



The Jewels

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Our Lenten Schedule

Midweek Services

Wednesday 4:00 PM
April 3 & 10

Maundy Thursday

April 18
4:00 PM

Good Friday

April 19
4:00 & 7:00 PM

Easter Celebrations

April 20-21

Saturday – 4:00 PM

Easter Sunrise – 6:00 AM

Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday Fellowship

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Easter morning ...

- Following the 6 AM Sunrise service for coffee and pastries,
or
- Between the 8 AM & 10:30 AM services for a continental breakfast

Everyone is welcome!
(free-will offering)

Conversations by Pastor Phill, Sr. Pastor

Promises, promises: If you want to keep your doctor, you can keep your doctor; this is the greatest tax cut in history; this product has a lifetime warranty; I would never lie to you; of course this will cure the common cold; I will love, honor, and obey; *I will return, and take you to be with Me.*

Hey, wait a minute – that last one – that’s a real promise, not spoken by just anybody, but by Him. And, it seems too good to be true, like the sentences before it above. After all, even Peter said, wait a second, we don’t know where You’re going, what kinda promise is this? And – what guarantee do we have that You’re telling the truth?

His answer was simple. If this were not so, He said, I would have told you. But if you really knew Me, you would know the Father as well as you know Me – have I ever mislead or deceived You?

No, of course not but – this one is just too spooky, too impossible, isn’t it? Actually, no: nothing is impossible with God. Hmmm. OK, then, when? When will You come back for me? When will You take me to be with You? That one is a little harder – can We just say now and not yet? You’re back to riddles again – what do You mean now and not yet?

I’ll be back sooner than you might think, except that if you had been listening to Me all along you would get it. You didn’t really hear Me so the Now part will be a surprise, a shock, really, to all who experience it, and a comfort to all who receive Me. The Not Yet part, that’s a little harder to say – no one knows, not the angels in heaven nor the Son here on this earth. But all things have a season, Me, you, this creation – the Not Yet for you might come quicker than the Not Yet for all creation. Be patient, can’t you? Trust Me. Trust also in God. We will do this for you, when your time is right. In the meantime, what we share at this table will suffice for you.

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Planning ahead ...

Summer Worship Begins in May

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins on the first weekend of May. Service times are as follows:

Saturday Worship – 4:00 PM
Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class – 10:15 AM

From Your President

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus?"

A farmer and his wife in Central Minnesota were driving their pickup truck on their way to the local Farmers' Market. On their way through the dust on the dirt road, they saw an old man carrying a heavy load of fresh vegetables on his back. It seemed apparent that he was heading to the Farmers' Market and had been carrying this burden for a long time. The couple pulled next to the old man and took pity on him. They gave him a bottle of water and told him to ride in the back of the pickup to rest and get relief from the heavy load he was carrying. The old man readily accepted the offer and climbed into the back of the pickup. After some time and nearing the market's location, the farmer looked back to check on the old man. He was surprised at what he saw. The old man was sitting in the bed of the pickup with the heavy load still strapped to his back. He hadn't taken the opportunity to remove the load and rest his back during the journey.

Sad to say, but in today's world we have many Christians like that. Like the truck driver, Jesus also took pity on the old man carrying the heavy load. Are we, you and I, like the old man carrying the heavy load? Jesus loves us and kindly says, "Climb in the back of the pickup truck and get relief from the load you carry. Give your load to me and you will have rest." "What a wonderful pickup driver!", we think. We climb into the back of the pickup, but we keep the load on our backs. It is our load to carry endlessly. Our Savior says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28), but we insist upon carrying the load ourselves rather than trusting Jesus to take care of all of it. Do we simply not trust in him to rescue us from our heavy load? Do we think there must be a different way, and that way resides in us or

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We are Truly Blessed to be a Blessing

by Gene Kuebler, Board Chairman, Board for Missions

I have been a member of many congregations over my life, but this is the only church where I have been a part of that has been able to provide financial support to local, national and international ministries. The mission board over the years has been actively seeking opportunities to assist in spreading the gospel and will keep you informed on what is accomplished this year.

