

# Calendar

† = meets at Easter by the Lake

**Sunday, January 8**  
 Food Collection  
 11:10a Cherub Choir  
 11:10a Choristers  
 11:30a Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00p Tintinnabula  
 5:30p Divorce Care  
 6:00p Strikepoint  
 6:00p High School Youth Group  
 7:00p Justice & Advocacy Book Group

**Monday, January 9**  
 9:30a Quilting  
 9:30a Encore! Simples Steps in Winter  
 3:45p Girl Scouts †  
 6:30p Stewardship Committee Meeting  
 6:30p Guatemala Mission Dinner  
 6:30p Girl Scouts †  
 6:30p Cub Scouts †  
 7:00p Evening Chick Talk  
 7:00p Boy Scouts †

**Tuesday, January 10**  
 6:45a Bible Study  
 7:30a Job Transitions Group  
 6:00p Band Rehearsal †  
 6:00p Feed My Starving Children  
 6:00p Preschool Open House  
 6:30p Yogadevotion - Levels 1 & 2 †  
 7:00p Luth. Women Today Bible Study  
 7:00p Building Committee Meeting †

**Wednesday, January 11**  
 9:30a Encore! FMSC  
 11:00a Great Stories  
 4:15p Music Explorers  
 5:15p Music Explorers  
 5:30p Youth Band Rehearsal †  
 5:40p Choir Chimes  
 6:30p 7th Grade Confirmation †  
 6:30p 8th Grade Confirmation †  
 6:30p Local Mission Committee  
 7:00p Senior Choir  
 7:00p Contemplative Prayer Group

**Thursday, January 12**  
 9:30a Morning Chick Talk †  
 1:00p OWLs Games & Puzzles †  
 7:00p Big Story Weekly Bible Study †  
 7:00p Jubilate  
 8:00p Recorder Ensemble  
 8:15p Exultate

# Worship

## WORSHIP TIMES

Easter on the Hill:  
 Sat. 5 p.m. (Holy Communion follows 1st & 3rd Sunday schedule)  
 Sun. 8:30 & 10 a.m. (Holy Communion each week)  
 Benediction: Sun. 5 p.m. (Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)  
 Easter by the Lake:  
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion each week)  
 Sun. 11 a.m. (Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)

## Preaching This Weekend

The Big Story: John the Baptist

On the Hill –  
 Pastor Sarah Clark



By the Lake –  
 Pastor Kris Capel



Benediction –  
 Pastor Kris Capel



## Easter Preschool Open House and Speaker

**Tuesday, January 10, 6-7:10 p.m., Easter on the Hill**

Join us for the Easter Preschool open house. There will be time to explore the classrooms and move with Cardio Kim. Dr. Sue Starks, will be speaking from 6:40-7:10 p.m. about the important role of play as learning and members of the Preschool's staff and Parent Advisory Committee will be available to answer questions.

## Prayer Corner

*In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.* Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

*The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed."* Matthew 8:8

I speak my word, but it is what you say, Lord, that creates faith and hope in me. It is only by your Word that we are healed. Thank you, my good Shepherd, for listening to this sinner and letting me know that it is never about me - it's because of you that I have life. Amen.

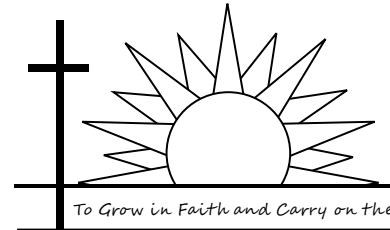


## Friday, January 13

9:30a Pray & Play †  
 12:30p Red Cross Blood Drive †  
 6:30p Volleyball †

## Saturday, January 14

8:00a Men's Breakfast  
 6:00p Encore! Golf in January



To Grow in Faith and Carry on the Work of Jesus Christ

**Welcome to Easter Church!**

**First Sunday After the Epiphany**

**January 8, 2012**



## Saturday, January 7 Easter on the Hill

Ashton Steven Joyce, son of Matthew Joyce and Krista Tainter.

## Sunday, January 8 Easter by the Lake

Cole Rayford Elzea, son of Frederick & Heather Elzea, brother to Tate, Grace, Paige and Hazel.

## Starbucks Sunday Today

**Sun., Jan. 8, Easter on the Hill After morning worship services**

Sponsored by Easter's Small Group Ministry Team, this is an opportunity for fellowship, a free donut, and a free cup of Starbucks coffee. See you there!

