ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH MOUSE 2024



Sunday, March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday in Lent

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, March 10, 2024 4th Sunday in Lent

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, March 17, 2024 5th Sunday in Lent

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Thursday, March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

Worship in Church 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am Pastor Ivy Gauvin



Join us for indoor worship or in the church parking lot for the Drive In service

PASTOR'S PONDERING- By Pastor Ivy

It seems like we were only just making our way through Advent to Christmas. In the church year, this is a very exciting time. We are in Lent, then Palm Sunday with its mix of celebration and sorrow. Holy Week takes us ever closer to the cross. Jesus loses his life. But then, we are back to the celebration of Jesus being alive!

What's the big deal? Isn't it just another day, another opportunity to have a large family dinner? People that come to church only twice a year are at worship. The big deal is that everything changed with Jesus' resurrection. All the things Jesus told people to keep secret could now be told.

Our faith is not in vain! As Paul wrote, "...and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14), but thank God, it's not. I was particularly moved by the verse that ended March 3rd's gospel, "22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken" (John 2:22).

The pivotal turning point of our faith was the resurrection of Jesus. That's when everything started to click for the disciples. The church not only was born, but grew exponentially. Jesus is alive. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Jesus movement grows beyond what any of those disciples could have imagined.

Can we unleash our holy imaginations for a bit? Can we believe God can work so miraculously in the church today? As we look around, what do we see? Churches that used to have over 100 worshipers a week are down to 50. And us, we'd be thrilled to

be back to that number and especially to have children. What can we do, pray tell?

That's it—pray for God's Spirit to move through the church and tell the good news to others. One of the big differences between us and the non-denominational, evangelical churches is their willingness to verbally share the gospel.

We show God's love in many ways—by our giving, our love for people, helping hungry children, in Honduras and other parts of the world. And that's very important. But we seem to be overcome by spiritual laryngitis when it comes to talking about Jesus.

How can we change that? Does it mean we have to knock on doors—maybe that of a neighbor or friend. Possibly you've known someone and socialized with them for a long time. Have you told them about the most significant relationship in your life; that of being a beloved child of God? Let us pray and share and see what God will do.

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

God's peace, Pastor Ivy

St. Timothy Church Council

President- Kristie Bloomquist

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Do you have questions or ideas for Council? Feel free to share them with any council member or write them down and leave in the office.

FEBRUARY 2024

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Council approved the same slate of officers as 2023:

- o President Kristie Bloomquist
- Vice President: Marty Hunt
- Secretary: Marcy Saar
- o Treasurer: Kathy Carlson
- Work is continuing on the Fellowship Hall it looks great!
- Council will look into raising the fees for building use in the future.
- Plans are being made for a Pancake Breakfast April 28th.
- Looking forward to the Solar Eclipse on April 8th.
- Installation of Council Officers and members April 21st.

Prayer Requests: Ann Saar, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Eileen Beichner, Tom Dellapenta, Myron Klein, Pastor Karen Larson, Adam Hull, Pastor Gerry Zimmerman (Bethel, Portville and Shepherd of the Valley, Wellsville), James Dieter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Sean Pecuch, and Ben Wickerham, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live.

ONLINE GIVING at St. Timothy for Debit/Credit cards

Three ways to give:

- Go directly to our website at www.sttimothybemus.com.
- Use our QR code with the QR reader on your smartphone.
- Download the app 'GivePlus Church'. Create an account. For further information, see Kathy Carlson on Sundays or call her at 485-1316.





ATTENTION...During Lent, which ends with Easter on March 31, my office hours will be a little different. I'll be in the office Thursday mornings and afternoons. And then, at 6, I hope to see many of you for pizza and worship in the fellowship hall (newly painted by our elves!).

