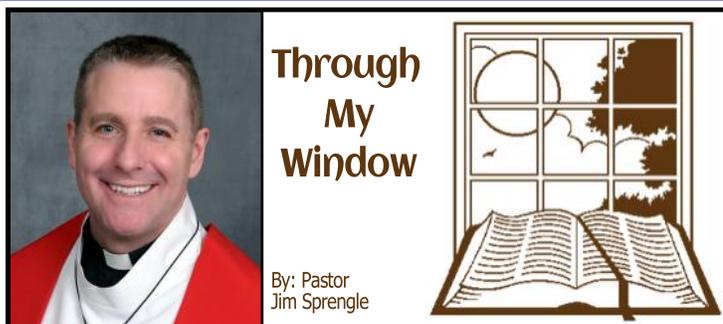


# The Acts of Ascension



## Through My Window

By: Pastor Jim Sprengle

Grace and peace to you,

<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith," (Galatians 6:9-10 ESV).

What are your plans this summer? Many of us plan trips to see relatives or vacation spots after a long, rainy winter. Others plant a garden and prepare the lawn and landscaping for the warm weather. Our younger members might find summer employment, or maybe plan for a few months of lounging around. In all your plans for the summer, how is God fitting into the picture?

Consider how God fits into every part of our lives, including our basic day-to-day activities. In your plans for a trip, is it possible to hand out our salvation bracelets along the way? How many gas station attendants, cashiers, or waiters could receive the Gospel along the way? If gardening is your thing, a group of people needing food could receive the extras at the end of the summer. Maybe a small card could be attached to each bag or box of vegetables that reminds them of God's bountiful love. Let's not forget that every day at work, home, or school is an opportunity to love others. Finally, as Paul says, "do good... especially to those [in] the household of faith." Rather than taking the summer off from church and our activities, make it a point to stay involved and connected so we can lift each other up! He is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia.

Blessings,

Pr Jim

Gracia y paz para ti,

"No nos cansemos de hacer el bien, porque a su debido tiempo cosecharemos si no nos damos por vencidos. Por lo tanto, siempre que tengamos la oportunidad, hagamos bien a todos, y en especial a los de la familia de la fe." (Gal. 6:9-10 NVI)

¿Cuáles son tus planes para este verano? Muchos de nosotros planeamos viajes para ver a familiares o lugares de vacaciones después de un invierno largo y lluvioso. Otros plantan un jardín y preparan el césped y el paisajismo para el clima cálido. Nuestros miembros más jóvenes pueden encontrar empleo de verano, o tal vez planear unos meses de descanso. En todos sus planes para el verano, ¿cómo encaja Dios en la imagen? Considere cómo Dios encaja en cada parte de nuestras vidas, incluyendo nuestras actividades básicas del día a día. En sus planes para un viaje, ¿es posible repartir nuestras pulseras de salvación en el camino? ¿Cuántos asistentes de gasolineras, cajeros o camareros podrían recibir el Evangelio en el camino? Si lo tuyo es la jardinería, un grupo de personas que necesiten comida podría recibir los extras al final del verano. Tal vez se podría adjuntar una pequeña tarjeta a cada bolsa o caja de verduras que les recuerde el amor abundante de Dios. No olvidemos que cada día en el trabajo, el hogar o la escuela es una oportunidad para amar a los demás. Finalmente, como dice Pablo, "haced el bien... especialmente a aquellos [en] la casa de la fe". En lugar de tomar el verano libre de la iglesia y nuestras actividades, ¡asegúrese de mantenerse involucrado y conectado para que podamos elevarnos unos a otros! ¡Ha resucitado! Él ha resucitado de hecho, aleluia.

Bendiciones,

Pr Jim



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## **C-101 IS COMING!**

**What?** Christianity101—Basics of the Christian Faith

**When?** Begins Wednesday, June 1 from 6-7pm. Eight sessions ending July 20.

**Where?** The Community Room.

**Who?** Those seeking membership, explorers in the faith, and anyone who wants a refresher!

## **CareConnect**

CareConnect Caregiver Support Group is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 11:00am to 12:00pm in the Community Room. Enter through the Community Room south parking lot outside corner door.

