

WEEKLY NEWS ~ APRIL 15, 2022



EASTER CROSSES



Many thanks to Dave Jordan for putting up our Easter Crosses for Holy Week! We appreciate Dave's hard work and dedication!



SUNDAY SERVICES

We have two services available Sunday morning to celebrate Easter. The first is the Ecumenical Sunrise Service on the beach at Sunset Bay State Park. The Sunrise Service starts at 6:30 am! Gloria Dei's worship service will begin at 10 am in the Sanctuary. There is an Easter Egg hunt for kids starting at 9:15 am, and a Fellowship Time with coffee, juice, and cookies outside after the service.

THANK YOU TO ANGELA

A huge thank you to Angela McAlister for spending a week here with us to train our new Custodian, Sable Stallings. We appreciate Angela's time away from her family to help us here at Gloria Dei!

PALMS

You may have noticed that this year's palms looked a little different than palms in previous years. They were ordered from Eco-palms, and here is some information about them:

These palms are sustainably grown and harvested in Guatemala and Mexico. The forests in which these palms are grown are protected because of the palms being grown there! While these palms are fairly traded, they are not yet Fair Trade certified. The cost of certification would eat up the extra funds being provided as part of the Eco-palms fair trade program. There are several church partners who support the Eco-palms project, including Lutheran World Relief, Presbyterian Church USA Enough for Everyone Program, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22. We will be recognizing Earth day in our service next Sunday.

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Disaster Response, and many ecumenical partners are at work helping in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Here is a link for a YouTube video from a presentation made on March 16 on how Lutheran Disaster Response is helping: (you may have to copy and paste the link into your browser)

ELCA Disaster Response to Ukraine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMUyCUfKcNY>

Please continue to keep Ukraine and her neighbors in your prayers!

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Pray for Ukraine!

# HAPPY EASTER!

