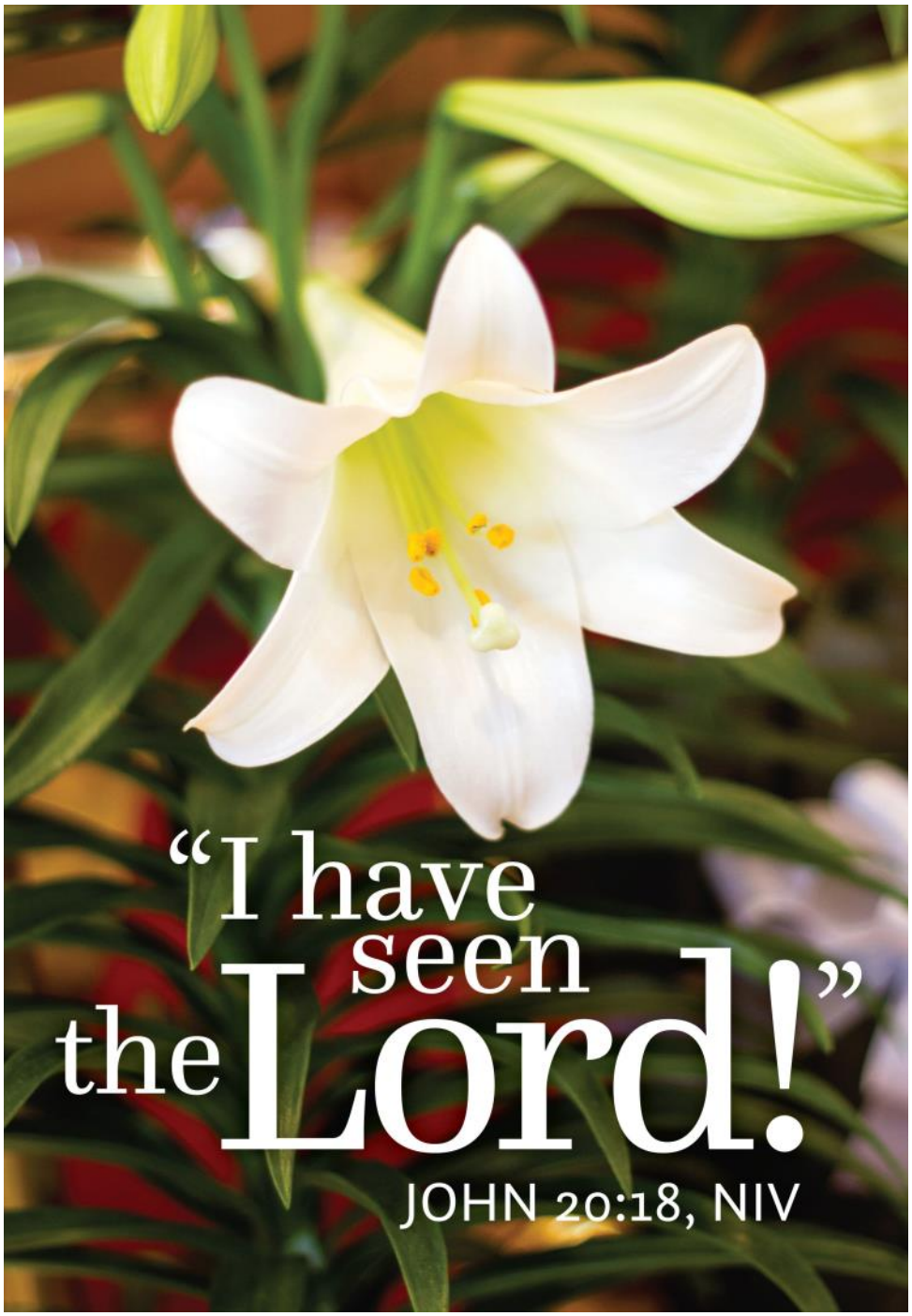
MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412 APRIL 2021



a caring family of God

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Martin Luther Church is the only ELCA Congregation on James Island*
- *Martin Luther Church was organized on February 5, 1961.*
- *273 Disciples call Martin Luther Church their home church.*
- *Eight Pastors have shepherded Martin Luther disciples since its organization.*

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Why Does the Collared Lizard Rejoice?

First off…What's a Collared Lizard?

The name "Collared Lizard" comes from the lizard's distinct coloration, which includes bands of black around the neck and shoulders that look like a collar. Males can be very colorful, with blue green bodies, yellow stripes on the tail and back, and yellow orange throats. They can reach 8–15inches in length (including the tail), with a large head and powerful jaws.

