



Zion Lutheran Monthly

April 2023

Pastor's Corner

Jesus Never Abandons Us

Jesus cares greatly for this creation; He made it. Jesus cares even more greatly for us; He made us. And Jesus never abandons what He creates. Jesus never abandons those He loves. We see this especially during the Easter season .

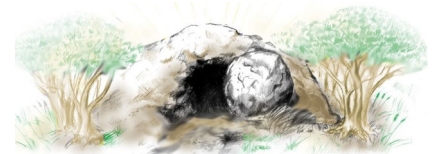
The first time Jesus raised someone from the dead almost seemed to happen on a whim. One time, Jesus was entering a town with His disciples and He saw a funeral procession. A widow was crying. She was burying her only son. The procession was carrying his body through the streets on what would look like a stretcher to us. Jesus said to the woman, "Do not weep." Then Jesus touched the stretcher and said, "*Young man, I say to you, arise.*" The man sat up and began to speak (Luke 7).

Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much.

The second time Jesus raised someone from the dead it was a little girl twelve years old. She was sick for a while, but it was too much, she died. Jesus entered the house with her family and neighbors wailing in grief. Jesus took hold of the dead girl's hand and said, "*Child, arise.*" Her spirit returned, and she got up at once (Luke 8). Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much.

The third time Jesus raised someone from the dead seemed almost impossible. When Jesus arrives to Lazarus, it is the fourth day since he died. This is the day many Jews would regard as hopeless, no chance of any life again. Decay has set in. The body bloats, the body smells. Death has won, or so it seems. Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much. When Jesus arrived at Lazarus' tomb, the Scriptures say this,

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone" . . . he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out" (John 11).



Jesus is deeply moved by what we all go through in this life. He was so deeply moved He was willing to die on a cross in our place for our sins, so we won't die on a cross for our sins. And Jesus is so deeply moved by the creation He has made, and us whom He loves, that when He returns again, He will do the same thing for us as He did for Lazarus. Deeply moved, Jesus will stand above our remains and He will say the same words He has said for so many years, "*Do not weep . . . child arise . . . come out!*" and we will all live again. Jesus will never abandon His creation. And Jesus will never abandon us, He loves us too much. Amen.

-- Pastor Grimenstein

Chairman's Report

The Year Ahead -- Let's Get It Done

This is Zion's 125th Anniversary Year. Please pay particular attention to all the coming mailings, Eblasts, bulletin and Newsletter notices for important information that every member will need. 125 years is a wonderful milestone and we need everyone to make this celebration a success.

One very important project we want to accomplish will be an updated Pictorial Directory to catalog all the members of Zion in this anniversary year! There will be critical deadlines involved to make this directory project a success. Please take action as appropriate to help facilitate this project. We contracted with a photographer and our office administrator, Susie Bishop, will be notifying everyone how the program is going to work to get photographed.



Additionally, on Sunday April 30th after the second service, we're having the usual light luncheon and regular quarterly Voters' Assembly. Please attend this meeting to hear about what is happening at your church. April 30th is also the first Sunday that the photographer will be on site to take pictures, so mark that date for action. Attend the meeting and smile for the camera!

We'll be doing more projects at the church over the coming months to prepare the property for the summer and the 125th Anniversary. Please help out if the Trustees need a hand with a work day. We need to get things done by the end of June because we run into the vacation season and the coming school year in July and August.

As always, let's keep our members who are dealing with health matters in our prayers! Pray for the Christians on this planet, our LCMS and Missions, our District, Circuit churches and your family here at Zion! We're quite blessed here at Zion so, remember -- to those to whom much is given, much is expected. Let's enjoy worshipping our Lord and Savior this Easter Season and into Pentecost. "Salvation is Created" by the Passion of Christ -- the Victory won for us!!! Amen.



-- Paul Klemash



The church office is beginning work on a new Zion Member Pictorial Directory complete with up-to-date photos and contact information for every member of our church family!

