



# The Grape Vine

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Here it is. The first edition of

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In each edition, the most important information will appear right here.

The **Community Meal for April** has been cancelled. Please tell everyone you know that normally attends this time of community fellowship.



# Holy Week Worship

## April 5 Palm Sunday

Facebook live feed 9am

**Text:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Sermon:** Parade of Humility

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was not as Conqueror or Ruler. He comes on a donkey, never used in war but always in humility. What does this mean for our own celebrations and accomplishments?

## April 9 Maundy Thursday

Facebook live feed 7pm

**" The Ragman "**

We will be sharing a **virtual** "home communion" during our Maundy Thursday Service. If you desire to take part in communion you will want to have some bread and some grape juice for you and / or your family to participate.

## April 10 Good Friday

Facebook live feed noon

**The Passion Story**

## April 12 Easter Sunday

Facebook live feed 9am

**Text:** John 20:1-18

**Sermon:** Better Than We Could Ever Imagine

The followers of Jesus could not imagine anything worse than what had happened to their Master...but then it did. But God always has the last word, and it's always better than we can imagine!!



**Birthdays THIS week.**  
 2 Jeanette Mills

**Birthdays NEXT week.**  
 7 Marie Hibshman  
 10 Eleanor Snoko

NOTE: If your birthday was this week or is next week and your name is not listed, please contact the church office and provide the month, day and year. We won't tell anyone the year - honest!

*The Grape Vine* would like to know.



In these days of social distancing, it's important for us to be as connected as possible. Send us your poem, story, activity, or even your pretzel pics!

It's good to share ourselves with each other. Let's keep connected in as many ways as we are able to do so.

## *Pretzels: The Bread of Lent*

The history of the Lenten pretzel can be traced to the fourth century.

The pretzel has a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. In the old Roman Empire, the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no milk, no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and no meat.

When Christians prayed, they would cross their arms and touching their shoulders and bowing their heads. A monk used a Lenten bread dough made from water, flour and salt. He rolled it into a snake shape and twisted it a few times to make the shape of people praying. He gave it to the children to remind them that Lent was a time of prayer.

The original name was *bracellae* which means "little arms." People in Austria and Germany later translated that word to *bratzel* which eventually became *pretzel*. The pretzel is an appropriate food symbol in Lent.

It's fun to know that in 1861 the first commercial company was launched by Julius Sturgis in Lititz PA and that in 1933, the Reading Pretzel Machinery Company invented the first machine that could ben pretzels

There are many *soft* pretzel recipes; some of them use ingredients forbidden in the fourth century. A few good places to look are: <https://www.faithward.org/lent-pretzels-recipe-and-pretzel-prayer/>; <https://www.catholicicing.com/pretzels-for-lent/>; <https://young-catholics.com/861/lenten-activities-make-pretzels/>



### *Lent pretzel prayer [from faithward.org]*

Dear God, we ask you to bless these pretzels which we are about to eat. Each time we eat them may we be reminded that this is the season of Lent, a time of prayer. Help us to remember to pray for those who need our prayers each day. Keep your loving arms around us, O God, to protect us. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Resources:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=543>  
<https://www.world-foodhistory.com/2018/08/history-of-pretzel.html>