In our March meeting we were able to provide \$1,000.00 to Valley Lutheran High School in Phoenix for a special project called "**Watts of Love.**" Students will be traveling to Guatemala to provide 240 solar powered lights to areas that have never had electricity. In their letter to us they stated, "We'll also have the opportunity to talk about Jesus and how He brings us into his marvelous transformational light." The students will be staying at a mission base and travel 2-3 hours daily to the remote village.

A member of our congregation brought to our attention a Ministry called "**More Greater Things Mission Initiative**". They are in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri area. Their main effort this school year is to reach children from the Ferguson/Jennings/Braden communities. We are providing quarterly support in the amount of \$1,500.00. We have been receiving reports from them on a regular basis and you can find more detailed information on our bulletin board.

We are also providing \$1,500.00 quarterly support to **Trinity-Hope in Haiti**. On page 5 is the latest article we received from them.

Board for Community Outreach by Karen Block, Board Chairman

Please Note: a change was made to The Desert Winds Steel Orchestra. They will now perform their beautiful steel drum music from the Caribbean on November 3 at 3:00 PM instead of May.

The Summer Brown Bag Movie planning is under way. Movies will take place on May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, and September 10. Stay tuned for what movie will be playing on what day. Suggestions so far are: *God Bless the Broken Road*, *John Wayne*, *Hunt for Red October* and *Singing in the Rain*, to name a few selections.

As always, we would **love** to have additional members on our committee! If you are interested in joining, I would love to hear from you. The board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:00 AM. Come join us or feel free to email me at kblock50@gmail.com.

*The world is changed by your example,
not your opinions!*

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus?" President's Message continued
other mortals? The Devil within us, our sinful nature, prevents us to say, "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus!"

Jeremiah 17:5 "Cursed is the man who trusts in man..."
Jeremiah 17:7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord."
Philippians 4:11-13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Jay Nelson

Growing Closer to God through Prayer

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

Often people want to prepare for the loss of a loved one. That is not God’s will for us. The future belongs to God. God wants us to live in the present and appreciate our loved ones every day we have them with us. The best way to prepare for loss and pain in our lives is to continually grow closer to God our Father and Creator. When we fully trust God, we have the certainty that he will sustain us and get us through the most difficult times of our lives.

When we call out to Our Father in prayer, we access His power, love, strength and wisdom at a time when we may feel powerless, vulnerable and filled with fear. Throughout God’s Word he calls on us to pray to Him unceasingly.

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submissions. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. . . . (*Hebrews 5:7-10*)

Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. (*Luke 22:45*)

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. (*James 5:10*)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of righteous person is powerful and effective. (*James 5:16*)

One very effective way to find release from something that we feel powerless about or that is troubling us or causing us pain is to write out our prayer in longhand to God and read it out loud. We can keep our prayer in our prayer journal or we can destroy it by shredding it or tearing it up and intentionally turning our problem over to God. This simple act can help us find clarity and draw on God’s perfect wisdom.

Martin Luther states, “The highest and foremost work we can do is to speak with Him through prayer and receive from Him what He gives us. We have this great need of prayer, for by it we are truly able to keep what we have and to defend it against our enemies – the devil and the world. Therefore prayer becomes our comfort, strength and consolation, as well as our protection against all enemies and our victory over them.” (*Exposition of John 16:23, 1537*)

If your heart is torn apart and you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us in the Chapel Wednesday mornings from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Our spring GriefCare group starts on April 3. We come together to strengthen each other in Our Father’s power, love and comfort in order to heal and move forward in a way that honors our Father, fulfills His purpose for us and at the same time honors our loved one.

Treasurer’s Report

by Arlin Bates, Treasurer

Here’s where we stood at the end of February:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Receipts	\$ 70,427	\$ 74,533
Expenses	\$ 68,908	\$ 61,000

Our budgeted income was projected to be \$143,582 with our actual of \$144,311 Expenditures were projected to be \$138,083 with expenses to date of \$139,307.

