

# HAVEN MESSENGER



## HAVEN MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)

*"To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ."*

April 2021

## WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary  
(social distancing and masks required)

Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366> or access by clicking the F icon in the upper right corner of the Haven website [www.havenlc.org](http://www.havenlc.org))



Dear Haven Guests, Friends and Members,

We know about tombs. After the year we just lived through...when we felt a huge stone had been rolled in front of the tomb of "life-as-we-knew-it"... as we wrestled with fear, darkness, unknowns, and the worry of "will it ever end?"... Yes, we've a deeper understanding of what the disciples experienced after Jesus was buried. They felt shocked, gutted, baffled, lost, unable to deal with it all or imagine what would be next. They did not yet know that in three days they would walk into a new understanding of life and death and living. We know about indefinite waiting and tombs.


We know about resurrection, too. As we found ways to stay in touch, continue to worship and express our faith in generous offerings.... when we delivered school supplies, gathered holiday food basket items, reached our kids with God Squad Explorer mailings, took lunch to folks at the Potomac Towers and grew a vegetable garden as we resumed worship in the sanctuary and received vaccinations.... We've learned more about resurrection and the unfolding of new but different yet valuable life.

We're not totally cleared to walk out of our tombs without masks or practicing social distancing but we are getting closer. Spring is in the air despite any chill. The hours of sunlight are growing with our hopefulness. We know resurrection in a new way this year.

It will take us time to fully unpack what we experienced in the watching and the waiting of the pandemic. It will take deliberateness and courage to gather our lessons and hold on to them as we walk into this new place and time we enter. But what I hope we know right now – from our time in the tomb and in the glory of Easter life --- is that God's love for us and all creation is steadfast and God's promise of resurrection is sure. Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Rejoice and be glad. Live in the truth and wonder of resurrection.

Your Pastor and Partner in Ministry,  
Linda M Alessandri

## FAITH RAISING TOGETHER



The roof project is set to begin the week after Easter. We hope the \$100,000 loan we assumed to complete the project will be able to be retired in five years. The FAITH RAISING campaign committee met March 18<sup>th</sup>. They were encouraged by the \$17,670 that has already been donated by Haven members and friends. They are now moving toward a way to invite the entire congregation to a long-term commitment to the retirement of this debt.

After such a wonderful initial response, there is about \$80,000 of the loan that still needs to be covered. How can we break that down to a reasonable and reachable goal? We took that remaining amount (\$80,000) and divided it by the number of persons/households who had contributed to Haven in 2020 --- 92 “giving units.” This would give us the amount each giving individual/couple/family would need to contribute over the next four years to pay off the \$80,000.

We were surprised to see that to retire our \$80,000 debt each individual/couple/family would need to contribute \$870 over the next four years. That amounts to \$174 a year, \$14.50 a month or \$3.35 a week beyond one’s regular giving. Is that not amazing?! Just add to your regular giving an additional \$14.50 a month or \$3.35 a week for the next four years and we will pay off any debt for our roof project!

Please give it some prayerful thought. From what could you shift \$14.50 a month or \$3.35 a day in the next years to help pay off Haven’s roof project? Of course, there may be some who cannot commit that much of their budgeted resources and others who may be able to commit to a bit more. We trust everyone will prayerfully consider how he, she, they can stretch their giving to retire a debt and continue God’s mission here at Haven. In trusting God to help us manage our finances, we are not just FUND RAISING we are FAITH RAISING because we will learn again and again that our generous Lord is reliable and steadfast.

**NO FOOLING --- OUR CONTRACTORS HAVE TENTATIVELY SET APRIL 1ST MORNING FOR REMOVING THE STEEPLE.** We will keep you updated when we have the date confirmed and if we get a specific time that the crane will begin the steeple removal. Bring your lawn chair, warm blanket & coffee or tea for our own Steeple Raising Party.

