



## THE PARISH VISITOR APRIL 2026

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Holy Week is upon us, though it serves us far beyond the calendar. Palm Sunday helped to set in motion the events that would soon follow. So, it is with Palm Sunday in mind that this column is devoted. The author is unknown.

“When Jesus entered Jerusalem, they lay down their cloaks—their coverings, their comforts, their dignity —on the road before him. Because sometimes worship looks like surrendering the very things we thought we needed to hold onto. And still—how curious this King is.

He does not correct their praise, but neither does he conform to their expectations. They long for revolution; he begins with hearts. They expect a throne of gold; he is already walking toward a cross of wood.

Do you see him? Not distant, not untouchable. But present—eyes open to the overlooked, hands ready for the broken, feet willing to walk the long road of suffering love.

This is no ordinary procession. It is a collision between what we *want* God to be And who God has always been.”

## ECUCC PRAYER REQUESTS

•Jean Czinki

•Larry Dalton

•Requested by Sherri Sorensen - Patrice White (daughter - battling cancer)

•Rhett Byington - recuperating from hip surgery

•Requested by Jeri Covelli - Brianne Trenado (daughter - battling cancer)

•Requested by Darla McCann - AJ, 4 month old great-grandson (Go Fund Me Page is titled: **Donate to AJ's Journey Towards Recovery**)

•Requested by Sharon Wolbers - Alissa (daughter) and Deb (sister)

•Ralph Shelkey

•Requested by Renee Robertson - Atlas, 3 year old grandson of close friend (to contribute, please go to the Go Fund Me website and search for "**Support Atlas's Fight Against Neuroblastoma**")

•Mary Welton

•Clara Babel and - Jimmy Thicksten (grandson), Sharon and Karen (sisters), Jaymie Babel (battling cancer), Jim Sage, and John and Caraneta Adlington

•Kathleen DeMerrit Gonzalez

•Joyce Landmeier and their daughter Julie Moon (Mailing address for Joyce and Julie is: 9200 E. Mohawk Ln., Scottsdale, AZ 85255)

•Those affected by silent & invisible pain, their friends & families, the rest of our families of ECUCC, the UCC around the world, the Big Rock Community, our leaders at all levels of government, and all of our servicemen and women.

\*\*\*Please notify us when changes are needed to your prayer requests.

Thank you.



## HINCKLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY

"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"

Thank you for your continued donations to the Hinckley Area Food Pantry. They provide a much needed resource for those less fortunate in our community.

Each dollar donated allows the pantry to buy approximately \$8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Pantry. You can make a one time donation through their website, or set up a monthly donation in any amount. If you would like to send a check, their mailing address is:

Hinckley Area Food Pantry, PO Box 463, Hinckley, IL 60520

Donors will also receive a tax donation letter at the end of the year. Of course, food donations are always welcome to support those in need in our community. Thank you for your continued support.



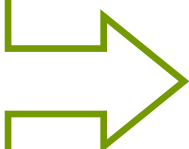
## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 8th—Barb Raymond
- 10th—Clara Babel
- 15th—Lester Landmeier
- 19th—Allen Bartoszek
- 19th—Jeannine Thompson
- 20th—Dave Bayler
- 25th—Cayden Bush
- 27th—Larry Dalton

# Volunteers for April

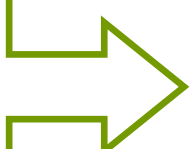


**April 5th**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Worship at 10:15 am  
Communion  
Change Up Sundaes



Ushers: The Peters and Ashby Families  
Coffee: Enjoy your Easter Sunday  
Lock Up: Operations  
Servers: Operations, Nurture, Teaching and Learning

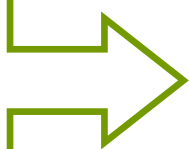
**April 12th**  
Sunday School at 9am  
Worship 10:15 am



Ushers: The Peters and Ashby Families  
Coffee: Brian and Sharon Wolbers and Mary Hauge  
Lock Up: Outreach



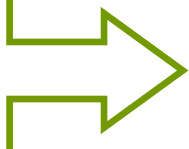
**April 19th**  
Sunday School at 9am  
Worship at 10:15am



Ushers: The Peters and Ashby Families  
Coffee: Volunteers are Needed  
Lock Up: Nurture



**April 26th**  
Sunday School at 9am  
Worship 10:15 am



Ushers: The Peters and Ashby Families  
Coffee: Larry and Mary Dalton for Larry's Birthday  
Lock Up: Teaching and Learning



# April 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3 <i>Worship Ministry Meeting at 9:30am</i>	4
5 <i>Sunday</i> <i>School -9am</i> <i>Worship 10:15</i> 	6	7 <i>Pizza Night at Life Spring 6pm</i>	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Sunday</i> <i>School -9am</i> <i>Worship 10:15</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Sunday</i> <i>School -9am</i> <i>Worship 10:15</i>	20 <i>Executive Council Meeting – 6:30pm</i>	21	22 <b>Earth Day</b> 	23	24	25
26 <i>Sunday</i> <i>School -9am</i> <i>Worship 10:15</i>	27	28	29	30		



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"A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS, A  
COMMUNITY OF SERVICE"  
2026 VISION STATEMENT