Spring Voter’s Meeting

April 28 – 9:15 AM
(Between Services)

All communicant members are urged to attend! Copies of Council reports will be made available to you in writing on the weekend of April 13 & 14. Additional copies will be available in the church office and the day of the meeting.

Joining the Church Triumphant

Ginny Lagers – Feb. 14
Larry Strohschein – Mar. 6

We celebrate the victory won for the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved as well, knowing that God honors our tears.

Nurse Carol leads Bible Study

What does Scripture have to say about Health and Healing? How is our body/mind/spirit all intertwined and how does this affect our health? What is our responsibility in taking care of ourselves to promote the best health? Do miracles of healing still exist? What about faith?

Join nurse Carol for a 12-week study on Health and Healing Throughout the Scriptures. The class begins on Thursday, May 2nd from 1:00 to 2:00 PM in the Chapel. Please sign up ahead of time so materials can be provided for you.

Coming Soon!

by Judith Axelson, Assimilation Committee Chairperson

April 10
5:30 PM

Lake Pleasant Sunset Cruise
\$50 per person
Invite your friends & neighbors!
Catered by Dillon's

July - TBD
Ice Cream Social

August - TBD
Sister Act
AZ Broadway Theater

Tips for a Healthy Lifestyle

by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

Treat everyone like Jesus would! – Laugh often – Eat nutritious meals, drink enough water – Feed DAILY on the Word of God – Grab a friend and walk at least 3x/week – Get enough sleep – Do something every day that you really like to do – Find a new recipe and try it – Count your blessings – Do something you have been putting off – Attend church regularly – Read a good book – Pray without ceasing. This will keep your body, mind, and spirit focusing on the positive! Enjoy life – it has an expiration date!

My heartfelt thanks to ALL of you who helped with the Health Fair ... trustees, quilters for your donation, and all who helped on the day of the Fair. I even used some of the golf balls from those of you who donated them a few years back! The Fair was successful again for our congregational and community members. I couldn't have done it without all of you! Thanks and God bless you.

Nurse Carol

Thoughts by Pastor Gary

Years ago, one man made a rather large fortune by inventing erasers for pencils. Someone else made an even bigger fortune when he invented the delete key for computers. God, however, makes no mistakes, and consequently He needs no eraser. Yet, in a sense, He erases, not His, but people's—our—mistakes. In a hymn we pray:

*All our sinfulness erase
With the increase of Your grace*

The Bible does not use the word "erase" to describe God's forgiveness, but expressions like these are used: God removes our sins, puts them behind Him, buries them in the deep sea, cleanses and washes them away with the blood of Jesus, blots them out, cancels them, nails them to Christ's cross, covers them with Christ's mantle of righteousness. We could also say that God uses a delete key, and when He does, the screens of which our sins were recorded are thoroughly blank.

Of course, God is holy and righteous, and as such He is not indifferent to sins, nor does He just ignore them or gloss over them. Whatever is sinful and unholy cannot abide in His presence. God is not like a doting grandfather who condones whatever his grandchildren do.

Why can God erase or delete our debts from our record? Because Jesus took all our sins upon Himself and atoned for them by His death; He paid all our debts. With faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, His righteousness becomes our righteousness. For His sake, God declares us just and holy.

The prophet Isaiah stated it another way: "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be as red as crimson, they shall be like wool'" (Is. 1:18). This shows how God takes us out of the red ink of our spiritual indebtedness.

My prayer for each of us is that we thank God because He, by grace, for Jesus' sake, through faith, has removed from each of us all our sins.



Men's Fellowship Provides Tracts

The Men's Fellowship has again acquired a number of tracts and booklets that are published by Lutheran Hour Ministries. They have been placed in the tracts racks in the Narthex for your use. Please feel free to share them as appropriate with family, neighbors or friends. Some of the topics include: *Cancer, Depression, Finding Peace, Forgiveness is a Choice, Prayer when you don't know what to say, The Truth About Angels, What Happens When I Die?, Talking with God, Setting Priorities, Your Place in God's Plan, and When in Doubt...Read the Book.*

No Blood Pressure Checks in April

Because of the Palm Sunday and Easter Week Celebrations, the April Blood Pressure Clinic has been cancelled. Nurse Carol will resume the Clinic in May.

