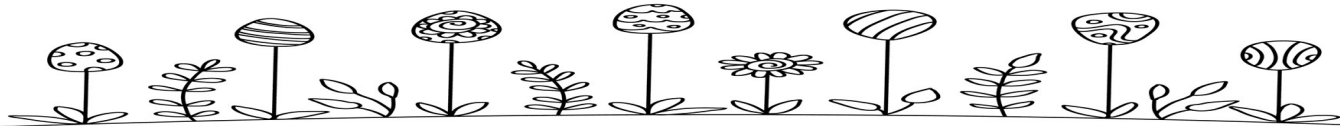


# April 2026



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## Key Dates and Observances

- **April 1** is All Fools' Day—otherwise known as "April Fools' Day."
- **April 1** also marks the beginning of Passover.
- **April 2** is Maundy Thursday—Service at 7:00 pm
- **April 3** is Good Friday. Service at 7:00 pm
- **April 5** is Easter Sunday. Two services 7:30 am and 10:00 am and breakfast 8:30 to 9:30
- **April 22** is Earth Day.
- **April 24** is also National Arbor Day.



# *From the Pastor*

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

April is the month when our hearts and minds turn again to the center of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter is more than a date on the calendar or a tradition we repeat each year. It is the announcement that God has broken the power of sin, fear, and death, and opened a new and living way for us.

On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus willingly carried our sin to the cross. He stepped into our brokenness, our failures, and our pain, and took them upon Himself. The cross shows us how seriously God takes sin—but also how deep His love truly is. “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

On Easter morning, the empty tomb speaks a different word: hope. The stone was rolled away, not so Jesus could get out, but so we could look in and see that He is not there—He is risen. The resurrection means that nothing in your life is beyond God’s reach. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in those who believe. Where we see dead ends, God creates new beginnings.

This Easter, I invite you to do three things:

1. Remember what Christ has done for you personally. Take time to thank Him for His sacrifice and His victory.
2. Renew your trust in the risen Lord. Bring your worries, doubts, and burdens to Him, believing that He is alive and at work.
3. Rejoice and share the good news. There are people around you who need to hear that there is hope beyond what they can see.

Whether you are rejoicing on the mountaintop or walking through a valley, Easter reminds us that the story is not over. Because Jesus lives, we can face tomorrow with courage, live today with purpose, and rest in the promise of eternal life.

May this April be a month of deep gratitude, fresh faith, and renewed joy in the risen Christ.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

In Christ’s love,

Pastor June Wann



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise 7:30 am

Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

Easter Service of the Word and Sacrament 10:00 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT FORUM AT 9:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM**

**Altar Communion-The first Sunday of each month  
celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 2 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM  
April 3 Good Friday 7:00 PM  
April 5 Easter Sunday 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM  
Easter breakfast following 7:30 am Service  
April 6 office is closed

Please send in recipes, adventures, pictures, testimonies by the last week of the month to be included in the monthly newsletter. Let's make our newsletter personalized to us at Faith!

Dear "Faithful" members and friends,

The Pieceworkers of Faith invite you to join our sewing group. We meet most Monday's from 1-3 p.m. in Parker Hall (during the school year) and in the Gathering Place during summer months due to Petite Scholars meeting downstairs.

Our group works on projects for our baptized babies, quilts for shut ins, items to sell at the craft fair as well as small items for hospital distribution.

No quilting knowledge is needed, but sewing skills are helpful.

We enjoy the camaraderie and friendship that we have established and would love for you and your friends/neighbors to join us.

For more information, contact Diane Finley at 610.264.1718 or 610.597.3933 (cell).

Dear friends of the Food Pantry,

We would be grateful for help with the following foods or money to purchase the foods that we need:

Cereal

Juice (non-refrigerated if possible due to limited refrigeration)

Coffee

Pastas (penne, rigatoni, soup noodles, etc.)

Soups

Canned fruits

Canned vegetables

We are extremely grateful for your support to help those experiencing difficult times.

Judy and Shel Ehret

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is an open and caring community of Christ's disciples, ministering through worship, education, fellowship, stewardship, and evangelism.

**THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WHO TIRELESSLY GIVE OF THEIR TIME,  
ENERGY, AND TALENTS TO ENRICH OUR FAITH FAMILY WITH GOD'S GOODNESS**

**THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU**

**MIKE MILLER,**

**DAN HERZOG,**

**SHEL EHRET,**

**RON COLE,**

**BILL FOCHT,**

**BRIAN AND JEFF HOLOBUSKY,**

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**GLORIA SENCHAK,**

**LINDA AND TAMMIE EBERHART**

**KINDALL WANN**

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**WORSHIP TEAMS FOR APRIL 2026**

**APRIL 2 ,3**

**APRIL 5**

**APRIL 12**

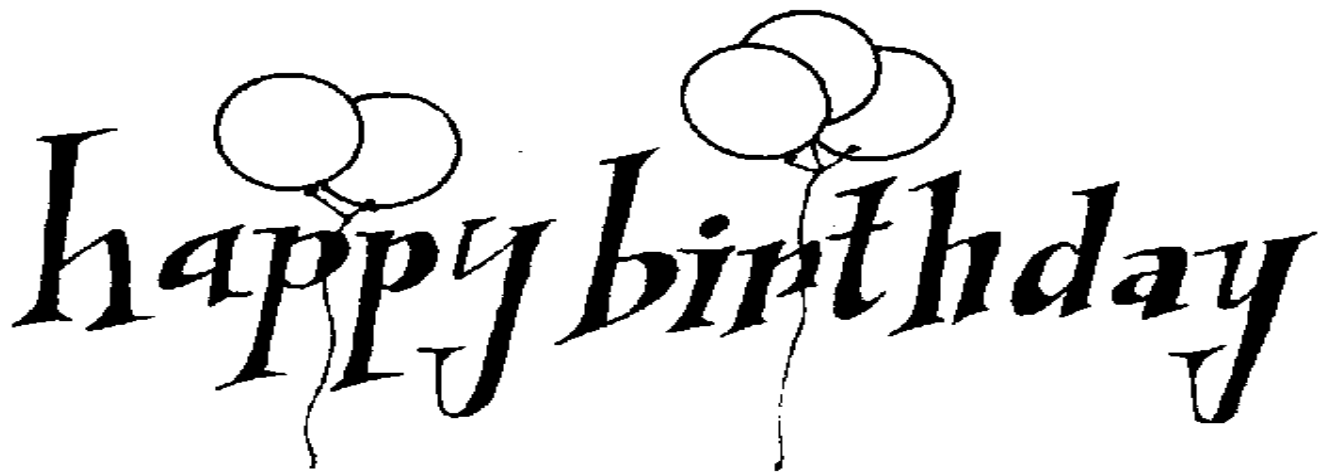
**APRIL 19**

**APRIL 26**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Cathy Haller	Cathy Haller And Charlene Frack	Shel And Judy Ehret	Diane Batza And Pat Masonheimer	Barb Yurasits And Linda Johnston
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Shel Ehret	Karen Blayle	Sue Stahler	Kindall Wann	Kyle Brandt
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<b>GREETER</b>		Pat Walschburger	Dan Herzog	Charlene Frack	Pat Walschburger
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## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> 7:00 pm	3 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> 7:00 pm	4
5 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> 7:30 <u>SUNRISE</u> 8:30 <u>BREAKFAST</u> 10:00 <u>WORSHIP</u> <u>Altar Communion</u> 7:00 PM AA	6 <u>Office closed</u>	7 10:00 AM <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>Noon Light lunch and communion</u> 6:45 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	8 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	9 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:15 pm <u>Bell Choir</u> 7:30 pm <u>senior choir</u>	10	11
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## **BIRTHDAYS**