Chiefly found in dry, open regions of Mexico and the south-central United States including Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas, the Collared Lizard is the state reptile of Oklahoma, where it is known as the Mountain Boomer.

Like many other lizards, Collared Lizards can run on their hind legs and are relatively fast sprinters. Record speeds have been around 16 miles per hour! (Wikipedia)

I got to know and like 'em when I lived in Oklahoma. They're colorful and fun to watch!

This little lizard has "Rejoice" printed on his back. So, why does a Collared Lizard rejoice?

* God made him! God made her beautiful, unique in coloring, and God enjoys his creation!

* God put her in a beautiful world! Look at the gorgeous azalea blooms and the bright green leaves. This little lizard rejoices in his surroundings and his world!

* God provides for him! The little Boomer can enjoy food, fresh air, sunshine, rain, shelter, and everything that God provides every day.

* God gave her the ability to move, be active, and even run…to good things and away from danger. Each day is an exciting adventure!

* God gave him others like him! She does not have to be alone.

I think these are all great reasons why a Collared Lizard can Rejoice!

How about US? Can WE rejoice? WHY?

Read the above section again…and put YOUR NAME where it says "him" or "her".

Can you rejoice in God, God's love, and everything that God does for, with, and through you?

I think so! *"Rejoice in the Lord always; Again I will say, Rejoice!"* -- Philippians 4:4

EASTER SERVICES

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SUNRISE SERVICE

6:45 AM AT MARTIN LUTHER

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

CALL 843 795-4855

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SERVICES

9 AM AT MARTIN LUTHER

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

CALL 843 795-4855

11 AM AT FAITH LUTHERAN

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

CALL 843 559-1242

ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

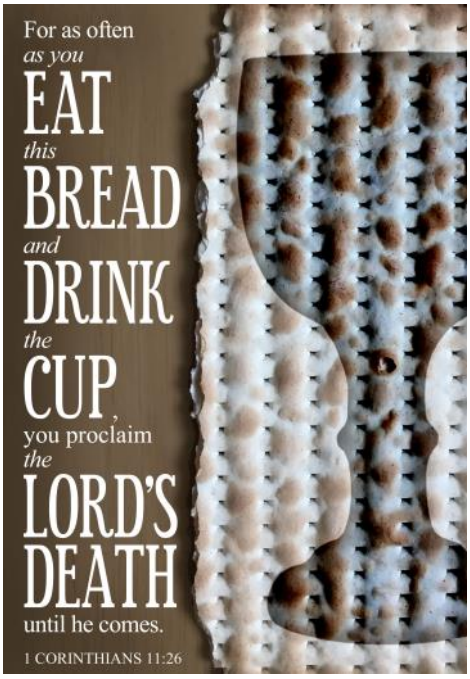
HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

9 AM MARTIN LUTHER ONLINE

11 AM FAITH LUTHERAN ONLINE



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

ONLINE FROM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

ONLINE FROM

MARTIN LUTHER

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH LIVESTREAM

A LIVESTREAM OF THE 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE FROM THE MLLC SANCTUARY IS NOW ON THE AIRWAVES ALONG WITH OUR IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE IN OUR ENDEAVORS. WE DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH OUR STREAMING FROM OUR INTERNET PROVIDER.

