

## What Do You Know About Communion?



Pastor John has scheduled a special guest to come to First Lutheran Church next Wednesday. His name is Dr. Brian Crawford. He will be coming from Dallas to speak to us about Passover – Christ (Messiah) in the Passover. This will be a unique event for us as this will

be from an entirely Jewish perspective. It is helpful for us to remember that our Christian faith is the fulfillment of Judaism.

Let me share something I read with you. It's an article by Kirsten Hart, a Christian woman who works for a Messianic Jewish ministry. She writes, in her article, *A Not-So-Christian Ordinance*

*“Everyone who partook of the bread and wine in the upper room were fully Jewish. Many Christians don't realize that the unleavened bread and wine that Jesus shared with His disciples that night were only parts of the Jewish festival of Passover.*

*“The bread and wine do not make sense unless you understand the whole Passover Feast. ... As a child, I remember going to the Presbyterian Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey to attend various services with my parents. I enjoyed their communion because they had fluffy loaves of fresh-baked bread. Each of us would walk to the front and treat off a piece of the loaf to represent the Body of Christ.*

*“Years later, as I learned that yeast represents sin, I realized that Passover bread would never have yeast in it. The seminary had it all wrong. Why? Because they didn't understand the “Jewishness” of Communion. It always has been and always will be part of the whole Passover Feast. And until we Believers understand God's provision for His Chosen People who were slaves in Egypt (which represented through the Feast), we cannot fully understand the significance of Communion.”* (Hart, K. (2023, April) *A Not-So-Christian Ordinance*. Levitt Letter. Dallas, TX)



May I please encourage you to attend the upcoming event April 5, Wednesday NEXT WEEK. It will be a very informative time not to mention some very good fellowship.



## Dr. Brian Crawford

Brian grew up in San Diego, CA in a loving evangelical Christian home. His parents instilled into Brian's childhood a love for God and a passion for God's Word.

When he was 16, he had a radical experience of the grace of his Messiah, and he became born again. While in college, Brian visited Israel with his church.

That 2005 trip opened his eyes to the need for Jewish evangelism. When he returned to California, he continued studying Structural Engineering, but his heart was focused on getting the Gospel to Jewish people.

After three years of practice as an engineer, Brian joined staff with Chosen People Ministries and moved to Brooklyn with his wife, Liz, in 2011.

Brian graduated with his Master of Divinity in Messianic Jewish Studies in 2015, and is currently studying for his Doctor of Ministry degree at Talbot School of Theology. (Dr. Crawford recently received his doctorate.)

However, his primary focus is on reaching Jewish people in the next great missions' frontier - the Internet.

Brian's focus in ministry is Messianic Apologetics - defending our faith in Jesus to a Jewish audience. Dr. Crawford is the Project Director for Chosen People Answers, a soon-to-be-released online community focused on making a case for Jesus as the Messiah of Israel. This evangelistic website is not yet published, but is currently under active construction.

Brian loves original language study, church history, eschatology, computer technology, photography, soccer, and being a dad to his two kids.

Learn more about Chosen People Answers at [www.chosenpeopleanswers.com](http://www.chosenpeopleanswers.com).

## April 2023

### Communion

#### Deacon:


Bill Heierding

#### Alternate:

Chuck Gray

Altar Guild:

Laura Waller



DATE	LAY READER		
2	Bill Heierding		
6	Gary Jo Lee	6	Penny Lee
9	Chuck Gray	9	Carol Gray
16	Michelle Brennan	16	Jim Wackerly
23	Chuck Gray	23	Carol Gray
30	Bill Heierding	30	Joan Heierding

## HOLY WEEK EVENTS/TIMES

### April 2 – Palm Sunday

#### April 5 – Guest Speaker:

**Dr. Brian Crawford**

#### Christ in the Seder Meal

### April 6 – Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

### April 7 – Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

## APRIL 9 – EASTER SUNDAY

### COMMUNION SERVICE

4/1	Malachi 1: Prayer Protest 1 (despised love = first love in Rev. 2:4) Prayer Protest 2 (despised name = "who say they are Jews but are not" Rev 2:9) Prayer Protest 3 (despised order = prefer man's order to God's. Rev.2:14)
4/2	Malachi 2: Prayer Protest 4 (despised patience = had space to repent but did not. Rev. 2:21)
4/3	Malachi 3: Prayer Protest 5 (despised welcome had a name they lived but were dead (Rev. 3:1-3) Prayer Protest 6 (despised portion = those who deemed themselves rich, but were not. Rev. 3:15)
4/4	Matthew 5:22-26; 6:12, 14-15: Prayer and the Necessity of Forgiveness
4/5	Matthew 6:5-7: Luke 11:1-4: Prayer and Hypocrisy
4/6	Matthew 6:9-13: Prayer as Taught by Christ The voice of the...Son ... the Saint ... the Subject ... the Servant ...the Suppliant ... the Sinner ... the Sojourner
4/7	Matthew 7:7-11 Prayer as Specified by Christ: Ask, Seek, Knock
4/8	Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45  Luke 5: 12-14: Prayer of a Leper
4/9	Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10: Prayer of the Centurion
4/10	Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41; Luke 8:22-25: Prayer in Peril
4/11	Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 1:1-20; Luke 8:26-37: Prayer of Maniacs
4/12	Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26; Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; Prayer of Jairus Luke 8:40-42, 49-56
4/13	Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48: Prayer of the Diseased Woman
4/14	Matthew 9:27-31: Prayer of Two Blind Men
4/15	Matthew 11: 25-27: Prayer of Christ's Gratitude to God.
4/16	Matthew 14:23: Prayer on a Mountain
4/17	Matthew 14:28-30: Prayer of Peter in Distress
4/18	Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30:n Prayer of the Syro-Phoenician Woman
4/19	Matthew 17: 14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43: Prayer of a Lunatic Son
4/20	Matthew 18: 19-20: Prayer in Unity
4/21	Matthew 18:23-35: Prayer in a Parable
4/22	Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10: 35-45: Prayer for a Privileged Position
4/23	Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Prayer for Healing Blindness See Luke 18:35-43
4/24	Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:22-26: Prayer of Faith

4/25	Matthew 23: 14, 25; See Mark 12:40 Luke 20:47	Prayer of Pretense
4/26	Matthew 25:20, 22, 24:	Prayer of Accountability
4/27	Matthew 26:26, 36-46; Mark 14:32-42 Luke 22:39-46	Prayer of a Resigned Will
4/28	Matthew 27:46, 50; Luke 23:34, 46:	Prayer at Calvary
4/29	Mark 1:23-28; Luke 4:31-37:	Prayer of a Demon
4/30	Mark 1:35; 6:41, 46:	Prayer Habits of Christ



## Happy Birthday - April, 2023

9 – Michelle Brennan	15 – Mary Forsberg
19 – Elaine Chard	22 – Matthew
	White
23 – Haliagh Kiene	30 – John Ray

April 12 – Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.  
April 13 – Bible Study – 10:30 a.m.

April 16 – Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.  
April 19 – Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.  
April 20 – Bible Study – 10:30 a.m.

April 23 – Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.  
April 26 – Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.  
April 27 – Bible Study – 10:30 a.m.  
April 30 – Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.