

April 7th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletin is Available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –
WOV SETTING 5 BREAD OF LIFE**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

KAREN NIEMEIER

During the prelude you may read Luther's explanation on confession to prepare your hearts to stand before God in worship.

The Small Catechism by Martin Luther

How people are to be taught to confess.

What is confession?

Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive the absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself and by no means doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.

Which sins is a person to confess?

Before God one is to acknowledge the guilt for all sins, even those of which we are not aware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. However, before the pastor we are to confess only those sins of which we are aware and which trouble us.

Which sins are these?

Here reflect on your walk of life in light of the Ten Commandments: whether you are father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or injured anything.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God at the margins,

C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS" ELW#596


- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain


On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE
LORD, HAVE MERCY
WOV p.28


Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray together.

C: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**FIRST READING****Isaiah 46:16-21**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 126 (*Read responsively.*)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy..”

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING:**Philippians 3:4b-14**

L: A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his

death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD” (refrain only)

ELW #801

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Love, Love, Love”

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY “JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU” ELW #754



- 1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great**

WA: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence

WA: God of resurrection, inspire your church to reconsider what makes us holy. When we focus on our own piety or others' sin, show us Christ's faithfulness. Fill us with gratitude that it spills over into service of those who are poor or in any need.

Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of new life, wherever destruction by flood, famine, or fire has devastated land and lives, cause green shoots to spring up, giving hope and vision for your promised future. We especially pray for our friends in Pine Ridge, SD who are affected by flood. Reveal your presence and help us to trust in your promise and hope and life.

Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of mercy, wipe away the tears of those who weep under the burdens of hard labor and despair. We especially pray for **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, Fern Harnish, Abby Brinker, Kelly Derr, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke,**

Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, Fred, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann Family, Aleta Broge, Richard Gordon, Shriley, Steven DeHaven, Jim and Susie. Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Steve Fahr**. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Jeanette Wingert. Restore them, and bring them into the joy of your presence. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of hope, we pray for family members, friends, and communities who mourn the loss of state troopers, Brooke Jones-Story, and Gerald Ellis. Bring your comfort and love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of compassion, you made us in your own image and unite us one in Christ. We give thanks for our church family, especially, Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Cara, Schriener, Jeremy, Cierra, Tyler Schriener, and Coltin Coonts, Brianna Andrews, and Bill and Jean Engel. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of our shelter, accompany those for whom death draws near. Bring us with all your saints to receive the abundance of heavenly glory through the covenant Christ sealed in his death and resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

CHOIR ANTHEM

"IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY"

MEN'S CHOIR

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

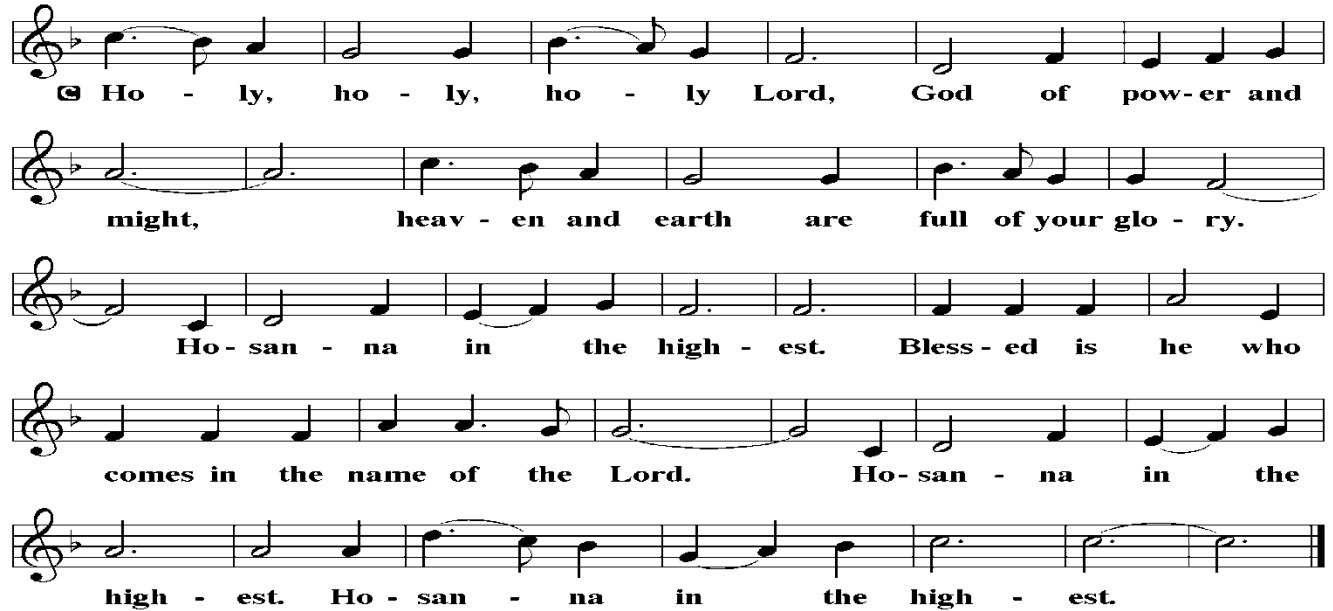
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

