

The *VIEW*

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church April 2020

Celebrating Easter in the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic

We all remember playing the childhood game “Hide-and-Seek” where one kid would turn his back on the other kids and count to ten while all the other kids would scatter to find a good place to hide. When the kid who was counting finished he or she would announce, “ready or not, here I come” before they would be off to look for the hidden players.

This year Easter feels a lot like that childhood game. The coronavirus with the mandate to stay at home and avoid gatherings of more than ten people means that this year there will be no more mid-week Lenten services, no Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday services, no baptismal celebrations, no lilies decorating the altar, no Easter egg hunt, no Easter breakfast, no sunrise service, no special choir music celebrating our Lord’s resurrection. As your pastor I feel that when it comes to Easter this year, “We’re not ready”. But God, not I, has the last word and just like in the game of hide-and-seek Jesus is telling us, “ready or not, here I come”. And I’m glad he is!

I, for one, am glad Jesus is coming for us now because now is when we need him. In the midst of the uncertainty that surrounds us and it’s attending fear, stress, and anxiety that has been placed upon us, we need Jesus to be with us, to comfort us, and to assure us that in the midst of our chaos he is Lord and holds the future in his hands. I’m glad we are able to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus even if we’re not ready for it and are woefully unprepared. God isn’t waiting for the coronavirus to pass and he’s not waiting for us to be adequately prepared. In the midst of a crisis that upends the normal course of our lives God stands with us. Or, as we say on Easter Sunday, “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!”

When you read the gospels you will find that we’re in good company, no one on that first Easter was prepared either. The resurrection caught everyone by surprise from the women who went early in the morning to find the tomb empty, to the disciples who didn’t believe their story, to the two disciples who encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus later that evening...all we surprised, amazed, and overjoyed that Jesus was able to overcome death and be with them once again. This year’s Easter celebration is sure to be different but it will also be very special. God has not forgotten us, nor does he leave us on our own. In the midst of our troubles and uncertainties Jesus rose from the dead to be with us and on the last day will raise us up that we may never be separated from Him and from one another. “Ready or not, here I come.” “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed.” Happy Easter!

Pastor Larry

(Bishop Humphrey has just extended to time to refrain from conducting worship services and other church activities from April 1st to at least May 17th.)

LOOKING AHEAD

April 2: Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall: Our Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for activities and overseeing the operations of our Church. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council's consideration, please submit them to Rosemary Spell (preferably in writing) no later than April 1. Email to rosespel@msn.com

Devotion and Reading Materials; Bulletins and Newsletters: The "Word in Season" for the second quarter (April, May, June) is available. Also "Living Lutheran" for March and April issues are available. A plastic bin containing these materials has been placed at the Parish Hall door (east side at cemetery wall). In addition, ten (10) copies of the most recent Sunday bulletin and extra copies of the April newsletter will be placed in the bin. Please stop by and pick up a copy; if none are available leave your name on a post-it note in the bin. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Steve Dickerson or Becci Page to ensure that they have your appropriate email address.

For daily devotions, recall our recommendation to use "The Word in Season," our Sunday School Lenten Journey "40 Days with the Lord's Prayer," and the devotional booklet "Wondrous Love." In addition, the Virginia Synod is providing "Taking Faith Home" and "Roots and Wings". These documents will be emailed as separate attachments each week along with the bulletin. Also, use this opportunity to read the four Gospels, especially Matthew, the scriptural resource for our liturgical year. Find other devotional resources you have in your home or search on appropriate websites.

"Taking faith home": From the Virginia Synod: Milestone Ministries have graciously provided the Virginia Synod with a resource that can be used at home, or digitally online to facilitate thoughtful conversations. A copy of this weekly insert is included in the email distribution. "Roots and wings" will also be emailed.

April and May Birthdays and Anniversaries: We will resume first Sunday celebration of birthdays and anniversaries when we worship again at PVELC (May 17). In the interim, take time to send a note of encouragement to one another, make a phone call, send a text message, post a social media message, light a candle, donate to organizations serving those in distress, and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world. To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page via text or phone.

May Newsletter Call to Action: Do you have a favorite hymn? If yes, please provide the title to Mary Garber (via email, text, or call). Also, include an occasion or a sentence on why this hymn has special meaning to you. Mary will accumulate this information and it will be shared in the May newsletter. The list will also be referred to Gary Flavin, our Choir Director, for use as special music, summer vespers, etc.

