengthen food access and build healthy communities by contributing to **Channel One Regional Food Bank during Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign**. Your generous donations through our church totaled **\$2,555!**



These funds will assist Channel One with providing much-needed food and meals locally and to the 183 agencies in the 14 counties it serves in southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Jessica Sund from Channel One expressed her appreciation for both the gift and our advocacy for those experiencing food insecurity. As she said, "It really makes such a difference!" Thank you!

MONTHLY OFFERING REPORT		<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
March	Estimate of Giving	\$17,010	\$10,786	\$21,463
	Non-Estim. Giving	\$3,950	\$755	\$2,667
	TOTAL	\$20,960	\$11,541	\$24,130
Y-T-D	TOTAL	\$85,479	\$74,073	\$72,390



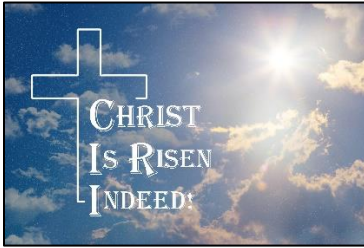
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“CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN!”

It is easy to get swept up in the drama of Holy Week—the intimacy of Jesus washing his disciples’ feet at the Last Supper, the dark reality of human sinfulness revealed in the crucifixion, and the joyous victory over death made real in the resurrection of Jesus. As engaging as this story is, it is important to remember that it’s not only about events that happened some 2,000 years ago; it is also a story about us.

We too are Jesus’ disciples. Jesus also offers to wash our feet— to grant us God’s grace and love in each and every moment of our lives. We are beloved and we are forgiven. We too are a part of sinful humanity. We play a part in the injustice, cruelty, and violence of the world made so clear in the crucifixion of Christ. Yet our sin and our shortcomings, even our fear and our death, are embraced and overcome by Jesus. Finally, we too await new good news and new life. The risen Christ returns not only to the women and the disciples but also to us. We are forgiven and we now share in new, eternal life with God in Jesus Christ. The events of Holy Week happened then and they also happen now.

Christ has died. And Christ is Risen! May we always remember that the grace and forgiveness, the love and new life, which Holy Week brought into the world is meant for us. We are beloved and forgiven and led into the very life and love of God. Let us celebrate this good news this weekend and let us live out this truth with joy and courage in all the days to come. Amen!

Pastor Andrew Greenhaw

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NO Zoom Meetings this Week**

Sun	4/9	10:15 AM	Sunday School
Mon	4/10	-----	Staff Holiday
Tue	4/11	-----	NO Bible Study – Zoom
Wed	4/12	5:30 PM	Bell Choir
		6:30 PM	Youth Group – video dance party at church
Thu	4/13	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
		6:30 PM	Chancel Choir

Pastors Shannon and Andrew will be on vacation April 10-17. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please call Rev. Dick Eick at 651-385-7844.

Join us next Sunday, April 16, as Rev. Kitty Burbo will lead us in worship and Lee Afdahl will be our special guest organist as our musicians are on a well-deserved break. Hearing both of them is always a treat!

Youth Group this Wednesday, April 12 at the Church! Join Catherine Bliss and Erin Finke for a Video Game Dance Party. All young people 6th-12th grade will join in the Chapel from 6:30-8 PM. Dinner will be served. **Save the date** – May Basket Fundraiser is Sunday, April 30 and Youth Lock In is Friday, May 12 at 8 PM.

Book Group Guest Speaker - Our church book group's current read is “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean who shares historical information about the LA Public Library as well as its outreach to the communities it serves. Recent articles in the Post-Bulletin provide some information about our own library and its services, but how much do we use beyond checking out books? **Jeremiah Baumann heads Community Engagement at the Rochester Public Library and will join us on Thursday, April 20, 11:00 AM** to enlighten us on the wide range of services available. If you would like to read the book (not required), there are a few available in the church office. Just sign the checkout slip. If you have questions about the library, join us for this session.

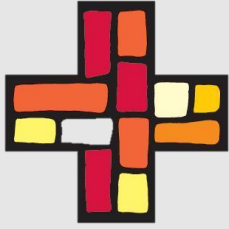
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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun	4/16	11:00 AM	Youth May Basket fundraiser
Tue	4/18	2:00 PM	Bible Study - Zoom
		6:30 PM	Cabinet - in person. Review packet & Bylaws before meeting.
Wed	4/19	5:30 PM	Bell Choir
		6:30 PM	Youth Group
Thu	4/20	11:00 AM	Book Group
		12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
		6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri	4/21	5:30-8:30	Family Promise Meal & Fun Night

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Youth, please note that we will be assembling the baskets on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM during our normally scheduled youth group time.

