



*St. Charles Episcopal Church*

## THE PULSE



*"Hosana! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mark 11:9)*

**INFORMATION, CALENDAR, AND PRAYER LISTS**  
**April 10, 2025 - April 17, 2025**



### *From the Rector*

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Charles Episcopal Church,

This week we are moving into Holy Week and Easter and it is my hope that all of you will take time out of your busy schedule to join us for this sacred time. Holy Week shapes our lives as Christians more than any other as we remember the events of Jesus crucifixion, burial, and Resurrection. It begins on Palm Sunday as we commemorate Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our service, which begins in Ludtke Hall, includes the blessing and distribution of palms. We will then process into the church for the Eucharist and Passion reading.

Please see our full Holy Week schedule in this newsletter. The Maundy Thursday Service begins with an Agape Meal at 6:30 p.m. in Ludtke Hall. The meal is the service and includes readings, the Eucharist and foot washing (For those who wish to participate). We will then move into the church for the stripping of the altar and go to total darkness. Our dinner menu is homemade lentil soup, cheese, olives, nuts, fruit and breads. Wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. The choir will be with us in the hall leading our music for this commemoration of Jesus last Supper. Let us

journey to the cross and the empty tomb together with a sense of how much we are loved by God.

See you all on Sunday,

Rev. Fran

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## Holy Week Schedule

You are invited to join us in the celebration of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord! Be sure to mark your calendars and save these dates!

### April 13th - Palm Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Gather in Ludtke Hall. Liturgy of the Palms with Procession. Eucharist and reading of the Passion Gospel.

### April 17th - Maundy Thursday- Please note that the service begins at the dinner in Ludtke Hall. It will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

- 6:15 p.m. Gather in Ludtke Hall.
- 6:30 p.m. Agape Meal with Eucharist and foot washing. Procession into the church for the stripping of the altar.

### April 18th - Good Friday

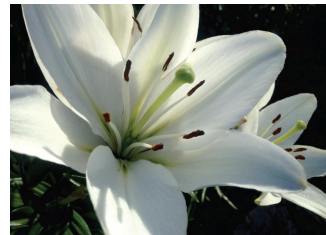
- Noon - Stations of the Cross.
- 7:00 p.m. Solemn Service with Veneration of the Cross.

### April 20th - Easter Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service with Baptism.
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## Sponsor Easter Services Flowers (April 20th):

Donations may be made to sponsor lilies for Easter Day services. Send donations to SCEC and note "Easter flowers" in the check memo line. Or give online under **General Donation** and note "Easter flowers".



**\*\*The DEADLINE for Easter Services Flower donations is APRIL 13th.\*\***

***Please note if the flowers are being donated in thanksgiving for someone or in memory of someone.***

Donation envelopes for Easter flowers are available in the pews. Look for the envelopes with pictures of lilies!

Please contact **Deb Sturges** if you have questions.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us on Sundays at our 9:30 a.m. morning service. We'd love to see you there!

Watch the **livestream** of the service here:

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@StCharlesEpiscopalChurchStChar>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesEpiscopalIL>



View this Sunday's, April 13, 2025 service bulletin [HERE](#) or on our [website](#)

View prior services [HERE](#)

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

[https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/HolyDays/CPalmSun\\_RCL.html](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/HolyDays/CPalmSun_RCL.html)

• Zechariah 9:9-12 • Philippians 2:5-11 • Luke 19:28-40

## Good Friday Offering

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. We will take up a collection on Good Friday. There will be a free will offering plate in the back of the church for donations.



**Please make the check payable to: St. Charles Episcopal Church, and note "Good Friday offering" in the memo section of your check, or on the envelope if you are giving cash.**

To learn more please click: [Good Friday Offering – The Episcopal Church](#)"

To read Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's a letter to Episcopal churches, click [HERE](#)

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## Vestry Agenda Monday, April 14, 2025 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

- Opening Prayer
  - Consent Agenda
  - Search Committee update
  - Audit
  - Counting Procedure
  - Administrator's letter of agreement
  - Green Team presentation/discussion
  - Ludtke Scholarship
  - Grant update
  - Organ update
  - Supply Priest/role of Wardens
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## Visitors to Vestry Meetings

The Vestry welcomes guests to Vestry Meetings. A Vestry Meeting Policy was approved in March 2021 that explains how visitors may attend, ask to have items added to the agenda, and make presentations. The agenda is posted in Pulse the week before the meeting and includes a link to the [Vestry Meeting Policy](#). If you have questions or would like to suggest an item for the agenda, please contact one of the Wardens.

