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Risen Indeed!  
Alleluia!





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*“And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”*

Luke 24:5-6a

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ of Messiah Lutheran,

As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord in the midst of a global COVID-19 pandemic, I find myself thinking how different that first Easter morning was, when there were no hallelujahs, no trumpets, no jubilation. There were only women who had come to anoint Jesus' body, because it had not been done before his burial.

Suddenly, there is an earthquake as an angel of the Lord came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance like lightening and his clothing white as snow. The guards froze in their tracks. But the angel told the women, “do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. But He is not here; for He has been raised, as He said. Come see the place where He lay.”

The angel then encourages the women to go and tell Jesus' disciples that Jesus has gone to Galilee and will meet them there. But note that, even had the story ended there, the fact was proclaimed that Jesus had been raised. The tomb was empty. In spite of the women's awe, death did not have the last word, Christ has Risen.

In accordance with County and state guidelines to stay at home lasting effectively through the end of April the leadership team has decided to continue with the current worship plan of 9:00am at the Lyon county Fairgrounds and 11:00 a.m. with a streaming only service until April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep everyone advised if anything changes.

This will affect our Holy Week Worship but it will not stop it. Once again, we will show that sin, death and the devil will not prevail against our celebration of Easter. The devil has tried for over 2,000 years to stop the celebration of Easter and he isn't about to win now! We might not have the loud shouts of hallelujah; our sanctuary might be silent but we will still be celebrating Jesus in our homes with our families. There will be shouts of hallelujah ringing out around the world as we celebrate His death and resurrection. It is my prayer that you will join us we celebrate this Holy Week and Easter (a little differently than usual) but with the same boldness and excitement as we proclaim; Christ has Risen! He has Risen Indeed!

**Holy Week Worship Schedule:**

Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Streamed on Facebook Live
Good Friday	7:00pm	Streamed on Facebook Live
Easter Sunday	9:00am	Community Service at Fairgrounds
	11:00am	Streamed on Facebook Live

If there is anything that you need please don't hesitate to call Elaine or I by calling the office or our cell phones.

In His Service!

## Roses to ....

- † Roses to Candice Brecht for keeping the Church clean and  
keeping the building ready for when we can gather again.
- † Roses to Sandy Schroeder for helping us clean out the kitchens
- † Roses to our faithful members for the very generous offerings  
Messiah has received by mail and online giving.
- † Roses to the Elders who came out and helped with the  
Fairgrounds worship in the drizzle and in the sunshine.
- † Roses to Matt Esau, Judy Schade and Brandon & Amanda Neff  
who have led the music for the Live Stream
- † Roses to Church Council and Elders who have made some really  
difficult leadership decisions
- † Roses to KVOE who have helped us to work up and create a  
worship opportunity for the community
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# Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gospel Outreach



## APRIL

Three ways to help strengthen your faith:

- 1) Nurturing
- 2) Meaningful
- 3) Encouraging

- 1) Add to your Lenten devotional time by reading through one of the Gospels chapter by chapter.
- 2) Focus your efforts by praying for those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. EXTRA CREDIT: Stay home! Protect those you love.
- 3) Encourage parents with young children by providing Easter storybooks and devotions that can be used as a family. (This may be difficult to do considering the self-imposed quarantine we are asked to do)

Be safe and stay healthy and remember to pray!

## Member News

The following members have been in the hospital sometime during the month. Please keep them in your prayers for continued healing and comfort: Robert Spain, Sharon Mikulecky, Preslee Patton, Ken Koch, Patti Nurnberg, Chris Gillmore

If we left off your name, please let us know. Remember to call the Church Office if you are planning to go into the hospital. Let your family know that they need to call us. The hospital will no longer notify Pastor when you enter.