## Justice and Advocacy Reading Group - Tonight

**Sun., Jan. 8, 7-8:30 p.m. Easter on the Hill**

Join us as we begin the discussion of "The End of Poverty" by Jeffrey Sachs. For more information, visit [easter.org](http://easter.org). (Serve/Justice and Advocacy)

# Announcements

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## NEW STAFF MEMBER

It is with GREAT excitement that we welcome Hans Vigesaa to our staff as the Director of Youth Outreach and Engagement starting on Jan. 10. This brand-new position will focus on growing both the depth and the width of Easter's teenage ministries. Stop by and meet Hans on Sun., Jan. 22 between worship services at both locations.



## Love for a Lifetime: A Marriage Retreat

**Friday, Jan. 27, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Easter by the Lake; Registration deadline Wednesday, January 25**

**Cost: \$45/couple, includes snacks and a light lunch on Saturday**  
 This retreat will bring together married and engaged couples from Easter to focus on the most common challenges every marriage faces – and to bring us back to God's promise of love for a lifetime. There will be a variety of presenters, including Easter clergy, on topics ranging from finances to fidelity. Some of the speakers include:

- Dan & Sara Currell presenting on the book, "Love and Respect" – Conflict in your relationship, how to resolve it, and prevent it.
- Julia Holtze, a seasoned retreat leader and speaker presenting "For Better, For Worse" – how to survive and thrive through both the good and bad times of marriage.
- Joe Bortscheller, a financial consultant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, presenting "From Me to We" a workshop encouraging healthy conversation around finances in marriage.

To sign up, please call Jennifer Peloquin in the church office at 651-452-3680 or email [jpeloquin@easter.org](mailto:jpeloquin@easter.org).

## ComedySportz for COGS and ALL Easter people

**Sun., Jan. 15, 7-8:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake (COGS students stay until MIDNIGHT!)**

**\$10/person or \$25 for families (purchased at door)**

Calling all Easter's families, children, teens, and friends...come to the Lake for a night of great fun! The event begins at 7 p.m. with Easter's Youth Band playing an opening concert. The evening continues with ComedySportz, which is improvisational comedy played as a sport! Two teams of actors compete for the biggest laughs while a referee calls the fouls and gets suggestions from you, the audience.

## Ways to Connect

### Women's Retreat: What on Earth Am I Doing Here?

Sat., Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. - Sun., Feb. 5, 11:30 a.m.

Villa Maria Retreat Center, Frontenac, MN

Overnight cost (incl. 3 meals) \$120, (\$45 for Sat. only, incl. 2 meals)

Rejoice in the wonder of discovering the life God intends for you.

Experience the beauty of winter by walking, snow shoeing or simply watching the woods while sitting by a blazing fire with friends.

Brochures with registration forms are available at each site. Return your form and check (with Women's Retreat" on the memo line) to Easter. Email Denise Sjoberg at denise.p.sjoberg@gmail.com with questions. Space is limited, so please sign up by Jan. 15.

### New Yogadevotion Session!

Tuesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Start the year out right by joining instructor Marie Baker for this faith based yoga class. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Registration forms are available at the Information/Welcome centers or online at easter.org (Connect/Recreational Groups). Questions? Contact Stacy, at 651-452-3680 or swollmuth@easter.org.

## Encore! Happenings

A ministry with and through adults age 50 plus

### Simple Steps in Winter

Mondays, 9:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 9, cost: \$2/walk

Eagan Community Center, 1501 Central Pkwy

Questions? Contact Dorie Erickson at 651-454-2250 or dorieerickson@yahoo.com.

### Feed My Starving Children

Wednesday, January 11, 9:30-11 a.m., 990 Lone Oak Road

To sign up, call Rita Tester at 651-452-7342.

### O.W.L.s (Older Wiser Lutherans)

Thursday, January 12, 1-3 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Come for fun and fellowship at our Games & Puzzles afternoon! Questions? Contact Carol Kearns at 952-847-3429.

### Golf in January (!!)

Sat., Jan. 14, 6-9 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Learn and play the card game "Golf," enjoy sloppy joes and conversation. Questions? Contact Carolyn at 952-223-2444 or carolynbratland@yahoo.com.