If you are a caregiver (frontline) for anyone with memory problems, you will benefit from the resources and support at CareConnect.

### **CareConnect Schedule through Aug. 2022**

Wednesday, May 18

Wednesday, June 8 and 22

Wednesday, July 6 and 20

Wednesday, August 3 and 17

Wednesday, September 7 and 21

## **VANCE PROPERTIES PLANNING**

The Vance Vision Plan is a conceptual plan for the future use of Multnomah County's 90-acre Vance properties in west Gresham's Rockwood/Centennial neighborhood. The plan was released in March 2022. The Board of County Commissioners was briefed on the plan on March 15, 2022. An executive summary of the plan is also available. For more information visit: <https://www.multco.us/vance-properties-planning>

# PASTOR'S APRIL REPORT

## Deaths / Funerals / Memorials –

**Leonard Murphy**, (Cindy Reinert's step-father) died 2/6/2022 - Committal at Willamette National, May 12

**Richard Robertson**, died 3/30/2022 - memorial service, 1:30pm, April 23, 2022 at Ascension

## Marriages –

Greg Zahm and Ashley Clark – engaged to be married August 20, 2022

## Transfers, New Members, etc. –

Susan Rotramel, transferred from Faithful Savior, to be received by new member welcome TBA

Peggy Hall, Brad's mother, transferring from Redeemer Lutheran, Sydney, Ohio. Waiting for paperwork  
10 or more people interested in membership

C-101 - for new members and anyone seeking a refresher— Wednesdays, 6-7pm, June 6 to July 20, 2022.

## Baptisms –

None to report

## Recent Attendance Totals -

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7pm - 70 in worship

Good Friday, April 15, 7pm - 87 in worship

Easter Sunday, April 17 (both services) - 190 in worship

## CareConnect –

CareConnect on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 11am-12pm.

If you know anyone who would benefit from a support group for frontline caregivers of those with dementia, please refer them to Pastor Jim for more info.

## Latino Membership –

Pastor Ruberto – was ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor on March 27 at Trinity, Portland

Ruberto will lead worship and Bible study on Sunday, May 8

Hana Laughton is continuing her deaconess studies to 2025 (four year program)

Council has agreed to monthly support for Lutheran Latino Ministries (LLM) for Hana's education (\$175 per month) - Working on upcoming year of priorities to determine her best fit for our ministries.

## Confirmation –

7 final year students and 5 first year students - meeting Friday nights at 7pm

Hana is supporting the Confirmation ministry by teaching class when I am unable, along with getting several students prepared for Confirmation Day in June.

Confirmation Day – June 5, 2022

## Circuit Visitor Info –

Preparing for Northwest District (NOW) Convention, June 9-11, 2022

Randy Bryant was elected as Lay Delegate for Northwest District Convention; Randy Schroeder is the alternate, and Wyatt Brown as youth representative at Voters Assembly on January 30

Circuit Forum results at Ascension, January 8

Circuit Visitor nomination – Rev. Jim Sprengle (Ascension)

Term is 2022-2025, with official installation at District Conv.

Pastoral delegate nomination to National Convention, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI – Rev. Jim Sprengle (Ascension)

Alternate pastoral delegate nomination to National Convention, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI – Rev. Kevin Hohnstadt (Beautiful Savior)

Lay delegate nomination to National Convention, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI – Virginia Collison (Redeemer)

Immanuel Lutheran in Sandy is planning a call meeting to call a pastor on May 1, 2022

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## PASTOR'S APRIL REPORT (Cont. from page 3)

Faithful Savior Lutheran has arranged to call Pastor Phil Brandt to serve part-time at their congregation. Pastor Brandt also serves St. Michael's Lutheran, so the two congregations worked out a joint agreement to share a pastor.

### Miscellaneous –

#### Property Management

Addressing many needs throughout the church building and grounds. Some recent work includes the lighting in the Community Room, evaluating the church's roof, moving tools and supplies into the stage area downstairs, whole church carpet clean, and opening nursery with TV and sound.

