

April 2026

Dear Saints in Christ,

As Spring unfolds, we celebrate Easter – our joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The flowers climbing their way out of their wintry tombs, growing and unfolding into beautiful displays of glory, remind us of Jesus' resurrection out of the tomb. The burst of life that comes every Spring is that yearly reminder for us of the Hope of New Life that Jesus has come to give us.

We don't just celebrate Jesus' Resurrection as a historical event. We don't just "remember" it every year like we do the Fourth of July and the founding of the United States. Jesus died and rose again to give His New Life to us and to promise us our own Resurrection from the dead. St Paul writes to the Corinthians that Jesus is the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. The Offering of the Firstfruits was the Jewish harvest offering to God. The first portion of their harvest would be given to God in the Temple. When that offering was given, you could be sure there would be much more to come. So it is with Jesus. Because He is risen from the Dead, we can be sure that there will be many more who will rise from the dead.

Continued on page 2

And that is our hope. Our hope is the Resurrection from the Dead and the Life Everlasting. Death is not the end for us. Winter ends. And Spring and New Life begin. Death comes for all – and the Resurrection from the Dead that our Lord grants to us is the hope and joy that we carry around in our hearts even in the midst of the coldest and most difficult of times.

Happy Spring – and a most joyful Easter celebration of the Resurrection to you all!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Pastor Brown



Live Stream Volunteers: *Would you like to check out and learn how to stream the church services?? We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help live stream church services. If you are interested, please contact Mike Stauffer*

Central News:

<i>March 27-April 3</i>	<i>Spring Break - No School</i>	
<i>April 9-10</i>	<i>Junior High Musical</i>	
<i>April 13-May 8</i>	<i>ILEARN Testing Window</i>	
<i>April 16</i>	<i>School Board Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>April 17</i>	<i>Charger Spirit Day</i>	
<i>April 18</i>	<i>CLS Gala</i>	
<i>April 20</i>	<i>Kindergarten Orientation</i>	<i>6:30 PM</i>

JOIN US FOR AN

EASTER EGG HUNT

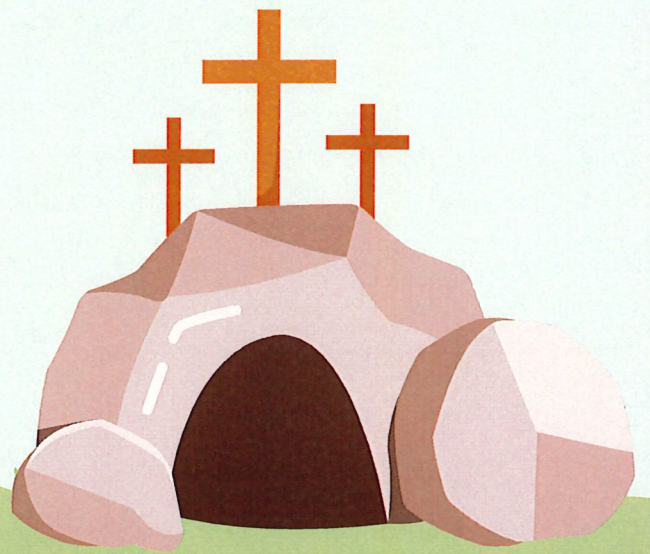
APRIL 4TH 2026 | 10:30AM
EGG HUNT AT 11:00AM

SNACKS AND ACTIVITIES
PRIOR TO EGG HUNT

MARTINI LUTHERAN CHURCH

333 Moeller Road, New Haven, IN 46774

Egg Hunt



Misericordia Activa

An Active Mercy: serving the church in Latin America

News from Deaconess Caitlin Ramirez serving the Lord and His mission.

Did you know?

Do you know the full impact of our church's efforts to spread the gospel throughout Latin America?

- LCMS mission work spans 21 different countries in Latin America.
- Our missionaries and partner churches support 43 church plants.
- 155 schools in 10 countries.
- The church cares for the poor and disabled through 16 different mercy houses across 5 countries.