### CPR

Monday, Jan. 16, 1-3 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Learn the latest information on CPR. No skills testing or written exam is required. Contact Stacy Wollmuth, at 651-452-3680 or swollmuth@easter.org with questions or to register.

## Ways to Serve Generously

### Dinner with Pastors Amanda Olson de Castillo and

### Horacio Castillo

Monday, January 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo and Pastor Horacio Castillo, our partner pastors in Guatemala, will be visiting the United States during January. We invite the congregation to come and renew friendships and celebrate our mutual ministry together. This dinner is sponsored by the Global Mission Committee. All are welcome, please plan to attend as your schedule permits.

### Sip & Stitch Sewing Bee

Sat., Jan. 21, 9:30-11 a.m., Easter on the Hill

Lots of squares have been knit and crocheted, but now they need to be sewn together into blankets! You are invited to come and help! NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! The blankets go to local charities. If you have questions, contact Barb Moon at 651-454-9561.



### Feed My Starving Children

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6-7:30 p.m., offsite, (990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 160, Eagan

Feed My Starving Children monthly packing dates for Easter are the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Bring your family, neighbors, life group, or book club to experience the mission and ministry of FMSC. For online sign-up instructions, go to easter.org (Hunger Ministries), fmsc@easter.org or contact Rita Tester at 651-452-7342.

## Bible Studies & Prayer

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Jan. 14, 8-9 a.m., Easter on the Hill

Gather with other men in an inviting fellowship of breakfast and Bible study (bad jokes and bad puns leading to laughter and eye rolling are also welcomed!) Our study is taken from "The Big Story" worship texts that will be discussed in worship that weekend.

### Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis: The Question of God

Tuesdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 21 & 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Easter on the Hill

Pastor Paul is leading this class based on Dr. Armand M. Nicholi's remarkable book. Contact Pastor Paul at paulharris@aol.com for more information.

### The Big Story Bible Study

Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Attend as often as your schedule permits; led by Pastor Kevin. You can pick up the Bible Study Guide at either location or at easter.org (The Big Story).

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:30 a.m., on the Hill

Meets every week; led by Pastor Paul. Bibles and coffee provided.

### Great Stories

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon, on the Hill

Learn about pivotal events in the history of Christianity; led by Pastor Paul.

## Children, Youth & Family

### CHURCH SCHOOL TIMES

Easter on the Hill:

Wed. 4:30 & 6 p.m.

Sun. 8:30 & 10 a.m.

Easter by the Lake:

Sun. 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### EARLY First Communion Class

Sundays, Jan. 15, 22, and 29, 6:30-8 p.m., Easter on the Hill

This class is designed for students younger than 5th Grade to prepare them for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Each student must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. Registrations are available at both sites and on Easter's website; easter.org. Questions? Contact Pastor Kevin at 651-452-3680 or revkev@easter.org.

### Parents of Children 5 Years and Younger!

Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., Easter by the Lake

What are you doing on Friday mornings? Need a change? Come to Pray & Play with your little ones and get them running! There are balls, scooters and lots of play toys to allow the kids to run, be loud and get some energy out. Sorry there will not be Pray & Play on Jan. 27.

### Pray & Play Leaders are Needed

Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., Easter by the Lake

Pray & Play is a time where kids up to age 5 can run and play in the Great Room. The responsibility of the leader is simple. Set up and put away toys in the Great Room, have great fellowship time with parents/guardians, read a simple Bible story and pray at the end. Contact Rachelle Gill 651-452-3680 or rgill@easter.org if interested.

### Attention all 1st Grade Families!

Family Faith Night - Learn about the 10 Commandments

Saturday, January 21, Easter on the Hill, 5 p.m. Family Worship

At 6 p.m. enjoy pizza with the other families, then at 6:15 p.m., the 1st graders and their parents/guardians will have an activity / lesson time led by Pastor Kris. Childcare is provided for siblings. The cost for pizza is \$5/person the night of the event (age 3 and under are free). Please RSVP by emailing Rachelle Gill at rgill@easter.org if you will be coming for pizza and if sibling care is needed.

### 6th Grade Confirmation Information Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 1-2 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Get information to discern whether the Wed. night or summer camp option is best for you. Students and parents are encouraged to attend this session together. Please bring your checkbook, medical insurance information, and emergency contact numbers if you wish to register for confirmation on this day. Questions? Contact Pastor Sarah at 651-452-3680 or pastorsarah@easter.org.