

## **Church Action Opportunities for April 2024 [C.H.A.O.!]**

*ALL engagements in ALL areas of ministry here at Our Lord's for April.*

*Please:*

*READ ~ PRAY ~ and then CHOOSE what God calls you to  
in addition to your ongoing presence and support.*

*Use designated envelope/memo line on checks/website through VANCO.*

**NEW THIS MONTH:** Did you know April is Arab American Heritage Month? It was declared a National Heritage Month by President Joe Biden in 2021. Go to <https://www.history.com/topics/21st-century/arab-american-heritage-month> to find links on immigration history and demographics.

EARTH DAY is April 22nd this year! What are your plans to honor God's creation on this day?

### **CHURCH & SOCIETY IS HOLDING UP:**



~ **THANK YOU to Amanda Dawabsheh**, advocate for students at U.S. Grant Elementary as an ESL teacher in training and former Parent Coordinator. Amanda helped us to see more clearly the passion and commitment of refugee families who have escaped inhumane circumstances to help their children have a better life. Amanda's gift of time and heart is so very appreciated. The continued partnership sustained by the Veit family and the generous hearts of Our Lord's congregants provides an opportunity for us to continue to learn, grow, and serve.



~ **APRIL 1ST IS THE GATHERING SERVICE DAY!** Gather in the church parking lot at 3 p.m. to carpool to The Gathering. Plan on returning around 6:30 p.m. Contact Margo Hoelzer ([Margohoelzer@gmail.com](mailto:Margohoelzer@gmail.com)) if you are interested in serving.



~ **Social Action Day Virtual Event** hosted by UWF is happening on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The topic is "**Ending Mass Incarceration in Wisconsin.**" EACH PERSON SHOULD REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY ONLINE at

<https://wisconsin-reg.brtapp.com/UWInfaithsocialactionday2024>. Please register by **April 9, 2024**. The Zoom link and additional info will be sent on April 11, 2024.

Click the following link for speaker information: <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/>

**Two Watch Parties for this event** are in our area:

1. *Community United Methodist Church*, 147 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove  
Contact Person: Kathy Hartke [kdhartke@gmail.com](mailto:kdhartke@gmail.com)
2. *West Allis Blessed Hope United Methodist Church*, 3117 S. 107th St., West Allis  
Contact Person: Marie Garnhart [smgarnhart@gmail.com](mailto:smgarnhart@gmail.com)



~ **Bag Lunch Assembly Day** to support the clients of the **Cathedral Center** is coming on April 14th, after church. You can participate by signing up to bring items to create the lunch, by helping to assemble the lunches, or maybe even both! This will be an intergenerational opportunity so bring those kiddos and grandkids. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to help us plan well.

**OVER**



~ **Laundry Detergent** will be our collective offering in **April and May** for the **New Berlin Food Pantry** and **Rooted and Rising**. Please note that **Rooted and Rising** needs **high-efficiency laundry soap** for their washers.



~ April 2nd is **VOTING DAY**. Thank you to those at Our Lord's who serve as Poll Workers. **The United Methodist Church affirms the right to vote for all adult citizens as a basic human right**. Use your voice and exercise your right to vote.

## ONGOING



~ **Thank you** for your donations of **toilet paper** shared with the **New Berlin Food Pantry** and **Rooted and Rising: Washington Park** to help fulfill their wish list.



~ Check out the **Mission Corner** located behind the Welcome Table to learn how to further support **The Cathedral Center** as well as **Rooted and Rising** through Amazon Wish List shopping. Take an information tag to assist you in accessing various opportunities to donate.

**Cathedral Center:** <https://cathedral-center.org/donate/>

**Rooted and Rising:** <https://www.rootedandrisingwp.org/donate>

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1BT36JIW8CS8Q/ref=cm\\_wl\\_search\\_bin\\_1\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1BT36JIW8CS8Q/ref=cm_wl_search_bin_1_1)



~ Follow the link to view the recording of "**Methodists in Palestine in a Time of War**" organized by UMKR and MFSA.

<https://www.mfsaweb.org/resources/methodists-in-palestine-in-a-time-of-war?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=2b3bfd33-b62f-4d6e-850e-46845ade69f9>



~ Continue to pray for Gaza. Go to [www.umcjustice.org](http://www.umcjustice.org) to learn how to contact your legislators concerning issues of peace with justice.



~ **United Methodists for Reproductive Justice** has a link for those who missed the Lenten Series found on their YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElyzuzKUVhg>



~ **Join us** for our next Church and Society meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Room.



~ Borrow books from the Church library often (located in Fellowship Hall).



~ Ongoing collection of plastic bags/packaging in TREN bins in the Narthex.



~ Please hold The Gathering in prayer and watch for dates to serve!



~ (Reuse) B.Y.O.C.C. – Bring Your Own Coffee Cup on Sundays for fellowship. Fill it, enjoy it, use it as an ice breaker in getting acquainted, take it home, wash it, reuse it, or change it up!

### ***Our Lord's Mission and Vision Statements***

*To actively love our neighbors and proclaim God's unchanging love and mercy in everything we do.*

*As a community, Our Lord's UMC seeks to transform ourselves and the world by following Christ, welcoming ALL, serving others, and promoting social justice.*