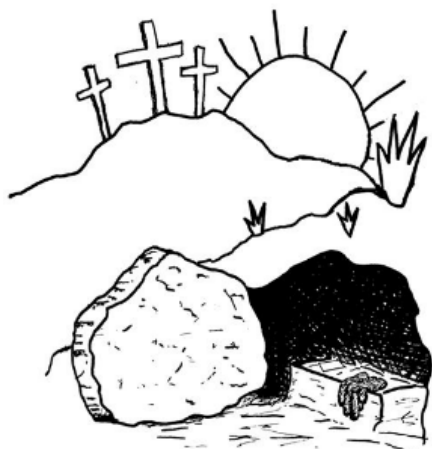


St Paul's Ripples

April 2026

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus



He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6

Where does the risen Jesus appear to you? Is it in a garden of grief, as he appeared to Mary Magdalene? Maybe Jesus breaks into the locked room of your heart to proclaim peace and breathe the new life of the Holy Spirit into you? Or a windswept beach, where Jesus calls to you to join him around the fire as he feeds your soul? Maybe Jesus takes you on a little walk down the beach, just you and he, as he releases you from your sense of failure and guilt?

The empty tomb changes everything! Easter is the realization of all God's promises – nothing can separate us from God's love; God walks with us through the valley of the shadow; God saves us and restores us to relationship with God and neighbor; God give us life abundantly.

Wherever you go this Easter season, Jesus is there before you. Jesus walks with you and brings resurrection to your life. Look for those signs of new life as you see the new life of spring blossoming around us.

May the God who spoke life into creation, the Son who burst forth from the grave, and the Spirit who renews life in us all, bring renewal and re-creation into you throughout the Easter season and always.

Easter Blessings,
Mother Ramona

April's Skipping Stones

Like skipping stones in God's hands, may we create ripples in our lives and the lives of those in our community!

Wine and Word Join us every Tuesday at 7 at Mosaic for a look at the readings for the next Sunday. Bring your Bible!

Pub Theology at the Bank Saloon (corner of 4th and Main), April 8 at 7:00pm. Join us for fellowship and a discussion of how life and faith intersect. This month's topic is **What Is It You Are Doing With Your Life? God, Calling and Vocation**. Vocation and calling are not just for the clergy! Everyone has a calling. This session will help you think about how you might be called.

Crafternoon: Join us on April 11th at 2pm for a fun afternoon of crafts. This month we welcome Laura Dreitz. In addition to teaching art at Flandreau school, Laura teaches adult clay craft classes. She is coming to teach us how to make clay mugs from sheets of clay. Don't worry if you're not very craft-inclined! Laura makes it easy to do!



The cost of the class is \$20, and includes next month's Crafternoon, where we will paint our mugs. Please let Mother Ramona know by April 10th if you are attending.



TEC Sunday is April 19! Churches all over the diocese will be holding a TEC Sunday on April 19th. TEC's new website is live at thunderheadec.org, and summer camp registration is officially open. Families may register online, and paper forms are available for congregations who prefer them. Mother Ramona is the pastor in residence for Family Camp week June 15-18. We will be taking a special offering on April 19th for TEC.

Coming In May! Adult confirmation – Everyone is welcome as Pub Theology shifts to exploring faith and what it means to be an Episcopalian. We will be using the book: Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers, by C.K. Robertson and Ian S. Markham. We will have a session in May, June, and July, so we're ready to be confirmed when Bishop Jonathan visits on August 2. Please let Mother Ramona know if you would like to be a part of this group.

Youth confirmation – If you are under 21 and would like to be confirmed, please contact Mother Ramona. There will be confirmation preparation classes/events. Once she knows who would like to participate, dates will be scheduled in consultation with parents. Confirmation is on August 2nd when Bishop Jonathan is visiting.

Mother Ramona's April Schedule: There are two events in April Mother Ramona is required to attend. The first is SD Synod Spring Theological Conference. She will be gone from the afternoon on Sunday April 12 through the afternoon on Tuesday, April 14. The second event is the Diocese Clergy Retreat, April 27-30.

EYC Happenings: EYC meets April 15 for game night. The last 2 meetings of the year are April 29, activity TBD and May 6, graduation send off and end of year party.

Vestry: The next vestry meeting is April 19th after the potluck.

Weekly events

Due to Mother Ramona's travel schedule, there will be no office hours on April 13, 14, 27, and 28th and no Wine and Word on April 14 and 28th, and no Midweek Worship on April 29th.

Monday: Mother Ramona's office hours, 11am-1pm in the SDSU Student Union, April 20th only

Tuesday:

Mother Ramona's office hours

1st & 2nd Tuesday – 3-6pm at Kool Beans

4th Tuesday – 1-4pm at Cottonwood on Main

3rd Tuesday – 1-4pm at Chocolate

5th Tuesday – 11-2 at Mission Coffeehouse

Wine and Word 7pm at Mosaic, Sunday text Bible study.

Wednesday:

Midweek worship at 1:30pm

1st & 5th Wednesday: St Paul's

3rd Wednesday: Edgewood Care Facility

2nd Wednesday: Cottonwood on Main

4th Wednesday: University Lutheran Center

Pub Theology – 2nd Wednesday 7:00pm at the Bank

Sunday Coffee and refreshments in Thorburn Hall 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday.

Pancake Breakfast 1st Sunday and Potluck 3rd Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

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