Any problems or suggestions for the church or grounds, please email [property@alcportland.org](mailto:property@alcportland.org)

#### Ascension Early Childcare Education Center (AECEC)

Karla Deal and Sue Wentela are continuing to prepare the space for inspections and licensing. A Constant Contact Survey was sent out to members on April 13 asking for feedback. All day childcare and licensing is no longer feasible. Pre-school is an option we can pursue, but without support from the congregation the program will not succeed. Please look in your email and fill out the brief survey to help us determine the best use of our lower level and future of the pre-school.

#### Nursery

Property Management completed the cleaning and preparation to re-open. The TV has a new connection to the camera in the sound booth, and a speaker was installed on the wall for sound.

#### Red Passenger Van

The 15 passenger van is now repaired and parked behind the church. After more discussion at Council, we decided to wait to sell the van until we know our youth and families will not use it in the near future.

#### Soccer Clinic / Servant Event

No soccer clinic this summer, but we will distribute balls and bibles like the prior two years. We hand out around 50-60 gift bags, and the event will be in June, 2022

#### Vance Park and Gravel Pit Master Plan

Recently, several news outlets reported on a comprehensive plan for the park surrounding our church, along with the large property to our east (the gravel pit area). If you are interested in seeing the outcome of the community meetings and planning, go to <https://www.multco.us/vance-properties-planning>

Of note, the open space and park surrounding our church is slated for affordable housing and mixed use. Although it is a 30-year plan, we might see new opportunities to share the Gospel in our community!

#### Opportunities for Ministry - Nominations for Board positions

The Nominating Committee is seeking helpers for the upcoming church year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

If you are interested in serving, consider the many places your gifts might be used. A very helpful chart is on the cork board across from the mailboxes. Each position and board is summarized so you can decide if it's a good fit. If you have questions, just talk to Pastor Jim.

#### Dates and Times to Remember –

Ascension Day 7pm, May 26

Pentecost Day (Confirmation Day late service) June 5, 2022



The LWML would like to thank all of you who have made In-gathering donations for AbleLight supporting the LWML Rally on April 30 being held here at Ascension. We are also grateful for the ongoing support from our members and guests as the give to our to "Mites for Missions"! God bless you!

# FROM GOOD FRIDAY TO EASTER MORNING



Majesty! Honoring the memory of Richard Robertson.



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force — Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

## PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN PRAYER

MaryLou May, Miki Etzel, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Rich Zahursky, Kim Laxton, Andrew May, Joyce (friend of Randy Bryant), Judy Blubaum, Members and friends with Covid, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Dale Porath. \*Home Bound.

*\* If you know of anyone who needs prayer and you have permission to include them in this publication, Please call the church office to let Michele know. 503-665-8821*

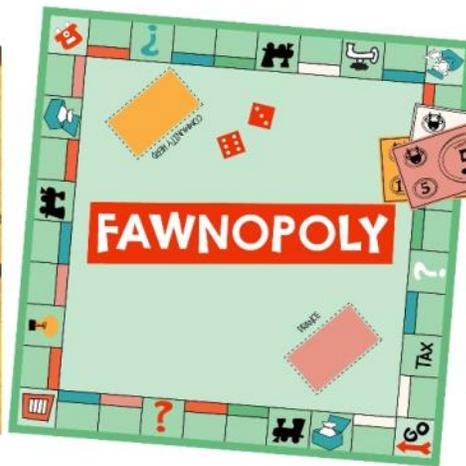
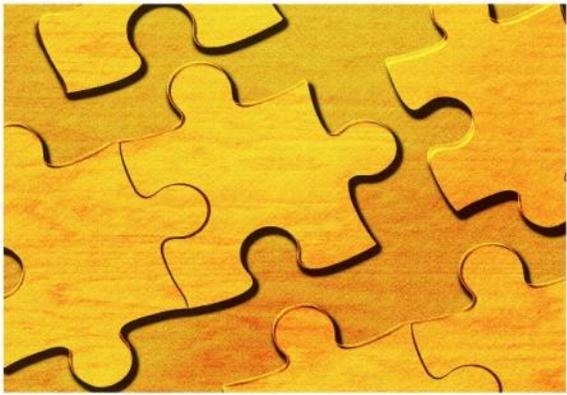


If you would like to be a “link” in our prayer chain, or if you have a prayer request, please send an email to: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) or call: 503-665-8821

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Taylor read the Bible story about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Then she crafted a special cross with a palm branch and beads.