Sanctuary HVAC: On March 8, the PVELC congregation approved an additional \$49,000 for the Sanctuary HVAC renovation. This includes the installation of the total HVAC solution and additional electrical expenses to handle the installation and capacity requirements. Since March 11, HVAC and Electrical vendors have been working to install the new HVAC system in the Sanctuary. We look forward to having this Sanctuary project completed prior to our resuming Worship Services.

PVELC Contributions: As you know, expenses for PVELC continue regardless of our physical presence for Worship Services. Please consider mailing your contribution to either of these PVELC addresses: 2733 Spring Hill Rd, Staunton, VA 24401 or P.O. Box 346, Verona, VA 24482. Please note that the physical address is Staunton and the P.O. Box is located in Verona. Becci Page, Financial Secretary, and Janet Braithwaite, Assistant Financial Secretary, will continue to process contributions. Karen Fauber, Treasurer, will continue to ensure timely payments for expenses. This includes payments for our HVAC project.

HVAC Easter Egg Challenge: “In uncertain times it is good to have something to bring us together and a focus on the Easter celebration even while we are physically separated is a plus.” (from Pastor Larry)

For each day from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday, consider contributing toward an HVAC Easter Egg Challenge. Begin by labeling an envelope or a quart jar. Instead of actual cash, you may want to write an “IOU” and then submit a check. Be sure to mark “HVAC Fund” in the memo line or include a note with your contribution.

- On Palm Sunday, put in \$1; each day increase the prior day’s contribution by a factor of two (2). On Monday, add \$2; on Tuesday, add \$4; on Wednesday, add \$8; on Holy Thursday, add \$16; on Good Friday, add \$32; on Holy Saturday, add \$64; and on Easter Sunday, add \$128. If you follow this suggestion, your contribution grows to a total of \$255. Or, if you do this for seven days, the amount is \$127.
- Or, perhaps you want to contribute based on Easter’s date – that would be \$412 (fourth month; twelfth day). Or, base it on your birthday’s day and month (e.g., \$41 – April Fool! Happy Birthday, Kimberley and Cassidy).
- For the children, have them contribute with coins or a dollar a day-- this project is for their church’s future, too.
- I would suggest using the jar as a sub for the red bucket and let people give what they can. Gary F.
- Or, come up with your own way of making contributions to the envelope or jar. Think about how you would like to challenge your family’s near-term giving toward this project.

· Perhaps now is not the time for supporting this effort with all the uncertainties. Other fundraising initiatives will be developed over the next several months. If you have ideas, please share them with Rebecca Perrin.

Please mail your check to the addresses mentioned earlier in the newsletter – either the physical address or PVELC, P.O. Box 346, Verona, VA 24482. Karen Fauber, Treasurer, is responsible for the collecting mail from the dedicated P.O. Box.

COVID-19 and Flu Season: Our Sexton, Jimmy Cox, and our Custodian, Bill Luders, are ensuring appropriate sanitary cleaning of our church facilities. Tissues, sanitary soap, and hand sanitizer or wipes are distributed throughout the church for your use and will be available throughout 2020. However, if you have suggestions or see something that needs to be addressed, please contact them or the Council Property Committee representatives, John Knott and Forester Wright.

2019 Annual Report to the Congregation and 2020 Church Directory: Please check your name, address, telephone, and email addresses in the church directory. If you have changes, please provide to Becci Page. An addendum will be provided in the April and May newsletters. If you need a copy of the Annual Report which includes the directory, please see either Steve Dickerson or Becci Page.

Postponed/Rescheduled Activities

Easter Season “Reentry:” At this time, we continue to adhere to the Virginia Synod guidelines on church worship services and activities. Assuming no further extensions, please plan to celebrate Easter’s Resurrection story on Sunday, May 17.

Baptisms/New Members: Baptism and Affirmation of new members will be scheduled as soon as possible following resumption of services.

Change for Hope Outreach “Red Bucket” Requests: The Outreach requests approved by the Council will be rescheduled in May or June. If you have an Outreach request, please submit it to Mary Garber via email.

“Homegrown Pictorial” Directory: Sue Cook will be taking your photograph for an updated directory to be distributed within our Congregation. Pictures will also be taken on four consecutive Sundays after we resume Worship Services. If you would like to submit a photograph it must be a candid photo (not subject to copyright restrictions). Please contact Mary Garber (540) 480-0444 with questions.

