

The Fourth 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. St 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*.

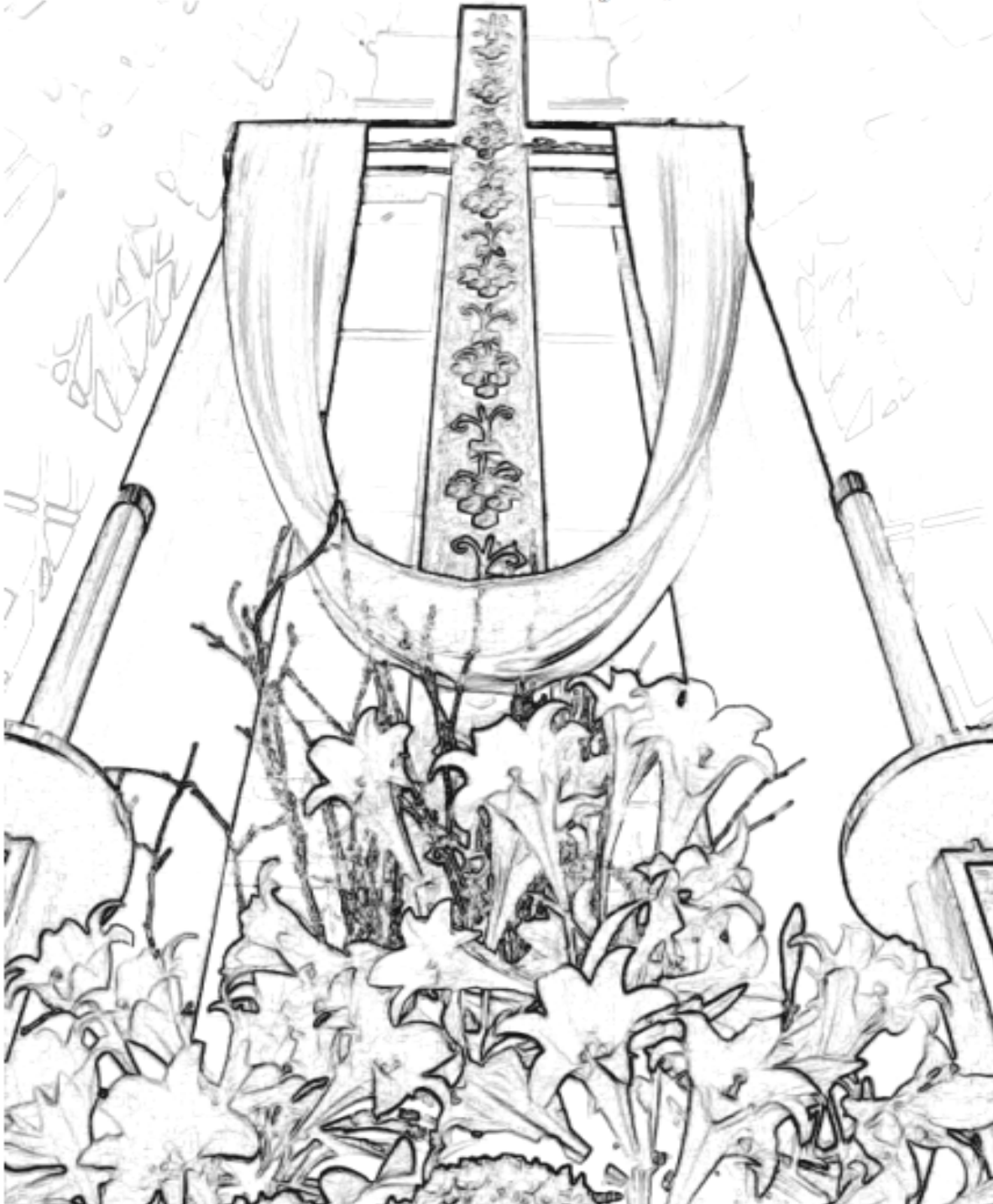
The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

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.





SAINT LUKE CHURCH

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father 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

RENEWAL OF MIND AND BODY

O God, we thank you for times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure for the renewal of our bodies and minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to our church, peace among nations, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude: Pastorella

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 #836

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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 4:5-12
The reading concludes:
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn #502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24
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 John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT JOHN 10:11-18 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #856 How Great Thou Art

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 "Sheep May Safely Graze"

J.S. Bach

Sheep may safely graze and pasture
 In a watchful shepherd's sight
 Sheep may safely graze and pasture
 And like sheep securely rest

Though the valley dark is growing,
 clouds are gath'ring, winds are blowing
 night and death are drawing near
 Those who rule, with wisdom guiding,
 Bring to hearts a peace abiding
 In His arms, I feel no fear

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.

Anthem: "Sicilienne"

G. Faure

Hymn #824

This Is My Father's World

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 #789

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude “Vivace”, from Pastorella

J.S. Bach

Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Minister*

Terry Duchow, *Assisting Minister*

Maia Surace, *Cantor*

Karen Sarasin, *Flutist*

Don Mead, *Cantor*

NEWS AND INFORMATION

April 21, 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 image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ bring us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd’s willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

Bible Class

Bible Class (in person) meets weekly (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.

Coffee Break

Coffee Break will meet **tomorrow, April 22 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 25 at 12:00 p.m. Get your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Easter.

The lessons are: *Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21, Saint John 15:1-8*

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.

Last Chance



Tickets are now on sale for the **Knight & 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.



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.



March 2024 Income Report for Saint Luke Church

Some give freely, yet grow all the riches; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

Proverbs 11:24-25

The report has been updated to reflect actual revenues and expenses.

God has been good and generous to Saint Luke and we are blessed. We want to encourage increased **generosity** of the congregation of Saint Luke. It is our hope that this monthly chart will demonstrate we have generous families and with God all things are possible.

Households receiving Offering Envelopes	129
Average # of envelopes used weekly by households	38
Percentage of Envelopes used by households	29%

	March	YTD 2024
Envelope # - Cash and Checks	\$18,035.	\$43,643.
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	\$8558.	\$26,184.
Plate Collection	\$1560.	\$3161.
Total Revenues	\$28,153.	\$72,988.
Total Expenses	\$33,629.	\$105,825.
Difference (deficit/Shortfall)	-\$5476.	-\$32,837.

Generosity in 2024	\$4277.	\$20,212.
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Music for Easter

9:30 a.m.

Make a joyful noise...

TODAY - 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, “*Liebstraum*” 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 21, 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 22-26, 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 22, 2024

Coffee Break <https://bit.ly/3Pye514> 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom

TUESDAY, April 23, 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 24, 2024

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship after Church
Administrative Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m.

*Church
Church Lobby
Church Lobby*

THURSDAY, April 25, 2024

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m.
Time for Two 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>
Ministry Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Goseikan Kendo 7:30 p.m.

*Room 101
Room 101
via Zoom
Memorial Hall
Gym*

FRIDAY, April 26, 2024

Knight and Day Fundraiser 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

3157 N Southport

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

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

*Founders Hall
Church
Church Lobby
Church*