# Mission Board's Puzzles & Games FUN(D)-RAISER

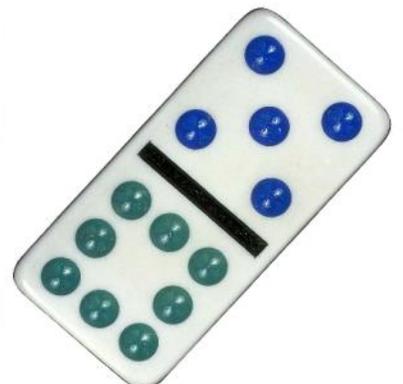
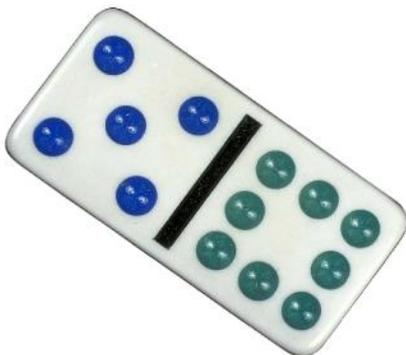
Bring your useable puzzles  
and board games. . .

Sunday, May 15th,  
after church services  
in the narthex,  
and ongoing.

Take what you like and  
donate what you wish.

Unclaimed items will  
be given to Gresham  
Meals on Wheels.

**+ FUN FUNDS +**



# MAY Birthdays

Donna Strutz	May 4	Jaden Mundo	May 11
Wanda Cassetty	May 5	Debbie Walter	May 14
Millie Edwards	May 5	Rachel Kelley	May 18
Lily Fogarty	May 5	Gertrud Bublies	May 19
Herb Hoefler	May 5	Erika Deal	May 20
Andrea Bryant	May 6	Justino Gamboa	
Esperanza Gutierrez	May 6	Itzab	May 21
Samantha Cassetty	May 7	Rosemary Knox	May 21
Lois Fabbri	May 7	John Knoke	May 22
Nichole Fogarty	May 7	Mike Potter	May 24
Mel Haggard	May 9	Gabriel Woods	May 25
Karla Deal	May 10	Emanuel Aguilar	May 26
Jean Dillon	May 10	Eric Kreps	May 29
Carrie Graham	May 10	Debbie Rekdahl	May 30
		Roberta Ritchie	May 31

# MAY Baptisms

Shorty Bauch	May 1	James Freeman	May 12
Mike Fogarty	May 1	Debbie Noonan	May 12
Mel Haggard	May 1	Ed Hubbard	May 14
Alex Ritchie	May 1	Virginia Jacobs	May 14
Brooklyn Spencer	May 1	Elaine Miller	May 14
Eli Deal	May 2	Karla Deal	May 15
Ellie Graham	May 2	J.E. Knox	May 15
Janice Hart	May 3	Diana Laxton	May 15
Mark Schiely	May 5	Jean Dillon	May 16
Hilary Sylvia	May 5	Karon Keup	May 19
Rebecca Williamson	May 5	Hana Laughton	May 20
Karin Richardson	May 8	Christian Mukul	May 27
Bob Freeman	May 12	Jeannette Krogh	May 30
Christina Freeman	May 12	Rosemary Knox	May 31

# MAY Anniversaries

Keith and Sue Wentela May 2, 1981

*God's blessings and congratulations to all who are celebrating special days in May. Did we miss your special date? Please let the office know so we can get our records corrected for next year!*



**From the grave to victory!  
He is Risen!**



**NewsLetter DEADLINE** Please submit articles no later than **Mon., May 23**

# NEWS FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Dear Ascension Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your support as I continue my studies at Seminary! I pray that your time during this Lenten season would be a blessing as we reflect upon what Christ has done for us on the cross. Despite the continued challenges of this world, God lovingly remains present with each of us.