WOV p. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION HYMN

LAMB OF GOD

WOV p.39



☉ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE"

ELW#685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: God, who makes a way in the wilderness, Christ, who gave life for us, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ☩ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL" ELW#805



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

KAREN NIEMEIER

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Communion Set-up: Bob and Sharon Schlachter

Sound System: Jay Andrews and open

Greeters: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Troy and Cindy Doubler

Ushers: Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Jerry and Beth Martin

Elevator Operator: Denny Luke

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

April 7th through April 14th, 2019

Today	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Monday	Parkinson Support Group	1:30pm
	Learning Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Lenten Luncheon at Lena UMC	12:00pm
	Lenten Dinner (Stewardship Committee)	5:30pm
	Lenten Worship Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	Friendship Club	12:00pm
Next Sunday	Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: March 31st – 52

Mid-Week Evening Service, March 27th - 8

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder’s actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

Thank you Men’s Group for cleaning the church and boiler room, great job.

Devotion Books for April-June

April-June daily devotion books, Christ in Our Home and The Word in Season are here. Pick your copies today!

Last Mid-week Lenten Evening Supper and Service this Wednesday

We gather around the table with meals, candles, scripture, and prayer. Join us for supper at 5:30pm, and the service at 6:30pm for time for conversation and listening.

Next Sunday—Palm/Passion Sunday

We will meet at the Fellowship Hall and children will lead us to the procession with palms.

Freeport Choral Society TODAY!!

St. John's United Church of Christ, 1010 S. Park Blvd, Freeport, IL, will be hosting the "Color of Spring" concert by the Freeport Choral Society, today at 3pm.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

We will have joint services with UMC, Lena on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Maundy Thursday services include confession, communion, and stripping the altar. Maundy Thursday Services are on April 18th at 5pm (at Good Shepherd), and at 7pm (at UMC, Lena). Good Friday Services will be on April 19th at 3pm (at UMC, Lena), and at 7pm (at Good Shepherd). We will read the passion narrative using our senses. For Easter, Easter Sunrise Service at 7am, Easter breakfast at 8am, and Easter Sunday Service at 9:30am .



Lenten Lunch Schedule
Starts at Noon

April 10th -at Lena UMC
April 17th -at Lena UMC hosted by
Salem and Beloved

A free will offering will be
accepted. All are welcome!

Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA will have their spring retreat on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 from 9:00am-3:00pm at LOMC. Topic will be "God for all Seasons of Life". Worship Leadership by Pastor Jessica Bakken, Bible Study Leader will be Esther Prabhakar, and special music by Peg Lehman. Registration begins at 8:30am, registration fee is \$40. Find out more and register at: nisynod.org/women

*The Freeport School District
will be presenting the musical "Showtime"*

*The Freeport School District will be presenting "Showtime" at the Jeannette Lloyd Theatre.
Today at 2:00pm and Thursday April 11th through Saturday April 13th. Admission is \$8.00 at the
door*

Please pray for our friends in Pine Ridge

This is a post from Pastor Kay. (<https://www.facebook.com/PineRidgeRetreatCenter>)

Greetings Friends,

We have been getting a lot of calls about how to help the people on Pine Ridge as they deal with all the flooding.

We are planning on helping families once they begin returning to their homes. Any assistance you can give to help us put together a "Recovery Cleaning Kit" would be greatly appreciated!

Once I speak with our partners here on the reservation I will send out more details. In the meantime, you can send donations to "Pine Ridge Retreat Center" PO Box 862, Pine Ridge, SD 57770. Please designate FLOOD RELIEF in the memo. Many thanks to all of you who have reached out these last few days, it is an encouragement. And as always pray for the people of Pine Ridge.

Easter Lilies Order due TODAY

Lilies will be **\$12.00** per plant and can be ordered by using the following form or envelopes provided in the pews.

Easter Lilly Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one) ___ in memory of.. ___ in honor of...

Name (s) _____

American Cancer Society

It's that time of the year, time for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, April 27th, 2019. Relay For Life is a grass roots, community-based team event. Every Relay For Life event is different, they do have a few things in common. We begin the event by honoring everyone who's been affected by cancer and everyone who has contributed to the success of this year's successful relay season, Survivors and Caregivers are the heart and soul of Relay For Life events. During the Luminaira Ceremony hundreds of luminaira light the track or path to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease that have taken too much. The suggested luminaira donation amount is \$10. each. If you are interested donation forms are available in Fellowship Hall. Return the tax-deductible donation order form in by April 13th, to Sue Diddens, for questions phone 815-821-3524.

Easter Breakfast

Our youth will be serving Easter breakfast on April 21st at 8am to raise funds for youth activities. To help us prepare, please make reservation **by next Sunday**. Thank you.

Easter Breakfast Reservation

Name: _____

Number of people attending: _____