

# Calendar

† = meets at Easter by the Lake

- Sunday, February 5**  
 11:10a Cherub Choir  
 11:10a Choristers  
 11:30a Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 12:00p Gl. Mission Lunch w/ Pr Mwafute  
 5:00p Tintinnabula  
 5:30p Divorce Care  
 6:00p High School Youth Group
- Monday, February 6**  
 9:30a Quilting  
 9:30a Encore! Simple Steps in Winter  
 6:00p Cub Scout Banquet †  
 6:30p Girl Scouts †  
 7:00p Evening Chick Talk  
 7:00p Boy Scouts †
- Tuesday, February 7**  
 6:45a Bible Study  
 7:30a Job Transitions Group  
 5:30p Confirmation Committee Meeting  
 6:00p Band Rehearsal †  
 6:30p Yogadevotion - Levels 1 & 2 †  
 7:30p Call Transition Team Meeting  
 7:30p Foundation Committee Meeting  
 7:45p Moms In Touch
- Wednesday, February 8**  
 9:30a Encore! FMSC  
 9:30a OWL's Brochure Stuffing  
 11:00a Great Stories  
 4:15p Music Explorers  
 5:15p Music Explorers  
 5:30p Youth Band Rehearsal †  
 5:40p Choir Chimes  
 6:30p 9th Grade Confirmation †  
 6:30p Local Mission Committee  
 7:00p Contemplative Prayer Group  
 7:00p Worship Committee  
 7:00p Senior Choir
- Thursday, February 9**  
 11:30a OWL's - offsite  
 1:00p Encore! The Trinity †  
 7:00p Big Story Weekly Bible Study †  
 7:00p Jubilate  
 8:00p Recorder Ensemble  
 8:15p Exultate
- Friday, February 10**  
 6:30p Volleyball †  
 7:00p Encore! Fri. Night at the Movies †
- Saturday, February 11**  
 8:00a Men's Breakfast  
 9:00a Bread for the Journey: Workshop  
 9:30a Preschool Winter Carnival †

# 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: Nicodemus

On the Hill –  
 Pastor Paul Harris



By the Lake –  
 Pastor Paul Harris



Benediction –  
 Pastor Paul Harris



## Ash Wednesday Worship - February 22

**Easter on the Hill:**  
 7 a.m. – Brief Order for Forgiveness and Absolution; Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist.  
 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. – Worship with Holy Communion; Imposition of Ashes. Burning of Palms after each worship service. Bring your palm from last year's Palm Sunday.

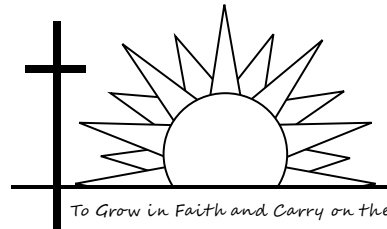
**Easter by the Lake:**  
 6:30 p.m. – The Meaning of Ash Wednesday. Worship with Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes, and Burning of Palms. Bring your palm from last year's Palm Sunday.

## Prayer Corner

*On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him. Isaiah 11:10*

*If you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. Romans 11:17-18*

Thank you Savior, for the miracle of your grace. By grafting us all onto your tree of salvation, you have given us eternal life. Yet we judge others and ourselves harshly and take on airs of superiority. Forgive our sin and give us courage to live with daily repentance and grace. Amen.



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

# Announcements

## Easter Lutheran Church

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**Welcome to Easter Church!**

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

**February 5, 2012**

## Bread for the Journey Workshop and Performance

**Workshop: Singing and Leading Global Songs, Saturday, February 11, 9-11 am, Easter on the Hill**

Bread for the Journey is a group of singers and instrumentalists who lead worship services and workshops across the country. They specialize in presenting songs of our Christian brothers and sisters from around the world. Join the Senior Choir and other musicians in learning new songs to be sung at worship on Sunday, February 12. You don't have to be in choir to come! Questions? Contact Kris Henry at 651-452-3680.

