

## Pastor's Page—April 2017

As we continue the roller-coaster ride that is springtime weather here in southern Minnesota, my prayer for you is that your Lenten faith life has not had as many highs and lows as our temperatures! Two-thirds of the way through this important church season, have you found yourself prayerfully able to avoid the temptation of whatever you may have chosen to give up a few short weeks ago? I count myself among those who surely have tried and occasionally stumbled.

Lent has been a busy season as always, punctuated by two funerals at the beginning of March, but the congregation has pulled together to be a wonderful support for both families, as well as each other. We have officially welcomed three new members this month (including my family), and several others have expressed interest in joining, so we must be doing something right as a church!



Many of you have taken the opportunity to join us during March for our Wednesday evening worship services, and my prayer is that these have been a meaningful time of mid-week fellowship and thought-provoking reflection. If you haven't joined us yet, there is one more chance on April 5 at 5:30pm in the chapel.



**HOLY WEEK**

**During Holy Week there will be  
no shortage of activities,  
so don't miss out:**

- Come out and volunteer as our church hosts the annual **Community Easter Egg Hunt** on Wednesday, April 12th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.
- For something with a little less sugar and chocolate, you are invited to come and hear the Passion story during our **Maundy Thursday service** on April 13 at 5:30pm in the chapel.
- The **Community Good Friday service** will be held at noon on April 14—hosted this year by St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

And on **Easter morning** (April 16) we will all share in Communion as we joyfully shout, "He is risen!"—proclaiming the good news from John 20:1-18 for all the world to hear. I invite each of you to read ahead from John's 11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> chapters, and then gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ to enjoy these familiar stories "again for the first time" as we worship our great God!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Cory*