

E-News for the Week of Sunday, March 27
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday	
<p><u>Readings</u></p> <p>Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>	<p><u>Participants</u></p> <p>Celebrant: Rev. Nancy Wright Altar Guild: Cheryl Couillard Communion Assistant: Bob Furst Lector: Herb Tilley Liturgical Assistant: TBA Greeters: Everyone Ushers: France Leblanc</p>

Good Friday	
<p><u>Readings</u></p> <p>Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25</p>	<p><u>Participants</u></p> <p>Celebrant: Rev. Nancy Wright Lector: Barbara Sponem Greeters: Everyone Ushers: Jake Hansen</p>

Easter Sunday		
<p><u>Readings</u></p> <p>Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12</p>	<p><u>Participants 8:00 AM</u></p> <p>Celebrant: Rev. Nancy Wright Altar Guild: Suzanne Furst Communion Assistant: Bob Furst Lector: Joyce Gallimore Liturgical Assistant: Audrey Stone Greeters: Karen and Red Martin Ushers: Jake Hansen</p>	<p><u>Participants 10:00 AM</u></p> <p>Celebrant: Rev. Nancy Wright Altar Guild: Julie Valliere Communion Assistant: Julie Valliere Lector: Janice Tilley Liturgical Assistant: Audrey Stone Greeters: Karen and Red Martin Ushers: Lauren, Noah & Doug Dreibelbis, Harriet Richards</p>

Upcoming Week

Wednesday, 3/23

6:15 p.m. Choir
 7:15 p.m. Bells

Thursday, 3/24: Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Friday, 3/25: Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service

Sunday, 3/27: Easter Sunday

7:30-9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Early Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Late Worship Service

Tuesday, 3/29

6:00-9:00 p.m. Nunn's Men's Group (Rental)

Wednesday, 3/30

4:30-5:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Rental)

6:15 p.m. Contemporary

7:15 p.m. Bells

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

Services in Lent

Maundy Thursday (**March 24**) 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, stripping of the altar

Good Friday (**March 25**) 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service of Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns, ending in darkness

Easter Sunday (**March 27**) 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Worship services with Holy Communion; Pancake breakfast by Church Council from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Birthdays

3/23 Joseph Gonyaw

3/23 Robert Jenkins

3/23 Anneliese Koenig

3/26 Emily Dreibelbis

3/26 Jane Hondal

3/26 Bev Knight

3/27 William Kimball

3/30 Andrew Hampson

3/31 Noah Dreibelbis

Pastor's Message

Dear Ascension parishioners,

As we enter this week into a deeper experience of Jesus' life, suffering, and resurrection, I hope that you will take time individually for reflection on this deep aspect of the Christian faith. In addition to attending Ascension's services, you may wish to go more deeply into the Sabbath practices that you have hopefully entered into during Lent. These practices may have included more time spent in prayer, inspiring reading, leisure "unplugged" time spent with family or in nature, or simply resting. The purpose of Sabbath time is to sense God's love more intimately.

I commend again the website: www.theworkofthepeople.com. This site features short segments on very meaningful topics, including the meaning of Jesus' suffering and resurrection in contemporary context, through interviews with influential theologians and spiritual leaders.

I also recommend a link sent to us yesterday by the professors of my doctoral course on Sabbath: https://www.faithandleadership.com/minneapolis-congregation-finds-new-life-through-ancient-practice-keeping-sabbath?utm_source=FL_newsletter&utm_medium=content&utm_campaign=FL_topstory. You will

read here how a dying church came alive again when the congregation as a whole adopted Sabbath practices!

I'd love to hear your thoughts.

See you in worship throughout this Holy Week.

Pr. Nancy

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Good Friday, except by appointment and for the 7 pm service. Good Friday is a day of recollection, prayer, and fasting.

[Sunday School News](#)

Full updates for Sunday School are available on our website now!

Children: <http://alcvt.org/education/children.html>

Adults: <http://alcvt.org/education/adults.html>

[HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS](#)

[Request for Candy Donations for Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt](#)

Looking for Easter Bunnies to help supply candy for eggs for Ascension's Sunday School Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. We are looking to fill about 300 eggs. If you are able to donate, please label candy "Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt" and place on the counter in the kitchen by Saturday afternoon, March 26th. Thank you! ~The Educational Ministry Team

[Women's Retreat 2016](#)

Yippee!! The Women's Retreat is on! **April 28-May 1**. Checks should be made to Blue Gentian Lodge. (You can put them in the offering plate.) \$165 by **Sunday, March 27**. Please tell Bonnie if you have a specific roommate in mind. Books for retreat will be handed out on Sunday, April 3.

Questions? Ask Bonnie @ bonnielomb@gmail.com.

[Church Service Childcare](#)

The Educational Ministry Committee is going to provide childcare during the regular worship time beginning Sunday, April 3rd. We need help from the congregation to fill this important need. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex now! We are looking for 2 adults to cover each Sunday service. This is a great chance to sign up with a friend and spend some time together while providing childcare so that parents and care givers can have a more focused worship experience.

[Pretzel Recipe and Instructions](#)

The FULL original recipe and instructions (that I thought had been eaten by a file cabinet goblin) have been located and are available here for your year-round pretzel making enjoyment: http://alcvt.org/docs/Ault_Pretzel_Instructions.pdf

[Quilter's Group](#)

All are welcome to join with the quilters at Ascension in the assembling of mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are tied rather than quilted hence no sewing skills are required. The process is simple and moves along quickly when many hands are involved. The group meets the first and third Thursday of the month 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Next meeting is **Thursday, April 7!**

[Name Tags](#)

Dear Parishioners. Newcomers to Ascension would like us to wear our name tags. Please find them in the library, or ask the office to make you a new one.

[Coffee Hour](#)

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

[Additional News and Opportunities](#)

Benefit Silent Auction

Silent Auction benefiting Vermont Interfaith Action, Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP), and other social justice ministries. **April 29, 2016** at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2 Cherry St, Burlington.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the bidding begins (including light refreshments)! Bidding ends at 7:30 p.m. and the entertainment begins (including delicious desserts)!

Tickets are \$15 at St. Paul's online: stpaulscathedralvt.org (through 4/26), \$20 at the door. Students 12-18 years old are \$2. Children under 12 are free! The first 50 ticket-buyers will be automatically entered into a special prize drawing!

Winners take home your treasures that evening. Come, bring friends, and have fun... all while helping our neighbors!

COTS Walk

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is putting out a call for walkers for the annual COTS Walk, scheduled for **Sunday, May 1**. Check in is at 1 pm with the walk starting at 2 pm. Visit www.cotsonline.org for more information or to register.

Battery Recycling

There have been a few newspaper articles recently announcing a new recycling program for batteries. Until now the advice has been to put alkaline batteries in the trash. Starting January 1, 2016, you can now give your single-use, alkaline batteries new life by recycling them through Call2Recycle at convenient locations across Vermont. For more information, click here: <http://www.call2recycle.org/vermont/>