**RUTH, DONALD 04/01**

**WEHR, WENDY 04/03**

**BUCHVALT, PAULA 04/09**

**HAWKEY, PAULETTE 04/09**

**BALLIET, JACKSON 04/10**

**WAGNER, PEARL 04/11**

**COLBURN, RYLEY 04/12**

**KURRASCH, GUNTHER 04/12**

**ASBATH, ARLENE 04/18**

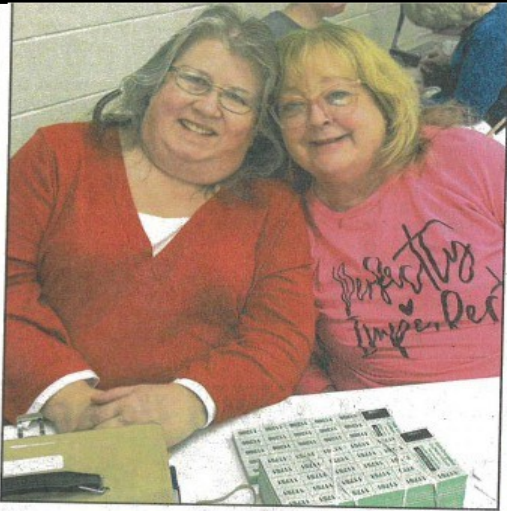
**SPAITS, APRIL 04/20**

**BATZA, DIANE 04/26**

# BASKET SOCIAL 2026



# FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, COMMUNITY 2026 BASKET SOCIAL



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Adele Lemak and Lisa Dieter, of Whitehall, consider a basket with a coffee maker at the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church basket social, held March 7 and 8.

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**BY BILL LEINER JR. SPECIAL TO THE PRESS**

Faith Lutheran, Whitehall, holds two-day fundraiser

**F**aith Evangelical Lutheran Church held a successful basket social March 7 and 8 in the social hall of the church, 3355 MacArthur Road, Whitehall.





**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY**

**FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AT OUR FIRST BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY EVENT!**

**THANK YOU TO THE Social Ministry Committee for all your hard work organizing this celebration!**

## NEPA SYNOD VALUES

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**FAITH**  
(F) FORWARDING  
(A) ALL  
(I) ISSUES  
(T) TO  
(H) HEAVEN

### LOVE like Jesus

God's love extends unconditionally to all creation, enabling us to love God and others. Jesus, embodying this love, calls us to love God and our neighbors as the greatest commandments (Mark 12:28-31). This understanding empowers us to engage compassionately with others.

### HEAL like Jesus

We all need healing, with God as our great healer. Jesus showed that being human involves being wounded, but through God's love, we can live without letting our wounds harm others. By recognizing our brokenness and seeking healing, we can support others with grace, forgiveness, and compassion. Healing is crucial in ministry, and we can trust God's promise to be with us and tend to us.

### ENGAGE like Jesus

Engagement, which involves occupying the attention or efforts of another, helps us build deeper relationships within our churches and community. It allows us to understand and respond to those who are hurting, participate in God's work, and respond to the Spirit's call. To engage effectively, we must remain rooted in God's love, tend to our wounds, and use contemplative practices to notice God's movement and the Spirit's guidance

## FAITH PRACTICES

### Leaning on God

In life's hardest moments, we lean on God in ways we never imagined. While much is beyond our control, we can choose healthy patterns. Prayer and faith practices steady us, shaping each day, strengthening us and anchoring us in God's presence.

### Trusting in the Holy Spirit

In our faith practices, the Holy Spirit is at work in all we do — guiding our worship, shaping our service, stirring us to proclaim good news, and sending us to seek justice and share God's love with the world.

### Lifted Burdens

As we practice faith and trust the Holy Spirit, our burdens grow lighter, our path grows brighter and hope is renewed for the journey ahead. Thanks be to God!

**We do not choose which gifts we will receive. God bestows them upon us through the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**WHICH SPIRITUAL GIFTS HAVE BEEN BESTOWED ON YOU?**

**Administration:** the gift that enables a believer to formulate, direct, and carry out plans necessary to fulfill a purpose. Biblical References: I Corinthians 12:28, Acts 14:23.

**Artistry:** the gift that gives the believer the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration. Biblical References: Exodus 31:1- 11, Psalm 149:3a.

**Discernment:** the gift that motivates a believer to seek God's will and purpose and apply that understanding to individual and congregational situations. Biblical References: John 16:6-15, Romans 9:1, I Corinthians 2:9-16. **Evangelism:** the gift that moves believers to reach nonbelievers in such a way that they are baptized and become active members of the Christian community. Biblical References: Matthew 28:16-20, Ephesians 4:11- 16, Acts 2:36-40.