Experience God at Work *(continued from page 2)*

By Ben Schmunk

What did we go to Haiti to see? A third world country that has a history of being devastated by earthquakes and hurricanes? Undernourished children and adults? Hopelessness and helplessness? No, we went to Haiti to experience God at work. And we were not disappointed! God revealed Himself each and every time we chose to seek Him.

We saw families who were satisfied with the little they had. Their faith in Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides, was evident in their words and actions. Most notably, it was evident in their praise. We had the opportunity to worship with the Haitians on Sunday morning. This experience caused me to question why I hold back when I worship in the presence of God. The Haitians lift high their voices and hands to God. There is no fear of judgment; they give God everything they have and praise Him for all he has given them. We met with the cooks at each school we visited. Each of their stories had similarities, such as the fact that they would have to leave home before the break of dawn to get the fires started. Cooking the bean sauce requires lots of time over an open fire, generally made of wood or charcoal. In an atmosphere that is already hot, the cook's job is even hotter. If the heat wasn't enough, the smoke burns the eyes and can be extremely uncomfortable. However, the joy of these cooks is contagious. Their passion for ensuring the children have a well-prepared meal allows them to sacrifice their own comfort.



We interacted with the schools' administration, which daily seeks to educate the children not only about grammar, literature, and arithmetic but the love of Christ. The staff are also responsible for tracking attendance, ensuring the correct portions of food are provided to the students, that the children wash their hands under running water before eating, that a blessing is given before the food is eaten, and that the food is properly secured.



Praise God for setting up such a good system of accountability that allows the Haitian children to be fed, schools to be able to teach children because they have a good meal and can focus on their school work, and Haitians to be employed and empowered to drive positive change throughout their country.

Altar Flowers Update

by Florella Denzin, Flower Committee Chairperson

This is Easter month!

When you see and/or eat Jelly Beans this month, think of this:

- GREEN: For the palms that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem
- PURPLE: For the wine & bread Jesus shared with His disciples
- RED: For the blood that Jesus shed for us
- BLACK: For the dark cave where Jesus' body lay
- WHITE: For the angel who said "HE IS RISEN"
- YELLOW: For the bright sun and the resurrection on Easter Day

We want to thank Bonnie Kimble for her sewing skills with our green boxes. Special appreciation is due to all of you contributing the beautiful flowers for our Altar. Please remember to take them home following the 10:30 Easter Sunday service or by Wednesday following Easter.

NOTE: The deadline to sign up for Easter flowers is April 10!

A Blessed Easter to all!



New GriefCare Group Begins

Wednesday, April 3

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Call Christine Escobar

623-218-6794

Saying Goodbye for the Summer

Does the office have your summer address and the dates of your departure and arrival? Please be sure to call the office BEFORE you leave. Many thanks. Have a great summer ... we look forward to your return in fall!

LWML Update

by Rita Grover, President

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

Faith is having unquestioning belief, complete trust and confidence. Do we have that kind of faith in God? Hebrews chapter 11 is all about that kind of faith. Your Women in Mission (LWML) have faith that through their mission opportunities the Love of God will be spread throughout the world. Through the gifts of our congregation, both material and monetary, these last few months we have been blessed to give help to Family Promise of Greater Phoenix, Surprise Christian Preschool, Hope Totes for the homeless, and hygiene napkins and Pillowcase dresses for girls in Africa and Mexico. Some of us will also be participating in Walk-4-Water (drilling deep water wells for African communities) in Cave Creek on April 6. If you would like to join us please contact Rita Grover (623-247-9604).

