

The Third Sunday of Easter



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

A **WARM WELCOME** to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. As a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place "where all are welcomed."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

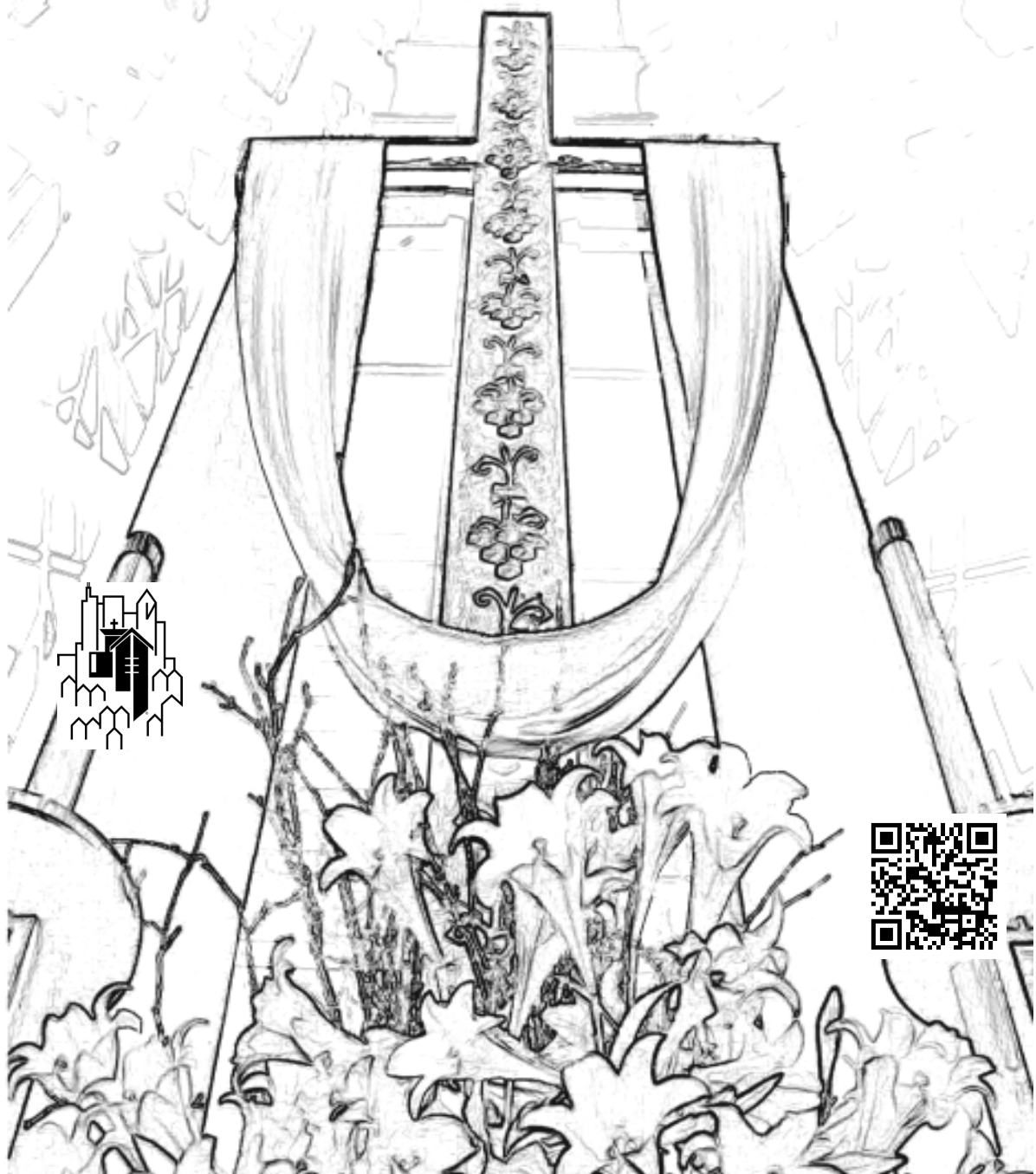
The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.





