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## ELDERS' CORNER

*(The following is courtesy of  
Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus  
of The Lutheran Hour radio program.)*

**Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. John 19:41**

In the fall of 2011, Mr. Bruce Wurdeman, LHM's executive director, and I visited Israel and Palestine. Upon our return he asked me to write a series of Lenten devotions which center on the Savior and some of the places we saw. This week's devotions fulfill his request. It is my prayer that the Lord will use them to bless you as well as those who will be traveling with us to the Holy Land in the fall of 2012.—In Him, Pastor Ken Klaus



Go to Jerusalem and you will find there are many gardens, but you won't find *the* garden, which is mentioned in John 19.

Go to Jerusalem and you will find there are many hills, but you won't find the *whole hill* the Bible calls *Calvary*.

Go to Jerusalem and you will find many graves and tombs, but you won't find one which contains the body of the Savior.

There is a reason for that.

You won't find the hill and you won't find the garden because the Roman Emperor Hadrian had his builders come in with plans for a temple, a new temple which was to be dedicated to Venus, the goddess of love.

The spot they selected for the temple's construction was Golgotha, the place of Jesus' execution, the place near the garden where He had, at least for three days, been buried. Most certainly the Christians back then would have been scandalized to see a temple celebrating earthly, physical love being deliberately substituted for the love as shown in the blood-bought sacrifice made by the Savior.

No, you won't see the hill, and you won't see the garden, and you won't see a tomb containing the body of Jesus of Nazareth.

There is a reason for that, too.

You won't see it because Jesus' body isn't there. After He had been crucified, a guard was placed in front of the grave, and a seal was placed upon the stone. But neither the guard nor the seal was able to keep Jesus' body where it had been placed.

That's not surprising. If death itself wasn't able to keep the living Lord where He didn't want to stay, a Roman guard and clay seal couldn't do the job either.

Because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, because the living Lord left the garden and the tomb behind is why today you will participate in the weekly festival where your church will celebrate His resurrection.

Because Jesus has risen, if you ever get to Jerusalem and stand on the spot where Golgotha used to be, you will not find the ruins of a Roman temple dedicated to Venus.

Instead, you will see a grand, old church, and you will see people from all over the world coming to that church. And when they get to that church, all those people from all those races, speaking in thousands of different languages will be united in one goal: they will give praise to the Lord who can defeat death, say no to sin, and redirect the plans of Satan for our salvation.

**THE PRAYER:** Dear Lord, Heavenly Father, for the defeat of death and devil, for the resurrection of the Redeemer, for the salvation of my soul, I give thanks. May this day be lived in appreciation of all You have done. In Jesus' Name. Amen. ✠

**Your brother in Christ, Todd Martin**



- Apr 03 Drew Schofield, Molly Williams
- Apr 04 Alice Allen, Julie Hahn
- Apr 09 Becky Zielke
- Apr 11 Riley Olney
- Apr 19 Dave Block
- Apr 20 Julie Martin
- Apr 22 Jill Murdock
- Apr 23 Todd Martin
- Apr 24 Zelda Graham
- Apr 25 Art Atrops
- Apr 26 Peggy Payne
- Apr 29 Shaena Allred



Apr 11 Paul & Debra Mattson



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|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Apr 03        | 8:30 am             | Comm. Svc.                       |
| Apr 03        | 9:30 am             | SS/Bible Study                   |
| Apr 03        | 10:30 am            | Comm. Svc.                       |
| <b>Apr 06</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>      | <b>Lenten Worship</b>            |
| Apr 07        | 7:00 pm             | Elders' Mtg.                     |
| Apr 09        | 8:30 am-12:30 pm    | Spring Housecleaning             |
| Apr 10        | 8:30 am             | Palm Sunday Worship Svc.         |
| Apr 10        | 9:30 am             | SS/Bible Study                   |
| Apr 10        | 10:30 am            | Palm Sunday Worship Svc.         |
| Apr 11        |                     | <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Deadline |
| <b>Apr 14</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>      | <b>Maundy Thurs./Comm. Svc.</b>  |
| <b>Apr 15</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>      | <b>Good Friday Svc.</b>          |
| Apr 15        | 9:00 am             | Apr. Ministry Schedule Due       |
| <b>Apr 17</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>      | <b>Easter Sunrise Svc.</b>       |
| <b>Apr 17</b> | <b>7:30-8:15 am</b> | <b>Easter Breakfast</b>          |
| <b>Apr 17</b> | <b>8:30 am</b>      | <b>Easter Comm. Svc.</b>         |
| <b>Apr 17</b> | <b>9:30 am</b>      | <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>           |
| <b>Apr 17</b> | <b>10:30 am</b>     | <b>Easter Comm. Svc.</b>         |
| Apr 20        | 9:00 am             | April Newsletter Deadline        |
| Apr 21        | 7:00 pm             | Council Mtg.                     |
| Apr 24        | 8:30 am             | Worship Svc.                     |
| Apr 24        | 9:30 pm             | SS/Bible Study                   |
| Apr 24        | 10:30 am            | Worship Svc.                     |
| Apr 27        | 10:00-11:30 am      | Small Group Bible Study          |

