

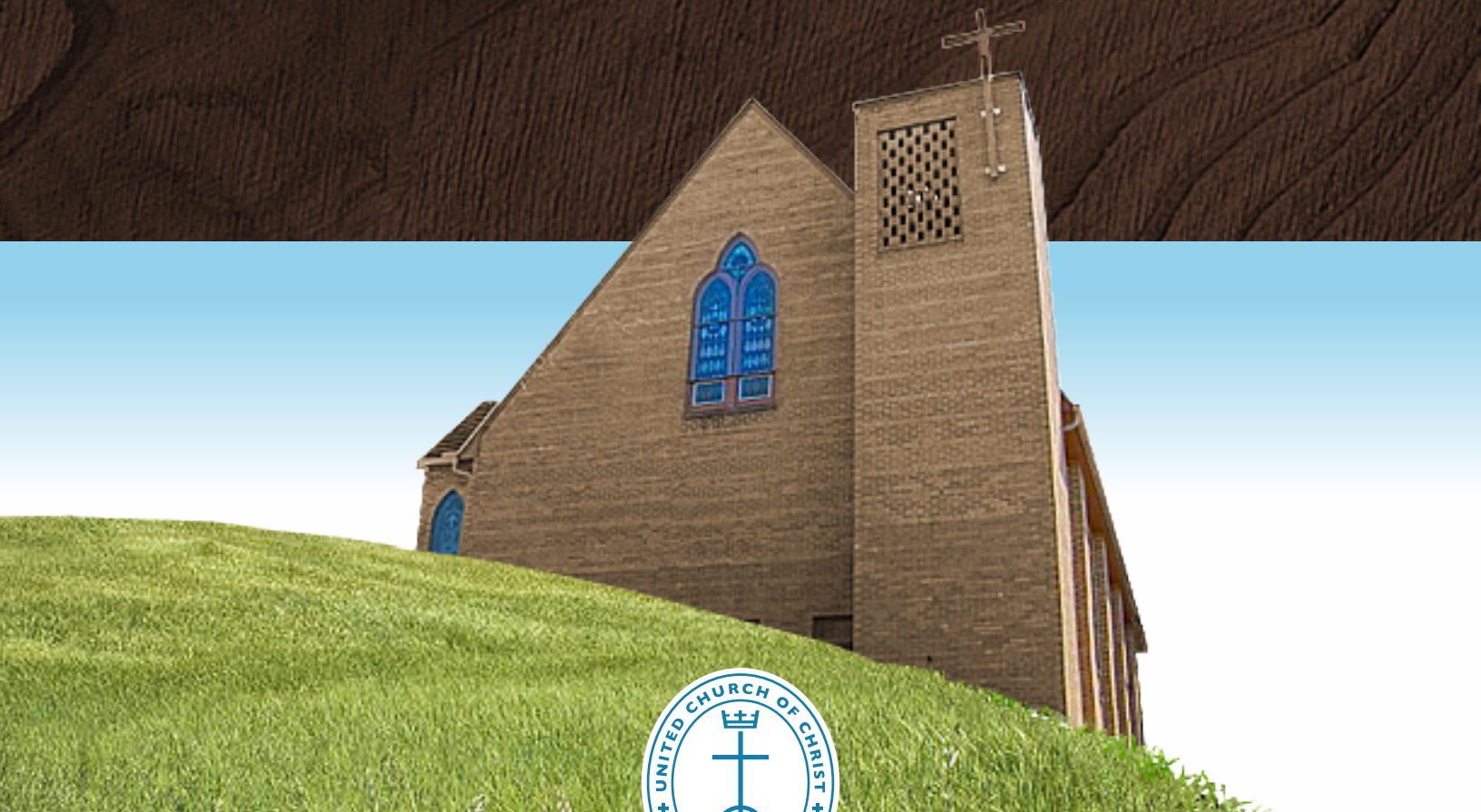


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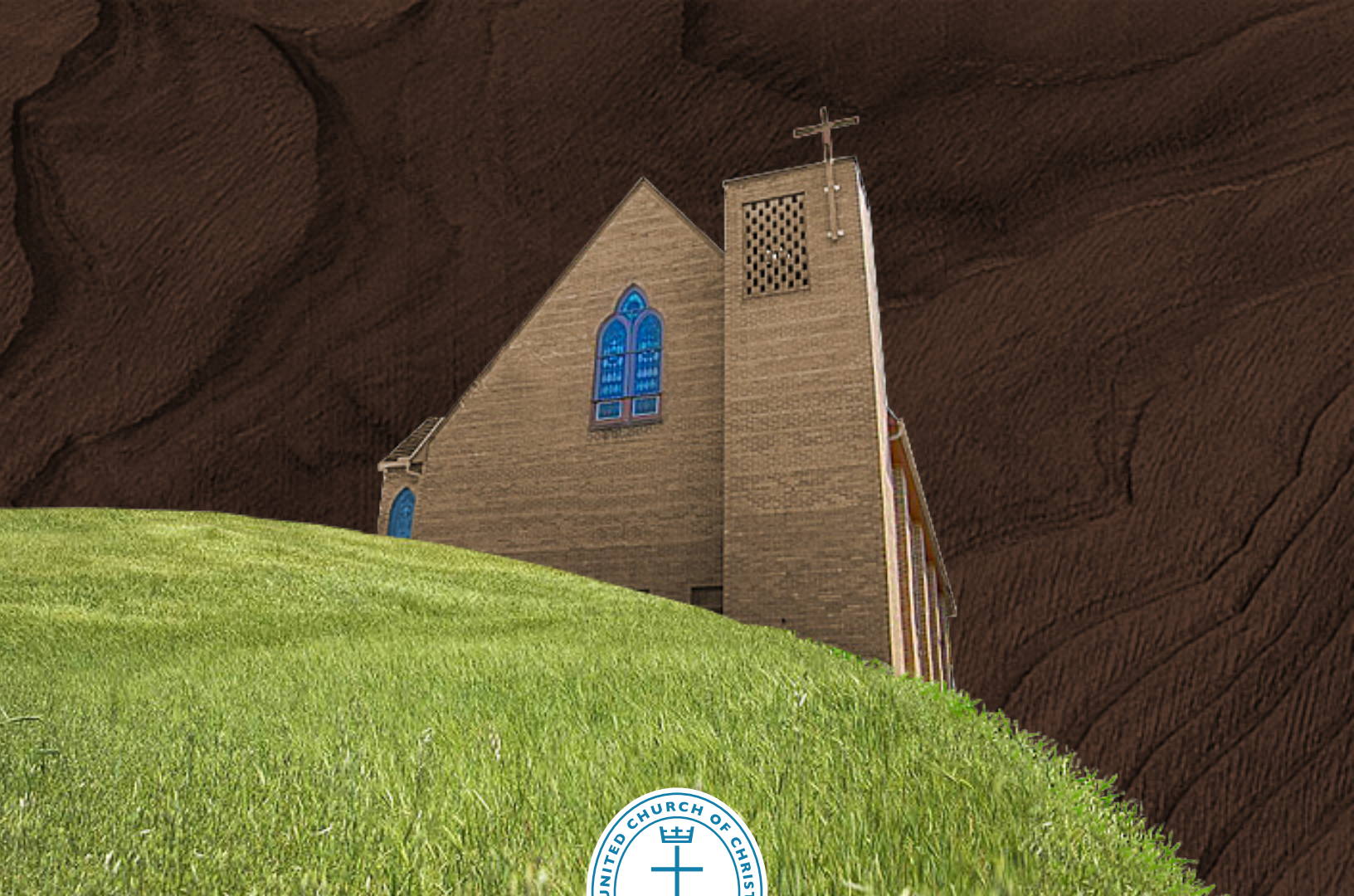
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Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

We offer two options for worship on Sundays: in person or online. Whether you prefer to worship from the safety of your home or with others, we at St. John's want to make sure you get the spiritual encouragement you need. Join us in person each Sunday at 10:30am or watch a video recording of the online service. The service is not recorded live but is uploaded after the service has ended. We look forward to worshipping with you!

