



# THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2010

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

## Steps in Faith . . . Beloved Scapegoats

Alateen is a support group program for teenagers who live with a person (often a parent) who is an alcoholic. This program has been shown to improve the health, well-being and functioning of children in such situations. I was talking once with a girl in this program whose father was an alcoholic.

This girl said, "I really like Alateen because they listen to me there. We talk together. They respect me. And they don't yell at me, like I get everywhere else."

Her words, "They don't yell at me, like I get everywhere else," stuck with me. Eventually I learned this girl had become the scapegoat for the father's alcoholism. She caught blame for the family's dysfunction even though the root cause was not of her making.

French philosopher Rene' Girard writes that families, even whole societies, can develop a tendency toward branding others as the source of troubles. This cruel inclination creates scapegoats, innocents unjustly castigated.

Jesus said, "Judge not," and "You without sin cast the first stone." He said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." But on Good Friday, Jesus of Nazareth is branded a scapegoat by a mob. The innocent one who befriended outsiders and offered them the keys to God's realm is apprehended

and charged by authorities and then crucified. Jesus himself becomes the despised scapegoat.



On Easter Sunday, we celebrate God's great reversal from Good Friday's wooden cross to Easter's empty tomb. We pull out all the stops and celebrate with joyful abandon. We worship Jesus as the Lord of Life, the Risen One who reigns over death. The One who became the scapegoat is revealed as the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

And when we look back at Jesus' ministry footsteps in the Gospels - to gain insight into how God-on-earth acts - we discover that Jesus interacts with the scapegoats of his day. He pays attention to the sick, he tells favorable stories of those with few resources, he dines with those making a living through questionable activities. The Name above all names knows the names of the forgotten. The One who is mocked on the cross is the One who will not be moved from the side of the mocked.

And so as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter this year, as we hear again of Jesus walking the lonesome valley by himself, let us ask ourselves, who around us walks alone? Who has been forgotten that Jesus would remember? How might we make a difference - even a small one - in

their lives? And like the girl who experienced the transformation of her life through Ala-teen because, "They don't yell at me there. We talk together," how might God help us enfold those isolated by bringing them into the center of Christ's embrace?

"Once you were not a people," it says in 1 Peter, "but now you are God's people." Through Jesus Christ, God has done this for us. Those who are loathed, and the parts of our own lives that we loath, are now claimed by God. And God continues to yearn that all - from the most respected to the most unloved - experience the grace and the love of this freeing message.



Finally, in this Messenger, you will see the schedule of our Holy Week worship services. We will wave palm branches, partake of the Last Supper, re-tell the story of Jesus' crucifixion and ring in the Good News of Easter morn. It is a weeklong story of endings and suffering being uprooted by tremendous joy and Good News. I invite you to join us.

Peace,

Pastor Bob David

## Holy Week Schedule



**Palm Sunday** (March 28): 8:30 + 11:00 am worship led by Joy Club, Cantate Choristers, Alpha + Omega Ringers

**Maundy Thursday** (April 1): 6:30 pm dinner/worship with Last Supper drama, Holy Communion and music by the Woodwind Ensemble

**Good Friday** (April 2): 7:30 pm service of Tenebrae with the Logos Choir

**Holy Saturday** (April 3): 7:30 pm Easter Vigil with Confirmands

**Easter Sunday** (April 4): 6:30 am youth sunrise service

7:30 - 11:00 am potluck breakfast

8:00 am worship with the Agape Singers + kingsingers,

## Community News + Events

### Join us for an Easter potluck breakfast!

Bring a generous dish (food and/or drink) to share to Fellowship Hall between 7:30 and 11 am on Easter. Enjoy good food and fun company as we celebrate the risen Christ! A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Table for those who can help with clean up throughout the morning.

### One Spirit Gathering

For those of you who are interested in learning a bit more about St. Andrew there will be One Spirit gathering on Sunday, April 11, 12:30-2:30 pm and will include a light lunch.