WE ARE HOSTING a Family Promise Meal and Fun Night on Friday, April 21 from 5:30-8:30 PM. If you can help with transportation, meal, or activities (games, movies, outdoor fun), please contact Pastor Andrew for more information. Participants will need to do a brief on-line training so Family Promise can do a background check. This is a great opportunity to meet and bond with families, plus remind us of our past overnight hospitality!

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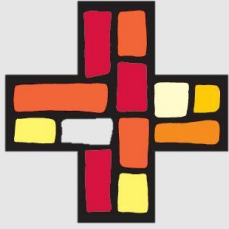
Youth Lock In - Friday, May 12

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Youth Group playing Wii Sports this past week. Thanks to Catharine Bliss and Erin Finke for hosting! Youth and friends welcome on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.



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THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

In the mid-20th century, church attendance became a sign of social status and respectability in the United States. Getting dressed up in your finest church clothes and being seen at the right church on Sunday morning was an indication that you had your life together. You were at church among all your other righteous and morally upstanding neighbors. This cultural understanding of church as a marker of social status left many with the impression that they were not together enough, not wealthy enough, not righteous enough, not good enough, to be in a church on Sunday morning.

It's important to note that church did not begin with these connotations. Our text from the second chapter of Acts this week contains parts of the very first Christian sermon ever preached. It is given by the apostle Peter in the temple complex right after the Holy Spirit has descended on the disciples and caused them to speak in tongues. The sermon is preached to the very people that worked to have Jesus crucified and cheered on his death- what one might call the most unrighteous act of all time. We might expect the topic of this sermon to be condemnation; focusing on the just punishment for these terrible acts. But that is most decidedly not the topic. In this first Christian sermon, Peter offers baptism, salvation, and the very presence of God in the Holy Spirit to those who crucified Jesus Christ. He says to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

In that first Christian sermon, the gospel of Jesus Christ is not offered to the pure and self-righteous. It is not those who have their lives together that are welcomed into the new family of the church, but rather those who know how they have fallen short, those who know that they need forgiveness, those brave enough to seek a second chance. So it is today as well. The Church is not for the perfect, or the upright- if such people can even be found. The Church is for us. It is for those who struggle, those in need of forgiveness and love, those who desire to be transformed. We come as we are- confused, grieving, doubtful, lost, angry, even wracked with guilt. And we are offered grace, forgiveness, love, and a new life guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Andrew Greenhaw

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CONFIRMATION REFRESHER SUNDAY NIGHT - For this month's confirmation refresher, we will gather from **5:00-6:30 PM in the Narthex and Library** to discuss the **2 sacraments** recognized by the United Church of Christ and most Protestant Denominations- **Baptism and Communion**. Over soup, salad, and bread we'll share our own experiences and understandings of these sacraments. Later we'll engage with several historical understandings of baptism and communion to see how they can help us understand and deepen our present faith and practice.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Read on for more details on these events and more!

Sun	4/23	10:15 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Youth May Basket fundraiser
		5:00 PM	Confirmation Refresher
Mon	4/24	6:00 PM	Premiere of "How Did We Get..." at Pop's Art Theater
Tue	4/25	2:00 PM	Bible Study - Zoom
Wed	4/26	5:30 PM	Bell Choir
		6:30 PM	Youth Group - assemble May Baskets
Thu	4/27	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
		2:00 PM	Peggy MacLean Funeral - Rochester Cremation Service
		6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Sat	4/29	4-6 PM	Family Promise Volunteer Recognition - Aune Hall

PREMIERE OF OUR VIDEO SERIES "HOW DID WE GET..." AT POP'S ART THEATER ON MONDAY, APRIL 24 at 6 PM

The Congregational Church has commissioned Dr. Sarah Ruble of Gustavus Adolphus College to create a six-part video series exploring Christian doctrine in historical context to help people understand the central principles of these doctrines and to see how they relate to our present. Ryan Bliss, a member of our congregation, is shooting and producing the videos with Dr. Ruble. Our hope is to both make great use of these videos in our congregation and to share them as widely as possible.

One way we're sharing them with the broader church and community is by sharing the videos with a local worshipping community called Olive Branch. Olive Branch is an outreach ministry of Mt. Olive Lutheran ELCA, that meets every Monday for an alternative worship service at **Pop's Art Theater located at 619 6th Ave NW** (formerly the old Grey Duck Theater).

The folks at Olive Branch will **"premiere" our first video during their Monday night meeting on April 24 at 6:00 PM**. We are all invited to join them for their Monday evening worship and viewing of the video, "How Did We Get the Trinity?" If you are free this Monday, please join us and the folks at Olive Branch for the first viewing of our movie production!