### MOWING IN APRIL



- Apr 2 – Art Atrops, Jim LaBelle
- Apr 9 – Mark Hathaway, Lucas Mayes, Dick Scholar
- Apr 16 - Corey Maddison, Harold Oliver
- Apr 23 - Bill Williamson, Arlin Weiting
- Apr 30 - Reese Riddiough, Nathan Schofield

### ALTAR GUILD & FLOWER SCHEDULE - April



- Apr 3 – Communion**  
8:30 AM – Peggy Payne  
10:30 AM – Stephanie Clavin  
Flowers: Lent
- Apr 10 - Palm Sunday**  
8:30 AM – Susan Wilcox  
10:30 AM – Deborah Maddison  
Flowers: Palms
- Apr 14 – Maundy Thursday - Communion**  
7:00 PM – Marianne Heuchert  
Kelly Olney
- Apr 15 – Good Friday**  
7:00 PM – Becky Zielke
- Apr 17 – Easter Sunday**  
8:30 AM/Comm. – Lori Williamson  
10:30 AM/Comm. – Connie Hathaway  
Flowers: Diana Brown
- Apr 24 -** 8:30 AM – Caydee Eckert  
10:30 AM – Caydee Eckert  
Flowers: Open

**Do You Wish to Subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness*??**



For many years, LCOS has offered a free subscription to interested members for *The Lutheran Witness*, a monthly magazine that informs and challenges Lutherans in their faith. Whether you wish to renew your subscription or become a first-time subscriber, ***it is necessary*** to call Anne at the Church Office (937-1116, x 10) no later than Monday, April 11. Failure to notify the office of your renewal will result in cancelation. ✻



**Annual Spring Clean-Up - Saturday - April 9, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM** - It's time for LCOS's annual spring housecleaning inside and outside in preparation for the

great feast of the Resurrection—Easter (April 17). All are welcome to come and help. Please bring your own cleaning and/or gardening supplies. Questions: Call Jane (805-937-5241). ✻

**Celebrating the Resurrection**

**with Flowers**—An Easter cross will be displayed outside in the terrace Easter morning. You are asked to decorate this cross with fresh flowers from your garden. Make sure the stems are long enough to insert into the wire and remain on the cross. Please bring your flowers Easter morning for this traditional beautiful symbol of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. ✻



*Easter Cross*



**Ten (10) Easter lilies** will be available this year. Traditionally, these are purchased in memory of a loved one or for blessings received. **Cost: \$11.00** Make

checks payable to: LCOS (with "Altar Guild" on memo line). *Plants may be picked up after late service on Easter Sunday.* Please call Anne at the Church Office (805-937-1116) to reserve your plant(s). **First come—first served!!** ✻



*Easter Services*

**7:00 AM – Sunrise Service**  
**7:30 – 8:15 AM – Easter Breakfast**  
**8:30 AM – Communion Service**  
**9:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt**  
**10:30 AM – Communion Service**

**WHY CHRIST CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**Easter services are usually well attended**, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an "average" Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: "Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons."



He continues: "The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have hidden well comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don't really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?" ✻

—from *The Wired Word*

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

**Small Group Bible Study**, led by Rudy and Cheryl Stowell, will begin a new 9-week course on **Wednesday, April 27**. These sessions will concentrate on Galatians, Philippians, and Colossians. Please contact Cheryl (805-937-3654) to reserve a student guide. ✨

# Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

### CODE

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ  
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHG FEDCBA

"As a \_\_\_\_\_ looks after his  
H S V K S V I W

\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ is  
H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V

\_\_\_\_\_ them, so will I \_\_\_\_\_ after my \_\_\_\_\_.  
D R G S O L L P H S V V K