Remember our service men and women in your prayers: Terry Rhoads, Josh Lawson, Dillion Grother, Aaron Cuadra, Andrew Reynolds, Jordan Reynolds, Darren Schroeder, John Ritchie, Christy Bryant, Michael Hammon, Seth Davis, Aubrey Blankenship

## Attendance

Date	Attendance
Feb. 29/March 1	237
March 4 – Lent	113
March 7/8	226
March 11 – Lent	59
March 14/15	204
March 18 - Lent	33
March 22 – Fairgrounds and Facebook	Approx. 175 at the Fair
March 25 – Lent	Online only
March 29 – Fairgrounds and Facebook	Approx. 250 at the Fair

## Prayer Calendar

For each day of the month, the name of a Messiah Family is listed for you to pray for. We ask that you keep the prayer calendar in a place where you will see it each day and then include that family in your daily prayers. Pray that God will watch over them, grant them good health, and keep them strong in the faith. We hope that our prayers will strengthen and bind us together as a family of God.

### April 2020

1. Jeff Demler, Cassidy, Tate & Abbie
2. Melissa Demler
3. Brooke Douglas
4. Cheryl Douglas, Billy Joe & Jarrett
5. Taylor & Tiffany Dow, Jordan, Caide, Holden & Mila
6. Derrick & Sheila Duncan, Matthew & Jenna
7. Matthew & Jennifer Duncan & Hudson
8. Austin & Andrea Edwards, Cailyn & Brooklyn
9. Shanna Eggers
10. Brad & Alice Elkins
11. Kathryn Elkins
12. Kathy Ermler
13. Matt & Jennifer Esau, Isaac & Lilian
14. Dillon Esch
15. Mason Esch
16. Michael & Carmen Esch
17. Aimee Farr
18. Elizabeth Farr, Malakai & Belle
19. Gene & Susan Farr & Jacob
20. Justin & Chrissy Farr
21. Marvin & Rita Farr
22. Michael Farr
23. Dathan & Amanda Fischer, Chloe & Clara
24. Gary & Lori Fleming
25. Daniel & Aubrey Foye, Micah, Maisie & Trinity
26. Lisa Frantz
27. Joyce Freeman
28. Fred Friend
29. Troy & Karen Friend, Nickole & Hunter
30. Ethan Frisby

## **Lutheran Hour Program Guide**

Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on 96.1 FM at 10:00 a.m. and also on WIBW - 580 AM at 7:30 a.m. Messiah Lutheran's radio program is on 96.1 FM following the "Lutheran Hour" at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

### **April 5 - "There's Still Time"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bad-or because they think they are very good. (Exodus 11-12)

### **April 12 - "You Haven't Lost Me"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

(Exodus 14)

### **April 19 - "The Great Pursuit"**

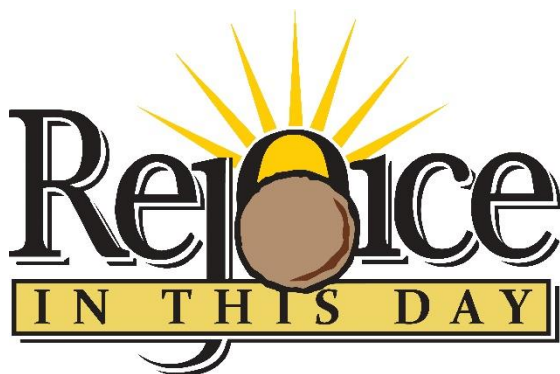
**Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti**

(Exodus 15)

### **April 26 - "Rescue, Test, Rest"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

(Exodus 16)





# **Church Council Meeting**

## **Making God's House a Home**

### **March 3, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen**

Zach and Jim are looking at repairing dishwasher. Need bids on fascia boards and possibly gutters. Zach will get bids for the fascia and gutters and for the front doors. It was suggested to come up with a list of projects to be done and costs to form a budget. That way we could get a few projects done before the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

#### **Outreach Team Report – Teresa Bauck**

February Fundraiser was very successful for Bob Spain  
Thinking of upcoming fundraisers for Belize Mission Trip  
Fundraiser for Loving Hands being planned for sometime in April.

#### **Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher**

Started planning for Easter.

#### **Adult & Family Life – Laci Hansen**

We will finally be celebrating the 50+ year anniversaries with an invitational luncheon after church on the 29th of March, whichever date we can rally the most help for!

The directory is mostly wrapped up. We can purchase additional directories. How many do we think we need? The cost is \$50/15. Laci is going to check how many free ones the church receives.

IF gathering is Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Baptist church.

