

## **Easter services set**

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

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A number of Easter services are scheduled at area churches this weekend. The following churches have planned special events:

### **Assembly of God**

Friday, April 2, Holyoke's Assembly of God Church will host a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. with communion and baptisms. On Easter Sunday, a breakfast is scheduled in place of Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and the 10:30 a.m. worship service will include a special musical program.

### **First Baptist Church and Vida Abundante**

On Good Friday, First Baptist Church and Vida Abundante will have a combined English/Spanish service at 7 p.m. A sunrise service is also planned for Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 a.m. at the site of the new church, just south of Melissa Memorial Hospital, with the message in both English and Spanish. A breakfast will take place afterwards at the church from 7:30-8:30 a.m. with the regular Easter Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

### **First Christian Church**

Regular Sunday services will be held at the First Christian Church April 4 with services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

### **First United Methodist Church**

A noon luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 at the First United Methodist Church in Holyoke. That evening, special speaker Wesley Schoel will present "Power of One: Kingdom Transformation." Good Friday service will be April 2 at 7 p.m., and a combined Easter Sunday service will be April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

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### **Fairfield Covenant Church**

Fairfield Covenant Church is planning an Easter breakfast Sunday, April 4 at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Easter service.

### **Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church**

A Maundy Thursday service will take place April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church. Then they will have a 12-hour prayer vigil from 8 p.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday. On Sunday, meet at the corner of 54 and U at 6 a.m. to travel to the top of Old Baldy for a sunrise service. A breakfast will follow at the church with the Easter service at 9:30 a.m. An Easter egg hunt for the children will wrap up the events on Sunday.

### **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

St. Patrick's Catholic Church will have Holy Thursday Mass of Christ's Last Supper on April 1 at 7 p.m. and Good Friday Veneration of the Cross and Eucharist April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil will be Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m., and Easter Sunday Mass will be April 4 at 1 p.m.

### **St. Paul's Lutheran churches**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Amherst will have a Good Friday service April 2 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday breakfast potluck will be held at 7:30 a.m. followed by a 9 a.m. service.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Venango is planning a Maundy Thursday worship service April 1 at 7 p.m. A sunrise service will be held Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m. followed by a potluck breakfast.

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### **Venango Community Church**

Venango Community Church is planning Passover/Seder Friday, April 2 at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday events include breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and a service at 9:30 a.m.

### **Zion Lutheran Church**

Holyoke's Zion Lutheran Church will have a Maundy Thursday service April 1 at 7:30 p.m. as well as a Good Friday service April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. in place of Sunday school. A balloon launch will follow.