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FROM THE INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR...

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

What joy is ours to share this greeting as brothers and sisters of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus!

Counting Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord, there are seven Sundays in the Easter Season. On each of the six Sundays after Easter, the placement of the Old Testament reading in the Divine Service gives way to a reading from the Book of Acts. I thought you might enjoy and be blessed by having those listed here, so you can take a refreshing peek at the Lord's work in the early days of the Christian Church.

- April 7: Acts 4:32-35 *Believers in Jesus share their possessions from time to time. Grace was upon them all.*
- April 14: Acts 3:11-21 *Peter gives witness to God's faithfulness in Jesus, the author of life, and the gift of faith in that crucified and risen One.*
- April 21: Acts 4:1-12 *The religious leaders of the day (and their police force) jail Peter and John for proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. The next day when they are questioned, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, points to Jesus, saying: Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*
- April 28: Acts 8:26-40 *Check out a New Member Class on wheels. Philip starts exactly where the Ethiopian eunuch was at—Isaiah 53:7-8—and answers his question, with the good news about Jesus. On down the road, there is water and a request for Baptism!*

- May 5: Acts 10:34-48 *Peek into this section where the Lord teaches Peter that He does not play favorites. He desires the people of all nations to be recipients of his grace.*
 - Bonus: Ascension Day – Thursday, May 9: Acts 1:1-11 *Here's what happened forty days after Easter.*
- May 12: Acts 1:12-26 *Here, we get in on what we might call the very first Meeting of the Voters ... to extend a Call from the Lord for his work in his world. Note the "Meeting Minutes" in verses 23-26 ... their list of two; their prayer; the Lord's direction revealed through their vote.*

The message has not changed. Jesus, Crucified and Risen. Sins Forgiven. Heaven Opened. The same Holy Spirit is alive and at work in and through God's words ... in our day, too!



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...Pastor Allen

MOWING IN APRIL

Apr 6 – Reese Riddiough, Nathan Schofield
Apr 13 – Art Atrops, Jim LaBelle
Apr 20 – Mark Hathaway, Lucas Mayes,
Dick Scholar
Apr 27 – Bill Williamson, Randy Tate,
Harold Oliver



- Apr 03 Drew Schofield, Molly Williams
- Apr 04 Julie Hahn
- Apr 07 Alexander Foley
- 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 Margaret Payne
- Apr 29 Shaena Allred



- Apr 11 Paul & Debra Mattson



- Apr 04 4:00 pm Elders' Mtg.
- Apr 07 9:00 am SS/Bible Study
- Apr 07 10:00 am Comm. Svc.
- Apr 08 6:00 pm Men's Group
- Apr 14 9:00 am SS/Bible Study
- Apr 14 10:00 am Worship Svc.
- Apr 14 11:00 am Council Mtg.
- Apr 15 9:00 am Apr. Ministry Schedule Due
- Apr 16 4:00 pm P/S Board Mtg.
- Apr 20 9:00 am Apr. Newsletter Deadline
- Apr 21 9:00 am SS/Bible Study
- Apr 21 10:00 am Praise/Comm. Svc.
- Apr 21 2:00 pm Adult Fellowship
- Apr 28 9:00 am SS/Bible Study
- Apr 28 10:00 am Worship Svc.

ELDER'S CORNER

Excerpted from Lutheran Hour Ministries

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:4

Myrtha was at a friend's home in Port-au-Prince when the earthquake came. The home she was in shook; then, it collapsed. Myrtha was swept into a hole along with two of her friend's children. The children died, and Myrtha was trapped in that grave for three days.

Her family mourned. Her cousin in New York mourned. Friends who saw TV coverage that showed Myrtha's home assumed she had been killed. But Myrtha was not killed. She was rescued, hospitalized and, eventually, her picture was shown. Myrtha was among the living.

When Myrtha's family found out, they rejoiced and called Myrtha at a phone in her hospital. Their joy was turned to sorrow when they were told she had lost a leg in the accident.

That's when the family began to cry.

Hearing the weeping, Myrtha said, ". . . listen to me: Don't cry. Where I was, it was the worst thing ever."

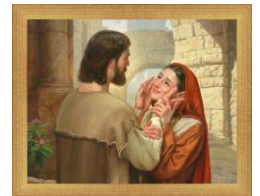
Did you get that picture? Someone who had been in the hell of Haiti was telling people in America not to cry.

According to the apostle John, that's what the Lord is going to do for us in heaven.