God's peace, Pastor Ivy Gauvin

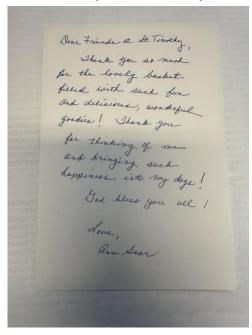


5 Loaves & 2 Fish Backpack Ministry

We continuously collect food items for the 5 & 2 Ministry. Bring your donations and place in the black bin in church narthex. Lists detailing items needed are also available in the narthex. Monetary donations welcome! Contact Gale-Svenson-Campbell for details gales1949@gmail.com



Thanks to everyone for your prayers for our dog, Penny. She is doing well. Sincerely Mike and MaryLou Krott



MONTHLY READINGS

March 3, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Readings and Psalm

Exodus 20:1-17

The commandments are given at Sinai

Psalm 19

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Christ crucified, the wisdom of God

John 2:13-22

The cleansing of the temple

March 10, 4th Sunday in Lent

Readings and Psalm

Numbers 21:4-9

The lifting up of the serpent

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

Ephesians 2:1-10

Saved by grace through faith for good works

John 3:14-21

The lifting up of the Son of Man

March 17, 5th Sunday in Lent

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A new covenant written on the heart

Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

<u>Psalm 119:9-16</u> (alternate)

I treasure your promise in my heart. (Ps. 119:11)

Hebrews 5:5-10

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

John 12:20-33

The grain of wheat dying in the earth

March 24, Palm Sunday

Reading and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

Mark 14:1--15:47

The passion of the Lord

Mark 15:1-39 [40-47] (alternate)

The passion of the Lord

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

Readings and Psalm

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

The passover of the LORD

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The service of Christ: footwashing and meal

March 31, Easter Sunday

Readings and Psalm

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

Isaiah 25:6-9 (alternate)

The feast of Victory

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Witnesses to the risen Christ

Acts 10:34-43 (alternate)

God raised Jesus on the third day

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

John 20:1-18 (alternate)

Seeing the risen Christ



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

13 Dan Kelly 16 Bob Terreberry 14 Ginnie Sloan 25 Roy Pihl



Mondays @ St. Timothy's starting 3/4/24, each class running ~1 hour:

4:30pm: Doggie Manners One / 6 weeks... Reliably House Trained Dogs Only. Another location available if you know interested students with potential for potty accidents.

- <u>6pm:</u> CGC / 4 weeks
- 1st class: Week of March 4th.
- 2nd class: Week of March 11th.
- 3rd class: Week of March 18th.
- 4th class: Week of March 25th. ...
 - This will also be CGC Evaluations in 15
 minute blocks, likely going later than 7pm...
 That will be the last CGC class... if there are
 enough Therapy Dog candidates the next
 week might offer that in that time block.
- 5th class: Week of April 1st.
- Update: instead of graduating on 4/8/24 we'll postpone to 4/15/24 so everyone can enjoy the eclipse.
 - then potentially continuing Mondays depending on student interest and qualifications.

Contact Carly Davis at: <u>carly@chqdogs.com</u> | 716-268-1421

Our MANY Thanks

It takes a village...grant writers, prep and repair workers, scrapers, tapers, painters and cleanup crew. All to revitalize and update our Fellowship Hall! Thank you Mike and Mary Lou Krott, Bob Samuelson, Kristie Bloomquist, Kathy Carlson, Sarah Goebel, Tammy Haas, and Don Traynor. Thank you to the Chautauqua Community Region Foundation for the grant to purchase our new ROKU TV.











All photos can be found at this link:

https://www.sttimothybemus.com/photo-albums/new-fellowship-hall.html



News about the Honduras Mission Trip from Sarah and Gale

Thank you always for your interest in and support for the Honduras Promise Children Mission. Recently (January 30th – February 6th) we returned to our ongoing mission in la Villa de San Francisco. We support children and their families in an on-going mission that has lasted almost 30 years.

The History – in 1993, Sonnie Samuelson was supporting a child from Compassion International, and decided to take a bus trip around Central America with other sponsors, to see the program at work. She visited several countries (Guatemala, El Salvador, etc.) and when she visited Honduras, she met Pastor Roberto Ventura. He and his church had recently taken on a boy's orphanage in the remote village of la Villa de San Francisco. Sonnie met some of the boys that day, and she reflected, "How can I help these boys?".