**Worship: Sunday, February 12, both morning services, Easter on the Hill**

Worship will be led by Bread for the Journey and Easter musicians as we celebrate Global Missions.



## Lunch with Pastor Mwafute

**Sunday, February 5, beginning at noon, Easter on the Hill**

Karibu! ("Welcome" in Kiswahili.) In Tanzania, when visitors come to a village there is often a crowd of people gathered; singing and dancing to welcome their guests. We have the pastor of our companion congregation in Nyanzwa, Tanzania coming to our village, and though there may not be multitudes of people singing and dancing to greet him, we want to welcome him in a way consistent with our culture. You're invited to enjoy good food and warmly welcome Pastor Mwafute to Easter. He will speak briefly, answer questions and linger for conversation. The Global Missions Committee is providing the food, so just bring a very good attitude.



## Easter New Member Orientation - New Process!

Easter's vision is "transforming hearts and lives for Christ." That's our vision for the world, and that's our vision for each and every person we touch. We think about transforming hearts and lives for Christ in everything we do, and the new member process is no exception to that. As such, we are excited to announce a new way to become a member of Easter! Starting now, Easter is piloting an individualized new member orientation program.

This program takes you through an orientation period that lasts approximately 3 months and has two goals. The first is to get you the information about Easter Lutheran Church you need in your discernment process. The second is to get you connected to the church in ways that are meaningful to you so that you may experience more spiritual transformation in your life. A person from the New Member Team will help you create a personalized plan for joining Easter and will mentor you through the process. If you're interested in becoming a member of Easter, sign up on the pink Response Sheet, call the office at 651-452-3680, or email Mary Kay DuChene at marykay@easter.org.

# Ways to Serve Generously

## Loaves & Fishes

*Thursday, February 16, 3-7 p.m.*

**Hope Presbyterian Church, 7132 Portland Ave. S. Richfield**

Help is needed to prepare, cook and serve food, and clean up after the meal. Work a two-hour shift with others from Easter between 3-7 p.m. Sign up on the pink Response Sheet or contact Barbara Carlton at eaganbird@gmail.com.

## Feed My Starving Children

*Tues., Feb. 14, 6-7:30 p.m., 990 Lone Oak Road, Ste. 160, Eagan*

FMSC packing date for Easter is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. For online sign-up instructions, go to easter.org (Hunger Ministries), fmsc@easter.org or contact Rita Tester at 651-452-7342.

## Blood Drive

*Friday, February 17, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake*

To sign up, please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the zip code of 55122 (it is listed as Eagan Community).

## Encore! Happenings

**A ministry with and through adults age 50 plus**

### Encore! Greets at Worship

*Sunday, February 12, both services at both locations*

Contact Joy Korte at [kortes2@q.com](mailto:kortes2@q.com) if you are willing to serve.

### Encore! FMSC

*Wednesday, Feb. 8, 9:30-11 a.m., offsite*

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

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

*Thursday, February 9, 11:30 a.m.*

**Al Baker's Restaurant, 3434 Washington Dr., Eagan**

Reservations made by contacting Phil Friest at [plfriest@juno.com](mailto:plfriest@juno.com) or 952-893-0313.

### Three Persons, One God: The Trinity

*Thurs., Feb. 9, 16, 23 & Mar. 1, 1-3 p.m., Easter by the Lake*

Questions? Contact Dorie Erickson at 651-454-2250 or [doriejerickson@yahoo.com](mailto:doriejerickson@yahoo.com).

### Friday Night at the Movies

*Friday, Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m., Easter by the Lake*

Questions? Contact Judy Englund at 651-687-0910 or [judyke1@comcast.net](mailto:judyke1@comcast.net).

