



The Messenger

April 2025

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Rector's Reflection

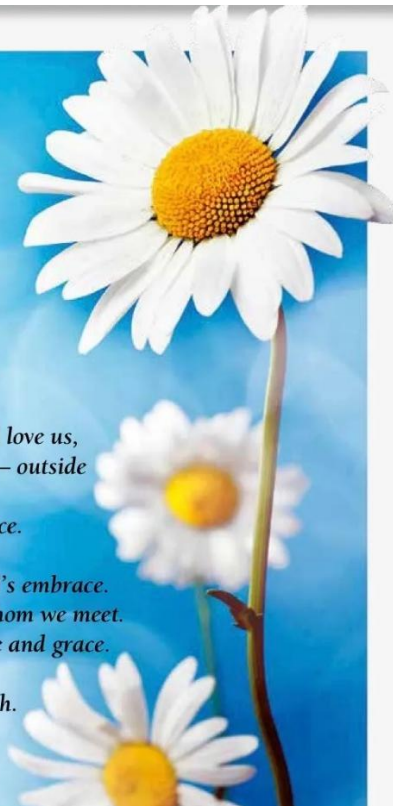
April 13-20 is Holy Week, which is for Christians the world over THE most holy time of the liturgical year. For during these days (with services beginning on Palm Sunday, Chrism Masses on Tuesday & Wednesday in two different locations in the Diocese, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil Saturday night and Easter Morning), we tell one long story. Yes, a story. The story of the last week of Jesus' life. Really, Holy Week is its own 'season' if you will. The color is a deep red, then black, then white and gold in the liturgical vestments. We use the prayers, music and scriptures to re-tell this apex moment of Jesus' ministry in which he lays down his life for the life of the world. It culminates the six or so weeks of Lent as we have contemplated God's vast and incredible mercy. Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living, the Word made flesh, will not be shown any mercy. His disciples will be left bereft, confused and devastated. They will be cowering in hiding hoping the Romans do not find them and arrest them like Jesus. But that state of 'disorientation', of hopelessness, of profound grief is interrupted early in the morning on the first day of the week. The tomb where they KNOW Jesus was buried is open and it is empty. Jesus begins to appear to the disciples. He is risen from the dead! And because Jesus was raised from the dead you and I can be raised with him into new life and the union of our souls with God forever. All the moral teachings of Jesus are beautiful and extraordinary, to be sure, but God the Holy Spirit raising Jesus to life makes the rest of Jesus' teachings possible. We know now that when we sin, there is mercy available for us. When we are devastated and lost, we know that this is not the last word. The last word is life forevermore for all who will receive it in faith and trust in the promises of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. May each one of us and all those we love to be renewed in our faith and commitment to follow the Lord of Life as Holy Week and Easter take us once again through the story of God's great love for us unto salvation.

See you in church! *Patti+*

Pray this month

Lord God,
We see signs of new life all around us
as the days continue to grow longer.
Thank you for the buds and the blossom;
the grass and the warmth of the sunshine.
May we remember that you have created us and love us,
and even if it doesn't feel like spring sometimes – outside
or in our hearts –
we can find newness of life through your presence.
Please help us to notice the beauty around us:
a child's smile, a work of art, an insect, a friend's embrace.
May we also share beauty and life with those whom we meet.
Help us to glorify you as we promote peace, love and grace.
May we speak truth in love
and forgive those who wrong us, by your strength.
We love you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Amy Boucher Pye





HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday @ 9:00am at Emmanuel

Wednesday, April 16: Chrism Mass @ 11:00am at St. Thomas in Eugene

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday @ 7:00pm at Emmanuel

Friday, April 18: Ecumenical Good Friday at Faith Lutheran Church

Friday, April 18: Good Friday @ 7pm at Emmanuel

Saturday, April 19: Easter Vigil @ 5pm at St. Mary in Gardiner

Sunday, April 20: Ecumenical Sunrise Service @ 6:30am at Sunset Beach

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday @ 9:00am at Emmanuel with an extended coffee hour following service.



We encourage you to bring a small, handheld bell to the Easter Service as we ring them along with the Church bell.



In Memory of Pastor Gene Jennings

We invite the ladies to wear their best Easter hats or bonnets in memory of Pastor Gene on Easter Sunday.

Easter Memorials

Memorial gifts for Easter lilies can be arranged through the parish office. If you would like to make an offering toward Easter lilies, please drop it off at the office, mail it in or place it in the offering plate, noting who it is in memory or honor of **by Tuesday, April 15**. The suggested donation amount is \$15.00.



