The Messenger

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Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday April 4, 2021 at 10am

Along with Live Streaming

Parking Lot Communion at 11AM

Pastor's Pen

In his poem “Hospitable”, poet Steve Garnaas-Holmes reflects what it means to extend hospitality in beautiful, evocative language. He writes:

Make of your life a welcome home.
Make your heart a buffet of goodness.
Make yourself a front porch, wide,
two chairs, only one step up.
Think of yourself as a free sample,
a rocking chair, a bench by a lake.
People need a place to belong, to matter,
to receive without question.
Round up all your furniture of love and respect,
all your heirlooms of special treatment,
and put them out on the curb.
Go ahead and make a sign that says FREE.
It's not about airing your laundry, “being yourself.”
It's about letting them do that.
After all, you live in God's house,
who has given you the run of the place.

(From “Unfolding Light,” a blog by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; https://www.unfoldinglight.net/reflections/6r3wfct8famjpp6bywy8sck553x3gj)

This year, we are using a grant from Outreach For Hope to bless organizations in our neighborhood with hospitality

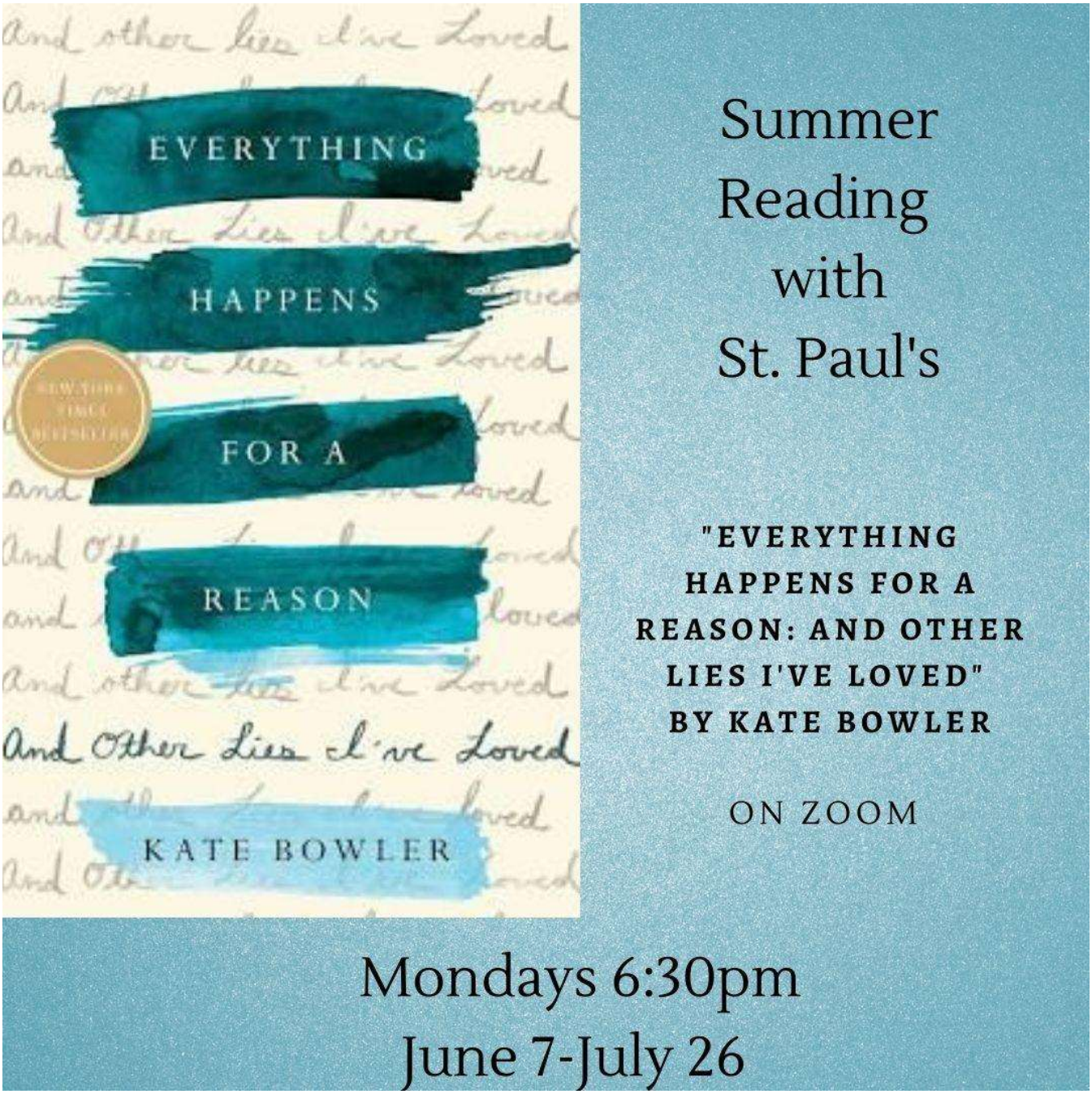
gifts, thanking their staff for the work they do. Each month, we deliver treats and a card expressing our gratitude to a different community organization, in an effort to build relationships and share the gifts of gratitude and hospitality.