**Table for Five...Thousand**, this year's children's musical, will be presented by the Cantate Choristers and the Joy Club at both services of worship on Sunday, April 25, as well as at 2:00 pm at Oaknoll Retirement Home. The account of Jesus feeding the five thousand is the only miracle, other than the resurrection, that is reported in all four gospels. This musical focuses on the narrative as it appears in John, where one young boy with five loaves and two fish is the catalyst for everything that follows. What do we know about the boy other than his apparent willingness to share? Not much. But we do know what the result of the action was: an event so startling that members of the crowd wanted to proclaim Jesus as king. The message is simple: even the most humble around us--especially children--can do great things with God's help.

"Let's go to the Movies," the youth choirs' annual dessert concert and silent auction, will be presented by the Agape Singers and Kingingers on Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Included are selections from the movies *Annie*, *Australia*, *Enchanted*, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Newsies*, *Toy Story*, *Anastasia*, *White Christmas*, *High School Musical*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Les Miserables*. Tickets are \$5.00 (which includes a spectacular dessert and beverage after the show) and may be purchased from any member of the choir, during church on April 11 + 18, or at the door on the day of the concert. A silent auction will again be held in conjunction with the concert and begin at 8:00 am that morning. Be sure to place a bid on our amazing collection of items! All profits from the event go to support the youth choirs' concert/mission trip to Chicago in June.

**Marcia A. Murphy**, St. Andrew congregation member, has just self-published her book offering a message of hope. Her memoir titled: *Voices in the Rain: Meaning in Psychosis*, details her life experience with mental illness through which she found spiritual meaning and, ultimately, God. Thanks go out to the St. Andrew Prayer Ministry and all the other people who supported her throughout the 10 years she did research for and wrote her memoir. For more information regarding her book or to order copies you can visit her website at [www.hopeforrecovery.com](http://www.hopeforrecovery.com) or contact her at [murphyma@mchsi.com](mailto:murphyma@mchsi.com) (email) or 319/358.9366 (phone).

### Root River Adventure

Be a happy camper and help us plan this year's weekend adventure to Root River in southern Minnesota. The planning begins at 6 pm Wednesday, March 24, at the church. Each year, St. Andrew heads to the Root River trail area for a weekend of fellowship and fun. Numbers in the past have ranged from 60 to 150 participants. We currently have reservations at Eagle Cliff Campground for Labor Day weekend but some people have said they prefer another weekend. So one of the things we will discuss at the meeting is whether the date or site should be changed this year. Join us on March 24 and share your opinion.

## Our Church Family

### Births

*I praise you, for I am fearfully + wonderfully made.*  
-Psalm 139:14

Julien Dunham - 2.17.10  
Amy + Michael Dunham, parents  
Paul Schroeder, grandfather

### Deaths

*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.* -John 11:25

Gary Shields  
(brother-in-law of Wes Habley)

C. Todd Brenneman - 3.2.10  
Lesanne Fliehler, daughter

Bill C. F. Snider - 3.9.10  
Funeral services were held 3.11.10. Memorial donations may be made in Bill's memory to St. Andrew or Iowa City Hospice.

Mickey LeCroy - 3.10.10  
Nancy Mohler, daughter

## Serving Opportunities

### Silent Auction

Great items already have been donated for the silent auction held in conjunction with the April 18 concert presented by Agape Singers and kingsingers. Items donated so far include Hancher tickets, jewelry, scrapbooking supplies, a handmade afghan, a basket of baby products, a bath set gift box, a decorative plaque, art supplies, Rescue Heroes toy set, musical entertainment, a child-size inflatable bed, radio-control boat, fun pillows, and soccer-theme packages. We still are accepting items for the auction. Perhaps a small group, friends or neighbors could team up to offer dinner or brunch at someone's home, gift cards for restaurants or movies, gift baskets, sports equipment, baked goods, or services (like lawn work or childcare). We also are seeking auction items that will appeal to children, both in content and bidding level. For more details about the auction or to make a donation, call the church office or e-mail Heather at [heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org).