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Sunday, April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION
Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Abigail Zhang</i>	<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>Neil Wagner</i>	<i>Tammy Crisman</i>
<i>William Beilstein</i>	<i>Anita Fuchs</i>	<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Debbie Dilaura</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>
<i>Alison Long</i>	<i>Achen Moreno</i>	<i>Anthony Leonard</i>	<i>Alex Rose</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>
<i>Sloane Slodgett</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>	<i>Colleen Mertens</i>	<i>Dennis Hadden</i>	<i>Julie Flores</i>
<i>Vernon Sarasin</i>	<i>Jablia McCain</i>	<i>Blanche Stewart</i>	<i>Thetis Cromie</i>	<i>Viola Bradshaw</i>
<i>Marge Spolec</i>	<i>Yvonetta Taylor</i>	<i>Curtis Holland, Jr</i>	<i>Katie Lynch</i>	<i>Marge Mead</i>
<i>Jeanette Schwarz</i>	<i>Bridget Irving</i>	<i>Jane Ramsey</i>	<i>Joseph & Sandra Glorioso</i>	

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

FOR VISION AND FAITH

O God, author of all peace and concord, grant us the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world free from violence, where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our thoughts and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all humanity were created. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

Nicholas Bakulinski *Jeremy Strohmayer* *Ashley Bakulinski* *Lucas Kratz* *Nicky Relias*
Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude: "In Thee is Gladness"

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Stand Please stand and face the baptismal font. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Processional Hymn #377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Please turn and face the cross as the procession enters.

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



4 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen

WORD _____

Sit First Reading Acts 3:12-19
The reading concludes:
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4 *Chanted Responsively*
 Answer me when I call, O God, defender^l of my cause;
 you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and^l hear my prayer.
**"You mortals, how long will you dishon-^l or my glory;
 how long will you love illusions and seek^l after lies?"**
 Know that the Lord does wonders^l for the faithful;
 the Lord will hear me^l when I call.
**Tremble, then, and^l do not sin;
 speak to your heart in silence up-^l on your bed.**
 Offer the appointed^l sacrifices,
 and put your trust^l in the Lord.
**Many are saying, "Who will show us^l any good?"
 Let the light of your face shine upon^l us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness^l in my heart,
 more than when grain and^l wine abound.
**In peace, I will lie^l down and sleep;
 for you alone, O Lord, make me^l rest secure.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7
The reading concludes:
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church. The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation continuously until the announcement of the Easter Gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT LUKE 24:36B-48 +

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



Sit Sermon
Stand Hymn of the Day #468

Around You, O Lord Jesus

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, O God.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.

MEAL _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts *Offering for the Congregation*
Anthem "God Liveth Still" J.S. Bach

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

This joy-ful Eas-ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My Love, the Cru-ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row! Had
Christ, who once was slain not burst his three-day pris -
on, our faith had been in vain. But

now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, but now has Christ a - ris en!

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled...

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember...
...the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...
...with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers...

...until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



☐ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
 might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

Sit

Lamb of God

☐ 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.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Hymn #380

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

SENDING _____

Stand Table Blessing

Hymn

Christ Is Arisen

Christ has a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
 full and free; Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.
 Now, with him to life re - stored, we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude “Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist”

J.S. Bach

Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*

Robert Kleisch, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Terry Duchow, Alan Hoffman, *Instrumentalists*

Don Mead, *Cantor*

NEWS AND INFORMATION

April 14, 2024



Easter Celebration

The joy of Easter continues. Our environment, still filled with flowers, fabric and fragrance, urges us to “keep the feast,” to sustain our joy and wonder at God’s great gift to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the Fifty Days of the Easter Season, we will **stand** for all the portions of the Service at which we would normally kneel. We do this as a reminder that because we have knelt in the shadow of the Cross and have been forgiven our sins by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can now **stand** before God as His children.

