

# The Visitor - April 2019



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*Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised. (Matthew 28: 5b)*



Greetings St. James,

At the Tri-Synodical Fall Theological Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen paused before a room of more than three hundred participants and said, “Christians proclaim the gospel... the good news... but what is that news really? The news is that Jesus did not stay dead. The news is that Christ is risen...” There was a long silence, but finally, one lone voice from somewhere in the crowd called out tentatively: “He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

It was September, and the crowd was a bit rusty. The Easter proclamation felt a bit odd at

first, out of its usual context. Pastor Madsen repeated the call and response, and urged the assembly to repeat it, again and again, emphasizing how we are called to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ not only on Easter Sunday, but on every Sunday.

On the first Sunday of Lent, we buried the word “alleluia” to mark the beginning of the season when Jesus begins the long walk towards the cross. But, on Easter morning we will return the word “alleluia” to our worship service and we will boldly proclaim the good news that “Christ is risen... He is risen indeed, Alleluia!” May we never get rusty at proclaiming the good news.

Yours in Christ,  
 Pastor Martha



## WORSHIP

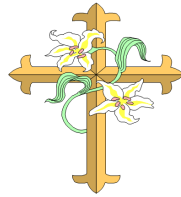
### Mid Week Lenten Services



We continue with Mid-Week Lenten Services through **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm**. If you are able to come early there will be **Soup Suppers at 5:30pm** There is a signup in the Narthex for Cooks for each week.

### The Triduum

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services will be held at **6:30pm** this year. Please note the time change.



## OUTREACH

### NOISY OFFERING:

Thank you for your Noisy Offering on Sunday, March 17th of \$182.77 this will go toward the Immanuel Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!



Our next Noisy Offering will be on **Sunday, April 21st** and will be designated to the Habitat for Humanity. Wendy Clow will be the temple talk guest on **April 14th**. Don't forget to bring your loose change.

### At Work at St. James God's Plans...Our Hands in March



Type of Outreach/Fellowship	March
Communion Visit	6
Hospital Visit	1
Confirmation	2
Summit Worship	9

Please send us the stats for what you would like to report each week, so we can recognize the great work done by St. James members.

### SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Will be held on **Saturday, April 13th**. Watch the bulletin for details....

## EDUCATION

### THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

Led by Susan Thornton

The Thursday Study Group is going to experience the 16th Century for the next two months. There is so much to learn about the many ideas and people who changed the church, reforming it and creating Protestantism. Our focus in March was Martin Luther who started the whole thing off in 1517. By 1523, Ulrich Zwingli was leading the reformation in Switzerland. We will learn how he and Luther disagreed on some their reforming ideas. Then we will learn about the Anabaptist Movement that began in 1525. After one person suggested different ways of changing the church, others followed. In 1534, King Henry VIII of England wrote the Act of Supremacy. It was expedient for him to break from Rome since the Pope would not give him a divorce from his first wife. Then in 1536, John Calvin published The Institutes of the Christian Religion. Can you imagine that not even 20 years after Luther's Ninety-Five Thesis, all of these men were speaking up, braving the call of heresy and death. Our reference books are The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History by Curtis, Land and Petersen and Turning Points by Mark A. Noll as well as other sources. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary at 1:30 on **Thursday, April 4th**.

## JUST FOR FUN



"I thought Palm Sunday was when everyone went to Florida for spring break."

*Servant List –April 2019–May 2019*

	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>April 18-Th</b>	<b>April 19-F</b>	<b>April 20-S</b>	<b>April 21</b>
Greeter(s)	Chuck Thor	Rae Anne Tolonen & Ida Anderson	Joyce & Bill Anderson	Nancy DeGryse	Lois & Roy Kelly	Karlyn Blank
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Chuck Thor & Help Needed	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly	N/A	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson
Assisting Minister	DeAnna McMillin	Deb Schroeder	Deb Schroeder	Help Needed	Help Needed	Laura Trombley
Reader	Laura Trombley	Becky Stevick	Deb Schroeder	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Projectionist	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Fellowship Time	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	N/A	N/A	Kim Hurley
Counters	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen	N/A	Jim Souder & Mike King
Altar Care	Sara Tackett	Becky Stevick	Pat Reynolds	N/A	N/A	Sara Tackett
	<b>April 28</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 26</b>	
Greeter(s)	DeAnna McMillin	Pat Reynolds	Melinda & Neil Robb	Matt & Deb Schroeder	Jim & Edna Souder	
Ushers	Chuck Thor & Help Needed	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Chuck Thor & Help Needed	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly	
Assisting Minister	Laura Trombley	Laura Trombley	DeAnna McMillin	Pat Reynolds	Deb Schroeder	
Reader	Jack Noren	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	
Projectionist	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	
Fellowship Time	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	
Counters	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen	
Altar Care	Pat Reynolds	Sara Tackett	Sara Tackett	Pat Reynolds	Becky Stevick	



# St. James Lutheran

## April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	3 5:30pm— Soup Supper 6:30pm— Lent Worship	4 1:30pm— Thursday Study Group	5	6
7 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Adult Forum	8 9:00am— Prayer Shawl Group  7:00pm-- Church Council	9 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	10 5:30pm— Soup Supper 6:30pm— Lent Worship 7:00pm— Worship/Music Meeting	11	12	13 <i>Spring Cleanup Day</i>
Noisy Offering 14 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Easter Brunch 3:30pm-- Confirmation at Christ Lutheran	15 1:00pm— Life Changes	16 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	17	18 6:30pm— Maundy Thurs- day Service	19 6:30pm— Good Friday Service	20 6:30pm— Easter Vigil Service
21 9:30am— Worship  <i>Happy Easter!</i>	22	23 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	24	25	26	27
28 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Adult Forum 2:00pm— Summit Worship 3:30pm— Confirmation at Christ Lutheran	29 9:00am— Women's Breakfast at Denny's	30 9:00am— Men's Breakfast at Bone Island	1	<div style="background-color: #fce4d6; padding: 10px;">  <p>04/19 Matt &amp; Deb Schroeder (45)</p> <p>04/21 Mike &amp; Deanna McMillin (52)</p> <p>04/24 Bill &amp; Joyce Anderson (54)</p> </div>		
			<div style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 10px;">  <p>04/03 Jim Souder</p> <p>04/06 Eric Robb</p> <p>04/08 Chloe Laird</p> <p>04/12 Steve Ernst</p> <p>04/16 Karen Dale</p> <p>04/20 Morris DeGryse</p> <p>04/21 Karen Ernst-Kendall</p> <p>04/28 Gus Mueller</p> </div>			



**Worship with us:**  
**Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**Staff Listing:**

Rev. Martha Porter-Reid	Jan Lehman and Robin Vogel
Anna Pedrotte	Jim Skrocki
Pastor	Organist
Parish Administrator	Custodians

**“We are a grace-centered family of faith that seeks to know Christ and make Him known.”**

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