



**THIS LITTLE LIGHT...**  
*the weekly LUMINARY*  
April 6, 2025

### REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

Luke 2:24 – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

### DESERT WINDS STEEL ORCHESTRA CONCERT TODAY

This diverse group of musicians play remarkably rhythmic and melodic percussion instruments known as pan or steel drums. Their repertoire includes Latin and pop songs and an array of island tunes that appeal to audiences of all ages. Join us today at 1:00 PM for an amazing FREE concert.



### EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower envelopes are included in the bulletins today. If you would like to add a memorial or thanksgiving to the bulletins for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday please include this information on the back of the envelope. Remember to print your name and your loved one's name legibly. Envelopes must be received no later than next Sunday, Palm Sunday, to be included in the Easter bulletins. The Easter Flower donations are also used to acquire altar flowers for worship throughout the year.

### HEALING PRAYERS OFFERED

As a part of our Sunday morning worship services healing prayers will be offered in the back of the sanctuary following communion and in the Prayer Room following each service.

### PALM SUNDAY AT ADVENT APRIL 13



***Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.***

**Craft Fair**—Items to purchase will be available following both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM worship services.

**Potluck**—Following the 10:00 AM worship service.

A-G Main Dish

H-M Desserts

N-S Appetizers/Egg Dish

T-Z Salads/Fruit

**Veterans/Military/Spouses Ministry Monthly Gathering**—Following the 10:00 AM worship service in Dibbs Hall. Get your food first!

### THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

#### Monday, April 7

9:00 AM Helping Hands

1:00 PM Walking the Mourner’s Path-CR

#### Tuesday, April 8

8:30 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew-DH

11:00 AM Exercise Class

12:00 PM EfM

#### Wednesday, April 9

8:30 AM Women’s Weight Management

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist w/Healing Service

4:45 PM Lenten Soup Supper & Study

#### Thursday, April 10

3:00 PM Advent Choir Practice

#### Saturday, April 11

8:30 AM Altar Guild

9:30 AM Flower Guild

## Advent Prayer List—April 6, 2025

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. *Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

*\*Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.*

Justine	Tom Carroll*	David Raymer*
Katie	Sally Charalambous*	David Schaefer
Nicole	Cindy Clark	Sue Ann Simon*
Odile	Jim Clark	Susan Syquia*
Donna Anderson-Davies*	Donna Contonis*	Phyllis Widowski
Connie Archbold	Clyde Hansen	Carol Wright
Jordan Barnett	Sherry Holleman	Russ Yensen
Ruth Bookout	Danielle Mancano-Cloutier	The Family of Lucy Lynch*†
Jeanne Boyd*	Richard Raszkievicz*	

### LENTEN STUDY GROUP WITH RAPH MARTIN



The season of Lent is upon us. It is a graced period, beginning Ash Wednesday, and concluding with the triduum - or last three days of the Lenten cycle, name-

ly, Holy Thursday, April 17, Good Friday, April 18, and Holy Saturday/Easter Morning, April 19/20.

On six of the Lenten Wednesdays, parishioners are invited to participate in a Lenten supper of soup followed by a brief period of reflection on the words and actions of Christ that are the focus of the triduum period. This will also be a time for parishioners to engage with our presenters (Judy Huffman and Raph Martin) and with one another to be uplifted by the traditions, scriptures, and invitations they hold before us so as to understand better the faith we have been heir to.

(There will be a lot of information presented which we believe will need to be continued through special classes throughout the year! So get ready to be challenged. Start by signing-up for our Post-Lenten programs!) For more information please contact Raph Martin at 925.287.1287 or raph-martin@gmail.com.

### PLATES OF LOVE

This week, funds collected will benefit the **Advent Veteran's Ministry**. This Advent-based ministry has a mission to honor and assist veterans and their families, and other veteran activities in the community-at-large. Questions? Contact Bruce Dockter.

### MAD HATTER TEA PARTY!

Ladies of Advent are invited to a fantastical gathering in Paine Hall on April 23 beginning at 11:17 AM. Tickets are \$7.00 or bring tea sandwiches or a salad to share. Tickets will be sold following both services today and next Sunday, April 13, and in the church office.

### THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARY

*Happy Anniversary*

April 9  
John & Bonnie Jacobs

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 8  
Danny Pierce

April 12  
David Mann

April 10  
Jody Johnson



### FAITHSTREET GIVING

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