### Concordia College Choir Concert

*Sat., Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m., Bethel Univ., Arden Hills, cost \$20*

Meet us there, or car pool from Easter on the Hill at 6:15 p.m. Reservation deadline is Mon., Feb. 13. Contact Terolle Turnham at 651-452-4474, [t.turnham@gmail.com](mailto:t.turnham@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

# Ways to Connect

## Depression Support Coalition

*Monday, February 6, 7-8:30 p.m.*

"The Whole-Person Approach to Treating Depression and Anxiety"

Kim Bushman, PhD, LP, Water's Edge Counseling & Healing Center

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd, Apple Valley

Contact: Julie Opheim, 952-432-6351.

## Job Transitions Group

*Tuesday mornings, 7:30-9 a.m., Easter on the Hill*

Feb. 7: "Navigating Life's Crises: Understanding the Grief of Job Loss", presented by Pastor Kevin Olson.

## Chick Talk

*Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., on the Hill & Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m., by the Lake*

Monday "Chicks": Big Story Interlude with Pastor Sarah on Feb. 6, social night on

Feb. 13, "Sacred Rhythms" book study with Julie McCarty begins Feb. 20.

Thursday "Chicks": No Chick Talk Feb. 9, Big Story Interlude with Pastor Sarah on

Feb. 16, "Sacred Rhythms" book study with Julie McCarty begins Feb. 23

"Sacred Rhythms" by Ruth Haley Barton is available in the church office for \$15/copy.

Call Deanna Heise at 651-452-3680 with questions.

## Dinner Club Small Group Forming!

Are you and your spouse interested in getting to know other Easter couples in their 40's and 50's over dinner once a month? Enjoy a good meal while connecting with new Christian friends from the congregation. The group can choose to alternate hosting duties, meet at a local restaurant, or a combination of the two. If interested, sign up on the pink Response Sheet or contact Deanna Heise in the church office at 651-452-3680.

# Bible Studies & Prayer

## The Big Story Bible Study

*Thursday, February 9, 7-8:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake*

Join Pastor Kevin for this week's study on John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well.

Pick up the Bible Study Guide at either location or at [easter.org](http://easter.org) (The Big Story).

## Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, February 11, 8-9 a.m., Easter on the Hill*

Gather with other men in an inviting fellowship of breakfast and Bible study. Our study will be on "The Big Story" worship text, John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well.

## 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.

**There will be no Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis: The Question of God Bible Study on Tuesdays, February 7 and 14**

# 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.

**No Church School on Ash Wednesday -  
Wednesday, Feb. 22 - See you in Worship!**

## "Easter's Got Talent" Family Talent Show

*Sunday, February 12, Easter by the Lake*

*12:30 p.m. pizza (\$5 donation suggested), 1-3 p.m. Talent Show*

Come cheer on others from Easter that will show off their talents and compete in front of a panel of judges to determine who takes home the prize!! Stick around for a special performance by Easter's Children, Youth, & Family staff! Questions? Contact Jason Hansen at 651-452-3680 or [jason@easter.org](mailto:jason@easter.org).

## Church School Sings in Worship

*Sunday, February 19, at all services at the Hill and Lake*

Wednesday students are invited to participate at any of the services. Students at Easter on the Hill will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and Easter by the Lake students will meet in the Community Room. After the students sing, they may return to their classes or sit with their parents in worship. If you have questions, please contact Rachelle at 651-452-3680.

## Volunteer Opportunity

*Wednesday, Feb. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Easter on the Hill*

Help is needed to mail out the Summer Children, Youth and Family ministry brochure. The tasks are simple and many hands make the time pass quickly. Treats will be provided. No need to RSVP, just show up! Questions? Call Rachelle at 651-452-3680

**No Pray & Play on Friday, February 10,  
a "No School" day for ISD 196**

## Food Collection Weekend

*Saturday-Sunday, February 11-12, both sites*

Hunger is local. Many of our neighbors, friends and family members are struggling to make ends meet, and this increased need has depleted the shelves at the Food Pantry. Please consider bringing food donations when you come to worship. For a list of needed items, go to [eaganrc.org](http://eaganrc.org).