May 2: Estate of Frances Pence Leach (Pen-Lea Farm): The estate of Frances Pence Leach will have a personal property auction, including household items, workshop and farm equipment. The auction originally scheduled for April 4 has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The address is 713 Limestone Road, Verona. At this time, PVELC plans to provide food service.

Suggestion Box: A suggestion box is part of the wooden stand in the Narthex entry. Please provide comments that lift up our church's ministry. All ideas are welcomed and valued. The suggestions will be reviewed by the Pastor and Council President, and treated as confidential, if requested. In the interim, you may submit suggestions to either USPS address previously mentioned (mark as Suggestion/Idea).

Pleasant Memories will not meet in April in accordance with the health guidelines provided by both our bishop and federal and state officials. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 29 - a picnic at the Shifflett's camp. More details will follow when this public health crisis is over.

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA: WELCA plans on meeting Tuesday April 14, at 10:00 a.m. — only if church is not still under quarantine.

May 12: The Southern Valley WELCA Women's Bible Study scheduled for May 12 is postponed (Fall date TBD). PVELC was scheduled to host this annual event.

Jul 31-Aug 1: The 33rd Annual Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) Convention will be held at Salem Lutheran Church in Mt. Sidney, Virginia on July 31 – August 1, 2020. The theme is "Justice/Love/ Service" and the convention scripture verse is Micah 6:8 "...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

PV Cemetery Mowing Season: Prior to April 17, please remove all floral or other arrangements from the cemetery that are located on the "ground level." Thank you.

Palm Sunday through the Easter Season

Yes, PVELC. There will be an Easter!

In the interim, celebrate Palm Sunday and walk with Jesus on his journey to Easter Sunday. Commemorate each day of this Holy Week in "a word" so you can share your story when we return to worship in our Sanctuary.

April 5, Palm Sunday: Worship outdoors at your home using the bulletin emailed to you. Commune with nature – use your "senses" to see, to taste, to hear, to smell, and to touch God's creation.

April 9, Maundy Thursday: What does the name mean? The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum;" it is from a verb that means "to give" or "to order" — command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment — "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). The Last Supper On the first Maundy

Thursday, after they had eaten, Jesus gave the disciples his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins. Called Holy Communion or the Eucharist, Lutherans believe this to be one of two sacraments — gifts from God. Most worship services focus on the meal and communion as a way to commemorate this day. (from The Living Lutheran, <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2013/04/three-days-traditions-maundy-thursday-good-friday-vigil-easter/#.XnuxB13SLf8.email>)

April 10, Good Friday: The Tenebrae service is held on Good Friday. We remember Christ's hours on the cross with meditation and the Tenebrae service (Participate at 7 p.m. in your home -- the meditation will be included in the April 5 bulletin). The purpose of this service was to remember the somber events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday (wiki). There is a gradual dimming of the lights and extinguishing of the candles as the service progresses.

April 11, Holy Saturday: "Holy Saturday. A pause. A space between Good Friday and Easter. A full tomb and, except for the guard, an empty garden. Still. Silent. ... Grief from Sandy Hook, Mother Emmanuel, Katrina, San Bernardino and other tragedies cannot be rushed. None of the Good Fridays in our lives can. ... But I think the space between crucifixion and resurrection — truly terrifying and truly compassionate — beckons us from our life to life in Christ." Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Go to <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2016/02/holy-saturday/>

April 12, "Drive-By" Easter Sunday: Please share our joy in the Resurrection of our Lord. Stop by the church on Saturday or Sunday; bring flowers to decorate the outdoor wire cross. Please remember per Virginia's Executive Order, issued March 23, all gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited.

Church Beyond Our Walls: Pastor Larry suggested sharing links for on-line services. You are encouraged to "virtually" discover the church beyond the borders of PVELC. Below are several links. Please keep in mind that all churches are experimenting with ways to share Lenten and Easter messages during this time of physical and social distancing. The links listed below may be disabled by the time you try to launch it. If so, then search for the church and then find the current YouTube, webcast offerings, or current schedule.