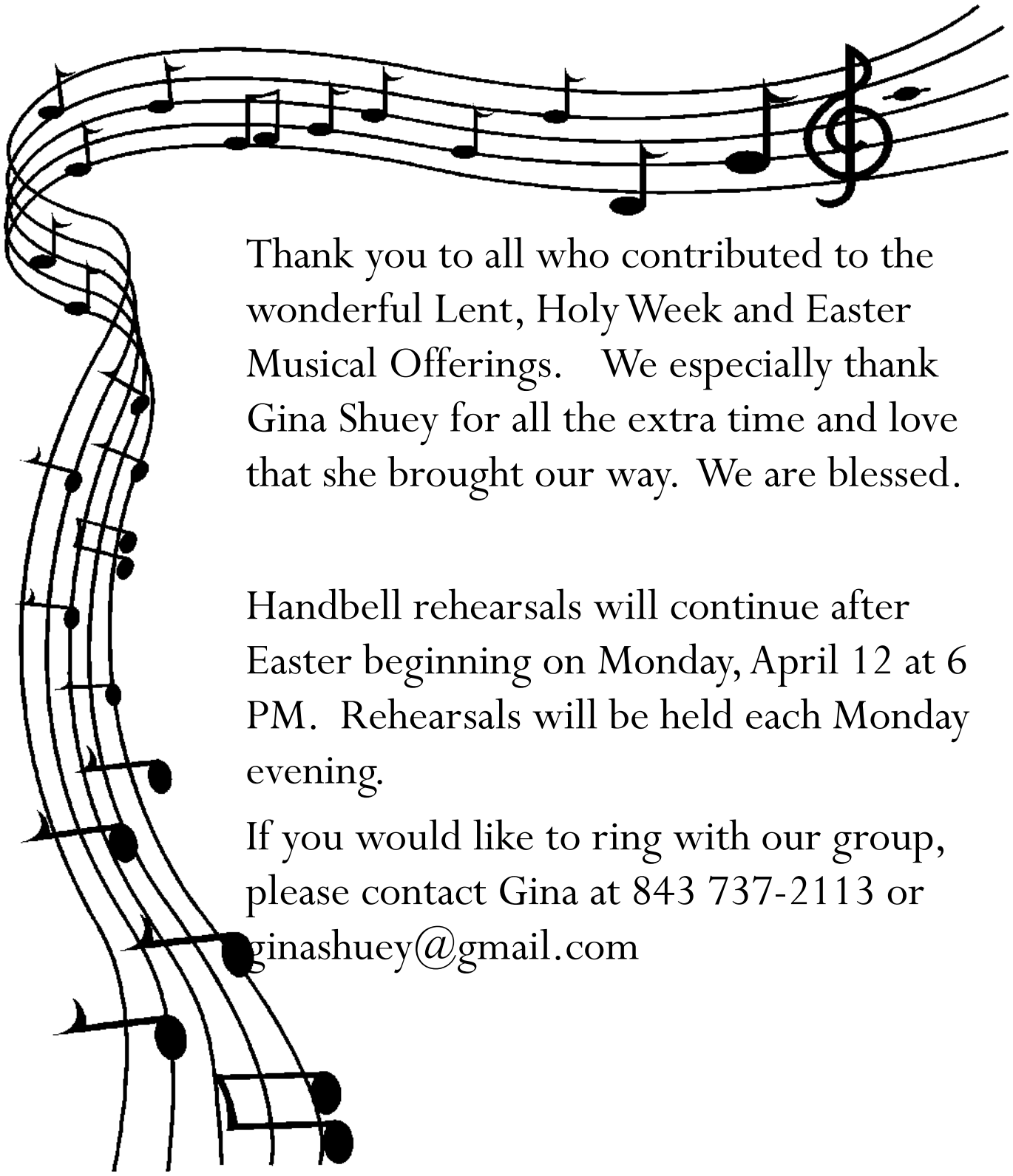
PREPARE YOUR COMPUTERS, MONITORS AND TVS FOR OUR NEW LIVESTREAM EACH SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM.

WATCH FOR THE YOUTUBE LINK IN YOUR EMAILS EACH WEEK, HAVE YOUR CANDLE NEARBY TO LIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SERVICE AND HAVE YOUR HOLY COMMUNION KITS (which are available in the plastic bin at the front door of MLLC) AVAILABLE WHEN IT COMES TIME FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION.

THE LIVESTREAM FROM FAITH LUTHERAN WILL STILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT 11:00 AM EACH SUNDAY MORNING.

WE WILL NEED LESSON AND PRAYER READERS EACH SUNDAY SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME IN AND MAKE THESE OFFERINGS, PLEASE LET SHERRY KNOW.

MUSIC NOTES



Thank you to all who contributed to the wonderful Lent, Holy Week and Easter Musical Offerings. We especially thank Gina Shuey for all the extra time and love that she brought our way. We are blessed.

Handbell rehearsals will continue after Easter beginning on Monday, April 12 at 6 PM. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening.

If you would like to ring with our group, please contact Gina at 843 737-2113 or ginashuey@gmail.com

Sharing

Just a little mom-brag here. Kaitlyn and some neighborhood friends pooled together funds, bought items, packed & decorated bags! These 20 bags were delivered to Ronald McDonald house.

Heidi Frear

(Heidi, we want you to brag!!!!! That's awesome and please thank Kaitlyn and her friends for their compassion and care.)

Today was the worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
And it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be obtained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say that
Today was a good day.

Now read from bottom to top!

(from Polly Sutton)

Dear Martin Luther Church Family -
Thank you so much for all the prayers, Calls + Cards for Jim's Mom - She was so loved by many and we felt all the love from our Church family during this difficult time. Love - Marybeth + Jim

NEWS FOR

CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scout Pack 4 is meeting outside at this time each Monday evening at 6:30 PM. We love our Scouts!

Bring Your Bottles

ELKS BPO Drove # 231 is collecting empty prescription bottles. Bring your empty bottles to the church office any morning. Please remember to remove all labels. These bottles will be donated to local animal shelters.