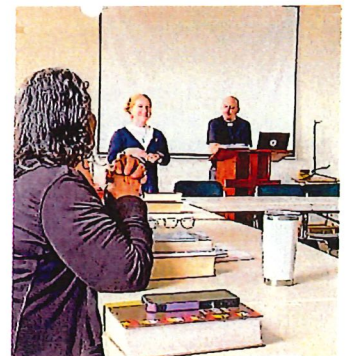
with 12 of these ladies this year. These students are from Cuba and the Dominican Republic. Much of my day-by-day teaching, mentoring and encouraging of the ladies is done online and through technology. In February, I was able to spend time in person with the students in the Dominican Republic.

During this time the students had a full day intensive course on Luther's Small Catechism. This intensive was a part of the larger online course. The students worked to memorize Luther's Small Catechism. I also spent time doing visitation to each student. Visiting them in their homes, learning more about them and their families. It was a joy to eat yummy Cuban food and to spend time in the Word together. I was also able to pray for them and with them about the worries and difficulties that they have.



Teaching the Faith!

Concordia Seminary el Reformador in the Dominican Republic currently has 65 women enrolled in deaconess studies throughout Latin America. I, Deaconess Caitlin, have been working specifically



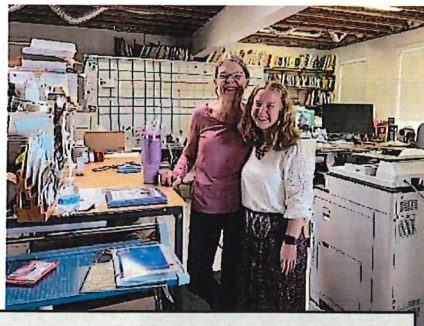
"Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
 teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 for you I wait all the day long.." Psalm 25:4-5



During my home visits with the women, they prepared such wonderful local treats to share with me.
 Left to right: Cuban Student Liana, Mexican Deaconess May, Chilean student Macarena.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Through the VDMA Project, the Lord continues to bless His church by giving the Spanish Speaking church new tools to proclaim the Gospel faithfully. The VMDA Project identifies, translates and publishes confessional Lutheran resources in Spanish for our church. Thanks to a partnership with Good News Magazine, we have been able to distribute these wonderful magazines with articles that teach the faith in a simple and evangelistic way full of pure doctrine and biblical bases. So far we have shared 25 of these great resources.



A visit to Good News Magazine Headquarters in Missouri to meet with our partners.

Join us in prayer to the Lord

Please pray for our Lutheran Church in Cuba and our brothers and sisters who are suffering extreme living conditions. May the Lord encourage them and strengthen their faith even in the midst of this suffering.

Pray by name for the deaconess students from the Dominican Republic: Jesse, Margarita, Leti, Rut, Alba, Erika, and Yesmeri.

We give thanks for the 65 women currently in the deaconess program from 10 countries who have completed two courses with the seminary this year.

We give thanks for the publication of Lutheran materials in Spanish through VDMA. Such as Grace Upon Grace by Dr. Klieng, Good News Magazine and La Palabra del Señor Daily Devotions.

To support our work financially, send a tax-deductible gift marked "Ramirez Family" to:

Mission Central
 40718 Highway E16
 Mapleton, IA 50134

Lutheran Church-
 Missouri Synod
 PO Box 790089
 St. Louis, MO 63179

You can also give online
www.lcms.org/ramirez



Kids Club News:

If you would like to volunteer a day or two to come and read to a classroom, share a devotion, or help with school age activities, please email Sara at Martinkidsclubministry@gmail.com.

Martini Kids Club Ministry – Family Chapel Day Recap

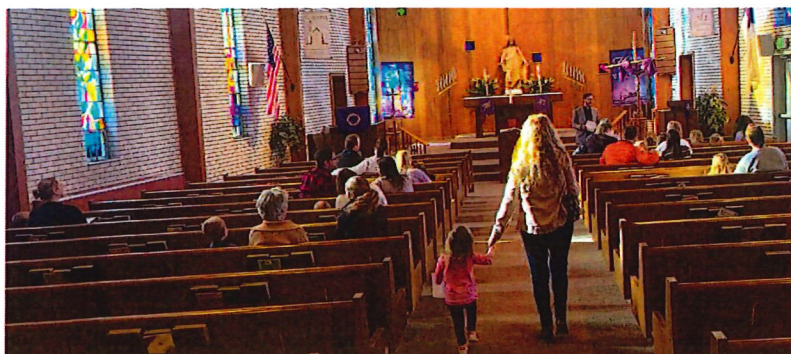
On March 24th, Martini Kids Club Ministry held our 3rd Annual Family Chapel Day. Families were invited to join us for a special morning that included a continental breakfast, a craft, and engaging activities to enjoy together with their child(ren).

