



SEA NOTES

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER *at Shepherd of the Sea*

Sunday, April 13

10 am Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday, April 17

6 pm Maundy Thursday Potluck Worship

Friday, April 18

6 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 20

7 am Easter Sunrise service at the Atlantic beach circle

8:30am Community Breakfast in the fellowship hall

10 am Easter Worship in the sanctuary



Dear church,

Christ is risen! Well, maybe not yet. But this month we celebrate Jesus' final journey to the cross, and ultimately (spoiler alert!) his resurrection. We are now fully into the season of Lent, a word which means "spring." And as flowers begin to push through the earth, and trees begin to bud, it is a transformation of our whole world.

It is a beautiful time on the coast as we push toward warmer, longer days. Those who garden are starting to get the dirt under their nails as garden beds are being prepped and planted. The beach, while windy this time of year, is inviting for long walks as the sun gets a little slower moving through the sky. And sometimes lent feels a little like this. While it reminds us again and again to repent and sometimes strikes a somber darker tone, we also know that Easter is coming. There is an excitement as we move toward our Holiest of Weeks this month, and I invite you to dig in and engage in this season.

We continue to have our midweek Prayer Around the Cross, with time for fellowship and supper beforehand.

Holy Week begins on April 13 with Palm Sunday. We do not close our worship that day because the one worship is spread over the whole week. On Maundy Thursday Dinner Church we will share a potluck meal in and around our worship and hear the story of Jesus' last dinner with his friends and disciples. On Good Friday, our tenebrae service tells the story of Jesus on the cross.

Easter morning we offer a Sunrise service on the beach (at the Atlantic Beach Circle) at 7am followed by a community breakfast at the church. We then celebrate worship at 10am in the sanctuary. We invite you to join into these celebrations as we proclaim again and again that Jesus is risen, he is risen indeed!

We continue on in our Lenten journey with anticipation of what we know is coming. There is beauty in the anticipation, and like buds on trees and flowers we know will come there is excitement in knowing the end of the story.

Blessings on the journey +,
Pastor Kelly

CHURCH HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Midweek Services - Join us each Wednesday at 5:45pm for supper, and 6:30pm for worship during Lent.



Easter Lilies—The deadline for ordering an Easter lily to memorialize or honor someone is April 6, and cost is \$20. Look for the order forms in the bulletin.

Palm Sunday-On April 13, join us for Palm Sunday Worship.

Maundy Thursday - On April 17, we will have a Church Potluck Dinner as we hear the story of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We will be worshipping throughout our meal. Bring a dish to share. All are invited and encouraged to come, including friends and neighbors.

Good Friday - On April 18, we will have Good Friday Tenebrae worship service at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday - On April 20 we will celebrate our risen Lord! We have two opportunities for worship that day. 7am Sunrise Service will be held at the beach, right off the circle. We will have Breakfast at the church at 8:30am. Then at 10am we will have worship in the Sanctuary. Spread the word, and join us!



Church Work Day - Help us prepare the sanctuary and the grounds for Easter at our church work day on Saturday, April 5 at 11am. All ages and abilities are welcome to help as we clean and beautify our space!

Bible Study—Weekly Bible Study is now on break through Lent. We will resume (back on Wednesday) on April 30 at 11am. We will be reading and studying the book of Daniel from the Old Testament. Plan to join us!

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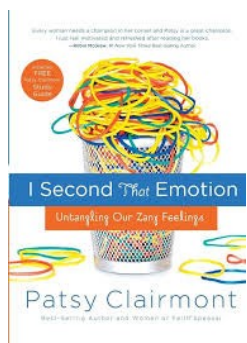
Quarterly Mission Meeting - Save the date for the Quarterly Congregational Mission Meeting following the service on May 18. Find out what's happening in our congregation, and new ways you can be a part of our ministry!

MARTHA'S MISSION Cupboard

First Sunday Collection - We will be having a special collection for Martha's Mission Cupboard on Sunday, April 6. Requested items are: pasta sauce, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressing, dried beans, bar soap and loaf bread.

New Altar Cloths - Much needed new altar clothes were donated by the Hassings in memory of Janet's father. These will be blessed during the prayers on Palm Sunday.

Men's Breakfast-All men are invited for breakfast and fellowship Saturday, April 12 at 9am at Four Corners Diner.



Women's Group - All women are invited for Women's Group at 10am on April 14 at the church. We will continue on with the next chapter in *I Second that Emotion* by Patsy Clairmont. All are welcome!



Altar Flowers for April

April 6 –LENT

April 13- LENT

April 20- LILIES

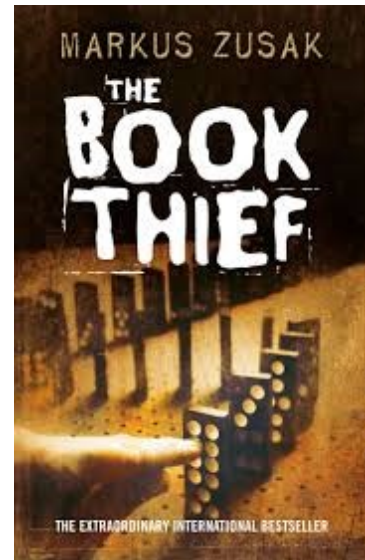
April 27- (Open)



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Spring Gospel in Fiction Book Club - Our Spring discussion will take place Tuesday, May 13 at 10am at Reed's Coffee. We will be discussing *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. All are welcome!



Fellowship Hour—Volunteers are needed to host the coffee hour for the following dates in May: 4, 11, 18, 25; as well as June 1, 8.

Outreach—We are starting a new outreach program with Bear Island Recovery Services. They provide medication assisted treatment for addictions. They also assist clients with referrals regarding counseling, mental health, housing needs, job skills, transportation and basic needs. We will begin our outreach with a clothing drive during the Lenten season. Please bring clean gently used clothing and shoes to the green hamper marked BI clothing donation in the church entry area. The age of the clients is 18-78, equal numbers of men and women. Let's help this group meet their basic needs so they can concentrate on their recovery.

LECTIONARY READINGS for APRIL 2025

Color of the Day	April 6 5 Lent	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 17 Maundy Thursday	April 18 Good Friday	April 20 Easter Day	April 27 2 Easter
First Reading	Isa 43:16-21	Isa 50:4-9a	Ex 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14	Isa 52:13-53:12	Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 65:17-25	Acts 5:27-32
Psalm	Psalm 126	Psalm 31:9-16	Ps 116:1-2, 12-19	Psalm 22	Ps 118:1-2,14-24	Psalm 118:14-29 or Ps 150
Second Reading	Phil 3:4b-14	Phil 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-26	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9	1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	Rev.1:4-8
Gospel	John 12:1-8	Luke 22:14-23:56; or Lk 23:1-49	John 13:1-17,31b-35	John 18:1-19:42	Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31

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