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## Quarterly Statements

Please note that **First Quarter Statements for 2025 were sent on April 3rd via Constant Contact** for those with emails on file. If the Parish Office does not

have a valid email on file, then a copy of the statement was be sent via snail mail.

If you do not receive your statement or have questions regarding your statement, please contact the Parish Office at:

[parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org](mailto:parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org) or 630-584-2596

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## Drivers and Bakers Needed for Free Spaghetti Dinner

Bakers are needed for April, May, and June. Drivers are needed for May and June. Please see the sign-up sheet in Ludtke Hall if you are available to help! Thank you. Contact *Kat Hari* or *Dallas Heikkinen* with any questions.

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## Outside Planter Sign-up:

There is a sign-up sheet (Yellow) for any who is interested in signing up to help beautify our church's entrances. The sign-up sheet is broken into the 4 seasons with 3 slots for each season so no one person has to do it all. The slots are broken up by location: there are 2 planters by the church's front door, 2 planters in the courtyard, and 1 large planter in back by the large parking lot. Please consider taking a season and sharing the responsibility with 2 others or do it all yourself. Suggestion when volunteering as a group, you can share the watering responsibilities as well.



See Phyllis Otto for ideas as she is retiring from this responsibility and is a good resource. **Thank you Phyllis for faithfully making our grounds look so inviting for the past 12 years.**



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Larry Engel, Katie Thomson, Linda Green, Connor Anderson, Carol Kampf, Fay Viverito, Kathy Heikkinen, Fran Holliday, Carol Townsend, Christina Reedus

*If you have an April birthday and were not included in this list, please let us know right away!*

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Thursday, April 10

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6:00 p.m. DEI Commission for City of St. Charles - Ludtke Hall

6:30 p.m. Love God, Love God's World - Zoom

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

**Zoom Link** Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

### Friday, April 11

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m. Al Anon  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Saturday, April 12**

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 893 9547 9476 Passcode: 308472

5:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Volunteer Dinner Bash

### **Sunday, April 13**

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Service with the Rev. Fran Holliday  
Service will begin in Ludtke Hall and process to the Sanctuary

### **Monday, April 14**

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting on Zoom

### **Tuesday, April 15**

1:30 p.m. Scripture Study on Zoom (contact: [Kathy Heikkinen](#))

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 865 3516 0570 Passcode: 702460

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 16**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting on Zoom

5:30 p.m. Search Committee Meeting - SCEC Library

6:00 p.m. Men's Group on Zoom (contact: [Bill Yeck](#))

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 812 7665 5611 Password: 702450

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Ludtke Hall

### **Thursday, April 17**

Maundy Thursday

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6:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Ludtke Hall

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

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## **PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

### **For Healing and Intercession**

Scott J., Tom & Sharon M., Tina B., Buzz H., Judy M., Carol T., Betsy B., Julia R, Drew P., John E., Fay V., and Carol K. We also include all those being prayed for by the Daughters of the King.

### **For Those Who Have Died**

Jordan Laskowski, friend of Isabella Trotta

### **For Our Search Committee**

We pray especially for our Search Committee that they will be unified together with love and have respect for everyone's input, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit, receiving guidance and wisdom from God and the courage to act where God leads, and that they may undertake this work with Joy.

We pray for our parish during this time of our search for a new Priest, that we may show forth patience and trust for those chosen to lead the process.



### **CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

Prayer requests may be emailed to:

[prayer@stcharlesepiscopal.org](mailto:prayer@stcharlesepiscopal.org)

For prayers from the Daughters of the King,  
send prayer requests to: [scecdok@gmail.com](mailto:scecdok@gmail.com)

The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe [deaconsteve@theloweclan.net](mailto:deaconsteve@theloweclan.net)  
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