### Soles4Souls

Time to spring clean again! St. Andrew will be holding our 3rd annual *Soles4Souls* shoe collection in memory of Tonya Nicholson from March 21-April 18. The boxes aren't even out yet and we have more shoes than ever before, plus we're collecting shoes at Weber Elementary and West High School this year! All shoes will be sent to Haiti once again, a country where Tonya personally traveled and touched lives. New or gently used, all sizes and styles welcomed, plus \$1 per pair (tied or rubber banded together please) to help cover shipping costs. All questions or offers of help can be directed to Kathi Anderson, 319/341.3640.

### Haiti Fundraiser

On Monday, March 29, there will be a Haitian Cultural Event at Old Brick Building (corner of Clinton and Market) from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Proceeds will go to the Red Cross to help them in their efforts to aid the people of Haiti suffering from the devastating earthquake. There will be Haitian entertainment, free pizza, pop, and cookie. A raffle for an i-Pod, Iowa apparel, and downtown gift cards will also take place. The event is being put on by the Career Leadership Academy through the University Of Iowa Career Center, with the help of Myrtha Pierre, Doucette Alvarez, and State Farm Insurance.

## Small Groups

**The St. Andrew Women's Book Group** will meet Wednesday, April 17, to discuss *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson.

Future meetings will feature:  
*Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See (5/12)

Visitors/new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Susie Pappas (319/338.0692 or [susiepappas@hotmail.com](mailto:susiepappas@hotmail.com)).

**The St. Andrew Women's Tuesday Morning Small Group** will meet April 13, 9 am, at the home of Myrna Farraj, 53 Kennedy Parkway, 319/338.5316. We will be discussing the chapter, *Submission*, from Richard Foster's book, *The Celebration of Discipline*. All are welcome.

## Worship + Music

### Music in Worship Calendar:

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm: Woodwind Ensemble

Friday, April 2: Good Friday

7:30 pm: Logos Choir

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday

8:00: Agape Singers, kingsingers

9:30 + 11:00: Logos Choir, Resound!,  
Brass Ensemble

Sunday, April 11:

8:30: Matins Ringers

Sunday, April 18:

8:30: Logos Choir

Sunday, April 25: Children's Musical

8:30 + 11:00: Cantate Choristers,  
Alpha + Omega Ringers, Joy Club



## Children + Youth Ministries

Spring Break's over, so let's get ready for summer! **Vacation Bible School** is June 14-18, from 8:30 to noon. VBS is for kids who are 4 years old and entering kindergarten in fall 2011, through those who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Older students and adults can attend as volunteers. **FAITHS**, a mission-based day camp for students entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, is June 21-25. Registration forms (for participants and volunteers) for these summer programs are at the Welcome Table.

**Stronghold** for Junior High students, June 6 -11, has a few spots available. Please see church website for a Stronghold brochure.

**Pittsburgh Project** for Senior High is full.

## Presbyterian + United Campus Ministries

### Night Prayer + Chocolate

First + Third Wednesdays at Trinity Episcopal Church (320 E. College St.) at 8:30 pm. All students and community members are welcome.

### UCM Book Club

Mondays, 7 pm at St. Andrew.

### Games + Grub (college students)

Sundays at 7 pm in the Butterfly Room at St. Andrew. Pizza and drinks are provided.

Contact Nancy (319/325.2620) if you have questions or need a ride to any events.

### Stay in touch with Campus Ministries

If students want to sign up for the weekly email, they can send a message to [iowaucm@gmail.com](mailto:iowaucm@gmail.com).

## Stephen Ministry

### Prayer at St. Andrew

Prayer is a fact of life at St. Andrew - but what does that mean? What's involved when we pray? How do we get going and why and what's the destination? And what's this "Prayer Ministry" thing we hear about? Does the church have a cadre of people who spend time doing this seriously?

On Monday, April 5 at 7:00 pm, everyone is invited to the Stephen Ministry training session where a good (if brief) look will be given to *The*

*Basics of Prayer at St. Andrew*. Joining moderator Bill Ford will be two members of the St. Andrew Prayer Ministry for a discussion of how prayer works at our church and how we can become better prayers ourselves.



