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# Grace Notes – April 14, 2019

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## Easter Breakfast Sign Up

Easter is coming up on April 21. It's time to sign up to help with the annual Easter Breakfast. Thanks to all who have already signed up. We still need a few more people to bring food (casseroles and fruit) as well as work the morning of the breakfast. The sign-up sheets as well as trays and instructions for the breakfast casseroles are in the Narthex.

## Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We are in need of donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. You can donate prefilled eggs or just candy (and we'll take care of filling eggs). Contact Caitlyn with any questions.

## No Stitch 'N Craft on Good Friday

The Stitch 'N Craft group is not meeting on Good Friday. The next meeting will be Friday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m.

## Easter Bonnet Contest Returns!

We will host our second annual Easter Bonnet contest on Easter morning, April 21. Decorate a hat to help celebrate the day. We ask that if you choose to participate, please bring it before 9:00 a.m. that morning. If you wish, you can leave it in the church office before then, but please inform Caitlyn if doing so. Those who still want to participate in the contest but aren't able to decorate their own hat, have no fear! We will have open voting between services (9:00 – 10:30 a.m.). Find the display table and cast your vote for your favorite bonnet. The winner will be announced after 10:30 service, and the winner also will receive a prize! This is open for all ages – no experience necessary. Those with any other questions, please contact Caitlyn.

## Holy Week Services



### PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Procession with Palms and Holy Communion



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18, 7:00 p.m.  
Service of Absolution and Holy Communion



### GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Tenebrae: Service of Gradual Darkness



### HOLY SATURDAY

April 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil: Service of Readings, Remembrance of Baptism, and Holy Communion



### EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection  
9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast

## Food Pantry Update



Monetary donations are very much appreciated, but if you are looking for a tangible donation to provide, please consider the grape or strawberry jam/jelly that you would be able to find at local Dollar Tree stores. This particular product is currently not available at EIF, and we know that, if you love peanut butter, jelly is its very favorite partner! Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

*Your Pantry Board, Kathy Bowersox, Jim Fleming, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, & Royce Wilken ☩*

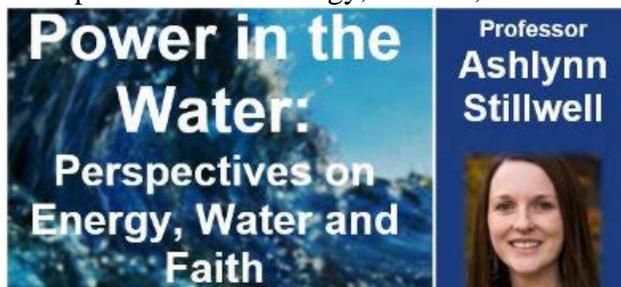
## Twelfth Annual ECIRMAC 2019 Fundraiser Banquet

Established in 1980, the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center has provided services to refugees, immigrants, and their families who settle in East Central Illinois. To benefit the work of the Refugee Center, the Twelfth Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Round Barn Banquet Centre, located at 1900 Round Barn Road, Champaign, IL. Ticket pricing is \$80 per person or \$600 per Table of Eight. Tickets now available for purchase!

For more information call (344-8455 or Board President John Muirhead at 398-1048) or email [admin@ecirmac.org](mailto:admin@ecirmac.org). Thank you for your support!

## The Rhetoric Conversations

On Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m., St. Andrew's will host another Rhetoric Conversation. Professor Ashlynn Stillwell from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering will present "Perspectives on Energy, Water, and Faith."



## Faith Circle Bible Study: April

Faith Circle will meet Tuesday evening, April 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex. Sue Kozlowski will serve as hostess and Laurinda Osterbur as lesson leader.

The lesson is based on the materials provided in the ELCA monthly periodical "Gather," a study which focuses on the lives being transformed by encounters with Jesus explored in the Gospel of John. This is the final part of the four part study.

All are welcome! Questions? Contact Kathy Bowersox.

## Youth Volunteer Opportunity

Steven Blanke has arranged a volunteer opportunity for us. For those in confirmation or planning on going on the Philadelphia trip, participants are expected to have 10 service hours over the year, so this is a great way to get some of those hours done. Steven is creating teams to help clean up the route after the Illinois marathon on April 27. The crews are four people each, and there needs to be one adult per crew. All the work would be in the afternoon and would take approximately 30-40 minutes (I'll count at least a full hour for my records). Each crew would clean 1 mile of the route. If you would like to be part of a crew, please contact either Caitlyn or Steven Blanke.

## Blanket Sunday Purchases Start April 28

THIS MOTHER'S DAY,



*Blanket the World with Love!*  
[cwsblankets.org/mothersday](http://cwsblankets.org/mothersday)

Starting April 28, Social Ministry will be selling paper flowers for \$10 in honor or in memory of our mothers. Flowers will also be available as well on May 5 and 12. We celebrate Blanket Sunday in conjunction with Mother's Day, which is May 12 this year. Proceeds are used to buy blankets through Church World Service for victims of violence or disaster, both in the United States and around the world. This Mother's Day, blanket the world with love!