She returned to St. Timothy's and found sponsors for the 20 or so boys in the orphanage, and then returned with a small mission team in 1994. They worked with the boys and staff during that visit, built beds, did Bible teaching, led physical activities, etc. Unfortunately, we were unable to send another mission team until 1999, when Pastor Jeff Silvernail led a team of 11, after Hurricane Mitch devastated much of Honduras. Our boys were fine, with no damage to the actual orphanage, but this trip led us to take a mission trip every year for the next 15 years, (with teams going again in 2018, 2019, and 2024).

Throughout those many years, we changed our focus to support the very poor children living in the village, after the original boys grew up and moved away. We wanted to stay in that village, so we hired a part time staff, and we since then, we have had a weekly program of education, spiritual learning, crafts, sports, etc. We also provide protein-based food monthly, buy their school uniforms, shoes, and school supplies and keep watch on the childrens' education.

Please keep the children, their families, and the staff in your prayers. There are lots of changes in our program, We made home visits to all the families, met with the new staff members, Sarah and Anita, and we celebrated the retirement of Maria Magda, who has been with us since the beginning. We are partnering with the Honduras Hope

Mission from Pittsburgh area, and are sharing staff, and using the new building that they built for both missions. We also have computer classes and English classes for the children, and we're looking to expand the programs

The Hope Mission team did a number of medical missions while their group was there for a week. Sarah and Gale, and Candy and Dave Jett helped with those on Sunday and Monday. They (we) provided medical care to both of our missions, Hope and Promise, on Sunday, and then to the whole community of la Villa de San Francisco on Monday. Hope Mission team stayed, and Sarah and Gale returned home, inspired and refreshed, and ready to share our experiences with you.

Sarah and Gale also joined Dale Ann and Wolf Krahn to visit Jayson Mena's mission called Children of the Mountains, in a different region, before we headed out to la Villa de San Francisco. Jayson was one of the original boys that was sponsored by St. Timothy Church, starting back in 1999.

It's all very exciting to give you this news and thanks to each of you, our mission continues to thrive and grow! We do need several new sponsors for our children, and we hope to add 5 families to the Promise Children Mission. Each sponsorship is \$360 per year (\$30 per month). You could even split a sponsorship between a couple of you. Check with one of us about sponsoring.

Thank you for all the support through the years.

Sarah Goebel and Gale Svenson-Campbell

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES...
Week 3-Crucifixion
Week 4-Restoratio

Week 5-Resurrection



Lenton Bible Study Program

Continues...

Thursday, 3/7-Week Three: Laments from the Depths

Thursday, 3/14-Week Four: Individual Lament Thursday, 3/21-Week Five: Communal Lament

We will be meeting at 6 for worship and pizza.

Cardboard Dumpster Available for Our Use



Next to the shed in the upper parking lot, we've acquired a paper and cardboard dumpster from Royal Oak Recycling. There is NO CHARGE for us to use the dumpster and NO CHARGE to us for them to empty and dispose of it's contents.

The company encourages advertising and promoting this service to our members. So please feel free to recycle your cardboard and paper here.

Just a few do's and don'ts:

<u>DO RECYCLE</u>: Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Folders, Paper (shredded paper needs to be bagged in <u>paper</u> bags), Cardboard and Books.

DO BREAK DOWN your boxes to lay flat.

<u>DO NOT RECYCLE</u>: Food wrap/Containers, Pizza Boxes, Tissue products, Plastic, Glass, Aluminum.

NO FOOD!!!

This is a win/win for us and the company.

Book Now and Save

Our Fellowship Hall has now moved into the age of streaming, air play and computer mirroring! In other words – we're up to date and ready to book your presentation, meeting, banquet, shower or movie night!

Are you a member of a group that has to book outside facilities for your meetings? Do you know of anyone looking for a place to have their banquet? Does your organization have special presentations and/or speakers you need a larger room for? Book our Fellowship Hall now and save.

2023 Building Use:

Meeting Room: \$10 member/\$30 non-member

Fellowship Hall - capacity 125

Fellowship Hall - \$40 member/\$50 non-member

Fellowship Hall with kitchen - \$50 members/\$75 non-members

2024 Building Use:

Currently under review by Council. Anyone booking dates before new rates in mid-April will be grandfathered in for 2024.

We are proud to share our facilities with your group or organization. Contact the office at (716 386-7280) or email at sttimothy2015@gmail.com.