Lutheran Student Organization decided to do the Lenten Bible study. We are meeting Tuesday nights at 6:30 at the youth house. We have dinner followed by the study from 7-8 p.m. We have 6 students plus 2 advisors (Terri Summey of St. Mark's and I). Terri already has shown the book to some folks at St. Mark's who are interested in doing the study there

### **Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor**

Logos -schedule changed this week with the addition of Lenten services.  
Sunday school -We are still looking for leaders and helpers in Sunday school. Plans are being made for Easter activities for Easter Sunday.  
VBS - online registration is open for staff at this time.

### **Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson**

#### **Servant Event**

We have asked high school students/families to sign up to serve at Abundant Harvest on Thursday, March 19.

#### **Easter Breakfast**

We have a sign-up and have publicized the 2020 Easter Breakfast. We will serve breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, coffee, milk and juice after sunrise service on Sunday, April 12. Youth and families are volunteering to prep fruit, set out rolls to rise, set tables and decorate on Saturday morning; make casseroles; early baking, then serve and clean up on Sunday morning. Proceeds support expenses for the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston.

#### **Scholarships**

We will begin publicizing our scholarship program for college students in the bulletin next week (March 8).

### **Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers**

Beginning Balance	2/1/2020	\$ 24,288.18
Deposits	\$ 36,015.64	
Checks	\$ -34,547.36	
Journals	\$	
Ending Balance	2/29/2020	\$ 25,756.46

### **Membership Changes**

Weddings -	Eastnek/Resner Wedding	October 2020
Baptisms -	Ky Gregory Hensley	March 8, 2020

## **Old Business**

1. Setup 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – see January 2020 minutes for names. When we work on the budget for next year, think about expenses for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and start budgeting for them. The money in 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund came from Wilbert Hinrichs memorial for \$1215 and Leona Conrade for \$1425 – See July 2019 minutes.
2. Family Promise
3. Building Expansion
4. Streaming services in the Nursery
5. Coffelt sign quote for front sign – Received quote from Coffelt. It is quite expensive to get a digital sign and would have to check with the City if we are zoned correctly for a digital sign. Can be added to the wish list for future projects.

## **New Business**

1. Creation of a staff fact finding committee – 5 person committee to come up with the best direction to go with the information from our 3 meetings with the congregation. Received an email after the meeting from Greg Rahe that Sarah Mitchell, Norma Hodges, Marcy Neff, Ken Taylor and Zach Hansen agreed to be on this committee.

## **Announcements**

REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR YEAR END REPORTS ASAP

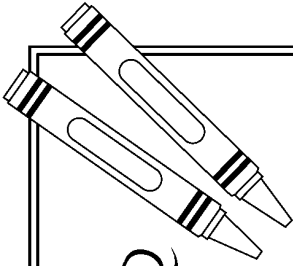
Next meeting: April 6th, 6:00 p.m.