I will \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

I will \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ and bring back  
H V Z I X S O L H G

the \_\_\_\_\_ . I will \_\_\_\_\_ up the \_\_\_\_\_  
H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W

and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ . You are my  
H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

\_\_\_\_\_ ... and I am your \_\_\_\_\_."  
H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God

## HOLY WEEK i-SPY

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



### What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

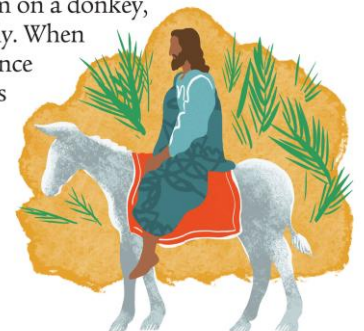
### What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

## Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40)

**APRIL 2022**  
**CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR**

DAY	TIME	ACOLYTE	ELDERS	LESSON READER	MUSIC... CHOIRS	SOUND SYSTEM	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
3 Sunday	8:30 am Comm.		Jim LaBelle Art Atrops	Debbie Heuchert		Dennis Payne	<b>Altar:</b> Peggy Payne
	10:30 am Comm.		Todd Martin Rudy Stowell	Diana Brown		Chris Allen	<b>Altar:</b> Stephanie Clavin No Flowers – Lent
6 Wednesday	7:00 pm		Tom Heuchert			Diana Brown	
10 Palm Sunday	8:30 am	Emma Olney	Mark Hathaway	Lisa DiModica		Karl DiModica	<b>Altar:</b> Susan Wilcox
	10:30 am		Dennis Payne	Brent Clavin		Michael Southern	<b>Flowers:</b> Palms
14 Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm Comm.		Art Atrops Todd Martin			Dennis Payne	<b>Altar:</b> Marianne Heuchert Kelly Olney
15 Good Friday	7:00 pm		Tom Heuchert			Terry Murdock	<b>Altar:</b> Becky Zielke
17 Easter Sunday	7:00 am <b>Sunrise Service</b>		Jim LaBelle	† <b>Worship Outside Beneath the Cross in the Court of All Saints</b>		Jim LaBelle	
	8:30 am Comm.	Riley Olney	Art Atrops Rudy Stowell	Jill Murdock		Chad Thorstenson	<b>Altar:</b> Lori Williamson
	10:30 am Comm.		Mark Hathaway Tom Heuchert	Deborah Maddison		Chris Allen	<b>Altar:</b> Connie Hathaway <b>Flowers:</b> Diana Brown
24 Sunday	8:30 am		Todd Martin	Reese Riddiough		Ed Buchholz	<b>Altar:</b> Caydee Eckert
	10:30 am	Ali Mayes	Mark Hathaway	Floyd Olson		Michael Southern	<b>Flowers:</b> Open
<b>Please phone person (*) at right if you are unable to serve. &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>		<b>ACOLYTES</b>  *Mark Hathaway 937-9675	<b>ELDERS</b>  *Art Atrops 937-0485	<b>READERS</b>  *Todd Martin 801-3873	<b>CHOIRS</b>  <u>Sanctuary Choir</u> *Diana Brown 448-1990  <u>Praise Team</u> Jane Riddiough 937-5241	<b>SOUND</b>  *Dennis Payne 934-1101	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> *Connie Hathaway 937-9675  <b>FLOWERS</b> Connie Hathaway 937-9675  <b>FLOWER MINISTRY</b> Debbie Heuchert 264-4599

**PLEASE ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY CHANGES WITH PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR MINISTRY;  
INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGES ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116**

## April 2022

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3 8:30 AM – Comm. Svc. 9:30 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM – Comm. Svc.	4	5 7 PM – CC Chordsmen - SH	6 7:00 PM – Lenten Worship	7 7 PM – Elders’ Mtg.	8	9 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Spring Housecleaning
10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 AM – Worship Svc. 9:30 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship Svc.	11 <i>Lutheran Witness Deadline</i>	12 7 PM – CC Chordsmen - SH  <b>Ministry Schedule Deadline</b>	13	14 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday/Comm.	15 7:00 PM – Good Friday	16
17 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:00 AM – Sunrise Svc. 7:30-8:15 AM – Break- fast 8:30 AM – Comm. Svc. 9:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM – Comm. Svc.	18 <b>9 AM – Newsletter Deadline</b>	19 7 PM – CC Chordsmen - SH	20	21 7 PM – Council Mtg.	22	23
24 8:30 AM – Worship Svc. 9:30 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship Svc.	25	26 7 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	27	28	29	30