This month, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I encourage you to consider what resurrection means to you, and think of one or two ways to respond to that gift by extending it to someone else. Whether through a card, a treat, or a phone call, I pray that we might all lean into what it means to “make of your life a welcome home.”

-Pastor Delaney

RIC Corner

Beginning Sunday, April 11, our weekly Bible study will reconvene on Zoom, from 8:30-9:15am. We will be spending eight weeks with the “clobber texts”—those sections scripture which have been used to “clobber” LGBTQIA+ people in the church. Using our Lutheran Biblical interpretation tools, we will explore these texts and seek to build an inclusive interpretation. Join us!



Summer Book Study

This Summer, on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in June and July, we will get together on Zoom for a summer book study. This year, our book is “Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I’ve Loved.” This book is a memoir, written Duke Divinity School professor Kate Bowler, upon her diagnosis with stage four cancer. It is a deeply moving, funny, and insightful book**. Please let Pastor Delaney know if you would like to be part of the book group, beginning Monday, June 7, 2021.**

Parking Lot Communion

As we continue to meet in person and via live-stream for worship, we will continue our practice of parking lot communion through May. Join us for communion in the parking lot at 11am on the following Sundays:

April 4 April 25 May 9 May 23

"Noisy Offering" Becomes "Bonus Offering"

For years, our congregation has offered coins on the first Sunday of every month for a nonprofit or ministry we support. As bank lobbies changed their policies and it became harder to process change donations, we have decided to move away from coins and toward other forms of offering. Starting in April, we will no longer be able to receive coins for organizations. **If you would like to donate to the monthly cause through our new "Bonus offering," please do so by cash or check with "Bonus Offering" in the memo line.**

Neighborhood House – Milwaukee

Take a moment or two and see what's been happening at Neighborhood House!

~ Milwaukee Bucks Pat Connaughton's With Us Foundation has paid for a new gym
~ Winner of the Wells Fargo Peoples' Choice MANDI award
~ Received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Social Responsibility Award sponsored by Froedtert and the Medical College of WI

For these stories and more, visit their website at *https://neighborhoodhousemke.org/*

To make a direct donation to Neighborhood House, feel free to use this link: *https://neighborhoodhousemke.org/donate/*

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	**2** 6pm Good Friday Youtube via Live Stream	**3** Holy Saturday
4 Easter Sunday 10am Worship Live Stream 11am Parking Lot Comm.	**5** Easter Monday Office CLOSED	**6** 	**7**	**8** 	**9**	**10**
11 8:30 Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship Live Stream	**12** 	**13** 7pm Council	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
18 8:30 Bible Study – Zoom 10am Worship Live Stream	**19**	**20** May Messenger Deadline	**21**	**22** 	**23**	**24**
25 8:30 Bible Study – Zoom 10am Worship Live Stream 11am Parking Lot Comm.	**26** 	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	May 1

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS
April 4 – 25

<u>April 4</u> Isaiah 25:6-9 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8		<u>April 11</u> Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20:19-31
<u>April 18</u> Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48		<u>April 25</u> Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Working at Home and…

Pastor Delaney and Dianne Polinske continue to work from home however, Pastor Delaney will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays mornings, while Dianne will be in the office on Wednesday mornings. Pastor Delaney can be reached at (414) 292-6164 or dschlakekruse@gmail.com, Dianne can be reached at StpaulsMKE@yahoo.com