You're invited to the 6th Annual

Family, School, and Community Connections
Symposium & Brocton CSD Mobile Medical Unit
Health and Wellness Fair!

*An event supported by the Rural Mobile Medical Unit Health and Wellness Initiativ

Friday, March 15, 2024 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Brocton Central School, 138 W Main St., Brocton, NY

Join us for a day of visiting with 60+ service providers, guest speakers, food trucks, free breakfast provided by Brocton CSD and Fidelis Care, door prizes!

As always, no charge to attend the symposium and mobile medical unit health fair!

Just bring your lunch money and enjoy the day with us!

Guest speakers: Therapy Dogs United, American Heart Association, Highmark's Caring Place, Statewide NY Senior Medicare Patrol, NAMI of Buffalo and WNY, Chautauqua County Executive P J Wendel

Food Trucks on site: Best of Buffalo by Byron, Over the Rainbow, El Rincon Criolla

Come walk through "the big colon" presented by Roswell Park Cancer Center! Learn about various cancers & health related issues!

Walk-in vaccination clinic at the nurse's station 3p.m. until 5 p.m.

Programs for everyone - children to elders! Photo Booth Fun by AHN!
All are encouraged to attend this free event!

VETERANS, we have programs and services for you! Buffalo Vet Outreach Center, Erie Vet Outreach Center, VA Caregivers of WNY, Vets Suicide Prevention, Erie Vet Center Mobile Unit on site for the day!









MARCH 2024 WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

| | MARCH 3 | MARCH 10 | MARCH 17 | MARCH 24 | MARCH 31 |
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| Assistant Liturgist | Sarah Goebel | Sarah Goebel | Sarah Goebel | Trish Pecuch | |
| Ushers/Greeters | Linda Milks Ginnie Sloan | Ginnie Sloan Marty Hunt | Linda Milks Marty Hunt | Linda Milks Ginnie Sloan | Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan |
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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10:00 am Worship w/Communion | Healthy Bones 9am | | Healthy Bones 9am | | | |
| | | | | Choir 5pm Lenten Program 6pm | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 10:00 am Worship | Heathy Bones 9am | | Healthy Bones 9am | Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm | | |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 10:00 am Worship w/Communion | Healthy Bones 9am | | Healthy Bones 9am | Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm | | |
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| ging 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 10:00 am Worship | Healthy Bones 9am | | | Tai Chi 9:30am & 12pm Choir 5pm | | |
| 31 | Dog Lessons 5 and 6:30 | | | MAUNDY THURSDAY | and friday | |
| Kisen + 1 + | Roy Pihl | | | Service 6pm | Jew Hady | |

- **25** Ask the Spirit to help us when we feel ill-prepared to talk about our faith, that we might tell the story of God's love and mercy revealed in Jesus and how our faith in Christ shapes our daily lives.
- 26 Lift up prayers of confession for the things we have done or failed to do that cause harm to others and grieve God. Plead for forgiveness and redemption, trusting that God is our ever-present hope and merciful Redeemer.
- **27** Give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses our community of faith and our siblings in Christ who help us persevere when we are tired and discouraged.
- **28** Maundy Thursday On this last day of Lent, pray that we will be mindful of the needs and struggles of our neighbors and siblings in Christ and that we will respond as followers of Jesus, reminded by our baptism to serve others with a respect and sincerity that reflect the abundant love and mercy God has shown us.
- **29** *Good Friday* Pray that, when we gather, worship and study as siblings in Christ, we will encourage one another to grow in faith, understanding and gratitude for God's sacrificial, life-giving love, witnessed in Christ's suffering and death on the cross.
- **30** Much of what we profess to believe may seem like a mystery to us and others. Ask the Spirit to help us live with the mystery and, at the same time, to grow in faith and awe of the triune God, who claims and gathers us close as loved children.
- **31** Easter Sunday Praise God that sin, fear and death have no control over us Jesus Christ has risen for the redemption and healing of humanity! "Christ is living! Gone with sorrow! Tears and terror, be no more" (*All Creation Sings* 934).

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101. Telephone: 800-638-3522.