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Letter From The Pastor

April 2026

Why does what happen to Jesus during Holy Week matter as we move into the Easter Season? For some would say Easter means Jesus' suffering is obliterated because it turned out well in the end. But I don't think that Jesus' resurrection means his suffering disappeared, or the pain and grief and guilt was forgotten by the disciples who abandoned him as well as those who stayed with him but couldn't do anything to stop it. After all, we are told he still carries the scars.

I understand the Good News as more than a happy ending. Yes, it is Good News, I would argue excellent news, that even after all that God goes through in Jesus, even that is NOT enough to separate us from God's love and grace.

But I also feel that the empty tomb isn't the reason for the Good News. The Good News is that God will not allow anything we do or say or fail to do or that is done to us or to others to separate us from God's loving presence with us.

I understand the resurrection as the result of that reality, not its revelation. When the women discover the tomb is empty and meet the Risen One, they are experiencing the confirmation of God's love and care through ways of grace, mercy and vulnerability. They are receiving confirmation of the reality that this is the only way God brings new life, reconciliation and redemption into the world. The empty tomb is because of God's Good News, revealed in Christ's life as well as death and resurrection.

No matter how violent, chaotic or death-filled the world and our lives or even our very selves may seem, God is still present with us. God is still is calling us beloved children of God's family. Not even our greatest pains... or sufferings...or fears... have the power to separate us from God. For God will go all the way to the grave to bring new life, just to show us how true that is. Christ will rise from the dead to assure us that will always be true.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

Letter From The Pastor

April 2026

P.S. I hope you will join us at as many of the Holy Week services being offered this week as possible. ~ Pastor Deb Kunkel

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm at St. John's Church in Fellowship Hall. Along with members of Hope United Cochrane, we will share a soup dinner, as well as Communion, then reflect on the Scriptures passages from Matthew's Gospel what happened that night.

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday Service at 6:00pm at Hope United Cochrane. We will join Hope as we experience Matthew's story of what happened that first Good Friday, as well as a dramatic monologue by Pastor Deb as "The Mother of James and John".

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunrise Worship at 6:30am at Eagle Valley Church. A sunrise service to welcome the Good News through scripture lessons and hymns.

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Fellowship from 9:30am to the start of service at 10:30am at St John's Church. A time of Fellowship with coffee and pastries.

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday Worship from 10:30am at St. John's Church – Worship with Communion. We will gather to celebrate Easter and share Communion together.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

Sunday Penny Collection

First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month. This money enables the children to choose how their donations go to people or projects in our area or throughout the world.

Sunday, April 5, 2026



Online Calendar

Visit Us Online 24/7

Please go online and visit our NEW easy to use website for current up-to-date, detailed event information. Our calendar is updated daily. Email us with any questions or comments.

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Meals For Music

C-FC Fundraiser

On March 5 at C-FC we held a joint fundraiser brat and hot dog dinner with our SMAT committee as chairmen. We raised \$1138.06 for our elementary music department at C-FC. Both churches worked together to make this a huge success! When presenting the check both the band and choir teachers let us know how much this is appreciated and asked us to continue this tradition prior to their Pops Concert! Thank you to all our volunteer workers and bakers, this would not have been such a huge success without you! Thanks to Midtown Foods, Kwik Trip Fountain City, B & S Express, Thrivent (Danny & Karen Knospe).

Thursday, March 5, 2026

- ✓ **Meals For Music**
- ✓ **C-FC School**
- ✓ **Raised \$1138.06**
- ✓ **Thank You!**



Meals For Music

C-FC Fundraiser



Maundy Thursday

6:00pm | St. John's Church | Fountain City, WI
Thursday, April 2, 2026

Good Friday

6:00pm | Hope United Church | Cochrane, WI
Thursday, April 3, 2026

Easter Sunrise Worship

6:30am | Eagle Valley Church | Fountain City, WI
Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Fellowship

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Easter Sunday Worship

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Food Shelf

Businesses Of The Month: Buffalo County Humane Association

Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf

Buffalo County Humane Association

Thank you very much!