BLESSING OTHERS

The Cub Scouts have designed and mounted a Blessings Box to assist the hungry in our midst. They encourage all to take what you need and give what you are able. Along with the Blessings Box, two "Little Libraries" have been mounted beside the Blessings Box. One library is for children's books and one is for adult readers.

Respite Care Charleston

Upcoming Respite Care Charleston Support Group Meetings at MLLC—**April 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10 AM—Tuesday Morning Respite Group**

April 13 and 27 at 6 PM—Tuesday Support Group

April 14 and 28 at 10 AM—Wednesday Support Group

April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10 AM—Friday Morning Respite Group

If you know of anyone who might benefit from any of these groups, please invite them to join us!

Sara Perry
Executive Director RCC
843 647-7405

YOU TO KNOW

VETERAN MINISTRY

Do you know a veteran or a military family in need?

Education… Housing… Health Benefits… Basic Needs… Assistance… Employment… Homelessness… Peer Support… Financial Crisis Management

Please contact or refer them to:

Tri-County Veterans Support Network
843-276-2840

www.TriCountyVeteransSupportNetwork.org

ONLINE GIVING

Martin Luther Church is gladly accepting online contributions through Tithe.ly.com.

Anyone can access this new App through the MLLC website. Just go to the green Giving Option Button on the opening page! If you need some assistance, please give Sherry a call in the church office! Now you can give, even when you are out of town!!! Tell your friends and family that they can give to MLLC **online**!!!

THANK YOU

Bobby and I want to thank all of Martin Luther Church for the thoughts, love and prayers being sent to us since Rob passed away. We are heartbroken by his sudden and unexpected passing. We can definitely feel all the love and prayers being sent and they are deeply appreciated.

God is the Strength of my heart and my Portion forever. Psalm 73:26

Debbie and Bobby Jones

YOUR COVID-19 CARD

What to do with your Covid-19 Vaccination Card

When we receive our Covic-19 Vaccinations, we receive a card with the location and date(s) we received the vaccination, and the brand of vaccine we were given.

This card is important!

It is the legal document that proves you were vaccinated!

There will likely be times and occasions in the future when we will need to present this card to gain entrance to a building, travel, for medical and other purposes.

What should we do to keep it safe, but make sure we have it when needed?

Faith Church member Luanne Lingle gives us these excellent suggestions:

1.) Put the card with your other valuable cards, papers, and documents.

2.) Print a photocopy that you can carry with you in your wallet or purse.

3.) Take a picture of your card with your cell phone…and keep it in the phone.

4.) Transfer the picture to a flash/thumb drive for easy reference and safe-keeping.

(If you would like to print a copy of your card, you are welcome to come to the church during office hours and we'll make one for you.)

Thank you!

We continue to be blessed with all the wonderful things that Jimmy Knight does here at Martin Luther.
He keeps our grounds looking awesome with mowing and trimming! He repainted the Front Porch area and the Handicap places in the parking lot. He is always available to make electrical repairs—why he has even replaced toilet seats!
Jimmy is truly a "Man of God" and a gift to MLLC.
THANK YOU JIMMY!

Thank you to Pat Riecke of Faith Lutheran Church for making the beautiful Easter Cross Stoles for Martin Luther Church and Faith Lutheran Church. These pieces will be a wonderful enhancement for our outside crosses during Easter!

Until We Can Sing...

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, after the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

At the end of the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need $4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge $100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner." And that's how they paid for the roof!

HYMNS FOR ALL THINGS.

The Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
Taylor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I Might See
IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
Electrician's Hymn	Send The Light
Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
Massage Therapist's Hymn	He Touched Me
Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician

AND FOR THOSE WHO SPEED ON THE HIGHWAY – A FEW HYMNS:

45 MPH	God Will Take Care of You
55 MPH	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
65 MPH	Nearer My God to Thee
75 MPH	Nearer Still Nearer
85 MPH	This World is Not My Home
95 MPH	Lord, I'm Coming Home
Over 100 MPH	Precious Memories

REJOICE

What makes me rejoice? My heart rejoices when I go on my walk and meet someone and we greet each with "good morning" or "what a beautiful day"! It brings joy to my heart and my day is fulfilled when that happens. "I rejoice when one of my grandchildren call me and share a special thing that they did that day!" I am grateful Blessed. Thanks Maria Namie

Some of you may know that for years, I had the awesome privilege of accompanying two very dear friends who were singers -- Frederick Brown and Asta Mangan. Unfortunately, they are older and can no longer sing -- something that has broken my heart because each of them had exquisitely beautiful voices and were a joy to work with and listen to. But today I rejoice in the fact that the Lord richly blessed me by connecting me with them and allowing me to be a part of their musical gift to others. In addition, God blessed me with two very special, priceless friendships.