Watch "The 4th Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2020: Wellstream Worship at Muhlenberg Muhlenberg Lutheran Church" on YouTube https://youtu.be/XTtMn_IjMW8
<https://www.facebook.com/MuhlenbergLutheran/videos/309129853384806/>

Recordings | Welcome to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
<https://salemlutheranva.org/recordings/> https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=851037145416200&id=100015297672353

<https://www.muhlenberglutheran.org/> <http://salemlutheranva.org/> <http://www.pvelc.org/>

On Facebook search for Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church posts

Are you Computer Savvy? Are you a computer “techie?” We need assistance with evaluating “Zoom” service or other webcast mechanisms? Please contact Mary Garber or Rosemary Spell. Thank you to Mary Garber and Michael Vayvada for posting to both Facebook and to our Website. Also, if you are willing to serve on a committee to update and expand our online resources, please advise Mary Garber.

Dear Pleasant View friends,

I want to thank the members of Pleasant View for giving me the privilege of serving as your lay assistant for congregational care for almost five years. It was a challenging and rewarding experience for me, and I appreciate your support, patience, and guidance during those years. I especially want to thank Pastor Price who became not only my pastor but a dear friend, spiritual director, and mentor.

After my leadership role at Pleasant View ended in September, I have spent much time in prayer, reflection, and conversation with family and friends in discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading me in my spiritual journey. When I moved to Mt. Sidney, the village where I grew up, I considered that a step in my personal journey back home. I now believe it is time for me to take the next step in my life’s spiritual journey by returning to the Salem’s congregation where my spiritual foundation and growth began. Therefore, I will be transferring my membership to Salem’s congregation in April.

Many enjoyable memories and cherished friendships have developed during my 30 year association with Pleasant View’s congregation, and I consider myself to be blessed with very supportive, loving church families at both Pleasant View and Salem. I rejoice that Pleasant View is moving forward under the excellent caring spiritual leadership of Pastor Larry. I plan to continue to remain a participant in Pleasant Memories activities, and I look forward to future opportunities to worship and fellowship with you. Pleasant View’s congregation will always hold a special place in my heart and will remain in my prayers.

God’s peace be with you,

Jim Sheets

It is with heavy heart and yet strong understanding that I read your email. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and rationale for moving your membership back to our sister church, Salem. We both share a long family history with Salem and I am delighted that our two churches continue to partnership on activities. We would like to keep you on our email distribution and listed in our directory of friends and members.

I am glad you will continue to actively participate in Pleasant Memories. I pray you will join XYZ (seniors primarily at Salem, Lebanon). Also, I know you will continue to support our joint Cricket County or other plays.

I also hope Pleasant View will be able to call on you from time to time when we have a pastoral vacation, as we did in February. You will be glad to know that our Sanctuary is getting a makeover for heating and air conditioning. We did not plan this hiatus, but the workers are installing the HVAC over these few weeks of COVID-19.

Thanks for your faithfulness to PVELC.
Rosemary Spell
Council President (and friend)

Dear Pleasant View Lutheran Church Members,

We will be putting your hygiene kits to good use with our residents. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Your acts of kindness show love and give hope to so many who desperately need it.

Thank you for your support,
Sarah Blackwell, Director of Marketing and
Development
Valley Mission. Inc.

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, and phone calls during the recent passing of my Dad. We would also like to thank all the people who provided and delivered meals to us. We are very fortunate to have such a kind and caring church family to depend on.

God bless you all!
Dennis and Debbie Hastert



“Giving Tree:” The original giving tree planted several years ago was not growing properly. A Yoshino Cherry has been planted near the cemetery wall. Thanks to the committee: Sue Cook, Dennis Hastert, and Kenneth Leach. Thank you, Dennis for planting the tree. A dedication for this tree will occur following resumption of Worship Services.

In Memoriam

Mary L. "Lou" Cary
May 31, 1936 – March 6, 2020

Loretta "Jean" Snyder Link
September 4, 1927 – March 14, 2020

Kathryn Patronik Hoback

April Birthdays

Cassidy Simmons	4/1
Kim Toman	4/1
Zane Simmons	4/3
Rosemary Spell	4/4
Jordan Toman	4/4
Betty Magoon	4/5
Zach Cook	4/11
Lisa Rankin	4/15
Gene Lilly	4/22
David Jetton	4/28

April Anniversaries

Mark & Leah Wheeler	4/10/2010
Michael & Emily Vayvada	4/18/1998
Glen & Ruth Worrell	4/20/1996
Gary & Mary Roudabush	4/27/1986
Roger & Cheryl McKay	4/27/1988
Duane & Rebecca Perrin	4/30/2011

