



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 8, 2025

*This Sunday, April 13, the
Community Choir will present
"THE ROSE OF CALVARY"*

*at First Christian Church, at 4:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited to attend. The event is
sponsored by the Area Ministerial Alliance.
A freewill donation will be received
to help defray expenses.*

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL:
Saturday 4/12, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
CHOIR DRESS REHEARSAL:
Saturday 4/12- 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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the
ROSE OF CALVARY

by Joseph M. Martin
with Narration by Pamela Martin
Orchestration by Brant Adams



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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. Holy Week
Communion Service, at the church
Friday, April 19- Good Friday Service at the VG
United Methodist Church (watch for details)
Sunday, April 20, 7:30 a.m. SonRise Service at
the church; 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the
Fellowship Hall; 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
No Sunday School or Youth Group on April 20

APRIL 6

Worship & Nursery 84
Sunday School 57

Nursery 0
Preschool Class 3
Sunday Morning Celebration 3
King's Kids 3
Blessed Believers Class 13
The Fellowship Class 28
Chosen Ones Class 7

OFFERING: \$6,005.00
Spendable 5,410.00
Memorial 595.00



Wednesday, April 9
Elders meeting- 6:00 p.m.
Board meeting- 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10
Women's Christian Fellowship- 6:30 p.m.
Hostess: Sarah Cannon; Devotions:
Janet Cassida; Missions: Karen Williamson

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Darrell Hinkle- doing well after surgery; getting up to walk today
 Sarah Hughes- starts radiation
 Sonja Jones- sciatica and back pain
 Neal Russell (Don Russell's son)- muscle repair surgery
 Parker Wells (Hinkle's grandson)- had surgery on little finger after baseball injury
 Prior Wells (Hinkle's grandson)- leaving the nursing facility for home today; will be in a wheelchair for three months
 Watson's and Williamson's- travel mercies, headed for home!

Villa Grove First Christian Church-

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the meal for the family. Both were greatly appreciated. The love shown along with your thoughts and prayers were appreciated most of all.

Thanks.

THE FAMILY OF BECKY RUSSELL



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your encouraging words, cards and gifts. Always you have been there for our family. Thank you for the wonderful words for the passing of my dad. Also, thank you for being there for our kids.

SARAH & SHELBY HUGHES

Thank you so much!

JERRY HUGHES



The next PRAYER & COFFEE time will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 a.m.

at the Lazy Day Café on Main Street in Villa Grove

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME HAVE BREAKFAST & JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER!

THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE SOUTH HALLWAY BULLETIN BOARD FOR ITEMS FOR THE EASTER BREAKFAST! NEEDED ITEMS ARE: BREAKFAST CASSEROLES, PASTRIES AND MIXED FRUIT.



Significance of Passover for Christians

4/7/2025

For Jews around the world, Saturday, April 12, is the beginning of the earliest of the Jewish festivals. This one is known as Passover. The week-long holiday celebrates the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt and their journey to the Promised Land. Passover reminds the Jews that God "passed over" the houses of those who had sprinkled a sacrificed lamb's blood on the doorposts and lintel of their house. The celebration is filled with prayers, worship, gratitude and a Passover meal (Seder). This meal includes unleavened bread, bitter herbs, and sacrificed lamb. It is a significant celebration for Jews. But does Passover have any meaning for Christians? Absolutely.

It was during Passover that Jesus gathered with His disciples to eat the Seder meal just prior to His crucifixion. During that meal, Jesus instituted His own supper of remembrance. He gave them unleavened bread which meant more than the Jewish "bread of haste." Since yeast was a symbol for sin, yeast-free bread is the perfect representation of Jesus. Jesus also gave his disciples a cup to drink representing His blood. Jesus equates himself with the perfect, spotless, lamb of Passover whose shed blood was the sign for the angel of death to pass over that house. The difference is that Jesus is the only perfect lamb who could be sacrificed to save believers from our sin and bring us into eternal life.

Finally, Passover is a celebration of God's faithfulness to his covenant promise to provide Israel with a "Promised Land" home. Through incredible power, God led the Israelites out of their bondage and into a land flowing with milk and honey. With Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, His disciples are reminded that God is faithful to keep His promise to bring us into a new *promised land*. A home we call heaven.

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Scott Beccue Jerry Hughes
 John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
 Bob Dower

APRIL 13, 2025

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Bill Akers (Front) Margaret Black (South)

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Dowler/Hughes

Nursery: Worship: Becky Sinkes SS: Cecile Eisenmenger

Serving: B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, M. Hughes

Elder-On-Call for April: BOB DOWLER (217)549-9791

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO
 Eagle Pass, Texas
 Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

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