We have contracted a local photographer to take photos of our member families on the following Sundays from 10 am--Noon:

- Sun, April 23rd
- Sun, April 30th
- Sun., May 7th

Please sign-up as soon as possible for a 5-minute photo slot on one of these dates by going to the online [Sign-Up Genius](https://signupgenius.com) (simply click on the link, OR go to signupgenius.com and "search for a signup" using the email address "secretary@zlcb.org"). If you need help using the Sign-Up Genius, or have any questions, please call Susie in the church office at 412-221-4776, ext. 203.

Once your photo session is complete, individuals and families may choose to download or purchase prints of these professional photos; however, there will be NO OBLIGATION or SALES PITCH to make any purchase!

The new Member Directory will be part of our 125th anniversary commemoration and will be completed and ready for distribution to members in September!



Mission Moment:
 Promoting Zion's Internal, local, and international missionary efforts
 Pastor Philip & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph



Preparing Deaconesses for the Mission Field

One of the priorities for Pastor Phil and Deaconess Rachel in Uruguay is training and equipping deaconesses to serve in their communities. In order to do this, they partner with Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic and its Deaconess Program. Praise God the program is growing, and recently expanded to four more countries -- Peru, Uruguay, Honduras and Spain! Other countries served by the program are Panama, Guatemala, Mexico, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic.

According to Pastor Phil, "Work with the deaconess program never stops... and that's a good thing! Teaching, connecting, planning, reading and revising curricula and materials are always happening in order to equip tomorrow's deaconesses to speak the Gospel clearly and faithfully in their contexts and to support their pastors and church bodies. We are grateful to be a part of this work."



Did you Know?
 LCMS deaconesses are women who are professional church-workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. "Deaconess," from the Greek word diakonos, means "servant."



The class of nine Uruguayan deaconess students and their instructors -- Pictured L-R are Pastor André, Maíra, Ana Clara, Marta, Bibi, Jéssica, Mariana, Rubi, Simone (who trained as a deaconess through Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires), Paula, Gabriela, and Pastor Phil and Deaconess Rachel.

The Jasephs are using an intensive theological course called Diaconal Identity. Learning happens both in-person, and online, and many topics are covered including the sacraments, the liturgy, ecclesiology, and the theology of the Word of God.

Pastor Phil is grateful to God for these faithful women ... "They are very dedicated, very involved, hard-working students."



Women from Venezuela, Honduras and Uruguay attended the orientation class for the deaconess program of Concordia the Reformer seminary. A total of 26 participants attended the online event.



"Return to the Lord" Lenten calendars were sent home with parents and/or children beginning on February 19. If your family does not have one yet, please let us know and one will be provided. Parents, please help your children proceed through the daily activities shown in the calendar.

During April, Sunday School classes will be going through Enduring Faith Unit 5: Lesson 13, "The Wise King-Solomon Prays for Wisdom"; Lesson 14, "The Unwise King-Solomon Builds the Temple"; Unit 6: Lesson 1, "Provided-For Prophet-God Provides for Elijah"; and Lesson 2, "Consuming Fire-Elijah and the Prophets of Baal". There will be no Sunday School on Easter Day, April 9, but the children are encouraged to partake in the Easter Breakfast where all attending children will receive a "He Lives" sticker craft to work on during breakfast.



We would like to announce that Pam Trentini has volunteered to take over the nursery roll duties from Debbie LaJeunesse. Debbie, who has managed the nursery roll for over 10 years, will finish out with the several children still under her wing, while Pam will start with our newest member, Rhys Wilson. Thank you Debbie for your service, and Pam for taking over this important ministry!

And again, we thank Karen Kress and Megan Migyanko for volunteering to lead Vacation Bible School this year. The date for VBS week has been selected as July 24-28, from 9:00am to Noon. They will be using Concordia Publishing House "God's Living Water". You can see a preview of what the program looks like at <https://teachthefaitn.cph.org/gods-living-water>. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Karen at kkress5@gmail.com or Megan at proverbs31meg@yahoo.com. Lots of opportunities to help to bring this valuable mission back to Zion after a hiatus of 1 year.