Morgan, Evie, and I have enjoyed our final semester at Seminary so far! The weather is starting to feel a lot more like Spring, so we've had a lot of great opportunities to spend time outside. Evie especially loves running around at the playground that is on Seminary's campus. She continues to learn a lot of new words and likes to sing along with some of the cartoons that she watches. It has been such a joy to watch her grow up so fast! Morgan has been busy at work but is really loving her job as a manager. One of her favorite parts about it is working with her team – many of her coworkers have become good friends. Classes have kept me very busy as well, but they have also been a lot of fun and insightful this term. One of my favorite classes focuses on how culture and worship interact with each other

With call day fast approaching, we are very excited and curious to see where the Lord places us. We do not have any indication as to where that might be, so it could really be anywhere! It's amazing to think that four years have gone by already and that we are almost finished at Seminary. I will always be grateful for your support along the way. My family and I have been so blessed by your love and care for us. May the Lord be with you this Lenten season and give you His peace!

Blessings in Christ!

*Andy, Morgan, & Evie*



Family snow day!



Evie has a broken tibia!



Evie's first haircut!



# May Servant Schedule 2022

ELDERS and ACOLYTES	USHERS	A/V and POWERPOINT	GREETERS and READERS	COUNTERS and FLOWERS
<p><b>1 Communion Early</b>  <b>Elder:</b>                      8:30 Randy Schroeder                      11:00 Dan Parshall  <b>Acolyte:</b>                      8:30                      11:00</p>	<p>8:30                      Bob Rekdahl                      Stan Chapulis                      11:00                      John Knoke</p> <p>Jim Eckart  <b>NEEDED</b>                      Marcus Young</p>	<p><b>A/V:</b>                      8:30 Laura Potter                      11:00 John Hazen (sound)  <b>Power Point:</b>                      8:30 Debbie Rekdahl                      11:00 John Hazen</p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b>                      8:30 Margo Bachhuber                      Elizabeth Alvarado                      Riki Neagle                      11:00                      Carrie Graham  <b>Reader:</b>                      8:30 Randy Schroeder                      11:00 Virginia Jacobs</p>	<p><b>Altar:</b> Wendy Hazen  <b>Flowers:</b>  <b>Counters:</b> Bob and Elaina Ritchie</p>
<p><b>8 Communion Late</b>  <b>Elder:</b>                      8:30 Bruce Blubaum                      11:00 Bob Ritchie  <b>Acolyte:</b>                      8:30                      11:00</p>	<p>8:30                      Bob Rekdahl                      11:00                      Erik Kreps                      Evan Kreps</p> <p><b>NEEDED</b>                      Matthias McInaney                      Marcus Young</p>	<p><b>A/V:</b>                      8:30 Teresa Osgood                      11:00 Laura Potter (sound)  <b>Power Point:</b>                      8:30 Taylor Osgood                      11:00 Rebecca Williamson</p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b>                      8:30 Karla Deal                      11:00 Julie Williamson  <b>Reader:</b>                      8:30 Travis Osgood                      11:00 Julie Williamson</p>	<p><b>Altar:</b> Jan Oswald  <b>Flowers:</b> Hazen - Nichole and Lily                      Baptism  <b>Counters:</b> Bonnie Webber and                      Rebecca Williamson</p>
<p><b>15 Communion Early</b>  <b>Elder:</b>                      8:30 Dave Oswald                      11:00 John Hazen  <b>Acolyte:</b>                      8:30                      11:00 Jaden Mundo</p>	<p>8:30                      Stan Chapulis                      Jim Eckart                      11:00                      Jonathan Mundo                      Joshua Mundo</p> <p><b>NEEDED</b>                      Randy Schroeder</p>	<p><b>A/V:</b>                      8:30 Laura Potter (sound)                      11:00 Wyatt Brown  <b>Power Point:</b>                      8:30 Rebecca Williamson                      11:00 Jessica Brown</p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b>                      8:30 Norma Dillon                      Jean Dillon                      11:00 Margaret Hubbard                      Esperanza Gutierrez  <b>Reader:</b>                      8:30 Jim Eckart                      11:00 Michele Sprengle</p>	<p><b>Altar:</b> Karen Zahursky  <b>Flowers:</b>  <b>Counters:</b> Karon Keup and                      Sheryl Maier</p>
<p><b>22 Communion Late</b>  <b>Elder:</b>                      8:30 Randy Bryant                      11:00 Herb Hoefler  <b>Acolyte:</b>                      8:30                      11:00</p>	<p>8:30                      Bob Rekdahl                      11:00                      Matthias McInaney                      James Freeman</p> <p><b>NEEDED</b>                      Bob Freeman                      Marcus Young</p>	<p><b>A/V:</b>                      8:30 Stan Chapulis                      11:00 Laura Potter (sound)  <b>Power Point:</b>                      8:30 Wanda Cassetty                      11:00 Rebecca Williamson</p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b>                      8:30 Sue Lewis                      Heather Guide                      11:00 Christina Freeman  <b>Reader:</b>                      8:30 Randy Bryant                      11:00 Carol Hoefler</p>	<p><b>Altar:</b> Margo Bachhuber  <b>Flowers:</b>  <b>Counters:</b> Dave and Jan Oswald</p>
<p><b>29 No Communion</b>  <b>Elder:</b>                      8:30 Dave Oswald                      11:00 Bob Ritchie  <b>Acolyte:</b>                      8:30                      11:00</p>	<p>8:30                      Stan Chapulis                      11:00                      John Knoke</p> <p><b>NEEDED</b>                      Marcus Young</p>	<p><b>A/V:</b>                      8:30 Michele Sprengle                      11:00 Rebecca Williamson                      (Sound Only)  <b>Power Point:</b>                      8:30 Jenny Schultheisz                      11:00 Rebecca Williamson</p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b>                      8:30 Karla Deal                      11:00 Riki Neagle  <b>Reader:</b>                      8:30 Karla Deal                      11:00 Bonnie Webber</p>	<p><b>Altar:</b> Jessica Brown  <b>Flowers:</b>  <b>Counters:</b> Bonnie Webber and                      Rebecca Williamson</p>