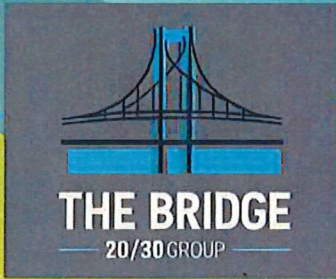
We were thrilled to see such strong participation! Our Wobblers classroom (ages 12–18 months) and Toddlers classroom (ages 19–36 months) had 100% participation from family members. Our Early Learners (ages 3–5 years) had approximately 45% of the class with a special guest attending alongside them.

This event gave us a wonderful opportunity to connect with families beyond the usual drop-off and pick-up times, and it was especially meaningful to meet extended family members who play such an important role in our children's lives.

A BIG thank you to the church members who graciously donated funds to help make this event possible—we truly appreciate your support!

We are already in the planning stages for next year and would love to have even more of our church members join us in person to support this special day!





APRIL EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

7

APR 2026

MEETUP: THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

7PM DINNER MENU & LIVE MUSIC!

..... 2725 TAYLOR ST, FT WAYNE

14

APR 2026

PORCH NIGHT

7PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER

..... 3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

21

APR 2026

BRIDGE DUCKPIN BOWLING NIGHT

7-10PM THE FAIRFIELD - PINHOUSE SOCIAL

..... 1510 FAIRFIELD AVE, FT WAYNE

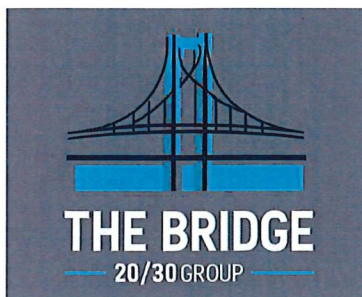
**\$12.50 BURGERS & PINT BEER SPECIAL
& FULL MENU!**

28

APR 2026

THE GARDEN - ANCHOR DEVOTION NIGHT WITH BRIAN LOESEL & BUNCO

..... 3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD, FT WAYNE



Bridge 20/30 – Building Faith and Community for Young Adults

Bridge 20/30 is a growing young adult ministry serving individuals in their 20s and 30s throughout the Fort Wayne area. Started in 2025 by members of local Lutheran churches, Bridge 20/30 provides a welcoming space for young adults—single, dating, or married—to grow in faith, build friendships, and find meaningful community. The group meets every Tuesdays. for Devotions, service opportunities, and social gatherings.

April Schedule:

Bridge 20/30 Group Invites Young Adults to Connect Through April Events in Fort Wayne

The Bridge 20/30 Group is excited to announce its April 2026 event schedule, offering meaningful opportunities for young adults in their 20s and 30s to build community, grow in faith, and enjoy connection in a welcoming environment.

April Event Schedule:

- ***April 7 – Meetup: The Italian Connection***
Join us at 7:00 PM for dinner (order off their menu) and live music at 2725 Taylor St., Fort Wayne.
- ***April 14 – Porch Night***
An evening of connection through listening to The Porch podcast followed by group discussion at 7:00 PM at The Holy Cross Youth Center, 3420 N. Anthony Blvd.
- ***April 21 – Bridge Duckpin Bowling Night***
From 7:00–10:00 PM at The Fairfield – Pinhouse Social (1510 Fairfield Ave.). Enjoy a fun night of bowling, community, & \$12.50 burger & pint special. (Full menu & bar available)
- ***April 28 – The Garden: Anchor Devotion Night with Brian Loesel & Bunco***
A special night of devotion, fellowship, and fun at 3308 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Stay Connected:

Follow Bridge 20/30 Group on Facebook: Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne or Instagram for updates, event details, and future gatherings.