**** VBS week is set for July 24-28 - please add it to your calendars! ****



Intentional Grandparenting

How Scripture teaches grandparents to have a lasting influence on future generations

By Ruth Carter

March 4, 2023, excerpted from Answers in Genesis

The season of grandparenting caught me somewhat unprepared. I was certainly aware that our four sons were now men. They were nearing the finish line with college, preparing to start careers, interested in getting married and starting their own families. But where did this leave us as potential grandma and grandpa? What was that role supposed to look like?

We looked around and saw so many friends enjoying their retirement with newfound freedom and joy. Now that the kids were out of the house, friends were traveling the world—perhaps “cruising the world” would be more exact. The Caribbean was a common destination. Some headed north for a fabulous Alaskan getaway. Maybe we would get on board one day too. Some friends were looking into retirement homes in warmer climates. But while dreaming about how to finish out our lives, we never realized the **Bible** had so much to say about it.

A Christian Heritage

I grew up in a home where my parents were the primary teachers of spiritual truth to me and my siblings. We had family devotions every day. We memorized Scripture passages together. Church attendance was never optional. And more than all of these disciplines, my mom and dad lived what it meant to be Christ followers. Clearly my parents were the primary influencers of spiritual formation for me. Today, parents still remain the number one authority in the life of a child, providing instruction on how to live biblically and modeling a Christian lifestyle. For many years, the church was seen as second to parents in teaching spiritual truth to children. A “good Christian family” would make sure their kids were in Sunday school every Sunday. But today, researchers tell us the paradigm has shifted. Parents’ church attendance, and therefore their kids’ attendance, is so sporadic that *grandparents* have become the second most important influencer in a child’s life. If we hold such a coveted position, are there instructions in the Bible to help us be effective as grandparents?

It’s interesting that Scripture responds with a resounding “yes!” Deut. 4:9 is one of the first references with instruction for grandparents. Moses was addressing the children of Israel on

how to “do life” once they entered the promised land. He began with a sharp warning: “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life.” In other words, take personal inventory first to ensure that you are in a proper relationship with the Lord your God, then “Make them known to your children and your children’s children.” A national leader in grandparenting ministry, Dr. Josh Mulvihill comments that God wants us to think “multigenerationally” when it comes to raising children.



Psalm 78 is another historical narrative about God’s leading the children of Israel. Verses 4–8 review again the importance of one generation rehearsing the “glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders” to the next generation and the next generation, “even the children not yet born [so] they in turn will teach their own children” (NLT)! It’s a chain reaction over four generations.

I have had several years of “marinating” in these principles and now understand that God wants me to fill the same role. God wants spiritual truth and stories of his faithfulness to be passed down from generation to generation in the Carter family. It is his most effective mechanism for helping our offspring know Jesus. Our role as grandparents is not just to have fun with our grands ... we have the crucial responsibility to pass along our heritage of faith to them as well.

Here are four observations to get started with intentional grandparenting:

- * It’s really important to clarify the goals of your grandparenting. If you are going to focus on a spiritual mission in the lives of your grands, what is that mission? I have identified two that motivate my grandparenting. First and most importantly, my prayer is that my grandchildren will all be in heaven with me one day. That means they need to have heard that Jesus is their Rescuer from sin. They need to have heard the gospel. One of the best starting places is to



share your faith journey with your grandkids . . . yes, even more than once, in various ways. I dare say this won’t happen if you don’t look for opportunities to make it happen. Most importantly, we know that the Holy Spirit must work in their lives for their redemption. My second goal is that my grandchildren know that God’s Word is completely true and thus is authoritative and applicable to all areas of their lives. This is not easily caught through one big sermon. I prefer the “here a little, there a little” approach. I find that a small comment here and a little word there as you do life together is much more effective.

- * Make sure you are intentional while the “clay is soft.” You will have more opportunities to teach spiritual truth to your grands while they are preschoolers and elementary students than

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after they are grown adults. For years, our eldest granddaughter went to bed with her parents singing “Jesus Loves Me” to her. When we would babysit her, the same was expected of us. I remember she always wanted me to sing “he who died,” referring to the second verse. And every time I ended our bedtime lullaby by saying, *“That is a very wonderful thought to fall asleep on.”* ***Jesus loves me, he who died, Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let his little child come in.*** My observation is that by the time our grands are in college, their worldviews are much more firmly formed. Yes, you can still have impactful, stimulating discussions, but the “clay” has now hardened, and the formation of a Biblical worldview comes with greater effort and cost.



