

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jim Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Cindy; Darlene Welsh; family of Mary Ann Huffman (Schneider)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIVE CONFIRMANDS** confirmed at the Easter Vigil yesterday evening: Audrey Bersel, Tyler Braun, Glen Kneller, Chase Malcolm, and Maylan Wagner. God's blessings be with you always!

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST TODAY** is Ren Anne Reusser, daughter of Ben & Kelly. Sponsors are Hugh & Susan Reusser. Welcome to God's family!

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE CHOIR** for your hard work and singing today.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARY ANN HUFFMAN:** calling from 2-4 & 6-8pm Tuesday, April 19, at McComb Pine Valley on Dupont Rd.; funeral service 10am Wednesday, April 20, at Faith. Burial at Riverview Cemetery.

**MATINS & BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY CANCELLED** this Wednesday, April 20, to accommodate the visiting hours and funeral service for Mary Ann.

**THE WOMEN'S GROUP** meets this Saturday, April 23, beginning at 9am.

**CALENDAR**

Sun. Apr. 17 (Easter Sunday)	7:00am Breakfast (also between services) 8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service
Tue. Apr. 19	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Apr. 20	<del>8:30am Matins</del> <i>cancelled</i> <del>9:00am Book of Concord Study</del> <i>cancelled</i> 1:00pm Circuit Forum at Faith 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Apr. 21	7:00pm Bible Study (Ephesians)
Sat. Apr. 23	9:00am Women's Group
Sun. Apr. 17 (Easter 2 - Quasimodo)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study

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Two totally unrelated things to talk about today!

### 1. Higher Things Conference July 26-29 at Valpo

A four-day LCMS youth conference! Generally, the conferences are targeted at middle school / high school youth. Higher Things is an LCMS organization that hosts several conferences per year, usually for 500-750 youth at a time. There is a ton of info on their website, [higherthings.org](http://higherthings.org), and on their YouTube channel.

It is recommended that attendees be confirmed, but not required. We are asking for \$100 per child to reserve your spot in our group (to be refunded after the conference). The church is planning to cover all registration fees. With it being close by, we'll simply carpool to Valpo that Tuesday mid-morning and be back by Friday evening, probably in time for supper.

**We need to sign up very soon!!** Please let me know right away if you're interested, if you have questions or concerns, etc. We would love to have you join us!

### 2. DOXOLOGY Encore Conference: Lay Participants

I attended a pastor's retreat / conference at the end of January, hosted by an organization called DOXOLOGY. The goal is rest and retreat, but also further training in skills related to pastoral care. I again express sincere gratitude to the church's willingness to support my time there.

The time has come for the next phase of the program. Friday – Sunday, June 17-19, we return to the retreat center in Plymouth for the second portion of the conference. (It would be possible to commute each day for just the training sessions, if necessary). In this portion, I am accompanied by a lay member of our congregation (in a leadership role, or not!). There will again be time for fellowship and retreat. Some of the sessions will be just for the pastors, building on the previous portion of the conference. There will also, however, be training sessions that are specific to laity, helping them get an inside look at the pastor's job.

**If you are interested in attending with me or need more information, please let me know ASAP. This portion of the conference, including food and lodging for one lay member to accompany me, is already paid for. Additional lay members are also welcome to attend!**