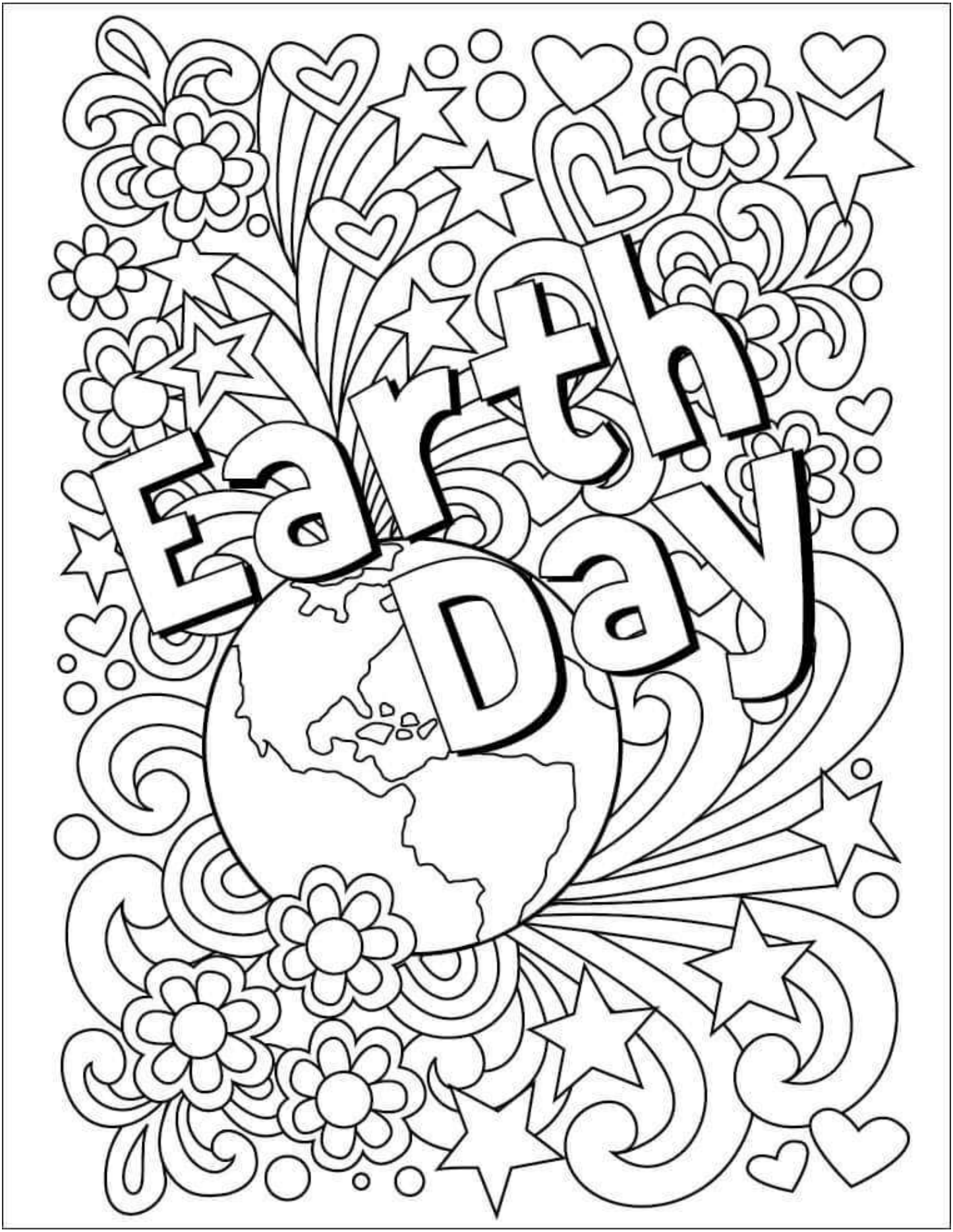
April Birthdays

9th Norman Seeger
10th Bob Bromberek
12th Gordy Anderson
16th Judy Ruehrmund
16th Tricia Monzel
20th Cassia Carter
23rd Ernst Weil
23rd Barbara Benjamin
28th Rita Mastroianni
29th Pastor Matt Kruse
30th Melitta Raddatz

April Anniversaries

10th Ray and Tricia Monzel
28th Kurt and Judy Ruehrmund

Grab your colored pencils, markers or crayons we all know now that these pages aren't just for kids. Take a moment to print (if viewing online) or tear out (if receive at home) and enjoy the relaxing activity of coloring.



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