## Prayer Ministry

### Some quotes on prayer to ponder:

"The man who says his evening prayer is a captain posting his sentinels. He can sleep."  
-Charles Baudelaire

"When you pray for anyone you tend to modify your personal attitude toward him."  
-Norman Vincent Peale

"Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees." -Victor Hugo

"Prayer requires more of the heart than the tongue." -Adam Clark

"...pray without ceasing." -1 Thess. 5:17

"Ask and you will receive, seek, and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you."  
-Matthew 7:7

"Prayer is the key to the morning and the bolt of the evening." -Mahatma Gandhi

"My words fly up, my thoughts remain below: Words without thoughts never to heaven go."  
-William Shakespeare

"Pray and let God worry." -Martin Luther

"I have had prayers answered -most strangely sometimes- but I think our heavenly Father's loving kindness has been more evident in what he refused me." -Lewis Carroll

"All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother. I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." -Abraham Lincoln

"If thou shouldst never see my face again, pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."  
-Alfred Lord Tennyson

"Rich is a person who has a praying friend."  
-Janice Hughes

Let us pray for each other this month.

# Session Minutes - February 18

The Session of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church convened at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Bob opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Bob explained the probable next steps that will be taken by Alban Institute Consultant Susan Nienaber. Her written report with recommendations should reach us in 2-4 weeks. The attendance at the small and large groups held last weekend exceeded the numbers expected. She said her report will probably include these recommendations, among others:

- The church could benefit with more clarity of who we are, what are our strengths and our purpose of call. One more weekend with the consultant on campus may be beneficial. During that time she would spend an entire day training conversation facilitators, and the next day helping to lead a congregational event to further clarify church identity and strengths. Session prefers March 26-28 or later but would like to see her report before making any decision.
- Lay the groundwork for a strategic plan/vision, but wait until a new senior pastor is in place and he/she has time to bond with the congregation before solidifying a strategic plan.
- Susan also thought a conference call with the Pastor Nominating Committee could be helpful for them to highlight certain skills that may be important for a new pastor.

Melrose Sidewalk Project: Elder Eric Goers reported our affirmative congregational vote to the University Heights lawyer. This gives the

go-ahead for a University Heights sidewalk improvement project along Melrose Avenue that includes the sale of 110 sq. ft. of property to UH, and a temporary sidewalk construction lease to UH of the front of St. Andrew's property. Closing on the sale of the property is scheduled for April 1, 2010.

Mission Budget monies were **approved** for the following:

- \$500 for the Community Pastoral Counseling Service
- \$750 for the Geneva Lecture Series
- \$250 for "Snack Bags" for Ecumenical Blitz Build in Cedar Rapids
- \$650 for one year's tuition for Central American Teacher Training School for Filamena Pop-Chub

St. Andrew has received over \$15,000 for Haiti Relief from the congregation and Presbyterian Men. 20% will go to Haitian American Friendship Foundation and 15% to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the rest will be divided as 10% or 5% allotments to Missionary Flights International, Samaritan's Purse, United Christians International, Water for Life, World Vision, and World Wide Village.

There is a special Presbytery meeting Saturday, February 20, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. First Presbyterian Church I.C. is asking the Presbytery to consider taking steps toward changing current national Presbyterian policy on ordination of gay and lesbian church members, marriage of same sex couples, and pastor participation and Session latitude in marriage services. If approved, these overtures would be sent to the Presbyterian General Assembly this summer in Minneapolis, MN. A fourth motion concerns the election of an advocate to lobby for these overtures at the General

Assembly. Session **approved** Elders Barb Fleckenstein, James Hemsley and Alissa Villhauer as our representatives to this meeting.