Our Prayers

We lift up our prayers for Linda Zullig, Tina Carrillo, Bill Braithwaite, Janet Braithwaite, Carolyn Cox, Michael Vayvada, Dale Moyers, Betty and Tom Cox, Jo Cline, Mary Garber, Donald Lee Cary, Ruth Worrell, Gladys Fockler, Andy Fauber, Erika Leach, Kenneth Landes, Gene Lilly and Von Simmons

For our friends and neighbors: **Rette Cline**, friend of Rosemary Spell; **Loretta Sutton**, friend of Mary Garber; **Angela**, friend of Christine Puffenbarger; **Jim Jones** and **Michael Carper**, friends of Frances and John Knott; **James Bell**, uncle of Mary Garber; **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Michael Adkins**, grandson of Jim and Carolyn Cox; **Emily Simmons**, grandmother of Laurel and Zane Simmons; **Jerry Byrd**, friend of Robyn Dean; **Ella Peters**, friend of Laurel Simmons; **Ralph Steger**, friend and former member; **Pastor Karen Taylor**, Bethlehem ELC, friend of WELCA and ACTS groups; **John Michael**, friend of the Leach family; **Patsy Cruz and family**, members of Salem ELC; **John Davis**, friend of Mary and Bill Tueting; **Nancy Keaton** and the Patronik family; **Barbara Burch** and family

Church Leadership Contact information

Interim Pastor: Larry Closter: 540-848-5325 larry.closter@gmail.com

Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999

Council President: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

Council Vice President: Carol Troxell 294-1559

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

Committee Representatives:

Education: Rosemary Spell 248-1450; Bill Luders 271-0535

Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

Finance and Stewardship: Burke Simmons 292-8674

Hospitality and Social Ministry: Joy Landes 280-9019; Carol Troxell 294-1559

Property: John Knott 430-3005; Forester Wright 337-6408

Worship and Music: Gary Flavin 885-8479

Youth and Recreation: Bill Luders 271-1101

Church Contacts

Parish Secretary: Stephen Dickerson 434-996-0934

Music Director: Gary Flavin 885-8479

Parish Nurse: Sue Cook 292-0327

Financial Secretary: Becci Page Home 886-3220; Cell 255-3887 bpkittycat@comcast.net

Assistant Financial Secretary: Janet Braithwaite 886-5880 Cell (540)448-3466

Custodian: Bill Luders 271-1101

Sexton: Jimmy Cox 241-8500

Changes to 2020 Congregational Directory

Cary, Donald Lee & Erin, Andrew & Christopher – change of address
62 Hildebrand Church Road
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Cary, Michael – remove Alisha from this mailing address

Cary, Alisha – add to directory
2530 Spring Hill Road
Staunton, VA 24401

Cook, Sue & Clark – email update – suesnewsfromva604@gmail.com

Coleman, C.A. & Cody – change of address
604 Frontier Fort Lane
Strasburg, VA 22657

Closter, Pastor Larry – add to directory
3339 Spring Valley Drive
Winchester, VA 22603
(540) 848-5325
larry.closter@gmail.com

Fockler, Gladys – change of address
Brookdale
1900 Hillsmere Lane
Room 134
Staunton, VA 24401

Gabbert, Deanna – remove Alice (deceased)

Hastert, Dennis & Deborah, Zachary- delete phone primary (540) 221-2492

Keaton, Michael & Nancy (Patronik) – add to directory
12149 Pointe Placid Drive
Midlothian, VA 23112
npkeaton354@gmail.com

Knott, John & Frances, Kegan – delete (855) 290-5448

Knott, John – correct email address – johnknott71@gmail.com

Knott, Peggy Sue – add to directory
2528 Shutterlee Mill Road
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 480-3014

Leach, Kenneth – add email address – kenleach.vgc@gmail.com

Lihos, Camalee – add to directory
2246 Spring Hill Road
Staunton, VA 24401
cklihos@msn.com

Lihos, Timothy & Donna – add email address – dslihos@me.com
remove Camalee from this mailing address

