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Friday's Calendar:	Good Friday
7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
9:00 a.m.	Prayer Vigil Ends
9:00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross
9:30 a.m.	Life Group
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion
2:00 p.m.	Ministry Intercessory Prayer
7:00 p.m.	Meditations on Good Friday
8:00 p.m.	Friday Night Young Peoples' AA

Today's Ministry: Hospital Visitors

Holy Saturday, April 20

Psalm 88 *Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?* (v.12)

Did you notice there is no Gospel reading for today? That is because nothing is written in the Gospels about what happened on this day of limbo between the death and resurrection of Jesus. Church tradition states Jesus went into Hades to convert the souls who had gone before. This was later affirmed in the phrase "He descended into Hell," added into the Creeds in 650 AD. Others believe he rescued the faithful in the Old Testament, who slept in stasis, and escorted them into heaven.

The Bible may not be clear about what happened today, but it is clear on one thing: Jesus died yesterday. For me that is important.

He knows what it is like to go through that process. For those of us who believe in the resurrection, it is comforting to know that, not only does Jesus wait for us on the other side of death, but he has been through it and will guide us through it as well. And for that, I will be eternally grateful. Won't you?

Job 19:21-27a; Hebrews 4:1-16

Birthdays: Thomas Gross, Karlyn Anders, Hannah Symons, Charlie Bassion

Anniversaries: Jon Campion & Dee Dee Nice

Saturday's Calendar:

7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
8:00 a.m.	Life Group Leaders Meeting
9:30 a.m.	AA Step Study for Women
10:00 a.m.	Baptism Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.	Easter Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
6:00 p.m.	First Service of Easter/Baptism

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Palm Sunday, April 14

Zechariah 9:9-12 *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.* (v.9 NIV)

In biblical times, when most traveled on foot, horses and donkeys were symbols of power and wealth. The horse was used in war; however, the donkey was used in peaceful endeavors. They carried food, people, and goods. People rejoiced when they saw a donkey coming into their village.

How appropriate that Jesus arrived in Bethlehem, in vitro, on a donkey. The King of Kings came to bring peace and to take on our burdens. The Bread of Life was born in order to feed us. Now, coming into Jerusalem to face his death, he rides in on a donkey as well.

But the Messiah the people longed for, who would defeat the Romans by force, would have entered on a horse of war. The people missed the symbolism of Jesus entering on animal of peace, as well as the fulfilling of Zechariah's prophesy. The voices, who cried out "Hosanna," would become disillusioned and yell out "Crucify" in a matter of days.

How often do we want Jesus to do or be whom we want, then become disillusioned? What is our response?

Psalms 24, 25; 1 Timothy 6:12-16; Matthew 21:12-17

Birthdays: Susan Banks, Beth Beltran, Ashley Anderson,

Anniversaries: John Burson & Ken Wall

Sunday's Calendar :	REPAIR & IMPROVEMENT SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Family Worship Service
9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour in the Courtyard
11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Stations of the Cross

Today's Ministry: Eucharistic Visitors

Monday, April 15

John 12:9-19 *At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.* (v.16)

It is easy to shake our heads in disbelief. How could these twelve men, who'd spent three years in constant presence of our Lord, not get it? They'd seen his miracles, listened to his sermons and parables, witnessed his power as they traveled from village to village. Only after they received the Holy Spirit did the scales fall from their eyes, so to speak.

But to be honest, are we truly any different than they were? I have been a believer for decades, and there are times I still worry instead of trust, strike out on my own instead of waiting on God's timing, try to persuade Him to do things my way instead of bending to His will...until I let the Holy Spirit guide me.

The good news is that God knows we can be spiritually dense at times. Even so, Jesus went through the worst agony ever to ensure he bridged the gap between our sin and his righteousness. Then he sent us a helper.

Maybe, when we look back on the amazing ways he has moved in our lives, we, like the disciples, will realize in hindsight what Jesus has done.

Jeremiah 12:1-16; Psalm 51; Philippians 3:1-14

Birthdays:	Werner Olle, Linda Sewell, Jeffrey Beebe, Morgan Gumbinner, Blair Stoneburg, Carina Curtner, Janice Faulkner
Monday's Calendar:	
7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
5:00 p.m.	Daughter's of the King
5:30 p.m.	ACA Families
Today's Ministry:	Facilities Committee

Tuesday, April 16

Philippians 3:15-21 *Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.* (v.19)

I'm not a big TV watcher. But during a recent illness, I turned it on for several hours during the day and was shocked by the commercials. Most were about putting something in our mouths, be it a magic pill or a yummy, not-so-great-for-us snack. A few showed people being rude to each other as twisted humor. Still others hinted at illicit acts to be featured on an upcoming episode, I guess as shock-factor tantalizers. It left me thinking. Do advertisers truly believe people want to see, be, and act this way?