Introduction to the Day

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord’s day. In today’s gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples’ food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Bible Class

Bible Class (in person) meets weekly (also from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) in Founders Hall on Sundays and virtually on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

A **Worship Service** is celebrated each week with the children of Saint Luke Academy. Join the children for worship and then meet in the Church Lobby for **fellowship** and a snack.

For a World in Need

If you have not already returned your **Coin Folder**, please bring it to the church office today. All monies collected through this project will be donated to *World Central Kitchen*. Please be generous in your gift to WCK. On April 1st a convoy of World Central Kitchen aid workers was attacked and seven were killed. We pray for all the aid workers bringing help to the ongoing situation in Gaza.

Coffee Break



Coffee Break will meet **tomorrow, April 15 at 1:00 p.m.** *The discussion is light and lively.* Join the Coffee Break group even if it's only for a few minutes. The link for **“Coffee Break”** is on the website at stlukechicago.org. *See you tomorrow!*

Bible Class



Bible Class will meet this **Thursday, April 18 at 12:00 p.m.** Get your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Easter.

The lessons are: *Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24, Saint John 10:11-18*

The link for **“Bible Class”** can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke *See you Thursday!*



- Ever want to learn to “Ring Them Bells”? Greet new visitors, as well as veteran parishioners? Smile and nod to friends; known and unknown? Collect offerings? Distribute all sorts of items, from Service Orders to Palm Fronds to Kid’s Activity Bags? Contribute to a positive church-going experience for all?
You are invited to consider joining **the usher crew**, as there are ‘openings available’.



- An **Assisting Minister** plays a vital role in the weekly worship service. They participate in the procession, read lessons and prayers, assist at communion and much more. Please think about becoming an Assisting Minister.

If you have questions about either of these opportunities please contact Elisabeth Stampfl (estampfl@stlukechicago.org) or call 773.472.3383.

Cemetery Clean-Up Day

The **gardening and cleanup day at the Cemetery** has been set! Get your gloves, bring your rakes and shovels on **Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m.!** Please sign up in the lobby or call the church office 773.472.3383.



Caring and Sharing

During the month of April our monthly collection focuses on **baby food** – cereal, canned or powdered formula, juices and jars of prepared food, all items needed by growing babies. Donations help provide nutritious meals for families on a low or limited income. Please leave your donations in the collection barrel in the church lobby.



Tickets are now on sale for the **Knigh & Day Fundraiser** on Friday, April 26 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Tied House, 3157 N. Southport Ave.

Join the Saint Luke Academy community for appetizers, dessert, open bar, Silent Auction and more!

Casual Cocktail attire suggested. There will be limited seating available.

Tickets are \$125.00 per person. Please use the QR code to purchase your tickets or write a check made out to Saint Luke Academy and give it to an usher.



Music for Easter

9:30 a.m.

Make a joyful noise...

April 14, 2024

Music from Bach's Schemelli Gesangbuch, "God liveth still" played by Alan Hoffman, Terry Duchow and Don Mead

April 21, 2024

Good Shepherd Sunday
Maia Surace sings "Sheep may Safely Graze" and "I Know My Redeemer Liveth", accompanied by Karen Sarasin on the Flute who will play "Sicilienne" by Faure



April 28, 2024

Alan Hoffman plays music by Franz Liszt, "Liebestraum" and "Hungarian Dance in D Minor" by Johannes Brahms.



May 5, 2024

Don Mead accompanies Brahms' "Adagio" from Cello Sonata in F and a selection by Franz Joseph Haydn

...with joyful hearts and voices

THIS WEEK at Saint Luke Church



SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby

MONDAY - FRIDAY, April 15 - 19, 2024

Extended Care 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m.
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

4th floor

MONDAY, April 15, 2024

Coffee Break <https://bit.ly/3Pye5l4> 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom

TUESDAY, April 16, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

Room 101
Room 101
Gym

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2024

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship after Church
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Greenview Place Devotions 1:15 p.m.

Church
Church Lobby
Church Lobby

THURSDAY, April 18, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, April 20, 2024

Cemetery Clean-Up Day 9:00 a.m.

5300 N Pulaski Ave

SUNDAY, April 21, 2024

Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

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