For more information please contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com

Join us for meaningful connections, encouragement, and a sense of belonging!



Concordia Lutheran High School

Concordia Lutheran High School – News for April 2026

April Twilight Tours: A Closer Look at CLHS | April 9 & 16 | 6:00 p.m.

Our Twilight Tours on April 9 and 16 at 6 pm offer a special opportunity for working parents to tour our high school after hours. **Designed specifically for parents of 5th to 8th graders or transfer students**, these tours provide a glimpse into the daily life at Concordia, highlighting:

- Why our students love it here!
- Our extracurricular programs, fostering talent and leadership.
- Admissions, financial aid & scholarship info.
- A taste of Concordia hospitality, with sweet treats to enjoy as you tour.

Please register to join us at go.clhscadets.com/twilight

Concordia's Theatre Department Presents - *Full Swing* - Spring Comedy

Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

"Full Swing" follows the cast and crew of a theater production through a disastrous final rehearsal. The chaos and confusion repeatedly send actors packing, leaving only a ragtag group of swings keeping the show together. Getting the show to its curtain call will require every actor, stage hand, tech crew member, and involuntarily drafted audience member they can muster. The show must go on, even once no one can agree on what show they're even trying to perform anymore, in "Full Swing". This show is written by alumni Mr. Michael Slack and directed by Mr. Chris Murphy and Miss Hannah Mundt.

Register Now for Summer Camps and Classes at Concordia Lutheran High School!

Registration is now open for our Summer Camps and Online Summer School classes. With more than 20 camps to choose from, students entering **Kindergarten through Grade 12 for the 2026-2027 school year** can explore interests in athletics, the arts, technology, music, leadership, and more. **Camps begin June 1 and continue through July 30**, offering flexible options throughout the summer while having fun, making friends, and trying something new.

Online Summer School classes are available for students currently enrolled in the 2025-2026 school year and provide a convenient way to stay on track or get ahead.

Make plans now to learn, grow, and enjoy a fun and engaging summer. Register today to reserve your spot. Find more information and register at clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS

Concordia Lutheran High School to Host Harvard AI Program

Concordia Lutheran High School will host the **AI Startup Sprint & Innovation Program** June 22–24, 2026, in partnership with Harvard Women in Computer Science.

This three-day program is designed for **female students entering grades 6–8** who are interested in technology and innovation. Students will learn how artificial intelligence can solve real-world problems while working in teams to develop a startup idea, build a prototype, and present their pitch during Demo Day.

Participants will receive a **Certificate of Participation from Harvard Women in Computer Science**.

Cost: \$250 per student

Space is limited. Register at: clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS

CENTRAL STAGE PRESENTS

Beauty &

THE

BEAST
Jr.

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN
& TIM RICE

BOOK BY
LINDA WOOLVERTON

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

9:30^{AM} & 7:00^{PM}

DONATIONS ACCEPTED &
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

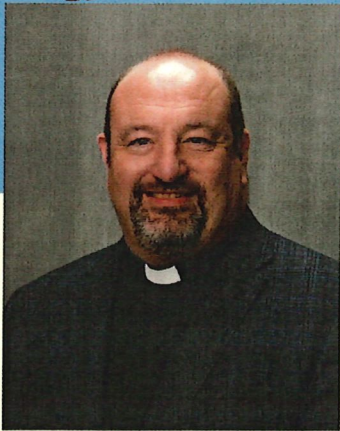
900 GREEN STREET, NEW HAVEN, IN 46774

Join us for our upcoming Celebration and Partnership Dinner

at Salomon Farm Park Wolf Family Center
817 W. Dupont Rd.

Monday, April 13 6:00 PM

Come learn more about us and join us
for a fun and inspiring evening catered by Shigs In Pit!



Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn, STM, DMIN
Concordia Theological Seminary

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions
Vice President of Spiritual Formation
Director of Residential Pastoral Formation Programs
Director of Vicarage and Internship

Dr. Peperkorn graduated from Concordia University Nebraska (CUNE) in 1992, with a BA in pre-seminary studies and history. He is a graduate of CTSFW and completed his DMin at The Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2021.

He has spoken extensively in the Church on topics surrounding mental illness, and clinical depression.

Dr. Peperkorn and his wife, Kathryn (CUNE BS in K-12 music education 1993, Ball State MM 1999), have four children: Renata, Isabella, Richard, and Beata.

PLEASE check appropriate box, TEAR OFF, AND RETURN IN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Credit card number _____ exp date _____ CVV _____

I would like to purchase a ticket/\$50

A table for 8 people/\$400

Sponsor a table with name recognition at event and in ministry communications/\$1000

Event Sponsor \$5000(includes table - call for details)

I cannot attend and would like to make a donation

\$ _____.

**Emanuel
Lutheran Church**

Thursday

April 23, 2026

9:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Friday

April 24, 2026

9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE



Shop for

CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES

FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

BOOKS, GAMES, AND TOYS

KITCHEN WARE

HOME DÉCOR

AND MUCH MORE

Friday only — \$3.00 Bag Sale

**Emanuel Lutheran
Church**

Ladies Society

**800 Green Street
New Haven, IN 46774**

Phone: 749-2163

Email: churchoffice@emanuelnh.org



Contact Information:

Pastor Kyle Brown

Office: (260) 749-0014 *100

Email: kyle.ev.brown@gmail.com

Martini Kids Club Ministry

Phone: (260) 749-0014 *200

Email: Martinkidsclubministry@gmail.com

Church Office:

Phone: (260) 749-0014 *300

Email: martinichurchoffice@gmail.com



MARTINI LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND KIDS CLUB MINISTRY

Member Spotlight

Do you have a child in sports, arts, military, ect... that maybe we can spot light? We would love to continue to celebrate our members so again, please share any exciting news with the office so we can share it with the whole congregation.

2nd/3rd grade Operetta @ Central Lutheran School on February 27th, 2026



Ezra Lee August Brown Baptism March 8th, 2026



Central Lutheran School invites you to

Be Our Guest
at
The Enchanted Gala

Join us for a magical evening to celebrate the many blessings
God has given us through Central Lutheran School

APRIL

18

5:00 PM

Central Lutheran School Gymnasium
900 Green Street | New Haven IN 46774



Purchase tickets at www.cluth.org/gala
or scan the QR code below



April 2026 Bulletin Sentences

April 5, 2026

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Your children do not have identical lives or identical needs. What may be good for one might not be good for the other. Being wise about how much inheritance to give, how to give it and when to give it, are all important questions as you look to be a faithful steward of God's things. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can listen to your family story and offer some suggestions about how to care for your family the best. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

April 12, 2026

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Should you let your family members know the details of your gift plan from your estate, for family and ministry? It depends on many circumstances. But if at all possible, it is a great thing to draw family members in at the time of planning, to celebrate God's blessings together and to inform family members of your intentions so that they can do their part of honoring those intentions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in those conversations. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

April 19, 2026

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Many people choose one of their family members to serve in the role of personal representative, trustee or in the power of attorney role. There should always be alternates chosen as well. It is wise to communicate this plan to family before the Lord calls you home, so family members are ready to each do their parts to help carry out your faithful stewardship plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can discuss and pray with you about your choices and the communication of those choices. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

April 26, 2026

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Letting your family know about your estate gift plans is especially crucial regarding the charitable desires you have. Even if you choose not to share all the details of the inheritance you plan to give them, you should communicate the list of ministries you desire to support and why. This way, those family members will have clear insight into the details included in your estate plan, instead of heads filled with questions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in sorting through which conversations you want to have. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

April 2026 Newsletter Article

Bart asked his friend Dave this question: “Have you let your children know the details of your estate plan?”

That question unleashed a much more dramatic response from Dave than Bart was expecting. “No way. I want it to be a surprise. My kids have no business knowing what we have, or how we plan to disperse it after we are gone. I don’t want them to feel entitled to my stuff, hoping I will die soon so they get it all.”

While harsh, elements of this response may be present in many, even among Christians, let’s break it down a bit. First, we begin by reminding ourselves that the things in our lives are really not “our” things, but God’s things, which He has asked us to manage faithfully on His behalf, to share Jesus with our families and the world around us. Second, not having discussions with children about inheritance robs them of hearing from you your understanding of blessing, and your intentions to respond from a life of faith in managing those blessings. Third, if you are asking family members to carry out estate roles (personal representative/trustee) someday, you need to be giving them clear guidance so they can make sure your God-directed desires are carried out.