Thank you, God!! Helena Bradford

Ideas for Caring for Others

Here are some ways to be a light in the darkness of someone's grief, loneliness, and isolation even when you can't offer care in person.

Make the Connection

• Connect by phone or video chat when you can't be physically present—doing so lets you communicate compassion and support in real time.

• As you're willing and able, be there for them for the long term. Care for other people tends to drop off over time, so your checking in with them is likely to be greatly appreciated.

Encourage Open, Honest Sharing

• Encourage the person to honestly share what they're really feeling.

• Let them know it's okay to grieve or feel lonely during isolation however they want.

• Be patient—if the person isn't ready to say much, that's okay.

Validate Their Feelings

• Mostly listen and validate, letting them know you heard what they said and you accept that they feel that way.

• Avoid trying to tell them how they should feel or what they should do.

• Avoid platitudes or other words that discount the person's feelings.

Caring for yourself, your family and others can be difficult under any circumstances, but the effects of the ongoing pandemic have made this harder. Reach out—in person, by telephone, with FaceTime and Zoom!!! That's where the care you offer can make a BIG difference!

PRAYERS

Janice Knight
Buddy Diffenderfer
Joan Cunningham
Don Rankin
Polly Sutton
Anna Harmon
Ralph Shrivalle
Barbara Crews
Todd Peterson
Mickie White
Melody Alcorn
Judy Alcorn
Carl and Judy Simmons
Myrl Kluge
Mary and Jack Cooper
Bill & Edna Mariorenzi
Alice Scheld
Joe Sproles
Vicki Becker
Sean Fowler

Stacia Brown
Ann Parris
Muriel Bellah
Lucille Mullis
Michele Wallis
Fran Lingenfelter
Autumn Young
Trey Crayton

Preston Vinson
Johnny Hallman
John Bischoff
Cyndie Hartsell
Alice Vendrick
Mary Ann Graff
Linda Miller
Betty and Paulwyn Boliek
Frank Oastwalt
Will Coleman
Lynn Nash
Maggie Bennett
Ramona Horres
Becky Cook
Sherry Cook
Carolyn and Linwood Switzenberg
Mildred Woods
Eugene Alexander
Ned Vendrick
Darby Kress
Thomas Soyden
Eliza Cate Volousky
Dwight Hartsell
Wilma McLelland
Lisa Player
Mark Danehey
Lisa Galary
Larry Alexander
Paige Osbon
Alissa Baker
Randy Oxendine
Michael Burke
Rose Burke
Rafael del Valle
Michele Miller

All those suffering with the COVID-19 virus.

All those who serve in the military and those who protect our country, state, and communities.

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Harris Wright	4/3
Matthew Harris	4/4
Tricia Bradley	4/6
Mary Lou Hoover	4/12
DJ Watts	4/13
Bill Carter	4/15
Morgan Gillette	4/16
Ned Balzano	4/18
Noah Hodges	4/18
Luke Rimer	4/21
Leslie Carter	4/23
Vicki Becker	4/26
Lori Hamill	4/27
Julie Carter	4/28
Gina Shuey	4/29
Jerri Snider	4/30
Torren Thomas	4/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Sherry & Richard Fowler	4/7
Barbara & Andy Young	4/21
Laura & Eddie Jordan	4/23

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

Todd Peterson	5/ 2
Greg Spain	5/ 3
Bob Spain	5/ 8
Laura Jordan	5/ 9
Nancy Gillette	5/ 24
Ashley Peterson	5/ 26

Anniversaries

Vicki & Paul Becker	5/ 28
Tricia & JB Bradley	5/ 29

Happy birthday to — and for — you!

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate who someone *is,* not what they've *done*. Henri Nouwen wrote, "It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, 'Thank you for being you.' ... On a birthday we do not say, 'Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.' No, we say, 'Thank you for being born and being among us.'"

To rejoice over someone purely for who they are is an echo of God's joy over us. Some families celebrate "baptism birthdays" (anniversaries) by lighting candles, sharing scripture and prayer, perhaps looking at photos and recounting stories of that milestone event that marked the beginning of their faith life.

On a birthday, said Nouwen, "we lift someone up and let everyone say, 'We love you.'" In baptism, God lifts us to his very heart and declares, "You are my precious child. I love you."

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Wayne Rimer

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Torren Thomas

Council Members serve two year terms with the exception of the youth members, serving a one year term.