## 2021 NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Will Seilhamer, President

Stephen Kauffman, Vice President

Jim Cannon, Treasurer

Scott Rhodes, Secretary

Doug Wright, Immediate Past President

Marge Cunningham, Kris Fignar, June Hess, Elaine Michael, Nancy Newkirk, Ken Tice, Aura Wiles

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM** No Bible knowledge or experience needed. No one is forced to read aloud or answer questions. It’s just a group of regular folks trying to let the Word of God speak to them and feed their faith. Pastor Alessandri leads but everyone adds their questions and insights. Masks and social distancing will be required. Use the door nearest the Big Brothers Big Sisters office & follow the signs We learn... we laugh... we support each other. ALL are welcome.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – We will meet for study of scripture & discussion on **Thursday, April 8** (note change to second Thursday this month as the first Thursday falls on Maundy Thursday) at **10:00 a.m.** Come in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters entrance & follow the signs to the left. We will be discussing the final session of our fascinating & informative study on Angels: Feasting and Rejoicing Angels. The study can be found in the April issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies will also be available in the vestibule.

**GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS** Our God Squad Explorers just finished a Holy Week experience and will begin an Easter celebration unit. They have been faithful explorers who are growing in their faith. Thank you for your prayers for our children, their families and our Parish Ed Team.

## PARISH LIFE

**HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB** – Plan now to join us for our **Thursday, April 15** meeting at **2:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. We are going to discuss **CARNEGIE'S MAID** by Marie Benedict. This is a tale of the brilliant woman who may have inspired Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist to the world's first true philanthropist. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it? - Joan Schupp  
A sneak-peek at May – **WHEN WE BELIEVED IN MERMAIDS** by Barbara O'Neal.

## WORSHIP



**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE ONLINE**  
**7:00 PM** Live Stream on Haven's Facebook page

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE ONLINE**  
**7:00 PM** Live Stream on Haven's Facebook page

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### WORSHIP READINGS

- April 4**      **EASTER SUNDAY**  
*Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8*
- April 11**    **DE/MD Synod will have a Worship Service this Sunday**  
*(Allows clergy and staff a Sunday of rest. See article below for details.)*
- April 18**    Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48
- April 25**    Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

### SONG LEADER SCHEDULE

- April 4** – Margaret McKee, Bill Clark                      **April 18** – Nancy Newkirk, Charlotte Loveless  
**April 25** – Margaret McKee, Grant Wills

### WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>April 4</b> Marge Cunningham	Danny Kiblinger	Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder, Amy Mason
<b>April 18</b> Terry Trovinger	Austin Suchy	Doug Wright, Dave Resh, Susan Strobl
<b>April 25</b> Aura Wiles	Maddie Haupt	Marge Cunningham, Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder

**SUNDAY AFTER EASTER WORSHIP WILL BE ON-LINE ONLY** To give our pastor, music director and worship leaders a respite, Haven will NOT have its own in-person or livestream worship service on April 11. Instead, we ask you to join a synod-wide online worship service at **10:00 am on Sunday, April 11**. The preacher will be the Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, President and Professor of

Reformation Studies at United Lutheran Seminary. This service will be scheduled as a video premiere on our synod's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DelawareMarylandSynod> and YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS7Ybv7zZqMFsYe3Vt5toLg> on April 11 at 10 am (or later.) Please join this DE-MD wide worship service and give thanks for the work of our music director and pastor during this Lenten and Covid season.