Session **approved** the removal from the rolls of Alice Mahon, Valerie McNally, Sara Murry and Jeremiah Murry; Session **approved** moving to inactive rolls Dick Tucker, Buffie Tucker, Ann Murray, Jim Murray, Jody Stoffer, Jason Stoffer, Ty Garret, Teri Garret, Calvin Coquillette, Lynne Hirleman, Doug Goodrich, and Cindy Goodrich; Session **approved** letter of transfer of Michelle Norman and Michelle Wikner to Zion Lutheran Church, Iowa City.

Building Team: With the University Heights sidewalk widening project, the Men's Group will lose some parking spaces for football parking. They would like to lay some rock in the back of the building for additional parking. The Men's Group will pay for this improvement. This idea was **approved**.

Allison Johnson would like to attend Denver Seminary for a MA in counseling. She needs a church endorsement to complete her application. This was **approved**.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Clerk of Session | Moderator |
| Jackie Stokes    | Bob David |

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## SERVING CHRIST AND THE COMMUNITY FOR 50 YEARS

**Our Focus:** *Sharing the Community of Christ*  
**Our Mission:** *To follow Jesus Christ • Grow in commitment • Cultivate our gifts  
Reach out in mission • And bring others to Christ*



# Stewardship

As a relatively young stewardship team, we find ourselves discovering what seem like new or novel concepts or thoughts about the ministry of stewardship. Truth is, some of these ideas probably aren't new at all, but they're new to us, so we assume they may be new to you. Some of these ideas seem large or significant, some seem small, and some, well, we don't know where to place them.

Here is one idea - answer this question: Is Stewardship a function of the business of the church or the life of the church? Is it a business function, like the finances, to be overseen by the Elders? Or is it part of the caring, spiritual life of the church similar to other areas that are ministered to by the Deacons?

We are talking about endowment stewardship this spring. In that area, it is very clear to us that our approach to treating endowment stewardship as a ministry places it squarely in the

realm of the spiritual life of the church; places it squarely as part of our faith and spiritual journey. The Elders and Finance Team may oversee administration of the business aspects of the fund, yet the heart and soul of the Stewardship Team is one of ministering to people - to help discover and encourage the meaningfulness of giving; to create opportunities for conversation and listening. Then we shall see where that takes us.

We're not sure why this seems so important, why it seems vital to route our concept of stewardship away from the idea that it is just a "revenue generating division of finance." One reason is to move away from the thought of dealing with money. There is so much stress over money. Bring up the subject and backs stiffen. Especially now. On the other hand, bring up the subject of mission trips, of habitat builds, of care ministries . . . those sub-

jects yield a relaxed, wider heart. Hear the stories and barriers lift and warmth comes in. That is where we wish to be. A volunteering of financial resources is simply another way to volunteer - often to the same cause. For those with frail backs, it's a way to pitch in.

When you establish an endowment, you are creating a way to "pitch in" to a cause very important to you. The funds are prudently administered and distributed annually for the desired purposes. Is this something that you have thought about? If so, we hope you will take what seems like a risk, and initiate a conversation. Your Stewardship Team is here to help you create meaning in the act of giving.

John Benson  
(home: 319/337.6429; work: 319/679.2199),  
on behalf of the Stewardship Team: Kathi Anderson, Debbie Dreusicke, Sheila Baldwin, Bob Lamkins, Cindy Kasper, Pastor Bob David

## Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)

GENERAL FUND 01, February 2010

|                               | Current Period      | Year to Date        | Annual Budget     | Annual Budget % | Budget Difference   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                 |                     |                     |                   |                 |                     |
| PLEDGES & IDENTIFIED GIFT     | \$63,171.23         | \$132,229.55        | \$933,998.00      | 14.16%          | -\$801,768.45       |
| CAMPUS MINISTRY GRANTS        | 2,250.00            | 4,500.00            | 35,000.00         | 12.86%          | -30,500.00          |
| FACILITIES/OFFICE INCOME      | 0.00                | 0.00                | 600.00            | 0.00%           | -600.00             |
| INVESTMENT INCOME             | 55.09               | 129.53              | 1,200.00          | 10.79%          | -1,070.47           |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME          | 0.00                | 0.00                | 600.00            | 0.00%           | -600.00             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>           | <b>65,476.32</b>    | <b>136,859.08</b>   | <b>971,398.00</b> | <b>14.09%</b>   | <b>-834,538.92</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>               |                     |                     |                   |                 |                     |
| LAND                          | \$3,000.00          | \$5,796.01          | \$8,800.00        | 65.86%          | -\$3,003.99         |
| BUILDING                      | 8,311.34            | 14,578.40           | 86,575.00         | 16.84%          | -71,996.60          |
| UTILITIES                     | 2,507.96            | 4,647.24            | 30,800.00         | 15.09%          | -26,152.76          |
| EQUIPMENT, F & F              | 367.56              | 362.56              | 200.00            | 181.28%         | 162.56              |
| VEHICLES                      | 378.50              | 429.50              | 5,301.00          | 8.10%           | -4,871.50           |
| CAMPUS MINISTRY               | 444.73              | 596.81              | 1,923.00          | 31.04%          | -1,326.19           |
| CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES         | 191.83              | 730.59              | 6,700.00          | 10.90%          | -5,969.41           |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION           | 354.96              | 354.96              | 1,250.00          | 28.40%          | -895.04             |
| MINISTRIES - CARE/SUPPORT     | 9.09                | 9.09                | 1,200.00          | 0.76%           | -1,190.91           |
| MEMBERSHIP/EVANGELISM         | 70.85               | 117.85              | 5,550.00          | 2.12%           | -5,432.15           |
| MISSION                       | 8,598.78            | 18,000.83           | 127,350.00        | 14.13%          | -109,349.17         |
| MUSIC                         | 249.39              | 716.12              | 9,015.00          | 7.94%           | -8,298.88           |
| OFFICE EXPENSE                | 1,230.60            | 4,303.60            | 23,800.00         | 18.08%          | -19,496.40          |
| OPERATING EXPENSES            | 3,835.77            | 8,049.84            | 68,145.00         | 11.81%          | -60,095.16          |
| PERSONNEL                     | 52,898.88           | 99,186.92           | 582,494.00        | 17.03%          | -483,307.08         |
| WORSHIP                       | 45.19               | 635.25              | 2,675.00          | 23.75%          | -2,039.75           |
| YOUTH MINISTRIES              | 142.06              | 782.76              | 9,620.00          | 8.14%           | -8,837.24           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>         | <b>82,637.49</b>    | <b>159,298.33</b>   | <b>971,398.00</b> | <b>16.40%</b>   | <b>-812,099.67</b>  |
| <b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b> | <b>-\$17,161.17</b> | <b>-\$22,439.25</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>    | <b>-\$22,439.25</b> |

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## MESSENGER

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

# Holy Week at St. Andrew



**Palm Sunday** (March 28) is a day of triumph, as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where the crowd waved palm leaves as a sign of welcome.

**Worship:** 8:30 + 11:00 am, led by Joy Club, Cantate Choristers and Alpha + Omega Ringers



**Maundy Thursday** (April 1) refers to John 13:5, 14 and 34, and comes from the Latin word "mandatum," or commandment. "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another."

**Dinner/Worship:** 6:30 pm with a Last Supper drama and Communion in the Sanctuary



**Good Friday** (April 2) was most likely early on called "God's Friday," and later became Good Friday, the same way that "God's Day" came to be pronounced "Good Day."

**Worship:** 7:30 pm service of Tenebrae with the Logos Choir



**Holy Saturday** (April 3) is a day of transition from sadness to joy. We gather together in worship with the new fire of life, hearing stories of God's acts of salvation, rejoicing in God's gift of baptism and celebrating the first communion of the Risen Jesus.

**Worship:** 7:30 pm Easter Vigil

On April 4 we will celebrate **Easter** and the most important event in the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Worship:** 6:30 youth sunrise service

8:00 with the Agape Singers + kingsringers

9:30 + 11:00 with the Logos Choir, Resound! + Brass Ensemble

**Breakfast:** 7:30 - 11:00 am potluck breakfast in Fellowship Hall