Family dynamics can be challenging, especially where sin has left its mark. However, it is crucial, if possible, to communicate your faith and your intentions to family, in an effort to celebrate Jesus together, especially His grace shown on the cross. We don’t want to leave these matters dangling. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you to know your plan well, to express your faith clearly and to prepare for family conversations. For help, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

Announcement for the newsletter for churches



On Saturday, May 2nd, The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center will host its 6th Annual Community 5K Walk/Run, taking place in the neighborhood surrounding the center. This event is a great opportunity for families, friends, and neighbors to come together for a fun and healthy activity while supporting an important cause in our community.

Early bird registration is just \$20 per person through March 31st and guarantees a race T-shirt. **After March 31st, registration will be \$25,** and participants will receive a T-shirt **while supplies last. Children 9 and under participate for free,** making this a great event for the whole family.

Grab your friends, bring the kids, and join us for a morning of community, fitness, and fun!

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd is an LCMS organization that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. By providing healthy cooking classes, distributing diapers, and connecting people to services through quarterly health fairs, Shepherd strives to fulfill the mission of *'reaching out in the city by caring for the Shepherd's people, daring to be the Shepherd's hands, and sharing the Shepherd's love.'*



LUTHERAN NIGHT

2026 OUTING WITH THE FORT WAYNE TINCAPS

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 16**

**GAME TIME:
7:05PM**

SCAN TO ORDER TICKETS



DONATION

\$1.00 from each ticket will be shared with Lutheran Social Services of Indiana's Financial Stability Program that builds skills in managing money, overcoming financial barriers, and develops healthy financial habits.

SPECIAL DRAWING FOR TICKET ORDERS

(For orders received prior to Friday, May 15)

Prizes Include: \$50 gift certificate to The Orchard Team Store, an autographed team bat, a chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch & more.

POSTGAME FIREWORKS

Enjoy a spectacular fireworks display, shot directly from the field!

FAMILY FEAST NIGHT (PRESENTED BY US FOODS)

Every Tuesday night, fans can enjoy discounts on select concession items including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, pizza slices and more!

← Order tickets online at by scanning the QR Code with your phone or tablet.

Only ticket orders received prior to Tuesday, June 2nd will receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.

LUTHERAN NIGHT • TICKET ORDER FORM • TUESDAY, JUNE 16

School/Church Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ ext. _____

Email: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check (Payable to Fort Wayne TinCaps)

VISA Mastercard Discover

Card #: _____ Exp: ____/____ 3 Digit # on Back (For Security Reasons): _____



TICKETS	#	PRICE	TOTAL
Lutheran Night Tickets		\$14	
Add. Donations (optional)			
TOTAL			

Please select how you would like to receive your tickets:

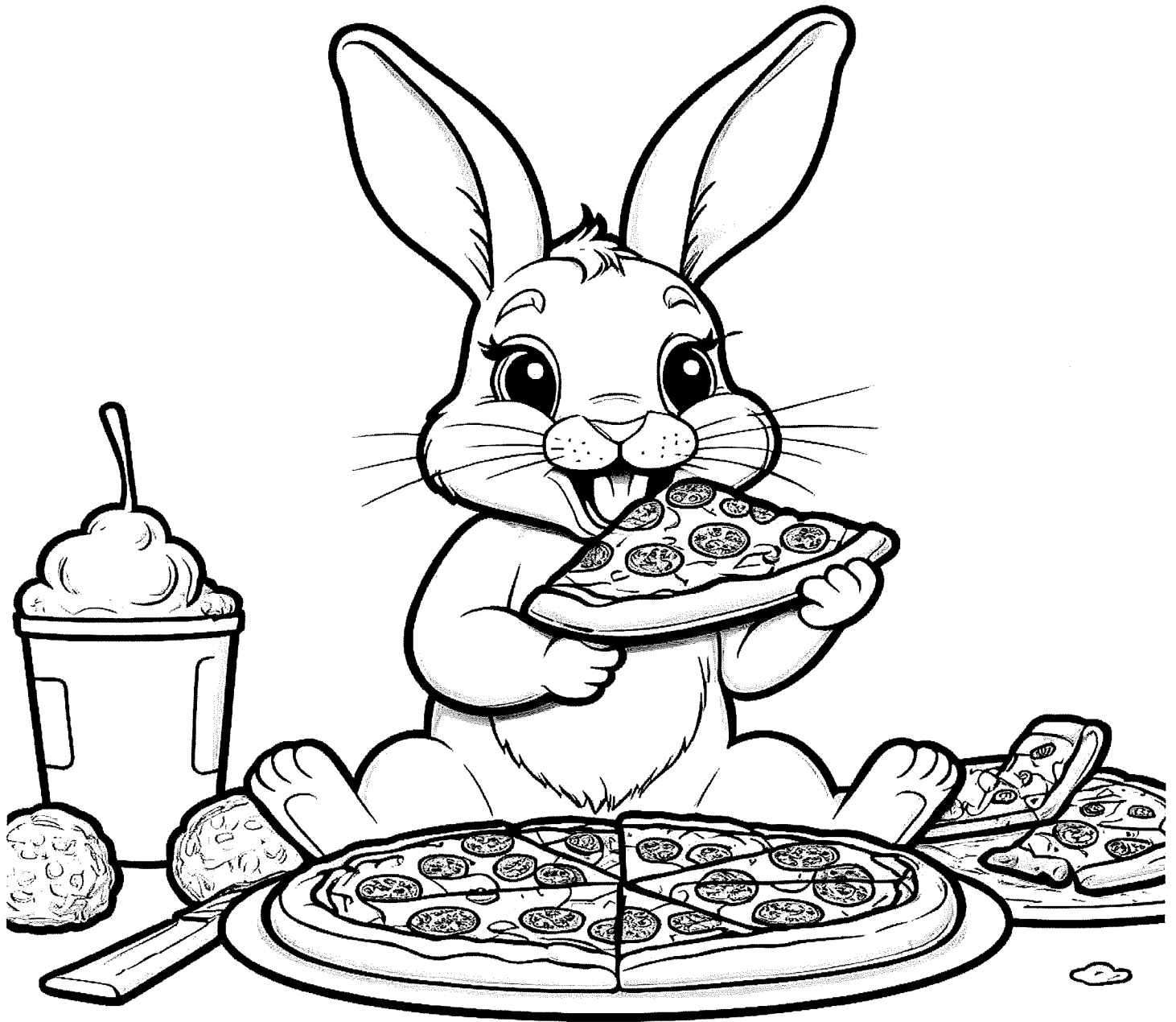
Text Email

FORT WAYNE TINCAPS • LUTHERAN NIGHT • 1301 EWING STREET • FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PHONE: (260) 407-2801 • FAX: (260) 471-4678 • TINCAPS.COM

April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 SUNRISE 6:30 AM breakfast between services Festival 9:00 AM Easter Sunday	6 Church office and Kids Club CLOSED Easter Monday	7 KC Chapel 9:15am	8 Service 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	9 CLHS Twilight tours for 5 th -8 th graders 6:00pm	10 CLS Beauty and the Beast JR 9:30am and 7:00pm	11 Fellowship in use
12 Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class following service	13 BOE 7:00pm Staff Meeting 9:15am	14 Diners Club 6:00pm Cebollas KC Chapel 9:15am	15  Elders 2:30pm Service 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	16 CLHS Twilight tours for 5 th -8 th graders 6:00pm	17	18 CLS Enchanted Gala 5:00pm
19 Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class following service	20 Staff Meeting 9:15am	21 KC Chapel 9:15am Council 7:00pm	22 Service 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	23	24	25
26 VOTERS Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class following service	27 Staff Meeting 9:15am	28 KC Chapel 9:15am	29 Service 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	30		

Happy Easter



Happy Easter Kids

Color this page and bring it to your local Papa Johns

To get a

FREE SMALL CHEESE PIZZA

With any pizza purchase
Carry Out only

Expires 5/1/2026

Limit 1 per child present at time of purchase. Discount will be taken off at the register.
Advance orders appreciated.

PAPA JOHNS

**Better Ingredients.
Better Pizza.**