Episcopal Church in Western Oregon

From the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon: Explore Our Diocesan Formation Library

We're excited to introduce our Diocesan Formation Library, a new online learning hub featuring over 75 curated courses from ChurchNext, a ministry of Forward Movement. Hosted on the Pathwright platform, these courses cover scripture, theology, spiritual formation, leadership, and more. Whether you're looking to deepen your personal faith or equip your parish for ministry, this resource is here to support your journey.

Some examples of courses being offered:

What Happened at Easter, Vision and the Vestry, Community Involvement Builds Congregational Health, The Lost Art of Kindness: Civility as a Christian Calling, How to Be a Crazy Christian with Michael Curry, Evangelism with Integrity, Music and Liturgy, Immigration and Faith, and Spirituality and Gardening.

Visit our website for more details. <https://ecwo.org/diocesan-formation-library>

Questions? Contact Canon Derek Moyer at dmoyer@ecwo.org.



Meet Your Vestry – Pam Chaney

Hello ... Pam Chaney here ...

I have just been elected to serve on Emmanuel’s Vestry, again. I spent a year filling in and, when approached by Patti, decided to continue serving for a full term. I have been loving my church since 1993 when I was asked to join the choir (which was HUGE at that time), and I just wanted to sing. Slowly, the camaraderie and friendship of our church family made me feel welcomed and comfortable and I stayed.

My 35 plus years as a teacher and Administrative Director at Pacific School of Dance makes it possible for me to bring ideas and suggestions for the continued success of our unique group. I hope to see us continue to maintain seeing lots of people in our pews and, maybe, some younger faces to help carry on our traditions of inclusivity and acceptance for all of God’s people. And, of course, those who can bring delicious foods to our many opportunities to eat! Basically, I just love my church family.

Pam Chaney

Meet Your Vestry – Kent Sharman

With a welcoming return to Emmanuel several years ago, I immediately appreciated the spirit, and the presence of the Spirit, within the congregation. And it’s time to accept the calling to serve, as so many others have done. I bring skills of tucking in and leaning into the energy that our congregation has shown within the church and out into our community.

Kent Sharman



Meet Your Vestry – Susan Foreman

Susan is a registered professional engineer (P.E.) in California and Oregon and worked for twenty plus years in the field of water and wastewater treatment system design and development. She then left to pursue a personal goal of overseas service. She served with Peace Corps for 3+ years. Susan has also served in multiple, pivotal positions in Emmanuel. This includes serving before on Vestry, being a member of the altar guild, hosting coffee hour, and leading the Christmas Baskets ministry.

DIOCESAN *Renewal* GATHERING

MAY 3, 2025 – ST. PAUL’S, SALEM

9 a.m.–3 p.m. (doors at 8:30 a.m.)

Join us for a day of worship, learning, reflection, and renewal! All are welcome at this special event that will bring together clergy and laity from across the diocese for a time of connection and spiritual growth. **The Rev. Dr.**

Miguel A. De La Torre, Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Iliff School of Theology will speak. A Gift Basket Raffle will benefit Latino Ministries. Lunch will be provided, along with many opportunities for fellowship. Use the QR code or visit qrco.de/ecwo to register today!





An Update!

Families: Our programs continue to provide vital support to families in our community. We currently have six families in our Outreach Program, which includes bi-monthly respite care (TECP). Additionally, ten families participate in our Therapeutic Early Childhood Program, with toddlers (2-3 years old) meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and wobblers (1-2 years old) on Wednesdays. In total, we are serving 21 children across 16 families, offering them a safe, nurturing space to grow and thrive.

Breakfast: You may have noticed some CFRN staff cooking in the kitchen in the mornings—we're excited to share that we've been approved to use the kitchen to prepare fresh breakfasts for the children each day! This is especially important for our houseless families, as a hot meal isn't always guaranteed. We appreciate your patience as we learn the ins and outs of the kitchen and work to make sure every child starts their day with a nutritious meal.



The Care Closet

Looking back: In 2024, the Care Closet provided essential support to families in need. We distributed 847 food items, 200 hygiene products, 252 packs of diapers and wipes, 103 cleaning supplies, and 249 clothing items. These resources helped ease financial burdens and support daily needs.



Donations: The generous donations we've received have been incredible and make it possible for us to keep the Care Closet stocked for families in need. Whether it's food, diapers, clothing, or hygiene items, every contribution makes a huge difference. Some have also asked about donating by check—this works perfectly! Just make it out to Coastal Families Relief Nursery and write "Care Closet" in the memo.