- * Don't expect that intentionally teaching spiritual truth to your grandchildren will necessarily come naturally and easily. Satan, our enemy and crafty deceiver, wants nothing more than to



foil your attempts to guide your grandchildren toward a Biblical worldview. I had every intention this last Christmas of somehow sharing my salvation story with the grandchildren while the family gathered for the holidays. I had prayed earnestly that this might happen, but there never seemed to be a break in the action where it would meaningfully fit. If that happens to you, don't get discouraged. Perhaps next time a one-on-one conversation will work better. Plan for it. Pray for it. Stay strong against the enemy's strategies.

- * I have had grandparents comment that it's hard to weave spiritual conversation into visits with the grandkids. Remember that any activity or project involving creation is a golden opportunity. Romans 1:19–20 indicates that God has made the truth about himself obvious: “For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God” . Whether you are looking at the stars in the sky at night or are waiting for a monarch chrysalis to open into a butterfly, design by the Creator God is obvious. Talk about it! Don't stop short and just enjoy the view. We have asked the grands so many times when there is evidence of design, *“What does that mean, kids?”* And they all respond, *“That there is a Designer!”* And who is that Designer? No one less than the Creator God himself! Be intentional to extend the discussion and use the teaching moment to talk about God.

I have often wondered how my children and grandchildren will remember me when my journey with them is over. Will I be remembered for building Lego sets, spending overnights at the cabin, or baking cookies with them at Christmas? All these things are great, but do they have spiritual significance on their own? Several years ago, our grandson paid us the greatest compliment we could ever be given—he thanked us for being “rock solid” when it came to Christian faith. With shifting sand everywhere, our grands need to see rock-solid grandparents.



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2nd -- 8:00 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6th — 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 7th — 2:00 & 7:00 pm
(Prelude Music begins at 1:30 & 6:30)

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9th — 8:00 & 10:30 am

Buffet breakfast btwn services -- sign up in Narthex



Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

*-- Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
verse 3, LSB 451*

Join us for the ...

Zion Easter Breakfast!

Easter Sunday April 9th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall in between services

Where do you fit? **Volunteers are needed:**
make egg casseroles (recipe & pan provided),
make fruit salad (bowl provided), help set up,
help clean up, help serve

**RSVP on the sign up at the back of the church
or email events@zlcg.org**



Our sister Millie Thielet has moved to Concordia Lutheran Ministries' Villa St. Joseph. If you would like to send her greetings in her new home, the address is:

Concordia Villa St. Joseph Personal Care
1040 State Street
Mildred Thielet, Room 2222
Baden, PA 15005

P.S. -- Millie's birthday is April 6th!



Anniversary Anecdotes

Each month during our 125th anniversary year we'll share perspectives from our members on Zion's past, present and future.

Clara Hayes



I have many wonderful memories as a young girl growing up at Zion in our "old" church building on Prestley Road in Bridgeville. The building was smaller than our current church, but what we lacked in space we certainly made up for in Christian love and fellowship! In the early days,

there was only one bathroom downstairs that was used by all, and there was an earthen floor in the downstairs kitchen. I remember helping to wash dishes in that kitchen the day before Ladies Aid night.



Confirmation classes were such an important part of our childhood. There was required memorization that helped us mature in the faith. I was confirmed on May 16, 1948. We were blessed with wonderful Pastors and Sunday school teachers ... I remember Pastor Franke and Pastor Sandmann from my early years.

How much fun we had at picnics and other fellowship events! Picnics were held at Carnegie Park and Scheibs Farm (the site of our current church building.) We had strawberry festivals in the summer, and cantaloupe halves filled with ice cream in the fall. Clean-up afterward was simple and fun ... we crossed St. Clair Street to the bridge across Chartiers Creek where we tossed the fruit rinds joyfully into the creek!



