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April 2023

Worship Schedule

7:45 & 10:30 AM Service

In the Sanctuary

9:00 AM Service

In the Family Life Center

✝ Kids Praise

9:00 & 10:30 Services
for Ages 3 thru Grade 4

✝ 10:30 AM Radio Broadcast

WCSM – 96.7 FM

✝ 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Live Stream

www.purpledoorchurch.org

Worship On Wednesday

Education for all ages

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-4:30pm

(Closed 12:30-1:00pm)

Friday: building open

9:00am-12:30pm





I am swiftly approaching the 25th anniversary of my ordination. Feeling nostalgic, I watched the video of my seminary graduation. Mine was the largest class in the seminary's history. The charge from the preacher reflected on Isaiah 58:12: we are to be "repairers of the breach, and restorers

of streets to live in." As I heard each name and saw each face, memories, joy, and heartbreak flashed in my mind. Two committed suicide due to the pressures of ministry. Only about one-third of our graduating class is still in the ministry.

I am considering a sabbatical at the encouragement of our bishop and church council. Sabbatical is intentional rest from the persistent obligations of daily church life to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations but times for purposeful exploration and reflection, drinking again from God's life-giving waters, and regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry.

The goal of a sabbatical is renewing the pastor's commitment to the congregation, ordained ministry, and God. Sabbaticals are usually three months and have three components: 1) Pastor spends considerable time alone focusing on prayer, personal growth, healing, and health. 2) Pastor and spouse renew the joy and commitment of marriage. 3) Pastor and family nurture and deepen family bonds. Studies overwhelmingly demonstrate that the healthiest congregations require their pastoral leaders to take a sabbatical every seven years. The time of sabbatical is an investment in the long-term health of the pastor and congregation.

In this congregation's history, no pastor has taken a sabbatical (to my knowledge). In my 25 years in the ministry, I've never taken a sabbatical or extended vacation. Ideally, a sabbatical happens with a healthy pastor gaining greater health. For me, the most significant focus must be on healing.

Answers to frequent questions:

- Does the church fund the sabbatical? The congregation continues to pay the pastor but does not fund the sabbatical. There are generous grants available for sabbaticals that allow for global travel and rest, for the pastor, spouse, and children. Those grants require 12-18 months of preparation. For me, it will be self-funded as an investment in my health, my marriage, and the future of my ministry.
- How long? The goal is three uninterrupted months. That is impossible for me in the near future, so Liz and I are investigating shorter options with minimal interruptions.
- Will the pastor leave after a sabbatical? Pastors commit to staying at least 12 months after the sabbatical.

If you have any questions about sabbatical rest, please ask me. Liz and I are exploring sabbatical options but are still in a time of discernment.

God's Peace,
Pastor Jeff

Dear God,

I know someone is wanting to be used in an amazing way by You. I know they have been wishing, hoping, and praying for the right opportunity to make a real difference. I know that they are feeling your tug on the heart to do something, they just don't know what yet.

We know that it's often easy to overlook the Children's Ministry, but we also know that this is the time when kids are the most impressionable and we know that statistically this is the age when their spiritual foundation will be set for the rest of their lives.

Please help them to have the courage to contact someone at church this week about serving in the Children's Ministry.

In Jesus's name,
Amen



EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 8, 2023 AT 10 AM



Ages 1-10 years old

Great prizes for all age groups!

Egg Race at end of hunt - anyone under 18

**Purple Door Youth will be raising money by
hosting breakfast during the Egg Hunt!**



CELEBRATION JAMBOREE

APRIL | 19 | 2023

PIZZA & KONA ICE TRUCK | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

SHOW & POPCORN | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

ALL WELCOME FAMILY EVENT!



**FEATURING
GENE CORDOVA
FROM FOR HIS KIDZ**

PUPPETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

April



Walking Club

10:00am

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 Church	4	5 Stuffing Eggs FH 3:30pm	6 Church	7	8 Egg Hunt 9:00am
9	10 Church	11	12	13 Air Stream Museum Tour 11:00am Lunch After	14	15
16	17 Church	18	19	20 Church	21	22
23	24 Church	25	26	27 Church	28	29
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Thank you for your support!

Our Youth Quarter Auction was a success! We raised over \$7,000 for our 2023 mission trip to East Bank, WV. Thank you to all our donors for their generous support. Thank you to all our congregation members who came, ate, and played. Thank you to all the families who donated food, drinks, and desserts for our meal. We appreciate your support! See you next year!



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The Stephen Ministry at St. John Lutheran Church is one of over 13,000 world-wide. We receive our guidance leadership and training from Stephen Ministries St. Louis. It is a Christian ministry that is non-denominational. No matter the affiliation Stephen Ministers receive the same training, which is Christ-centered.

The following is a long quote from the Stephen Ministries St. Louis training manual which you may find useful:

“What Does a Stephen Minister Do?”

A Stephen Minister provides one-to-one lay Christian care.

***One-to-one:** Each Stephen Minister is matched with one care receiver of the same gender. The two meet in person, typically once a week for about an hour, in a setting they have both agreed on. The caring relationship will be brought to closure when the need for care has been addressed.

***Lay:** Stephen Ministers are well-trained, supervised volunteers who provide a high level of care. They are not professional caregivers – their role is different from that of a counselor, therapist, pastor, or physician.

***Christian:** A Stephen Minister’s care is an expression of Christ’s love and an extension of the pastoral care we offer. When it comes to spiritual matters, Stephen Ministers meet their care receivers where they are, helping them work through challenges without pressuring them or forcing faith on them.

***Care:** Stephen Ministers care by listening, supporting, praying, and helping their care receivers explore feelings without being judgmental, while offering emotional and spiritual support. Their role does not include providing other types of assistance – such as shopping, transportation, childcare, and other such types of help – although at times they may help care receivers identify ways to fill those needs.”

One-to-one, lay Christian care is what our Stephen Ministers strive to provide at all times.



ENDOWMENT GRANTS OFFERED To HELP LOCAL COMMUNITY

*The Heffner Endowment for Missions of
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Celina, continues its grant program, with the
purpose of supporting local organizations.*

The Mission Endowment Fund, established with a bequest from the estate of Ralph Heffner, is to "provide enduring opportunities to extend Christ's message by encouraging, receiving and administering gifts and bequests for mission outreach."

Small grant requests (up to \$1,000) from organizations that provide charitable services to the community will be considered, as well as requests for special projects or outreach programs in the local community.

The endowment committee will accept grant requests until
April 20, 2023.

Grant application forms and information can be obtained from:

St. John Lutheran Church

1100 N. Main St., Celina, OH 45822

419-586-2332 or

on the church's website www.purpledoorchurch.org.



AMERICAN RED CROSS (SHARON MILLER & BETH BRICKER)

Thank you for continuing to support the Red Cross blood-mobile in the furnishing of the use of your Family Life Center for the February 27th blood drive where 56 units of blood were collected.

C.A.L.L.

Thank you for your generosity and support of C.A.L.L. Ministries with your recent donation of \$260.

LYNNE MILLER

I would like to thank everyone for prayers during my accident, hospital stay, and recovery. Thank you to Meal Train for the meals. Thank you, Purple Door Pacers, for prayers, cards, and gifts. Thank you, Vicar Andrea, for the hospital visit. Thank you to all who have taken me to appointments and places I needed to go. A special thank you to Pat Bailey for all you did when I went to urgent care and the hospital. I'm truly blessed by my church family. Thanks be to God for healing me. I'm so blessed to be here!

Lutheran Marriage Encounter provides you the opportunity to learn unique insights and tools that can re-ignite your love by improving your communication skills!



Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a weekend of learning that can help you reap joyful long-term rewards for your marriage relationship, family relationships, and faith journey.

Your Relationship *Deserves* Marriage Encounter!

April 28 - 30, 2023

Fairfield Inn & Suites – Streetsboro, OH

Apply now at: www.GodLovesMarriage.org



PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 10th

Lutheran Service Conducted by
Pastor Jeff Gramza and Vicar Andrea McDonough from St. John Celina and

St. Paul North Star...Your Host Church

April 30th 3:00 PM Wernle Campus

Bring a Lawn Chair or Folding Chair

****Dinner After Service Provided by St. Paul Lutheran
Church of Richmond, IN****

All groups are asked to bring a dessert to share if possible.

Help us Celebrate 144 Years of the Lutheran Churches of Ohio and Indiana
Supporting the Wernle Girls and Boys



Please RSVP to Chris Parker

It's going to be a wonderful service.

Please let us know as soon as you can if attending so we may properly prepare.

cparker@wernle.org

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St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food and Clothing Pantry. It is often asked “What should I give?” or “What is needed?” In response, we are doing an “Item of the Month” donation. Although any item is greatly appreciated, the “Item of the Month” reflects those items that are not discounted. This is one great way that St. John is Making the Love of Christ Known. Donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the Narthex or the Box in the Family Life Center.

ITEM OF THE MONTH – SOUP & CRACKERS

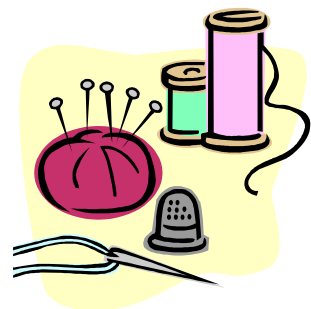
April Delivery – John Maury

SEWING CIRCLE APRIL 11

AT 9 AM IN THE SEWING ROOM

Submitted by Jayne Mosier

The sewing group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Our next gathering is April 11th at 9 am. This is a group that you don’t have to be on time, can leave when needed, and you don’t need to know how to sew. If you can tie a knot, you are good! Seven people made our March meeting, and we completed 6 quilts.



The Council minutes were not available at the time of printing. Please contact the office if you have any questions related to their last meeting.

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

During Ministry Fair we invited you to see the Parlor Library and the Church Library. Hoping more would come and browse and check out books or DVD's. If you need help in finding books, please call anyone on the library board: Diana Spicer, Linda Long, Judy Bowers, Yolanda Hone, Estella Nusbaum. We would be very happy to help.



Remember we have the cart for children's book downstairs in Family Life Center. Cart upstairs in library for latest books.

We have been given Bible Commentaries on each Book in the New Testament. They are in the Parlor Library. If you need help in understanding your Bible Study, here is a helping hand.

Francine Rivers, a very good Christian writer. We have many of her books.

- *Redeeming Grace*
- *The Echo in the Darkness*
- *The Scarlet Thread*
- *The Atonement Child*

BOOK CLUB



May 16th will be our next discussion 1 pm in library. Our book will be *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty White. Plan to come and tell if you enjoyed the book.

Estella

Pub Theology

BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD

all perspectives welcome

Pub Theology is an opportunity to come together for conversations which explore life, faith, and morality over a drink of your choice. Bring your curiosity and questions! Meet people of varying faith traditions, philosophies, and life experiences.

Where: Brew Nation 110 S. Main St., Celina, Ohio

When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm

NO PUB THEOLOGY APRIL 6th

April 20th

Phil & Kay Schumann	4/3
Mark & Karen Hoenie	4/7
Terry & Linda Fisher	4/8
Aaron & Kira Rank	4/9
Ryan & Sarah Fennig	4/20
Joseph & Evelyn Now	4/22
David & Laurie Bladen	4/24
Michael & Amy Sessor	4/25
Josh & Stacy Evers	4/27

These are the anniversaries that we have on file and of the people that receive the Tower. If we have one wrong or missing, please let the office know.



birthdays

Cynthia	Goettemoeller	4/1	Miranda	Sell	4/15
Martha	Jutte	4/1	Mary	Clapp	4/16
Alan	Smith	4/1	Malcolm	Head	4/16
Cody	Doner	4/2	Seth	Oberdorf	4/16
Brent	List	4/2	Grace	Gramza	4/17
Tammie	Prescott	4/2	Sheri	Hanes	4/19
Tim	Hone	4/3	Abigail	Bollenbacher	4/20
Lukas	LeJeune	4/3	Jacob	Bollenbacher	4/20
Brayden	Bruns	4/4	Lawsyn	Henkle	4/20
Linda	Fisher	4/4	Gary	Puthoff	4/21
Mike	Spicer	4/4	Sandra	Enyart	4/22
Lexi	Noll	4/5	Phyllis	Gansert	4/22
Josh	Evers	4/6	Kinsey	Schumann	4/22
Beth	Heiby	4/6	Jan	Elsass	4/23
Kameron	Bird	4/7	Alex	Gallman	4/23
Ashton	Lehman	4/7	Vicki	Heiby	4/23
Caleb	Lehman	4/7	Becky	Rolfes	4/23
Faith	Puthoff	4/7	Elexya	Stein	4/23
Mark	Leugers	4/8	Kelly	Stephenson	4/23
Christopher	Nelson	4/8	Baily	VanTilburg	4/23
Elizabeth	Fuelling	4/9	Taylor	Fisher	4/24
Samantha	Hiles	4/9	Kay	Schumann	4/24
Jacob	Rasawehr	4/9	Caleb	Zizelman	4/24
Caysen	Brown	4/10	Rosemary	Boomhower	4/25
Jeff	Buening	4/10	Barbara	Cattell	4/25
Brittany	Byrne	4/11	Lauren	Fuelling	4/25
Andrea	List	4/11	Chelsey	Sommer	4/25
Sheila	Meyer	4/11	Steve	Elston	4/26
Lee	Fennig	4/12	Kevin	Siebert	4/26
Danielle	Caylor	4/13	Kortney	Stachler	4/26
Colin	Fuelling	4/13	Berkley	Roth	4/28
Zayden	Hunt	4/13	Gavin	Fisher	4/29
Jennifer	Kuhn	4/13	Hannah	Rasawehr	4/29
Chaise	Lawson	4/13	Kirsten	Schmitz	4/29
Abbey	Rutschilling	4/13	Donald	Hare	4/30
Craig	Anderson	4/14			
Caleb	Bertke	4/15			

CHURCH CALENDAR

1 – SATURDAY

2 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

10:30 Children's Choir

3 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

11:30 am Lenten Open Prayer/Sanct.

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

4 – TUESDAY

6:30 am Lenten Open Prayer/Sanct.

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

10:00 am Library Meeting/Library

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm SJB/106A

5 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

10:00 am Bible Study/106D

3:00 pm Egg Filling/FH

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

6 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

3:30 pm Lenten Open Prayer/Sanct.

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service/Sanct.

7 – FRIDAY

7:30 pm Good Friday Service/Sanct.

8 – SATURDAY

10:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt/Youth

Breakfast

9 – SUNDAY EASTER

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

10 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

11 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle/Sewing Rm.

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106D

12 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

10:00 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room

5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH

5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC

6:30 pm W.O.W

7:30 pm Lenten Service/Sanctuary

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

13 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Air Stream

1:00 pm Shalom Circle/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

14 – FRIDAY

15 – SATURDAY

16 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

10:30 Children's Choir

17 – MONDAY

8:30 am SJB/FH

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

6:30 pm Council Meeting/Parlor

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

18 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

1:00 pm Book Club/Library

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

19 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

10:00 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room
5:30 pm Pizza & Kona Ice
6:30 pm Celebration Jamboree
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

20 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

21 – FRIDAY

22 – SATURDAY

23 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Confirmation/Courtyard

24 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

25 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106D

26 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
10:00 am Bible Study/106D
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

27 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

28 – FRIDAY

29 – SATURDAY

30 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Symphony Spring Concert/Sanct.

THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE WITH CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK.



Save the Date!

Annual Church Campout –
September 8-10th at Lake Loramie
More details coming soon!

Serving in Worship in April

Altar Flowers ~

2: Terry McGlaughlin
9: Paul & Bea Kessler Family
16:
23:
30:

Altar Guild ~

7:45: Jen Roidt
9:00: Robin Elston
10:30: Karen Leugers
(wk1&2)/Linda Fisher (wk3-5)

Flower Delivery ~

2: Brenda VanTilburg
9: Diana Spicer
16: Ginny Wade
23: Kathy Snider
30: Terry McGlaughlin

7:45

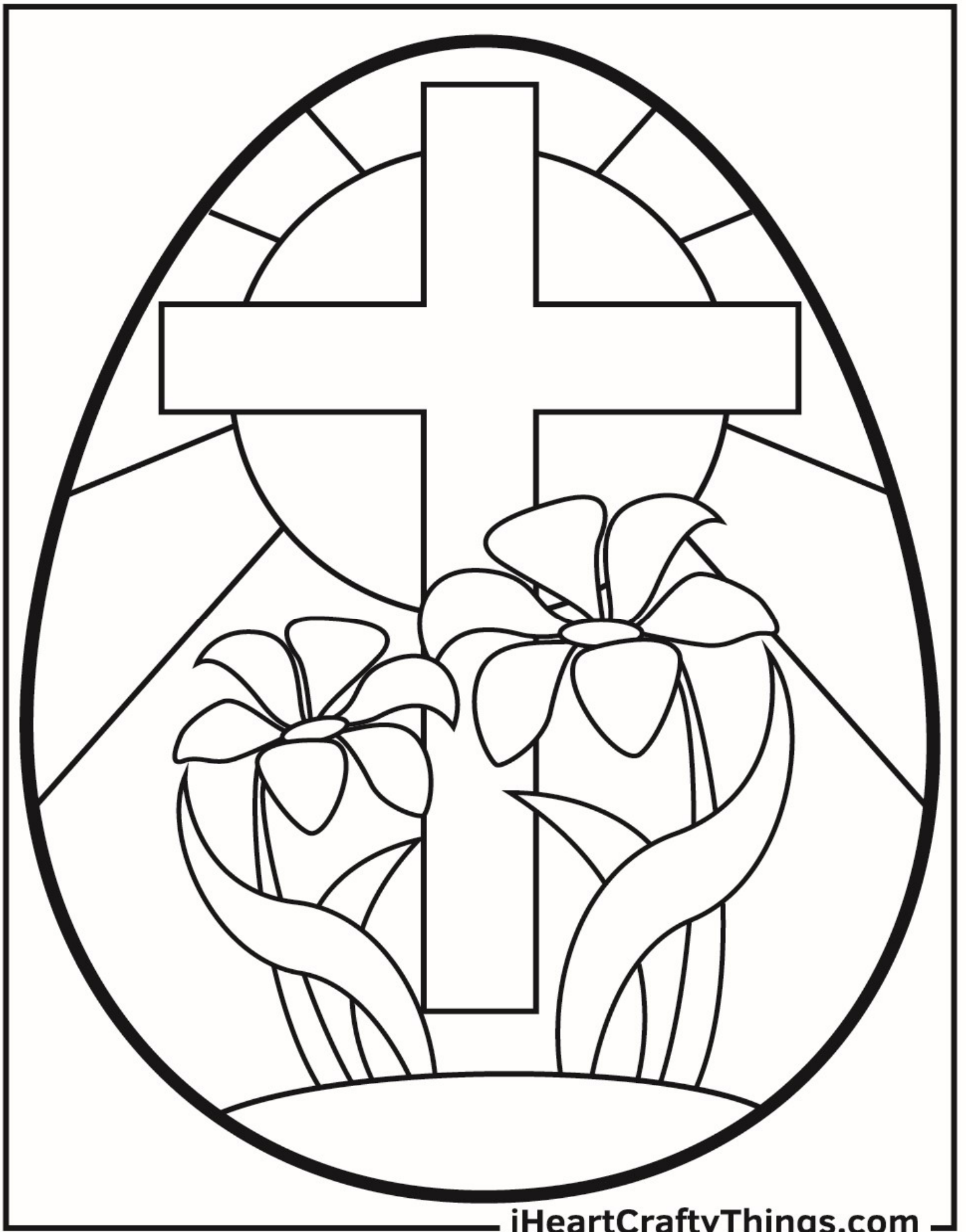
	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Reader	Don Trisel	Kathy Snider	Paul Czernik	Kris Heiby	Todd Hone
Ushers	Ron & Karen Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Todd Hone, Cindy Buschor, Dan & Kathy Snider	Don & Denise Green, Cheryl & Dan Heindel	Tim & Yolanda Hone, Todd Hone, Steve Siebert	Don & Denise Green, Ron & Karen Heindel
Comm. Assistants	Don Green, Jen Roidt	Jen Roidt, Tim Hone	Don Green, Becky Davis	Estella Nusbaum, Kathy Snider	Todd Hone, Cindy Buschor
Welcome Team	Estella Nusbaum	Jen Roidt	Don Green	Cindy Buschor	Yolanda Hone

9:00

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Reader	Will Behm	Nancy Chaney	Billie Hiles	Kristi Huelsman	Don Trisel
Ushers	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson
Comm. Assistants	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson	John Maury, Pam Rasawehr	Jordan Rushton, Billie Hiles	Emilie Buening, John & Kelly Stephenson
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby
Kids' Praise	Emilie Buening, Buening Boys	Jenelle Gross, TJ Gross	Sheena Stover, KJae Stover	Jordan Rushton, Timmy Hiles	Kirsten Fuelling, Kelly Stephenson
Welcome Team	Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson

10:30

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Reader	Ginny Wade	Amanda Barrett	Sue Buxton	Jim Fennig	Ed Fuelling
Ushers	Terry & Linda Fisher, Lee & Judy Fennig	Dave McMurray, Bill Greber, Kevin & Mary Meyer	Judy Menchhofer, Tim Menchhofer, Mike & Lu Grunden	John Dieringer, Mike Overman, Jerry & Joan Sielschott	Mike & Diana Spicer, Jerry & Vicki Weisman
Comm. Assistants	Jerry & Vicki Weisman	Myron & Sue Buxton	Jim & Margie Fennig	Lee & Judy Fennig	Ed Fuelling, Lauren Fuelling
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby
Kids' Praise	Jenny Barrett, Amanda Barrett	Mary Meyer, Paige Kuehne	Jodi Weisman, Grace Gramza	Trisha McMurray, Elli Cubberley	Jenny Barrett, Amanda Barrett
Welcome Team	Trisha McMurray	Lorna Saddler	Joan Sielschott	Diana Spicer	Margie Fennig



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Custodian Mary Meyer
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Organist.....Carl Stuck
Contemp. Music Dir.John Mobley
Children's Choir Director..... Cindy Wendel
Adult Choir DirectorErik Hirschfeld
Video CreatorSarah Plattner
Audio Director Ashley Wagnild

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