If you aren't able to make it this Monday, don't worry! We'll be using all six videos in our Adult Education hour after worship this Spring and we'll be posting them on our website for you to view and share at your leisure.



PRAYERS OF COMFORT AND GOD'S PRESENCE upon the death of **Margaret "Peggy" MacLean** on April 14, 2023. A memorial service will be held at Rochester Cremation Services on Thursday, April 27 at 2 PM, with visitation 1 hour prior. To view her obituary, [click here](#) or go to postbulletin.com/obituaries.

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION - We were honored to host 3 families with Family Promise at our church on Friday, April 21 for dinner and a family fun night. For all volunteers, you are invited the Family Promise Volunteer Appreciation on **Saturday, April 29 from 4-6 PM** at Aune Hall (1508 Aune Dr SE, Rochester). There will be a catered dinner and a decade-themed night of fun in honor of the extraordinary volunteers! Please **RSVP by Monday, April 24** to volunteers@familyservicerochester.org or call 507-287-2010.

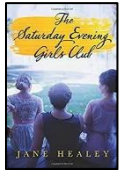


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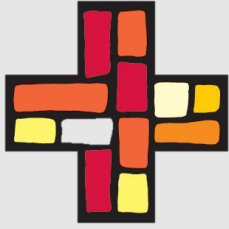
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ALTAR FLOWERS -You can still provide and bring flowers for the altar to highlight a special occasion or "just because." If you order through Flowers by Jerry, they can be delivered to the church on Saturday. Contact the church office with your bulletin dedication and inquire about liturgical colors if desired. Following Sunday worship, you may choose to keep the flowers or deliver them to someone special.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are always in need of greeters, ushers, lay readers, and coffee hour hosts to help with our Sunday morning services. There are three ways to sign up: at church on the Narthex bulletin board, contact Sarah in the church office, or use the Sign-Up Genius link on the church website (Home page - find link under Volunteer/raised hands graphic, or News & Events page - find link under Sign Up Quick Links).



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“ALL THINGS IN COMMON”



Acts 2:42-47 - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The followers of Jesus found themselves in a whole new world in the days and weeks following the resurrection. The impossible had happened! God had come into the world in a new way and it changed how they lived together. In the second chapter of Acts, we are told how their choices and it can be a little hard for good capitalist American ears to hear. They sold all they had and held everything in common, no one wanted for what they needed?!?

They encountered a God who cared deeply about those in need. A God who warned about ignoring the poor and abandoned and called people into right relationship with one another. Salvation wasn't simply a personal experience that enables you to be pious while ignoring the suffering of your neighbor, but a call to create a just community where the blessings God provided are used for the benefit of all of God's people.

As people living in a gilded age with the chasm between the rich and poor growing ever larger- what can we learn from these earliest Christians? How can we also be moved by our love of neighbor to create a beloved community that pushes back against greed, hyper individualism, and all those things that keep us from caring for one another in tangible ways. Join me Sunday as we consider how to live together and to praise God who has given us all that we need.

Pastor Shannon Smith

THIS SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE THE JOINING OF NEW MEMBER, Lauren Nickels, into our congregation. Please welcome her and introduce yourself during coffee hour.



LAST DAY TO PURCHASE & PICK UP MAY BASKETS - The Youth are selling May Day baskets to help raise funds for their summer Boundary Waters Bible camp in June. May Day baskets will be available to pick up and take with you on **Sunday, April 30** for \$5 per basket. If you'd like them delivered for an additional \$15 per address. Baskets include candy, an encouragement note and a card, which are decorated by the youth. They make great gifts for co-workers, family, grandchildren, and neighbors! You may also donate without purchasing a basket if you choose as well. Thanks for supporting our Youth!

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SUMMER ARTICLES DUE MAY 19 - As we look ahead to summer, please provide any articles with updates and upcoming events happening during June-August. This will be included in our **Summer Church Life** print edition that we aim to send out by Memorial Day. Please send them to Sarah at church@congoroch.org by **Friday, May 19**. Anything submitted in advance would be most helpful.

ALTAR FLOWERS -You can still provide and bring flowers for the altar to highlight a special occasion or “just because.” If you order through Flowers by Jerry, they can be delivered to the church on Saturday. Contact the church office with your bulletin dedication and inquire about liturgical colors if desired. Following Sunday worship, you may choose to keep the flowers or deliver them to someone special.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are always in need of greeters, ushers, lay readers, and coffee hour hosts to help with our Sunday morning services. There are three ways to sign up: at church on the Narthex bulletin board, contact Sarah in the church office, or use the Sign-Up Genius link on the church website (Home page - find link under Volunteer/raised hands graphic, or News & Events page - find link under Sign Up Quick Links).