I guess nothing is new under the sun. Paul dealt with the same issues. The church in Philippi was exposed to the materialism of its metropolitan culture. He encouraged them to act according to Jesus' teachings instead of letting earthly things govern their thoughts. He'd most likely write the same to us today.

The Philippian church took his advice and grew into powerful witnesses of The Way. As we digest his letter to them, will we do the same?

Jeremiah 15:10-21; Psalms 6, 12; John 12:20-26

Birthdays:	Charles Victor-Laguerre, Laura Whitehouse, Nick Lansing, Walker Spears
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Tuesday's Calendar :	
7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.	Overeaters' Anonymous
6:00 p.m.	Snowbird Life Group
Today's Ministry:	Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 17

Psalms 55 *I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest."* (v.6)

Remember the commercial of a woman going through a horrid day? She dreams she is soaking blissfully in a hot bubble bath instead. "Take me away," she sighs. If you recently finished filing your taxes, you can probably relate.

Often, I have whispered the same thing when everything became overwhelming or went the way I didn't want it to. Lord, make it stop! Take me away!

However, I remind myself of one of my favorite verses in the Bible, from my favorite book in the Bible—Philippians: "I can do all things through him who gives me strength" (4:13). It is in the daily reading for today as well, and I don't see that as a coincidence.

Bubble baths are temporary reprieves. But eventually the aromatic foam dissipates and the water cools. Basking the in peace of our Lord is better. Anytime, day or night, we can let His loving peace soak into our pores. It may not change the circumstances, but it will improve our attitude and ability to cope. Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17; Philippians 4:1-13; John 12:27-36

Birthdays:	Joan Rivas, Bonnie Landry, Marcie Ferraro
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Wednesday's Calendar:	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.	Adult Life Group
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m.	Lenten lunch
12:00 p.m.	Concert
4:45 p.m.	Mary's Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	AA "Daily Reflections"
6:00 p.m.	Life Groups

Today's Ministry:	Flower Guild
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Maundy Thursday, April 18

Jeremiah 20:7-11 *You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed.* (v.7a)

Not the verse you'd pick to comment upon today? I understand. It doesn't sound like something Jesus would do, right? He would never deceive us.

And yet, Jesus often did something his disciples didn't expect. On the night Judas betrayed him, our Lord performed an act only the lowest of servants was meant to do. He bent down and washed their feet. A few of them, and many others, expected him to rise up to be the Messiah and defeat their enemies. Instead, he defeated something even greater—pride.

An old saying proclaims that both pride and sin have "I" in the center. As followers of Jesus, we are to die to self in order to live. Become weak so we can gain strength to battle death and win. Doesn't make sense to the world. Seems like a deception. But it is the overpowering truth.

Tonight, spend one hour with him in prayer as he asked his followers to do. Believe.

Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32; John 17:1-26

Birthdays:	James Ziemba, Macey Arnold, Andrew Grubowski
Thursday's Calendar:	Maundy Thursday
7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Agape Simple Soup Supper
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist/Foot Washing
9:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil begins

Today's Ministry:	Heritage Society
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Good Friday, April 19

John 13:36-38 *Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now?"* (v.37a)

Poor Peter. His heart was in the right place, but his humanness kept getting in the way. Jesus knew Peter was not ready yet to be the Rock he'd proclaimed Peter would become. Peter had trials to go through first.

On this day, our Lord died on the hard wood of the cross. Tradition states Peter later did as well, but requested to be hanged upside down in humility. By following Jesus, Peter followed him into eternity. But only after he'd made a few mistakes and then received forgiveness. Then, he humbly accepted his commission in the upper room by his Risen Lord: "Feed and care for my sheep" (see John 21:5-17).

Sometimes, God lets us go through trials to reveal we are still works in progress. We must learn from our mistakes in order to become humble enough to do it His way. Then we can receive His forgiveness and, by power from the cross, do what He calls us to do.

Genesis 22:1-4; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 1:10-20

Birthdays:	Phillip Lindecamp, Kathryn Christenson,
Anniversaries:	Jayne & Larry Burdick