Staff Spotlight

We have added some new faces!

- Evan P** - Executive director
- Kallie M** - Program Manager
- Claire F** - Teacher/Home visitor
- Andrea W** - Teacher/Home visitor
- Erin H** - Outreach coordinator
- Steffanie S** - Assistant teacher
- Karen** - Volunteer
- Char** - Volunteer
- Rhoda** - Volunteer



Pictures!



Contact

If you have any questions about donations, referring a family, community partnerships, volunteering or anything else, please feel free to reach out!

Kallie Mill
(541)-252-0868



Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of April, the food cupboard would like to extend an invitation to volunteer. Food pantries serve as a lifeline for families and individuals facing hunger, providing them with essential nourishment and support. **Volunteers are the backbone of food pantries, dedicating their time and energy to help those in need.**

A typical day for a food pantry volunteer might start with morning preparations. Volunteers arrive early to sort and stock food, organize the pantry, and ensure that everything is ready for distribution.

- Morning Preparations: Volunteers unpack deliveries, check expiration dates, and arrange food items neatly on shelves.
- Service Hours: During service hours, volunteers interact with clients, help them select food items, and provide information on additional resources. The interaction is not just transactional; volunteers offer a friendly face and a listening ear, making clients feel valued and supported.
- Closing: At the end of the day, volunteers clean up and restock shelves.

The support from the food pantry not only provides immediate nourishment but also a sense of hope and community. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please contact Brian Sullivan for details at 541-223-6784 OR brianjcfc@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

~submitted by Brian Sullivan



Dave Laird Birthday - April 4

Kerry Oxford Birthday - April 4

Janet Huggins Birthday - April 5

Judy Jennings Heavenly Birthday - April 10

Mark Jennings Birthday - April 13

Joe & Xandra McKeown Anniversary - April 17

Nat & Sally Jaeggli Anniversary - April 20

Nancy Clarke Birthday - April 23

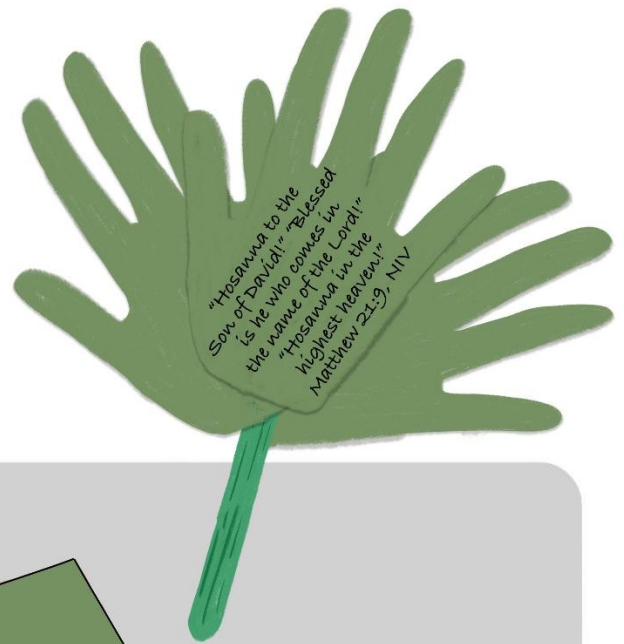
Quinnlyn Mary James Birthday – April 26

If you don't see your name(s) on the birthday and anniversaries list, please **let Kerri** in the office know so we can add you to our parish list. *Thank you!*

****May Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Friday, April 25th****

Palm Frond

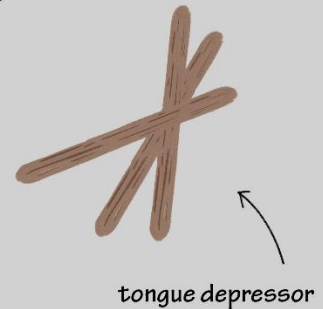
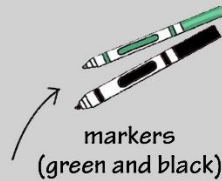
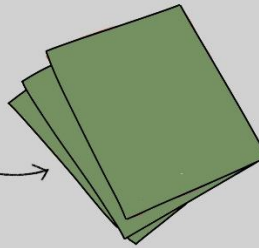
Matthew 21:1-11



What you need:



green
cardstock



What to do:

- 1) trace and cut out three hands
- 2) color tongue depressor green
- 3) on one hand, write this Bible verse:
"Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Matthew 21:9, NIV
- 4) glue or tape hands onto tongue depressor