# May Calendar 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:30am Worship w/Comm. 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Online Worship Posted	<b>2</b> Office Hours: 9-12	<b>3</b> Office Hours : 10-1 6:00pm Elder Meeting Posted	<b>4</b> Office Hours : 10-1 11:00am No Care Connect 7:00pm No Online Bible Study	<b>5</b> Office Hours : 10-1 7:00pm Choir	<b>6</b> Office Hours: Closed 6:30pm—8:00pm Noche Familiar (Family Night) 7:00pm No Confirmation	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship w/ Comm. 6:00pm Online Worship Posted	<b>9</b> Office Hours: 9-12	<b>10</b> Office Hours : 10-1 6:00pm Council Meeting Posted	<b>11</b> Office Hours : 10-1 7:00pm No Online Bible Study Posted	<b>12</b> Office Hours : 10-1 7:00pm Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30pm—8:00pm Noche Familiar (Family Night) 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>14</b> 10:30am to 12:00pm The Chosen Bible Study
<b>15</b> 8:30am Worship w/Comm. 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Online Worship Posted	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00pm 3:10 Group	<b>18</b> 11:00am Care Connect 7:00pm Online Bible Study Posted	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30pm—8:00pm Noche Familiar (Family Night) 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>21</b> 8am-12pm Church Cleanup
<b>22</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship w/ Comm. 6:00pm Online Worship Posted Game and Puzzle Fundraiser	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Online Bible Study Posted	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30pm—8:00pm Noche Familiar (Family Night) 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>28</b> 10:30am to 12:00pm The Chosen Bible Study
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