There is a learning opportunity for our congregation coming on April 27 THE WRAP at Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ. Learn more about mission work, the challenges, and the opportunities that lay before us. Lunch will be provided at the cost of \$15 per person. We are planning to carpool (contact Rita). Please register by April 18th with Nancy Heredia nlhnlh4C@yahoo.com and email her your name, email address, and phone number. This is necessary so that they will have enough materials. Each participant will be able to attend 3 sessions of their choice:

- S.A.L.T. (sharing Active Leadership Techniques)
- Mission Grant Selection & Distribution
- Engage and Retain Volunteers
- Reaching Different Cultures & Generations

Next meeting: April 8 at 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Chapel. Installation of officers and thank you to our volunteers.

Stephen Ministry Update by Ken Grover, Publicity

Christ Caring For People Through People

"He is not here; for He has risen, just as He said..." Matthew 28:6

Alleluia, He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Three days after paying the penalty for our sins on the cross, the sinless Jesus conquered death by rising from the grave thus breaking the power of sin. It was this sacrifice of His blood for our sins that opened the only way for us to have a relationship with God and a home, an eternal home with Him. Yes, Christ's resurrection is cause for our celebration.

Hope is a wonderful gift from God. Hope is a source of strength and courage in the face of life's harshest trials. When life hurts and dreams fade, nothing helps like hope. Hope isn't merely a nice option that helps us clear a hurdle, it is essential for our survival. To hope, is to believe in the possibility of a favorable future. It is the opposite of worry, fear, and despair. Hopeful people live positive and fruitful lives. Hope implies a certain discontentment with the way things are and propels people to work for a more desirable God-pleasing future. People who hear and believe the good news about Jesus' resurrection will hope in God, even when all human reasoning for hope is gone. Our hope is infinitely bound up with God. Christian hope comes from and rests securely with God. God is the originator of hope. As Christian caregivers, Stephen Ministers are facilitators of God's hope. *"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

Congratulations to Tom and Lola Leshney for the completion of the weeklong Stephen Ministry Leaders training in Anaheim, California.

A fifty (50) hour Stephen Ministry training course will begin October 17, 2019 and end March 5, 2020. The training will be Thursdays from 9 AM to 11:30 AM All are invited to participate.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Gary at 623-546-6228 or Gloria Michel at 623-544-4569. May God continue to bless, guide, protect you and keep you in His grace.

*May blessings fill your heart today
Like Easter flowers on display,
With joy that chases clouds away
And brings you hope that's everlasting.
Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Easter*

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

(Psalm 118:24)

April Altar Flowers

6-7	Jerry Sandmann, in loving memory of his mother, Florence, who was called home to Heaven at the age of 101	27-28	Ron & Deb Christ, in celebration of their 29 th wedding anniversary
13-14	Marian Abraham, in loving memory of husband Neal	27-28	Gaille Holliday, in loving memory of husband Roger's 2 nd anniversary in Heaven
20-21	Easter Lilies & Mums		

God is our Confidence and our Strength

by Kathie Schmidt, Prayer Team

Did you know we have a God who comforts us? Let that sink in for a moment. The Lord himself provides consolation because no one knows our hurts the way He does. He allows hardship in our lives, but as a result we become stronger believers and more humble people. Besides, He stays by our side through the entire experience, sustaining us and limiting the intensity and duration of our distress.

Please remember:

- *God is in control of our trials.* Nothing comes our way randomly. Instead of asking "why" pray for an understanding of His Holy Will for you. He is sovereign over every adversity, including how long it lasts.
- *God uses trials to strengthen our faith.* Jesus mentioned that those who don't truly believe fall away when afflictions arise. To go through suffering and remain true to Christ testifies to others about our salvation, making our faith stronger.
- *God has an inheritance waiting for us in heaven.* That inheritance far outweighs any temporal suffering. If we make that our focus, any and all troubles will recede in importance.

We are the children of God, the King. He has the Power – for real! Let's tap into that as needed, and Give Him the Glory!

Choir and Handbell Notes by Roger Hicks, Choir Director

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the COL Choir members for their dedicated ministry of choral song. Their diligent preparation and presentation has been a spiritual highlight in the 4:00 and 10:30 worship services over the past eight months. We will certainly be looking forward to the choir's return to our services on the last weekend in September.

IF YOU feel called to be part of the COL Choir ministry you are invited to join the choir at its first rehearsal of the 2019-20 season - Thursday, September 19 at 3:30 PM. If you're a snowbird - you are invited to join the action as soon as you arrive back in Arizona.

AND.....what about those pioneer COL Handbell Ringers? Having been organized only two months they will have contributed to our worship services six times by the close of their current ringing season. THANK YOU ringers for your dedicated preparation and presentation during this short time. We look forward to your return in the fall.

TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED to the purchase of the handbells and other accessories - you are so very much appreciated for your assistance in making our handbell ministry a reality.

Quilters Update

by Marlene Peterson

The quilter's club has done very well this year. Starting out, we finished 150 blankets for the Native American Indians in No. Dakota. We then decided to sell quilts (blankets) at COL once a month to assist in buying our supplies and material. The blankets will be in the Nartex by the Information Center on the 1st weekend of the month. We are also taking on an *Honor Flight* queen size quilt for the Wounded Warriors in Phoenix to help send them to Washington D.C. on a 3-day trip. That quilt will be donated to *Honor Flight* and they will sell tickets or auction the quilt to make money for the project. For more information about our group, call Marlene Peterson at 623-556-1055 or Jan Tvinnereim at 623-533-3610.

In the Mailbag!

Words alone cannot express our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Phill for his comforting memorial service, to Pastor Gary for the last rites bestowed, Pastor Ron for his timely hospital visits, to elder Ernie Schmidt for phone calls, a personal home and hospital visit, to Nurse Carol for a prayerful visit, and last, but not least, to Sue Stuempfig for bearing with me through this cry for help when sorely needed during the passing days of my dear husband, Lawrence. Cards of sympathy from our church members and local neighbors, were deeply appreciated. Blessings to all.

*Gladys & the family of
Lawrence (Larry) Strohschein*

Car Found in Church Parking Lot

Pastor Robbins,

Joy and Peace at Easter. As the Lord fills the earth with new life, new beginnings, and fresh hope, may He richly fill you with the joy and peace that are ours in Christ.

We want to thank you and your congregation for finding our car. It was such a miracle it was located and we are so deeply appreciative. Bless you to you and yours!

Richard & Connie Oelrich

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Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Roland Kroll,
Rev. Ron Luedemann, Rev. Ray Mirly

ELDERS

(4:00) Chris Beck, Tom Leshney,
Ed Michel, Ernie Schmidt
(8:00) Tom Leshney, Ed Michel,
Duane Rawson
(10:30) Chris Beck, Joel Block,
Paul Brown, Henry Munzinger

TRUSTEES

(4:00) Rollie Mann
(8:00) Jerry Denzin
(10:30) Larry Lienemann

ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Joyce Hassan, Doris Van Peeren,
Nada Workman
(8:00) Gail Lindley, Sue Woodward
(10:30) Pat Peterson, Carolyn Ziegler

GREETERS

(4:00) Mary Kindy, Evelin Lackey,
Alberta Rodriguez
(8:00) Phyllis Naumann, Chris Roberts,
Jan & Merv Tvinnereim,
Gerry & Janna Thiel
(10:30) Barbie Aden, Marty & Margaret
Irwin, David & Judy Koelsch

GUEST BOOK

(4:00) Pat Coyle
(8:00) Lynn Bates
(10:30) Joyce Rieck

FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake,
Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham,
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Denise Tevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim,
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(Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave Brodzeller,
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Happy Birthday

3 Colleen Doede
3 Dorothy Statton
4 Mark Brauer
5 Sue Finck
6 Arlin Bates
6 Sandra Zimburean
7 Betty Landercasper
7 Rev. John Pope
7 Cookie Rawson
8 Rev. Doug Bock
9 David Koelsch
9 Chuck Wasem
10 Marlene Meyer
10 Kathe Schmidt
11 Lou Burgess
11 Colleen Lekawa
11 Mary Matak
12 Cheri Kuchta
12 Bob Weber
13 Howard Ludden
13 Barbara Williams
14 Clar Hansen
14 Trudy Piontek
16 Al Waldron
18 Rachel Horton
18 Elaine Treftz
19 Paul Beilstein
20 Ken Hagemann
21 Irene Ellwein
22 Leonard Gadeken
22 Trish Heinzmann
22 Sharon Smith
22 Irene Taplin
25 Gloria DeCaen
25 Judy Vogel
26 Marlie Abrahamson
26 Eugene Renico
26 Madeline Renico
27 Roger Ferch
27 Becky Stinar
27 June Wilde
29 Shirley Parks
30 Sally Hemmerling



Happy Anniversary

3 Joel & Karen Block
3 Clar & Marilyn Hansen
3 Bill & Stacey Smaltz
4 Al & Jan Knutsen
5 Arthur & Frances Spreitzer
6 Paul & Kathy Beilstein
6 Larry & Sandra Hoecker
10 Al & Lori Bronner
10 George & Paula Duffey
10 Harold & Wilma Schwandt
12 Larry & Marlene Brown
17 Ken & Sandy Warren
18 Jerry & Florella Denzin
22 Otto & Phyllis Kelly
22 Wiley & Darlene McAfee
22 Bob & Karen Swinko
27 Don & Barbara Williams
28 Ron & Deb Christ
28 John & Sandra Zimburean
29 Hank & Mary Striewing

The Death of Death

Easter offers great hope to Christians everywhere. Jesus promised His followers that He would return bringing a new heaven and a new earth. His resurrection assures us of this certainty. There will be no more sorrow, trouble or death for those who follow Him. When He returns, we will witness the death of death. What comfort this assurance gives. However there are those who yet do not know the story of redemption. They continue to live in a world of darkness. Our task, or perhaps best thought of as our great privilege, is to obey the command to tell the world the whole story of Christ. He was not just crucified. He was buried and rose again. This is perhaps the best time of the year to invite unchurched friends to join us in worship. Call someone today. Invite them to one of our weekend services. Share our praise to God!

HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!

USHERS

(4:00) Jim & Donna Giles, Al & Jan Knutsen
(8:00) Ken Coffman, cap; Arlin Bates, Cheryl Bernhardt, Joel Block, Laurel Coffman, Gary Frankeberger, Allan McDuffee, Sue Warwick
(10:30) Dick Anderson, cap; Tim Aden, Bev Bristow, Larry Jessen, Bob Mansfield, Henry Munzinger, Dene Munzinger, Don Nicolay, Dick Rittmaster

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Conversations *continued from cover*

Oh? And how does a simple meal suffice to answer what I crave knowing? If You're going away, where will we find this meal? You will find Me in this meal, whenever or wherever you choose to share it. Many will deny it, but take heart – in this meal we share is courage for the future, forgiveness for the present, perspective as you look back. Best part: its free.

That conversation happened a long time ago, and for many continues. How can these things be? How do I know what is true in what you say? Will He still come back for me, given all I have done wrong in my life? Why would He? Where is the proof of these promises?

The proof, of course, is on Easter Sunday.

He did come back, not from some far-away city, but from death itself. All the promises we read about are true in Him. He does live, after 3 days being away from us. He was taken up into heaven when the time was come, the 11 saw it, Luke wrote about it. He is really present in the simple meal we share of bread and wine together as brothers and sisters in the Faith. In fact, given the miracle of Easter, how can we doubt anything He says?

Our world demands proof, of course – His world was no different. He made sure to be seen by so many, at least 6 of whom wrote about it, and then in their renewed faith, gave up their lives as testament to the truth of Easter Sunday's empty tomb. Their witness is good enough for me – how about you?

April is the month of miracles. Together we walk through Lent, celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday – then the Easter miracle we so need to share. Thanks for making the Lenten journey with me. None of us is alone in this – because we do know Him, we have seen Him, and He walks with us. What a blessing!

Pastor Phill