**Exhortation:** the gift that moves the believer to reach out with Christian love and presence to people in personal conflict of facing a spiritual void. Biblical References: John 14:1, II Timothy 1:16-18, III John 5-8. **Faith:** the gift that gives a believer the eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it all might lead. Biblical References: Genesis 12:1-4a, Mark 5:25-34, I Thessalonians 1:8-10.

**Giving:** the gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously and sacrificially giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure). Biblical References: II Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 21:1-4.

**Hospitality:** the gift that causes a believer to joyfully welcome and receive guests and those in need of food and lodging. Biblical References: Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23a, Luke 10:38

**Intercession:** the gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made, answers will come. Biblical References: Matthew 6:6- 15, Luke 11:1-10, Ephesians 6:18.

**Knowledge:** the gift that drives a person to learn, analyze and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith. Biblical References: I Corinthians 12:8; I Corinthians 14:6, Romans 12:2.

**Leadership:** the gift that gives a believer the confidence to step forward, give direction and provide motivation to fulfill a dream or complete a task. Biblical References: Romans 12:8, John 21:15-17, II Timothy 4:1-5.

**Mercy:** the gift that motivates a believer to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and then act to meet that need. Biblical References: Luke 7:12-15, Luke 10:30-37, Matthew 25:34-36.

**Music--Vocal:** the gift that gives a believer the capability and opportunity to present personal witness and inspiration to others through singing. Biblical References: Psalm 96:1- 9, Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 149:1-2

**Music--Instrumental:** the gift that inspires a believer to express personal faith and provide inspiration and comfort through the playing of a musical instrument. Biblical References: Psalm 33:1-5, Psalm 150, I Samuel 16:14-23.

**Pastoring (Shepherding):** the gift that gives a believer the confidence, capability and compassion to provide spiritual leadership and direction for individuals or groups of believers. Biblical References: I Timothy 4:12-16, I Timothy 3:1-13, II Timothy 4:1-2.

**Service (Helps):** the gift that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled. Biblical References: Luke 23:50-54, Romans 16:1-16<sup>12</sup>, Philippians 2:19-23.

**Skilled Craft:** the gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain or repair items used within the church. Biblical References: Exodus 30:1-6, Exodus 31:3-5, Ezekiel 27:4-

**11. Teaching:** the gift that enables a believer to communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and understood by others. Biblical References: I Corinthians 12:28, Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 18:24-48.

**Wisdom:** the gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers. Biblical References: I Corinthians 2:6-13, James 3:13-18, II Chronicles 1:7-11.

**Writing:** the gift that gives a believer the ability to express truth in a written form; a form that can edify, instruct and strengthen the community of believers. Biblical References: I John 2:1-6, 12-14, I Timothy 3:14-15, Jude 3.

*Every  
good & perfect gift  
is from above. James 1:17*

## **Bishop Curry Issues Statement on Iran War**

Dear siblings in Christ,

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4).*

In our Lenten journey, we are reminded of our dependence on God, and we are sustained by hope in the future peace God has promised. As war involving the United States, Israel and Iran intensifies and spreads, we lament how far off that promise seems. We do not know how many people have been killed, but we know the number will continue to grow. Early reports indicate that more than 100 Iranian schoolgirls and several U.S. service members are among them.

The church of Jesus Christ is called to proclaim the peace of God's eternal reign and to work for an earthly peace here and now. The ELCA social message "Living in a Time of Terrorism" states that this earthly peace is a "precious yet fragile good." Its existence depends on leaders who prioritize diplomacy over military engagement and deterrence over war, and on citizens who hold government accountable whenever military action is considered.

With many of you, I am distressed that a robust, public discernment through congressional authorization did not occur prior to the United States' engagement in this war. As Lutherans, we affirm that government and the order that just laws provide are gifts of God for our safety and well-being. This war does not represent the promotion of this just order but rather its failure.

The costs in lives and safety of this failure will be borne by those least able to avoid it — children, families and those without the means to flee. Its deadly toll has been, and will continue to be, paid with the lives of our neighbors, including our siblings in Christ in the Middle East.

This moment underscores the urgent need for robust, well-resourced diplomatic and humanitarian efforts. Our companions in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land have asked our church to pray fervently for peace and safety and to advocate for the dignity and security of all people. ELCA Witness in Society will continue to provide opportunities for this advocacy.