My husband Paul and I were married at Zion in 1955. My friend and Zion sister-in-Christ, Judy Oelschlager Dames, was my maid of honor. Pastor Sandmann conducted the service.



What About...

Christian Stewardship

I have a suspicion Christian stewardship is one of those areas to which we really do not give adequate attention. Unfortunately, at times when stewardship is discussed it is done from the perspective of the Law, not the Gospel. In fact, it may well be that a number of people think that stewardship is only about raising funds for the church's budget. That is genuinely unfortunate, for, as we shall see, Christian stewardship is much more than this.

To fully appreciate the privilege we have of being Christian stewards, we need to return to those bedrock truths of the Christian faith so that we will continually live in appreciation of the glorious truths of God's Word, truths that set us free for lives of Christian stewardship.

Why are we here?

The age-old question is this, "Why am I here?" We need to admit that sometimes our answer goes something like this, "I am here in order to accumulate as many things as I possibly can in order to have a successful life. I work to earn money to buy more things."

But the real answer to that question is found in the first book of the Bible, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27). We are here because we are God's creation.

There was perfect and complete harmony between human beings and God. He created mankind to be in perfect fellowship with Him, reflecting His glory. He wanted this perfect relationship to continue forever.

What went wrong?

When Adam and Eve fell into sin, the beautiful relationship God intended them to have with Him was destroyed through their sinful rebellion against Him. "In Adam all die" (1 Cor. 15:22). To this very day and hour this fall impacts all areas of life. From the moment of our conception we are sinful (Ps. 51:5). By nature, every thought and imagination of human beings from their childhood is evil continually (Gen. 8:21). Human beings, as they come into this world, are at war with God (Rom. 8:7), and "alienated from the life of God" through the ignorant blindness of their sinful condition (Eph. 4:18).

That is the most fundamental challenge and problem we face in regard to Christian stewardship. Ever since the fall into sin, human beings are always turned in upon themselves, with lives that revolve around what they want, what they need, and what they are concerned about.

Believers are constantly fighting against the old sinful flesh that wants to pull them back into these old patterns of thought and action.

How did God deal with our greatest need?

God promised to send a Savior when Adam and Eve fell (Gen. 3:15). When the time had come, God sent His Son into our world, to live perfectly under His Law, and to be the perfect atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world (Gal. 4:4, 5). By His innocent suffering and bitter death, our Lord Jesus Christ opened to us the gates of paradise.

By the shedding of His holy, precious blood, Jesus has cleansed you from all of your sin—all of it, not just some of it—all of it. You are forgiven. Your debt is paid. In Christ, you have become a new creation. He has opened all the doors that sin had closed (Is. 59:2). We are saved from eternal damnation and saved for an eternity of life with God that begins right here and now.

The source and strength of Christian stewardship is the blood-bought salvation that is so richly and daily given us in Christ. Having been saved, redeemed and forgiven by our good and gracious God, we now live in the reality of that salvation. We realize that life is not just about us, but about God's will for us. We live now in the awareness that all things belong to God. We are called to be stewards of those things God has entrusted to us.

What is the steward's highest priority?

Luke 19:11–27 is the parable of the talents. I would encourage you to take a few moments to read this parable. Here our Lord clearly indicates how He wishes us to be stewards of His precious Gospel, the good news of salvation that is ours in Christ. Jesus



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told this parable as He was on His way to Jerusalem for the final time in His earthly life. He knew that soon He would no longer be present visibly with His disciples.

God has given us the soul-saving and life-changing Gospel through Word and Sacraments. These Gospel-treasures are to be guarded, defended and preserved, as Jude 3 makes clear. We are not, however, simply to bury these treasures, instead we are to make good use of them!

Christian stewards use the treasure of the Gospel in their own lives by faithfully gathering every Sunday around the Word and Sacraments. There they receive the life and strength and hope and power that makes Christian stewardship possible. We gather regularly with other Christians to study the Bible so we can grow in our understanding and knowledge about God's Holy Word. And having so gathered around Word and Sacraments, we then are ready to "invest" these treasures.

Stewards don't just bury this treasure, they put it to work! This is our sacred trust and responsibility. Christ wants us to share the saving Gospel He has committed to our trust, so that with it and through it, others may be won for Him for all eternity (Mark 5:19–20).

As Christian stewards joyfully use the greatest gift of all—the Gospel given through Word and Sacrament—they will find that priorities in their life change and take on a new perspective. No longer do they find themselves living only for themselves. Rather, they recognize they are part of the most dramatic, exciting and wonderful life possible—life with God and life in service to Him for the sake of others.

How do Christian stewards use their material blessings?

The money that we have and all the things that we own—all of them are God's possessions. Everything in this life that we have is a sacred trust from our heavenly Father. He allows us to use His creation and intends it for our good.

The Apostle Paul puts matters quite clearly when he writes, "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:7). Because this is true, we need to realize that those things we have are not ours to use in any way we choose.

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When we talk about Christian stewardship then, we are talking about a "big picture" view of how we manage and use all that our good and gracious God has given to us, and that certainly includes money. Some have more, some have less, but all have the privilege and responsibility to give sacrificially for the work of the Kingdom. Clearly then, it is our joyful privilege and sacred duty to support the work of the church through our financial offerings. We give, too, of our time and talents in the work of the church, giving as we have received and sharing as we have been blessed.

We do this in order that the message of Christ and the truth of His Word is spread abroad, through our own personal efforts, and through the efforts of our congregation, our district, and our Synod, as together we join hands to reach out boldly with the Gospel.

Conclusion

When we catch the vision of Christian stewardship that flows from a Gospel-centered understanding of God's Word, we are able to put issues of our wealth and possessions in proper perspective. They are not "ends" but "means." They are the means by which our Lord provides for our needs and the means by which He permits us to join hands with fellow believers in supporting generously the work of the church in reaching out with the message of forgiveness, life and salvation in Christ.

How much can we give? How much are we to give? We do not live under law, but under grace. Each of us needs prayerfully to determine what is most appropriate for their own situation. Many Christians have found giving a fixed percent of their income to be the best way to be regular in their giving.

Because of what Christ has done, we are called to lives of Christian stewardship—lives that reflect the glory of God. Christian stewards are privileged by God to live their lives in grateful praise and thanksgiving to God.

-Dr. A. L. Barry
Past President, The LCMS

Lutherans for Life witnesses to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God. It serves through individuals who volunteer at pregnancy care centers, with hospice, through prayer, and in a wide variety of caring activities. It educates and encourages through conferences and workshops, printed resources and newsletters, Life Sunday materials and Bible studies, curricula, video, and through the website www.lutheransforlife.org

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

(Based on appointed readings from Lutheran Service Book)

April 2nd – Palm Sunday – Every tongue must and shall confess Jesus and not ourselves as Lord over death and life (Philippians 2:11). When offered gall to accelerate His own dying, the Savior declined, even in His terminal condition (Matthew 27:34). We also may commend ourselves and our neighbors into the Heavenly Father’s loving hands as days draw to their ends.



April 9th – Easter -- “Do not be afraid,” both the Easter angels and the risen Savior assure us (Matthew 28:4, 10). His everlasting and overcoming love (Jeremiah 31:3) means our whole being, body and soul, may rest secure (Psalm 16:9). We need fear neither surprise pregnancy nor terminal diagnosis, suffering nor death, because Christ Jesus mysteriously but mightily safeguards every human life (Colossians 3:3).

April 16th -- Easter II -- Personal choice, public opinion, and political controversy cannot stifle our Gospel-motivated voices For Life. With the first Christians, we must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29). He has commanded every human life into its existence, and we work to preserve them all until He permits them to pass away (Psalm 148:5-6). If this means discomfort or suffering, we will rejoice at the privilege of suffering together with Jesus Christ (Acts 5:41).

April 23 – Easter III – The resurrected and compassionate Jesus made Himself present in His loved ones’ sadnesses (Luke 24:16-17). Our Lord is not absent but all the more active in difficulties like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. He redeems us and our sufferings to usher us into His exceeding glory (Luke 24:26). Not only do His words and ways deliver souls from death, but He also undertakes to relieve all tears from their eyes (Psalm 116:8).

April 30 – Easter IV – The earliest Church found great delight in not giving themselves over to radical autonomy. Instead they invested in fellowship and community that accompany each other rather than abandoning in time of need (Acts 2:44). May we likewise proclaim and put into practice our Lord’s promise that the abundant life is the one that is shared especially in adversity (John 10:10).



Also, the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony on

Bingo Night at Zion

Monday, May 1st at 7 pm Ginny Kimberland will host her semi-annual Bingo Night in Zion's Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Mary Kay Foundation for cancer research and domestic violence prevention. Guest will enjoy snacks, 50/50 raffle, chance auction and prizes.



All are invited! Please RSVP to Ginny at 412-427-9013

Altar Guild Members Needed

Can you join us? Our altar guild prepares the elements of the Lord's Supper prior to each Worship service in the sacristy (behind our altar), and takes care of communion linens and vessels. This is wonderful way to demonstrate love and respect for the Sacrament while serving the members of Zion. Guild members serve on a monthly basis in teams of 3 or 4 members, and the schedule is very flexible! A training session will be scheduled soon. An eblast was sent the last week of March with details and a link to sign up online. For more information contact Tevia at grmnstns@live.com or Susie in the church office at secretary@zlcb.org.



Bridgeville Area Food Bank

The April collection for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank is Easter Sunday, April 9th. The "item of the month" is FRUIT (canned and dried). Items may be placed in the wicker receptacle in the narthex near the coat rack. You are welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and noon at Bethany Presbyterian Church (contact Barb Oechslein for more information).



IT'S BACK!!



Women's Summer Book Club

3rd Tuesday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m.
(June 20, July 18, August 15)

All meetings take place at the parsonage.

Light refreshments will be served.

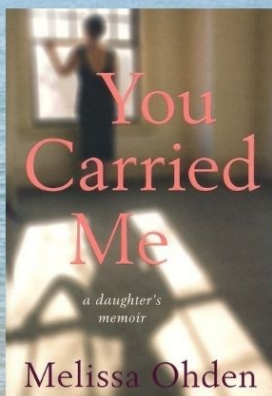
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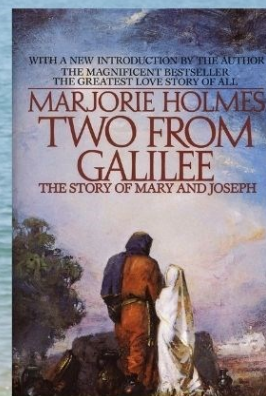
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Marjorie Holmes

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Stations of The Resurrection

FOCUS ON THE VARIOUS APPEARANCES OF JESUS DURING THE 40-DAY PERIOD BETWEEN HIS RESURRECTION AND HIS ASCENSION.

ALL THE STATIONS ARE BASED ON SCRIPTURALLY RECORDED INCIDENTS IN THE FOUR GOSPELS AND THE BOOK OF ACTS.

Presented by The Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 – 2 & 3:30 P.M.

CONCORDIA LUND CHAPEL 134 MARWOOD RD | CABOT 16023

OERTEL CHAPEL 613 NORTH PIKE RD | CABOT 16023

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 – 1:30 P.M.

CONCORDIA OF MONROEVILLE | 4363 NORTHERN PIKE | 15146

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – 2:15 & 3:15 P.M.

CONCORDIA OF THE SOUTH HILLS

1300 BOWER HILL RD | MT. LEBANON 15243

PERSONAL CARE DINING ROOM

HARMONY ROOM



SUNDAY, MAY 7 – 2:30 & 4 P.M

CONCORDIA AT REBECCA RESIDENCE CHAPEL

3746 CEDAR RIDGE RD | ALLISON PARK 15101

HIGHPOINTE AT REBECCA CHAPEL

1871 HIGHPOINTE LANE | ALLISON PARK 15101

April Service Participants

	Elders	Acolytes	Time
April 2 Palm Sunday	Sam Garloff & Bob Schmidt Jim Neill & Bill Bishop	Elder Daniel Grimenstein	8:00 10:30
April 6 Maundy Thurs	Sam Garloff & Bob Schmidt	Daniel Grimenstein	7:00
April 7 Good Friday	Mike Kroeger & Bill Bishop	Jeremy Dyczewski	7:00
April 9 Easter	Sam Garloff & Bob Schmidt Jim Neill & Bill Bishop	Lindsey Liberatore Jeremy Dyczewski	8:00 10:30
April 16	Sam Garloff & Bob Schmidt Jim Neill & Bill Bishop	Emily Trentini Callista Chilcott	8:00 10:30
April 23	Sam Garloff & Mike Wallace Jim Neill & Roger Diederich	Claire Schrag Jeremy Dyczewski	8:00 10:30
April 30	Sam Garloff & Mike Wallace Jim Neill & Bill Bishop	Emily Trentini Callista Chilcott	8:00 10:30



	Altar Guild	8:00 am Ushers	10:30 am Ushers
Apr	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Bill, Ken & Will Schrag and Jason Trentini	John, Liz, Claire & Luke Lemonovich
May	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Larry & Janet Zreliak, Tim Sheldon, Joshua Grimenstein	Mike & Aaron Kozak, Chuck LaJeunesse, John Gresh



April

BIRTHDAYS

1st -- Savannah Killinger

2nd -- Tom Richards

4th -- David Hutula

6th -- Barbara Fisher

6th -- Mildred Thielet

7th -- Sandra Quinlan

8th -- Rae Murphy

11th -- Lydia Grimenstein

18th -- Lauren Liberatore

18th -- Ava Pasquini

22th -- Carrie Bonacci

23rd -- Bobbie Hoelle

25th -- Mike Kroeger

25th -- Mike Wallace

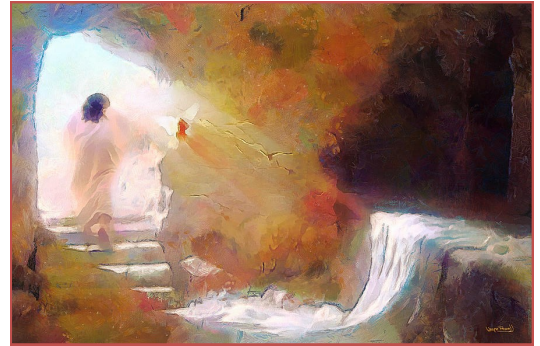
27th -- Sarah Grimenstein

27th -- Andrew Weldon

28th -- Bob Schmidt

28th -- Bethany Schrag

29th -- Ryan Harris



April

ANNIVERSARIES

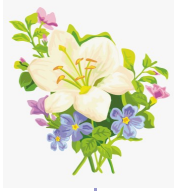



12th David & Gretchen Schinkel

13th Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse

22nd David & Cheryl Arter



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship	3 6:00 pm Confirm. 6:15 pm Grace Bells 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Confirm. 7:15 pm Choir 8:15 pm Faith Bells	4 	5	6 Maundy Thurs 2:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Worship	7 Good Friday 2:00 pm Worship (1:30 prelude) 7:00 pm Worship (6:30 prelude)	8 9:00 am Men's Choir
9 Easter 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Buffet breakfast between services 10:30 am Worship FOOD BANK COLLECTION 	10 6:15 pm Grace Bells 7:15 pm Choir 8:15 pm Faith Bells	11 7:00 pm Board of Ed Mtg.	12	13 7:00 pm Elders' Mtg	<div data-bbox="1208 741 1471 1073" data-label="Image"> </div>	
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23 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Youth Grp Pizza/Planning	24 6:00 pm Confirm. 6:15 pm Grace Bells 7:00 pm Confirm. 7:15 pm Choir 8:15 pm Faith Bells	25	26 2:00 pm Worship & Bible Study 7:00 pm Worship & Bible Study	27	28 	
30 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship Voters' Mtg (lunch served)						