PRAYER VENTURES MARCH 2024

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

- 1 Women's History Month Give thanks for women throughout history and in our lives who have shared their gifts and leadership with the church and society, raised and cared for us, inspired us and nurtured our faith, and fought for justice, equity and inclusion. Pray for women everywhere who suffer injustice, demeaning stereotypes, violence and poverty, that they will not lose hope but will be delivered from their suffering and persecution to live freely and boldly.
- **2** Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who have been driven from their homes and communities by conflict, persecution, disaster, political turmoil, economic crisis or the effects of climate change.
- **3** Bold Women's Day (Women of the ELCA) Celebrate and give thanks for Lutheran women who act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, service to neighbors in need, advocacy, leadership, hospitality and telling their stories of faith.
- 4 Promise that we will never use our faith, our service to neighbors or our identity as followers of Christ to benefit ourselves, enhance our reputations or earn a profit. Ask the Spirit to nurture in us humility, generosity and gratitude for the gift of grace and salvation God has given us through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- **5** Remember in prayer individuals, families and communities as they continue to recover from natural disasters, and ask God to give them strength, resilience and hope. Promise that we will persist in our commitment to support and assist these individuals, families and communities through a process that can be long, difficult and lonely.
- 6 There are those who consider our beliefs and faith to be foolish and misguided. Pray for the Spirit to deepen our understanding of God's wisdom and ways, strengthen our faith in Christ and guide our imperfect words and actions to convey God's merciful love for humankind, so that others will be moved to believe and to follow Jesus Christ.

- 7 Pray for the children and youth in your congregation, and for young adults involved in long-term volunteer service, careers, military service or study at colleges, universities, trade schools or seminaries.
- 8 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). Praise God for being attentive to our thoughts, prayers and lamentations spoken and unspoken.
- **9** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.
- 10 Pray that we will clearly see God's relationship with humanity and the implications for our daily life when we reflect on the familiar proclamation Jesus made: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- 11 Ask God to bless the Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers working alongside our companion churches and organizations in six countries around the world and in the Cambodia program, which will reopen this year.
- 12 Give thanks for the food we receive and for those who grow, manage, harvest and prepare our food resources. Promise to respond to the needs of our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are hungry, and pray that the work we do together through ELCA World Hunger will have a deep and sustained impact.
- 13 At the heart of our faith is the belief that, though we are weak and imperfect, we are saved from ourselves and given new life though God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ. Lift up humble prayers of thanksgiving to God!
- 14 Pray for the ELCA Justice for Women program, which helps us work from our faith and Lutheran theology to educate, advocate for change and lead into the future, addressing sexism and encouraging all genders to work together.
- 15 Sing for joy and give thanks to God for providing comfort in times of distress, healing us when we are broken and reassuring us that we are valued when we feel insignificant.

- 16 Remember in prayer seminarians and international students preparing to serve as leaders in the church and society, including those supported through ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarships, the International Women Leaders program and the International Leaders Program.
- 17 Reflect on the people for whom you have concern. Pray for them and commit yourself to expressing your love and care in a personal way an in-person conversation; a phone call offering help; a note, text or email.
- **18** Pray for the work of the Creation Care Network, which connects the ELCA with ecumenical ministries and organizations that equip us to be faithful stewards of God's creation.
- **19** *First day of spring* Praise our Creator and give thanks for the sun and the heavenly bodies of the universe, which impact every aspect of life and reflect the amazing creativity, mystery and power of God.
- **20** Let our Lenten prayer for today be: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51:1-2).
- **21** Remember in prayer youth, adults and congregations preparing for their faith-stirring experience at the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events in New Orleans this summer.
- **22** Rejoice and give thanks for the wonderful variety of songs and musical styles that calm, energize, unite and inspire us.
- 23 Pray for God to open our hearts and minds to the needs of our neighbors and to guide our responses of love, support and advocacy. Give thanks for the ways our church encourages and provides opportunities for service and volunteerism, including Young Adults in Global Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Young Adult Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response and "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.
- **24** *Palm Sunday* With shouts of "Hosanna!" and the waving of palm branches, we plead for Jesus to save us and welcome him into our lives and the world as our true hope and salvation the risen Messiah and Savior, who endured betrayal, suffering, public ridicule and death for the sake of all people.