As members of the body of Christ, join me in prayerful, hopeful solidarity with our siblings and neighbors who suffer today.

Together,

We mourn the rush to war and the combatants and noncombatants who have lost their lives.

We yearn for creation's fulfillment in "a new heaven and a new earth" where death and pain "will be no more" (Revelation 21:1, 4).

We strive for justice and peace in all the earth, strengthened by faith in the crucified and risen Lord to persist.

We trust that, through God who sustains us, our weariness and fear will not overcome us.

In Christ,

The Rev. Yehiel Curry

## Listening, Healing, and Engaging Through Podcast

**Ministry Mission Support makes it possible for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to support creative ministries that reach people in new ways and respond to real needs in our communities.**

One recent example is a podcast project developed by Pastor Kim Truebenbach called *Condemned Happy*, supported through a Witness & Service Grant. The project began with conversations between Pastor Kim and young adults who were wrestling with difficult experiences related to faith and religious communities. Many of these individuals carried deep questions or painful memories connected to their spiritual upbringing. Recognizing a need for compassionate listening and honest conversation, Pastor Kim began exploring how a podcast could create space for people to share their stories and reflect on faith, healing, and hope. Through recorded conversations and storytelling, the podcast offered listeners a place where experiences could be shared without judgment. Rather than providing quick answers or trying to “fix” complex situations, the project focused on something deeply pastoral: listening. In doing so, it embodied the synod’s commitment to love, heal, and engage like Jesus, offering a reminder that sometimes the most faithful response we can offer one another is presence, understanding, and compassion. The project also reflects several of the synod’s ministry lanes. By engaging conversations that resonate with younger generations who often encounter faith discussions online, the podcast reflects the synod’s commitment to Growing Young, meeting people where they are and listening to the questions and experiences shaping their lives today.

**Using accessible digital tools and online platforms, the ministry also demonstrates Gaining Strength, experimenting with new forms of communication that allow the church to connect with people beyond traditional settings. At the same time, the project reflects the spirit of Going Beyond Death to Life, walking alongside individuals who have experienced spiritual hurt or who feel disconnected from church communities. By creating space for reflection and conversation, the podcast invites listeners to rediscover hope, trust, and the possibility of healing in their relationship with faith.**

Technology made it possible for the conversations to reach a wide audience. Episodes were recorded through simple online tools and shared across podcast platforms and YouTube, places where many younger adults already spend time learning and engaging with ideas. According to podcast analytics, the episodes were downloaded more than 260 times, with listeners across the United States and internationally, demonstrating how digital ministry can connect people in unexpected ways. While the podcast created an online space for conversation, its impact was also personal and relational. Pastor Kim noted that several young adults in her extended family began reaching out more frequently for conversation and support, knowing they would be met with openness and compassion. These relationships became opportunities for deeper listening and pastoral care, strengthening trust and connection in meaningful ways. For Pastor Kim, the work became a reminder that faith is often lived out through small but significant acts of presence. Listening carefully, honoring someone’s story, and creating space for honest conversation can become powerful expressions of God’s love at work in the world. **Through ministries like this podcast, we continue to live out our calling to love, heal, and engage like Jesus, trusting that even simple conversations can open doors to deeper understanding and renewed faith. Those interested in exploring conversations can find the *Condemned Happy* podcast on YouTube, where the episodes remain available to listen and share.**

Your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod and ELCA like this one. helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod’s lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus.

## **Let's start our journey through April by exploring its fascinating origins and the meaning behind its name.**

1. April's name is derived from the Latin word "aperire," meaning "to open," referring to the opening or blossoming of flowers and trees in spring.

In Old English, April was known as "Eastermonath," named after the goddess Eostre, associated with spring and fertility.

### **Natural Phenomena and Weather in April**

April brings significant changes in nature and weather patterns across different parts of the world.

The famous saying "April showers bring May flowers" originated from a poem by Thomas Tusser in the 16th century.

April is historically one of the most active months for tornadoes in the United States, with a long-term average of approximately 200 tornadoes during this month.

Cherry blossoms typically reach peak bloom in April in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere, including Japan and Washington D.C.

The Lyrid meteor shower, one of the oldest known meteor showers, peaks annually in mid-April.

### **. "April has been witness to numerous significant historical events that have shaped our world.**

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C.