C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For March 2026

As part of our Stewardship as a church please consider a monetary donation or food donation for our Food Shelf here at Church. See list below of our most needed items. This past year we have been much busier than usual providing food to people in need in our community. If we want to continue this service we do need your assistance to continue. Please put your donation of food in the green bin at church located in the Food Shelf room across from Pastor Deb's office or your monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to church with checks made out to [C-FC Area Food Shelf - St. John's Church, PO Box 130, Fountain City WI, 54629.](#)

Donations Most Needed:

- ✓ Toilet Paper
- ✓ Canned /Ham/Salmon
- ✓ Cake/Brownie
- ✓ Muffin Mixes
- ✓ Canned Frosting
- ✓ Instant Oatmeal
- ✓ Cereal (Healthier)
- ✓ Crackers (Saltines)
- ✓ Rice/Pasta Pouches
- ✓ Vegetable Spray
- ✓ Brown Rice
- ✓ V8/Tomato Juice
- ✓ Boost
- ✓ Ensure
- ✓ Canned Chili
- ✓ Canned Stew
- ✓ Spices
- ✓ Spam
- ✓ Salad Dressing
- ✓ Ketchup
- ✓ BBQ Sauce

1st & 3rd Monday: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm



- ✓ 829 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 25 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 33 Total People Helped
- ✓ 07 Children
- ✓ 12 Adults
- ✓ 14 Seniors
- ✓ 22 Households (3 Came Twice)



Most Needed Donation Items For April 2026

- ✓ Stews & Chili & Spam
- ✓ Saltines
- ✓ Vienna Sausages
- ✓ BBQ Sauce
- ✓ Ketchup & Mayo
- ✓ Salad Dressing

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Volunteers: April

Ushers

Amy Hammer, John Schmidtknecht

Greeters

04.05.26 Erich & Liz Hoffmaster
04.12.26 Dale & Jenny Schaffner
04.19.26 Larry & Joanne Muench
04.26.26 Michelle & Ashlyn Kalmes
05.03.26 Karen Pehler

Counters

Dave & Sue Schaffner

Communion & Flowers

Jo Muench

Financial Report

For detailed information regarding the financial standing of St. John's Church, contact the office to review financial documents.

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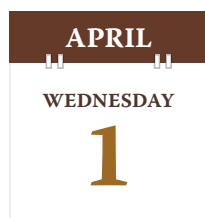
Birthdays

Autumn Schaffner
Gary Sutter
Donna Beck
Jacob Guenther
Jessica Osborn
Mickki Prussing
Amber Morse
Ruth Ehmcke
Jenny Schaffner
Becky Vestal
Sally Ratz
Vira Mae Engel
Jenny Krause
Katie Wachowiak
Brent Skroch
Hale Madsen
Becky Kamrowski
Bob Baures
Mary Kirchner
Sherry Guenther
Ethan Osborn
Eyan Knecht

Other Special Events

St. John's Church

Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us with any questions. Thanks again for all the support from volunteer and the community.



Choir Practice St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
Fountain City, WI
Starts @ 6:30pm



Penny Collection St. John's Church

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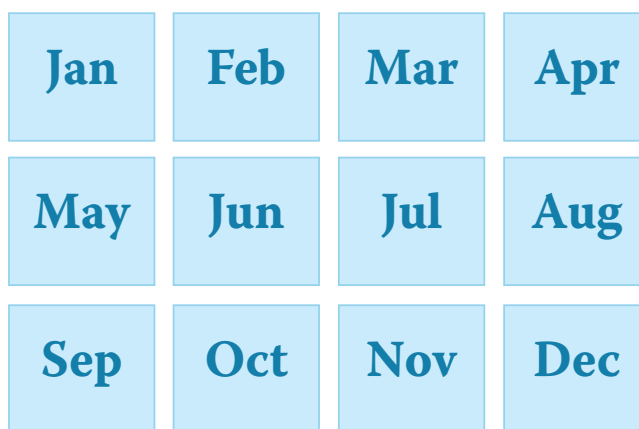
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Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

Special Meeting Time
Fountain City, WI
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Prayer Requests

St. John's Church - Pastor Deb Kunkel

Congregation members and non-members are encouraged to request prayers for times of need, comfort, healing, celebration and joy. If you would you like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



Pastor Deb's Office Hours:

Wednesday's 10:00am to Noon
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