Centuries ago, Jesus Christ was born one of us. As one of us, He resisted the devil's temptations; He fulfilled the Law; He suffered, died, and descended into hell. Three days after His murder, a living Christ -- a risen Christ -- showed the entire world that even death had been defeated.

Now, the ascended Savior welcomes into heaven all who acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord.

And if you're wondering what heaven will be like, it will be like this: Jesus will wipe away every tear from our eyes, "and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."



To all of us, to all of our hurting hearts, Jesus will say, as Myrtha did: "Don't cry."

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, as You look upon this sinful planet, You must grieve. You came to save us, to forgive us, to wipe away our tears. Even though You died and gave Your all, so many do not believe. Lord, be with them, call them to faith. Let them see Your heaven that awaits -- Your heaven where all tears will be wiped away. In Your Name, I ask it. Amen. ✠

...In Christ, Todd Martin

ALTAR GUILD & FLOWER SCHEDULE



APRIL

Apr 07 – Comm. Svc.
10:00 AM – Set-Up – Marjorie Hord
Take-Down – Marianne Heuchert
Flowers: Inez Bauman for
Becky Zielke's birthday

Apr 14 – Worship Svc.
10:00 AM – Stephanie Clavin
Flowers: Paul & Debra Mattson's
37th wedding anniversary

Apr 21 – Praise/Comm. Svc.
10:00 AM – Set-Up – Lori Williamson
Take-Down – Susan Busbee
Flowers: Open

Apr 28 – Worship Svc.
10:00 AM - Peggy Payne
Flowers: Open

FROM THE PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

We have received the list of potential pastors from the district!!! We celebrate God's timing. "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him." (Lamentations 3:25). We know there will be countless questions regarding the list of potential pastors. We want you

to know that no information can be shared at this time. Because of this, we have decided to answer all questions with the common reply—"We have a list and it's a good list." We thank you for understanding and covet your continued prayers. During the coming weeks,

the call committee will be reviewing the information given to us by the district about the potential pastors. Then a proposal will be made to the congregation about which pastor to call. We thank the Holy Spirit for his leading, enlightening and guidance for all members of the committee, Pastor Steinbeck and the whole congregation." ❀



LUTHERAN WITNESS



Do you wish to subscribe to or renew *The Lutheran Witness*? LCOS offers a free subscription to interested members for this monthly magazine. 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).

All renewals and new subscriptions must be submitted to the Church Office no later than Monday, April 22. ❀

SERVE SANTA MARIA!

Several LCOS members have joined in on this wonderful outreach to our community. Service projects include helping individuals with property improvement, school blacktop maps, park landscaping, and graffiti removal. (Last year we even participated in making beds for children.) For a look at the total projects that were tackled, check out: servesantamaria.com. Dates to save are **April 20, 2024, and August 24, 2024**. Keep posted for updates. If you are interested in blessing our local community with service or have a particular project interest, please contact Debra Mattson. ❀

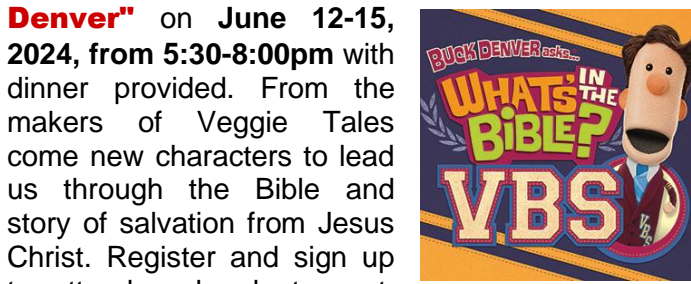
POPCORN FOR PRESCHOOL

Upward Bound Preschool announces its Spring fundraiser! Sixteen (16) different flavors (e.g., movie theater butter, kettle corn, chocolate delight, and even dill pickle!!!) of irresistible popcorn in family-size bags are for sale. **See Diana Brown to place an order no later than April 12. Delivery will be on or before May 3.** ❀



VBS IS COMING TO LCOS!

Experience "What's in the Bible with Buck Denver" on June 12-15, 2024, from 5:30-8:00pm with dinner provided. From the makers of Veggie Tales come new characters to lead us through the Bible and story of salvation from Jesus Christ. Register and sign up to attend and volunteer at: myvbs.org/lcos2024 or at the sign-up sheet on the patio. Questions and suggestions, please see Lisa DiModica or call/text her at 805-354-4443. ✨



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SAVE THE DATE!