Price, Kenneth & Joe – delete email address – safritprice@yahoo.com

April 2020

Happenings at Pleasant View

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Food Pantry	2 9am Food Pantry 6:30pm Church Council	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6 9am Food Pantry	7	8 9am Food Pantry	9 Maundy Thursday 9am Food Pantry	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 9am Food Pantry	14	15 9am Food Pantry	16 9am Food Pantry	17	18
19	20 9am Food Pantry	21	22 9am Food Pantry	23 9am Food Pantry	24	25
26	27 9am Food Pantry	28	29	30		



VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA
Roots & Wings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Memory verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.</p> <p>April Table Prayer: God of Spring and all things new Thank you for the morning dew For streams and rivers and the earth, Water of new life, baptism, our rebirth. Amen.</p>			<p>1 April Fool's Day Today's a day of fun practical jokes. Hey, your shoelace is untied! Make sure your jokes don't hurt others' feelings and are harmless. Have fun!</p>	<p>2 World Autism Acceptance Day People with Autism are just like us only their brains are wired just a bit differently. Let us remember we are all God's beloved children, just how God created us!</p>	<p>3 Find a Rainbow Day Rainbows are a gift from God, a promise in the sky. With the help of an adult, look on the internet for pictures of rainbows. Isn't God an amazing artist?</p>	<p>4 Take Your Parents to the Playground</p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday Read Matthew 21:1-11</p>	<p>6 National Tater Day Baked potato, sweet potato, French fries? Which is your favorite? Tonight for dinner, help make a feast with your favorite potato side!</p>	<p>7 National Beaver Day Did you know that the beaver is the largest rodent in North America? Today is a good day to go to the library with an adult. Check out a book on our friend the Beaver!</p>	<p>8 Draw a Bird Day Take a peek outside of your window. The birds are happy that it's Springtime. Draw a picture of your favorite bird and give thanks to God for all of creation.</p>	<p>9 Maundy Thursday <i>John 13:1-13</i> Today's theme is "love one another". Think of one way to show a friend or family member how much you love them.</p>	<p>10 Good Friday <i>John 18:1-19:42</i> During family devotions tonight, talk about why today is called "Good Friday", the day on which we observe Christ's death on the cross.</p>	<p>11 Holy Saturday John 19:38-42</p>
<p>12 Easter! Read John 20:1-18</p>	<p>13 On Sunday, we celebrated God's love for us as shown in Christ Jesus. As a family, talk about the special significance that Easter has for each you.</p>	<p>14 Look Up at the Sky Day Tonight is a good night to go outside with your family and look up at God's marvelous creation. Can you count all of the stars that God has made? Thank you, God, for sparkling beauty!</p>	<p>15 National ALS Day Sign Language is a way to communicate with your hands. With the help of an adult, find a YouTube video on how to say I love you in ASL.</p>	<p>16 High Five Day Instead of hugging your family and friends today, give high fives instead!</p>	<p>17 Bat Appreciation Day Did you know that bats can't see at night? With the help of an adult, Google some other fun facts about the incredible mammals.</p>	<p>18 Family Fun Day</p>
<p>19 Read John 20:19-31</p>	<p>20 When the risen Lord appeared to His disciples, He said to them, "Peace be with you." We do the same thing on Sundays in church. Talk about this with your family at dinner.</p>	<p>21 National Library Day What a wonderful day to go to your local library. Stay and read a story and be sure to thank your librarian!</p>	<p>22 Earth Day God has given us this great, big beautiful earth to take care of. We can use less plastic, recycle, and be cautious of our water usage. Talk about how we can do this as a family.</p>	<p>23 Spanish Language Day <i>Hola, Amigos!</i> Today, find a friend who speaks Spanish and have them teach you a quick lesson. Buenos Dias!</p>	<p>24 Admin Appreciation Day Do you have a church administrator? Today, show your love by bringing flowers or making a special card to say thank you for all the work that they do for us.</p>	<p>25 Family Fun Day</p>
<p>26 Read Luke 24:13-35</p>	<p>27 Babe Ruth Day With the help of an adult, Google this famous baseball player. Batter up!</p>	<p>28 The disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he gave them something to eat. How can you recognize Jesus this week?</p>	<p>29 World Wish Day I bet you have dandelions in your neighborhood. We call them wish flowers. Pick a dandelion and make a special wish when you blow off the petals. What did you wish for?</p>	<p>30 International Jazz Day Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman. With the help of an adult, go on YouTube and listen to some jazz music. Put on your dancing shoes!</p>		