The R.M.S. Titanic struck an iceberg on April 14, 1912, and sank in the early hours of April 15, resulting in the loss of over 1,500 lives.

The American Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775, with the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred on April 26, 1986, in the Soviet Union (now Ukraine).

### **Cultural Celebrations and Holidays in April**

April is filled with various cultural celebrations and holidays observed around the world.

Earth Day, observed annually on April 22nd since 1970, promotes environmental awareness and protection.

April Fools' Day, celebrated on April 1st, has its roots in ancient Roman festivals and medieval European traditions.

The Boston Marathon, one of the world's oldest annual marathons, is traditionally held on Patriots' Day in mid-April.

### **Famous Birthdays and Anniversaries in April**

April has seen the birth of many influential figures and the commemoration of significant events.

William Shakespeare, the renowned English playwright, was born and died in April (born April 23, 1564; died April 23, 1616).

Leonardo da Vinci, the Italian Renaissance polymath, was born on April 15, 1452.

Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom was born on April 21, 1926.

The first edition of Webster's Dictionary was published on April 14, 1828.

The United States Library of Congress was established on April 24, 1800.

### **April has inspired countless works of literature, music, and popular culture throughout history.**

T.S. Eliot's famous poem "The Waste Land" begins with the line "April is the cruelest month."

The song "April in Paris" by Vernon Duke has become a jazz standard, recorded by numerous artists.

In George Orwell's novel "1984," the story begins on April 4th with the famous line "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen."

The film "April Fool's Day" (1986) is a cult classic horror movie set on April 1st.

In the Harry Potter series, the Battle of Hogwarts takes place on May 2nd, but begins on the evening of April 30th

### **April's Significance in Various Fields**

April holds special importance in diverse areas such as astronomy, sports, and health awareness.

World Health Day, observed on April 7th, commemorates the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948.

April is National Poetry Month in the United States, celebrating the importance of poetry in culture and education

The Masters Tournament, one of golf's four major championships, is traditionally held in early April.

April is Autism Awareness Month, promoting understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorders.

In the Northern Hemisphere, April marks the beginning of the planting season for many crops.

### **Unique April Traditions Around the World**

Different cultures celebrate April with their own unique customs and traditions.

In Thailand, the Songkran Festival, celebrating the Thai New Year, takes place in mid-April with water fights and parades.

The Netherlands celebrates King's Day (Koningsdag) on April 27th, with nationwide festivities and the wearing of orange.

In parts of Germany, people celebrate Walpurgis Night on April 30th, with bonfires and costumes to ward off evil spirits.

The Sechseläuten festival in Zurich, Switzerland, held in April, features the burning of the "Böögg" snowman to symbolize the end of winter. In Japan, Hanami (cherry blossom viewing) parties are a popular tradition throughout April.

### **April's Impact on Nature and Wildlife**

April brings significant changes to ecosystems and animal behavior in many parts of the world.

Many migratory birds return to their breeding grounds in the Northern Hemisphere during April.

April is typically when bears emerge from hibernation in North America.

The spawning season for many fish species begins in April, including salmon in some regions.

Monarch butterflies begin their northward migration from Mexico to the United States and Canada in April.

In the Southern Hemisphere, April marks the beginning of the autumn migration for many bird species.

### **Interesting April Statistics and Records**

April has set some remarkable records and boasts intriguing statistics in various fields.

The highest reliably recorded temperature in April was 122.9°F (50.5°C) in Mardie, Western Australia on April 20, 1998.

The coldest temperature ever recorded in April was -83.9°F (-64.4°C) at Verkhoyansk, Russia on April 5, 1968.

The largest April snowfall on record in the United States occurred in Silver Lake, Colorado, with 83 inches falling on April 14-15, 1921.

According to a 2010 computer analysis by a Cambridge-based company, April 11, 1954, was identified as one of the least eventful days of the 20th century.

The longest-running April Fools' Day hoax was the Swiss Spaghetti Harvest broadcast by the BBC in 1957, which convinced many viewers that spaghetti grew on trees.

April is the only month with an "i" in its name in the English language.

**Faith's Church Council members**

**2026 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Please remember to respect personal and professional responsibilities of the members. If you call or reach out, they will return a call at their earliest convenience.**

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