

WELCA Cluster 2 Spring Cluster Meeting at Grace Carrollton



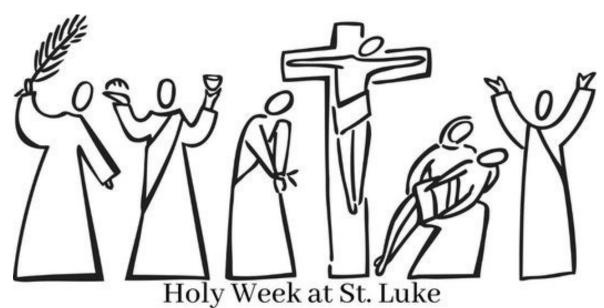
Carol Brown, Debbie Lundell (row one in picture), Barbara Little and Connie Capell (row 2) attended the WELCA Cluster 2 Spring Cluster Meeting at Grace Carrollton on March 18, 2023 with 27 other women. Our own Kelly Glow was one of the speakers and did a fantastic job, as usual. The ladies participated in worship, Bible Study, a business meeting and a craft. Two speakers presented information and ideas. The ladies also shared what was going on with their women's groups and enjoyed a great time of fellowship.

New Directory

We are working on a new congregational directory, which will be published after Easter. If you are a member or friend of the congregation please be sure to have your photo taken and that your contact information is up-to-date. John Shaw will be available to take photos on Sundays following worship. An updated contact form is available in the narthex. Please fill it out and return it to the office.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of donations. We need canned meats like chicken, roast beef, hams, etc. (We have tuna). Mac and cheese, hearty soups, or soup mixes like Bear Creek serve 6-8. Jelly, breakfast items like fruit bars, granola, pancake mixes and syrup. Canned fruit of any kind



Palm Sunday, April 2, 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Egg Hunt, April 8, 11:00 am

Easter Sunday

All are welcome!

Breakfast, 9:30 am Divine Service, 11:00 am

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Bledsoe Chris Hansen James Taylor

Layla Kemp Ron and Chong Brauer Nilgul Taylor

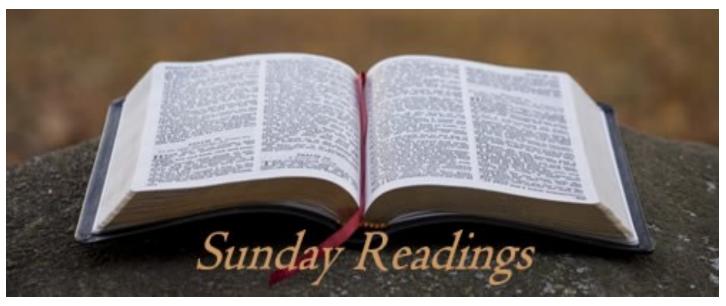
Louise Harrison Joyce Smalley Laura King

Sherry Scott Angelina DeWent Bill Maloy

Nancy Voss Stephanie Joyner Rose Denzin

Hiltunen and Johnston families Freddie Clark Erin Lannin

Family of Charlotte Baldwin Judy Jenkins



April 2April 9April 16Isaiah 50:4-9aActs 10:34-43Acts 2:14a, 22-32Psalm 31:9-16Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24Psalm 16Philippians 2:5-11Colossians 3:1-41 Peter 1:3-9Matthew 26:14--27:66Matthew 28:1-10John 20:19-31

 April 23
 April 30

 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Acts 2:42-47

 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
 Psalm 23

 1 Peter 1:17-23
 1 Peter 2:19-25

Luke 24:13-35 John 10:1-10

Upcoming Commemorations

April 4 Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

April 6 Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

April 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

April 10 Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

April 19 Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

April 21 Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

April 22 Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

April 23 Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

April 25 Mark, Evangelist

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

April 29 Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

May 1 Philip and James, Apostles

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

May 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

May 4 Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

April/May 2023 Sunday Servants

April 2 April 16

Assistant: Kelly Glow Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Dave Barkdoll Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

April 9 April 23

Assistant: Debbie Lundell Assistant: Mary Shulak Lector: Shelia Kelley Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Egas Family Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

April 30

Assistant: Barbara Little
Lector: Eric Heckman
Ushers: Ed and Judy Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig
Cleaning: The Joyners and the Sparrows

May 7 May 21

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April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday Sunday School	Al-Anon 12 pm			Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	AA 9 am
9:30 am				Service	Service 7pm	Easter Egg Hunt 11am
Worship 11 am				7pm		Traine 112am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter	Al-Anon 12 pm		12	15	14	AA 9 am
Breakfast 9:30 am	Al-Alloll 12 pill					AA 9 am
Worship						
11 am						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School 9:30 am	Al-Anon 12 pm					AA 9 am
Worship						
11 am						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School	Al-Anon 12 pm				Gathering	AA 9 am
9:30 am	Deadline for				11 am	
Worship 11 am	newsletter submissions					
30	1	2	3	4	5	
Sunday School	Al-Anon 12 pm					
9:30 am						
Worship 11 am						