## **FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS**

**April 6** Team 1 – Ed Distad, Jan Merique, Judy Teeter, Becky Plavcan

**April 9** Team 2 – Sue Nelson, Pastor Alessandri, Marge Cunningham, Kelly Bracken

## **HUNGER TEAM**

**EASTER FOOD BASKETS RETURN** – Hurrah for Haven Lutheran Church! We will give food baskets at Easter. In doing so, we share God's love and concern for others. Yes, things are different and there will be no giving tree. All of this due to the generosity of the congregation in the past three years. Here's what happened. The Hunger Team was unaware that generosity had led to an accumulation of funds beyond what we used for the holiday baskets. As Council moved towards the roof project, they looked at special gifts. The money for food baskets was never meant to accumulate and yet there were funds that had been there for a couple of years. They suggested that the team look at ways to use some of them to battle hunger. With that in mind, some of the team asked if we could use some of the money or whether it would be temporarily unavailable while it was part of the collateral for the loan on the roof. We asked if there was enough to buy the food for 6 families this Easter. The opinion was that it was available and would be a great use of it.

So once again this year, we will do something a little differently. A few people from the team will do all the buying in such a way that there will be no need to have folks to pack (oh, that social distancing thing). The boxes will be picked up on April first (no fooling) using the same method we did at Christmas. The congregation is still involved because it was your generosity in the past that has provided the funds for these Easter food baskets.

The Hunger Team would like to ask the congregation to pray for the families we will give the food to. Also, give thanks for the staff at Fountaindale who care enough about their pupils to do the necessary paperwork to enable us to carry out this project. Virtual learning has made the job of getting written replies much more difficult for them. Yet they persevere to help their children and families.

*Linda Clark & the Hunger Team*



**CALLING ALL GARDENERS!** Haven Garden Buddies want you to join us for a plot in the garden next to the church. We are a group of novice gardeners, working to share our flowers and veggies with the congregation and in turn help the Harvest for Hungry giving. We delight in the sunshine, we give thanks for the rain...we ask, how does that bunny keep getting in to garden and yet, we still have plenty of tomatoes and zucchini to share? A gathering to bless the garden will be determined by Pastor Alessandri. Amy Mason will be coordinating with the property team about having the garden tilled. Amy will also get fertilizer. We will need some hands-on work soon, to take down the bright orange fence so that our garden can be prepared for tilling. Please contact Amy Mason by phone at 301-393-0794 (home) or by email at [amy.mason@myactv.net](mailto:amy.mason@myactv.net) You can also contact Scott Rhodes by email at [sdrhodes0569@gmail.com](mailto:sdrhodes0569@gmail.com) Our garden buddies are Joan & Ed Schupp, Amy Mason, Scott & Cindy and Ethan Rhodes, Chris Fignar, Pastor Dave Kaplan, Rev. Valerie & Grant Wills and our Pastor Alessandri.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for being such a great community for my mom, Sari, all these years. And thank you even more for all the help Heather and I received while we were in Maryland helping her make the transition back to Minnesota. Hugs, Holly Kuchera (*Holly also enclosed a generous donation to Haven's Roof Project*)

## COMMUNITY NOTES

Warmly **THE WOMEN'S CLUB SPRING BARGAIN SALE** – will be held on April 9 & 10, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at The Women's Club, 31 S. Prospect St. SHOP for household goods, gently used clothing, vintage jewelry, collectibles & lunch-to-go...all at bargain prices! The Women's Club Foundation rents 15 furnished rooms to women in need of safe, clean, affordable housing. Because of the pandemic, we have not been able to have fundraisers, so we are hoping for community support. Hope to see you there – Joan Schupp (Free parking. Masks & social distancing rules will be observed.)

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Look who's celebrating special days this month!!!*

### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Donna Dickinson	04/01
Phyllis Meyers	04/04
Sari Kilheffer	04/05
Joyce Meredith	04/05
Tanner Meredith	04/09
Clare Newcomer	04/09
Jonathan Schupp	04/09
Maura Haupt	04/11
Stephanie Meredith	04/11
Karla Pile	04/11
Sharron Moser	04/12
Susan Resh	04/19
Don Evason	04/23
Anna Bergschneider	04/26
Ed Distad	04/28
William Byers	04/29
Tanner Creek	04/30



### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Amy Mason	04/01
Karl Pile	04/01
Patricia Pile	04/01
Joshua Webb	04/01
Michael Manspeaker	04/03
Rebecca Mason	04/04
Lynda Byers	04/06
Tanner Creek	04/08
Inez Winebrenner	04/12
Margaret Cunningham	04/15
Korben Defriece	04/15
Anthony Bracken	04/12
JoyEllen Bergschneider	04/25
Laura Manspeaker	04/27

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Kim Pile	04/05
Ed & Prue Yelinek	04/05

#### ***Is your special day missing?***

*Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is missing from our list. We want to celebrate all our members' special days with them.*

*We celebrate all of God's children!*



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# Empty Tomb Rolls

**PREP TIME: 15 minutes    COOK TIME: 10 minutes    YIELD: 8**



In this recipe, the marshmallow you put in the center represents Jesus. The butter and cinnamon represent the oils and spices that were usually used to anoint a body before it was put in a tomb. The dough represents the tomb in which Jesus was laid after he died on the cross.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup cinnamon sugar
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1 tube crescent roll dough
- 1 tube white icing (optional)
- flour for dusting work surface



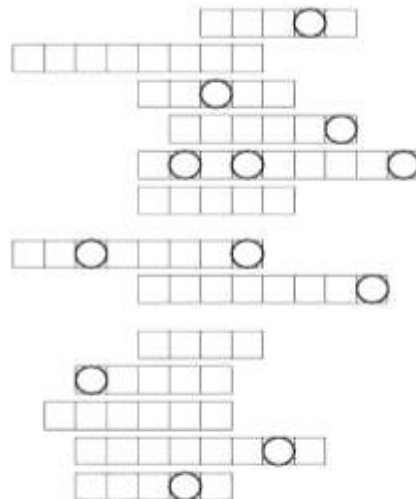
1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray a muffin tin with nonstick spray.
2. Dust your work surface with flour, and unroll the tube of crescent roll dough, pinching seams back together. Cut into eight equal squares.
3. Dip a marshmallow in butter and then cinnamon sugar, and then wrap in dough. Pinch seams together and place seam side down in the muffin tin well. Repeat with remaining marshmallows.
4. Bake for 9-11 minutes. Allow them to cool for 5 minutes before removing from the tin.
5. Add the icing cross once they have fully cooled.



*Wait until you see the surprise when you break open the roll.*

After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:

1. What Jesus was wrapped in
2. The site of Jesus' crucifixion
3. One of the rulers who questioned Jesus
4. He washed his hands of Jesus
5. Followers of Jesus
6. He denied Christ
7. A large hill
8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
9. Jesus' mother
10. A Jewish teacher
11. The doubting disciple
12. Jesus was mistaken for this
13. One of Peter's other names



Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simon; resurrection

# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 TENTATIVE STEEPLE REMOVAL</b> in the early Morning. <b>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday</b> Live stream on Facebook 6:30 Coda	2 <b>7:00 pm Good Friday</b> Tenebrae Service Live stream on Facebook 5:30 AFG	3
4 (Noisy/Hunger offering) <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	5 <b>Easter Monday OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 Boy Scout #103	6 1:00 AFG	7 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103	8 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 BBBS Board Committee Mtg. 6:30 Coda	9 5:30 AFG	10
<b>Pastor Alessandri on vacation April 5-12</b> While Pastor Alessandri is away, please contact Pastor Allen Reed at 301-331-6368 if you need a pastor's presence or help.						
11 <b>DE/MD Synod Worship Service</b> (see links on page 3-4)	12 6:30 Boy Scout #103	13 1:00 AFG	14 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103	15 2:00 Book Club 5:00 BBBS Big/Little Activities night 6:30 Coda 7:00 Zoom Worship Team Meeting	16 5:30 AFG	17
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18 (Holly Place offering) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	19 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Council Meeting	20 1:00 AFG	21 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103	22 6:30 CoDa	23 5:30 AFG	24
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