Dream of going on safari? Visiting Africa?

Meeting our friends from Fikisha at their church in Nairobi, Kenya? Then let Paul and Lisa DiModica know of your interest. The potential trip is planned for Spring 2025 for two (2) weeks and will include time with Fikisha, a safari, round-trip airfare, lodging, and food for approximately \$4000 based on airfare pricing. Text or talk with Paul and Lisa at 805-354-4443. ✨

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Bible Quiz

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples – twice – when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

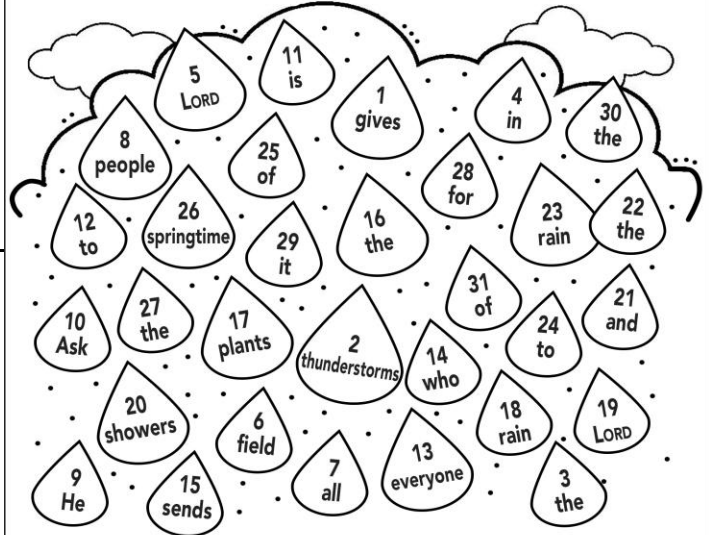
- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)

Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



_____ 10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18
 _____ 4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____ ;
 _____ 29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15
 _____ 27 _____ 2 _____
 _____ 9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23
 _____ 12 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25
 _____ 30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13 _____

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV



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CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

DAY	TIME	ACOLYTE	ELDERS	USHERS	LESSON READERS	SOUND SYSTEM	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
7 Sunday	10:00 am Comm.	Emma Olney	Art Atrops Tom Heuchert	Mike Foley	Gary Lange	Ed Buchholz	Altar: Marjorie Hord – Set-Up Marianne Heuchert – Take-Down
							Flowers: Inez Bauman for Becky Zielke’s birthday
14 Sunday	10:00 am	Elder	Rudy Stowell	Paul Mattson	Jill Murdock	Terry Murdock	Altar: Stephanie Clavin
							Flowers: Paul & Debra Mattson - 37 th wedding anniversary
21 Praise Sunday	10:00 am Comm.	Riley Olney	Mark Hathaway Todd Martin	Michael Southern	Lisa Di Modica	Karl Di Modica	Altar: Lori Williamson – Set-Up Susan Busbee– Take-Down
							Flowers: Open
28 Sunday	10:00 am	Ali Mayes	Dennis Payne	Bill Williamson	Brent Clavin	Estelle Schofield	Altar: Peggy Payne
							Flowers: Open
Please phone person* at right ONLY if you are unable to find a replacement>>>>>		ACOLYTES	ELDERS	USHERS	READERS	SOUND	ALTAR GUILD
		*Mark Hathaway 937-9675	*Tom Heuchert 934-1051	*Dennis Payne 934-1101	*Todd Martin 801-3873	*Dennis Payne 934-1101	Connie Hathaway 937-9675
							FLOWERS Connie Hathaway 937-9675
							FLOWER MINISTRY Debbie Heuchert (805) 264-4599

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ANY CHANGE(s) BY TRADING WITH ANOTHER MINISTER.
2. PLEASE NOTIFY THE PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR ASSIGNMENT OF ANY CHANGE(s).
3. INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGE(s) IS/ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4 4:00 PM – Elders' Mtg	5	6
7 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Comm. Svc.	8 6:00 – 8:00 PM Men's Group	9 7:00 PM – CCC - Sanctuary	10	11	12 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM - SH in Use (Clavin)	13
14 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Worship Svc. 11:00 AM – Council Mtg	15 May Ministry Availability Due	16 4:00 PM – P/S Board Mtg. 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	17	18	19	20 9:00 AM – May Newsletter Deadline
21 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Praise/Comm. Svc. 2:00 PM – Adult Fellowship (families)	22	23 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	24	25	26	27
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