## **Closing**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m. with Lord's prayer.

Amy Christensen, Secretary



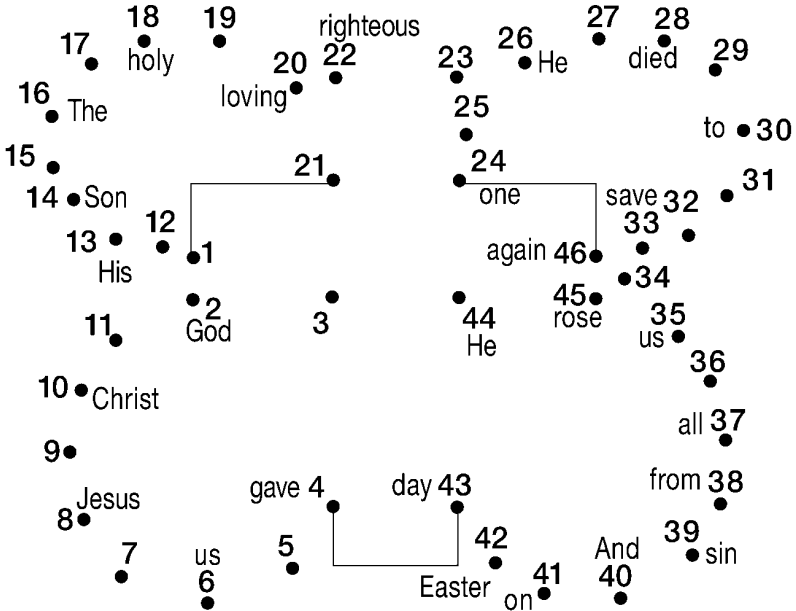


# Just for KIDS

## Easter Surprises!

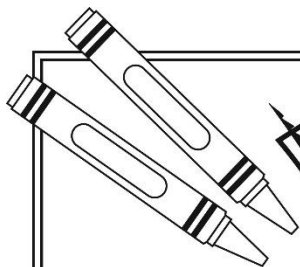


Connect the dots to find 2 symbols of Easter.  
Write the words in order on the lines below.



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16	18	'	20	22		24	"	
26	28	30	33	35	37	38	39	'
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	"	

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, His Son, the holy, loving righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day He rose again!



# PUZZLE

## RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because  
Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



*Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.*

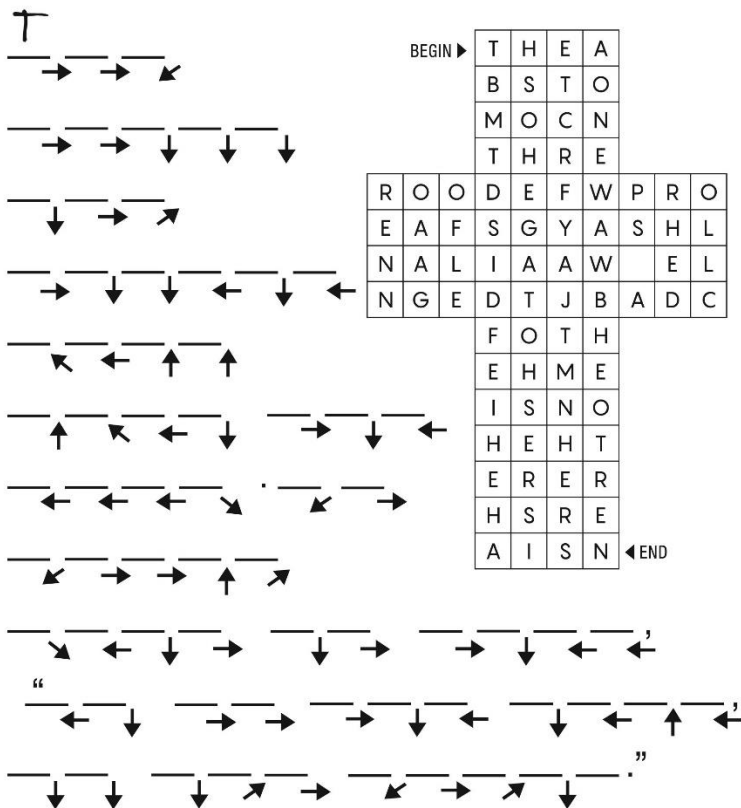
$2+2 =$ ____	united	$2 \times 3 =$ ____	death	$7+6 =$ ____	resurrection
$3 \times 3 =$ ____	certainly	$18-16 =$ ____	have	$4-1 =$ ____	been
$0+1 =$ ____	if	$2 \times 4 =$ ____	we	$13-1 =$ ____	him
$2+3 =$ ____	in	$20-6 =$ ____	like	$2+5 =$ ____	his
$2 \times 5 =$ ____	be	$8+3 =$ ____	with		

"For \_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_  
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with him \_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_ ,  
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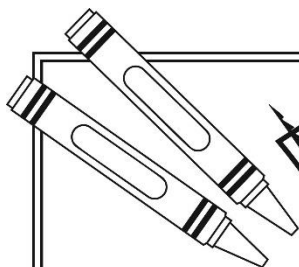
Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will  
certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

# Puzzle!

Follow the arrows and fill in the blanks to discover what the women found at Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.



Answer: The stone was rolled away from the door.  
An angel said to them, "He is not here; he has risen!"  
(See Luke 24:1-8.)



# PUZZLE

## Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image.  
If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins