



Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday Service - April 2nd at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service - April 3rd at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Services - April 5th at 8:15 and 10:30 am

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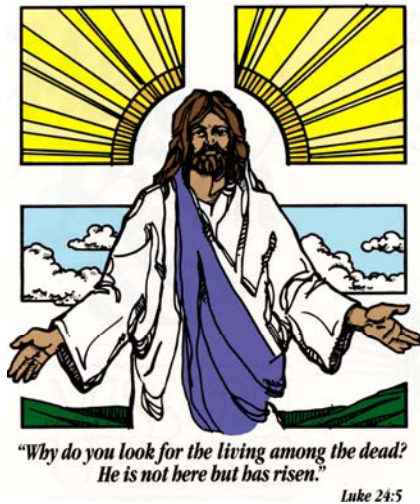
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From the Pastor

On April 5 we celebrate the most joyous festival of the church year: Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord. As I have said on more than one occasion, even hardened skeptics cannot help but be moved by the message proclaimed in all Christian churches on that day: *He lives, and because He lives, we shall live also.* Nature itself joins in the proclamation by giving us a full moon on April 4, meaning the very next day (first Sunday after the first full moon of spring) is Easter!

Already in the Psalms we have an anticipation of what became reality almost 2,000 years ago when Jesus rose from the dead: *Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly...I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.* (Psalm 118:15.17)

But I would hope that the gladness we feel on Easter Sunday morning is not simply a matter of atmosphere, something artificially created by a sanctuary full of people, lilies in the chancel, special hymns and music, and the fact that spring has come to Virginia in all its glory, which this year should make us all especially happy after an unusually cold March. For if we have really heard the message—if we have got it, to use modern language—then we can leave the service on Easter a little different than we went in. Then the words of that great hymn cited below will become a challenge for us in our daily living:

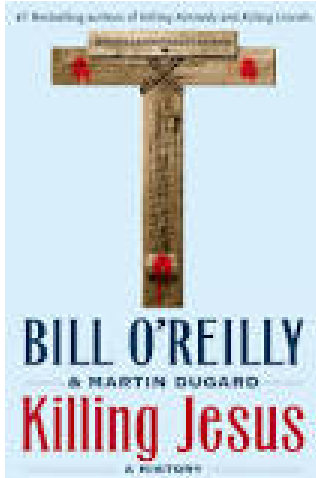
Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above, That we conquer through your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day, That by our lives we truly say: Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
(ELW 367,3)

Easter is not merely a matter of ambience, of generating a mood of celebration. It is an attitude, the way a Christian approaches life. It enables us to face everything that happens to us with the knowledge that because of Christ's victory over sin and death nothing will be able to separate us from His love, and that after our earthly life is over we will spend eternity in heaven with Him.

So let us rejoice! Let us go forth as a resurrection people and celebrate these Sundays of the Easter season as those who know they serve a risen Lord and therefore cannot help but share the good news about Jesus through service to our neighbor.



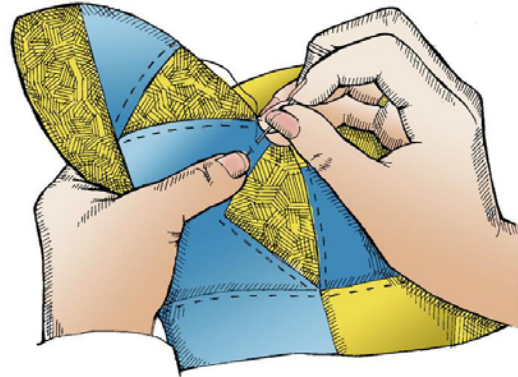
Here's What's Happening



The next meeting of the Women of the ELCA will be **Friday, April 10th**. We'll have a covered dish dinner at **6:00 pm**, followed by our program. Polly Brickman will do a book review on "Killing Jesus" written by Bill O'Reilly. The evening will conclude with a short business meeting.



Do you have old shoes you no longer need? Please bring them to the collection box in Wagner Hall. We are collecting shoes to send with medical mission volunteers, one of those volunteers being our own **Mary Vaughn Smith DeSoto**. Questions: Debbie Lane, 317-5178.



SOUL STITCHERS

The Soul Stitchers will meet on **April 19th** following the 10:30 service in the Wagner Room. We will meet again on **May 17th** and then take a break for the summer.

Please stop by our table in the Wagner Room during hospitality following the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday. Eco-friendly reusable market bags, and other hand-made items will be available for small donations. The money will be used to support local social ministry organizations that First English relates to. Some of these groups include: CARITAS, Circle Center Adult Daycare, Crossover Ministry, FeedMore, and other local Richmond service groups.



The children's sermon has been moved within the service to immediately follow the opening prayer (before the reading of the lessons). Parents may want to keep children in the sanctuary until after the children's sermon and then take them to the nursery.



Youth Events Schedule (subject to revision):

Please record the following dates in your calendars:

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Proceeds will help to fund kids to go to Kairos Synod summer event for 9th - 12th graders): **Saturday, April 18th** - We will meet at **3:00 pm** to prepare the meal, supper will start at **5:00 pm**. Youth will help to serve meal (restaurant style), cook, clean up, etc.

Youth Hospitality: **Sunday, April 19th** - We will set up for Hospitality after the Spaghetti Dinner on April 18th. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item to share.

Youth Sunday Service & Busch Gardens Trip: **Sunday, May 3rd**.

Youth Pancake Breakfast: **Sunday, June 7th** - Youth to arrive at **6:30-7 am** - prepare meal, serve meal. Details to follow. Youth Meeting will be held after the 10:30 Service.



Newsletter Deadline

All submissions for the May issue need to be turned in to the church office no later than Wednesday April 15.

Thank you for your cooperation. Church Office Staff

SPAGHETTI DINNER!!



Provided by FELC Youth Group!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on
Saturday, April 18, 2015

Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 6:30

Menu includes
Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert

Requested Donation:
\$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child

Proceeds to help defray costs associated with the Youth Group's
attendance at Kairos.

Join us!

FELC People News



A Sunday recently, I was sitting in a pew when **Julianne Riley** set this large heavy bag in my lap. Julianne has crocheted a large red with black dots afghan. It is just beautiful! Betty Davidson has taken this to the Lutheran Family Services. It will be given to a needy family to enjoy the warmth and comfort. Our sincere thanks to Julianne for all of her hard work.

~ Carrie Jacobson
Secretary, Women of the ELCA

~ Betty Davidson
Mission Chair, Women of the ELCA

Let's Celebrate April with the Following Members of our Congregation



Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in the month of April!



Congratulations to all celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in April!

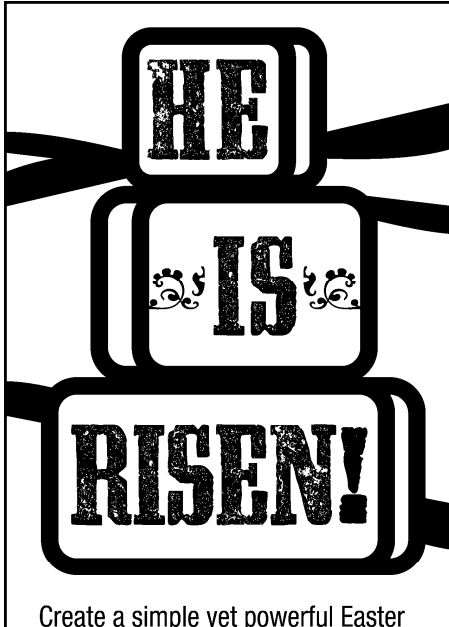


Clark Hughes Lane, son of William Fletcher Lane and Meredith Manson Lane, born on February 18, 2014, was baptized in church at the 10:30 service on March 22, 2015.



<p>Wednesday April 1 – Wednesdays Together 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Lenten Bible Study 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Thursday April 2 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service</p>
<p>Friday April 3 – Good Friday 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service</p>
<p>Sunday April 5 – Easter Sunday 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality – Congregational Life</p>
<p>Monday April 6 Church Office Closed</p>
<p>Wednesday April 8 – Wednesdays Together 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Friday April 10 6:00 pm: Women of the ELCA</p>
<p>Sunday April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality – 12:00 pm: Congregational Life Committee Meeting</p>

<p>Wed. April 15 – Wednesday’s Together 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Saturday April 18 5:00 pm: Youth Spaghetti Dinner</p>
<p>Sunday April 19 – 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality – Youth Group 12:00 pm: Soul Stitchers 12:00 pm: Outreach Committee Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday April 21 7:00 pm: Congregation Council Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday April 22 – Wednesdays Together 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Sunday April 26 – 4th Sunday of Easter 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality – VCU Art Show (Reni Gower) 12:00 pm: Worship & Music Committee Meeting</p>
<p>Wed. April 29 – Wednesday’s Together 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal</p>



Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) “He” on the smallest block, “is” on the medium block and “risen!” on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim “He is risen!”



PUZZLE

OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

5 who was R aised	8 R ight hand	6 T o life
3 d iEd	4 m o R e than that	7 I s at the
2 J e S us who	11 i nt E rceding	9 O f God
12 f or U s	1 C hrist	10 a nd is also

... 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____, 5 _____

_____ 6 _____ 7 _____

_____ 8 _____

6 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____ *Romans 8:34, NIV*

RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV