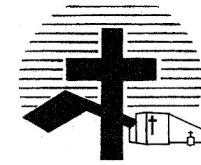


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- With God
- With each other
- And with our community*

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APRIL/MAY 2018

JUST ONE WORSHIP TIME!

Please remember, that from Sunday, May 27th (Memorial Day weekend) through Sunday, September 2nd (Labor Day weekend) we will worship together at **9:15 AM** each Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity to gather together in one place, for one common purpose.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY! With summer travel approaching, we wanted to remind you that we offer the option to present your offering electronically. Through the Simply Giving program, folks are able to give on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis – whether or not you are able to join us for worship. Your consistent support is very much appreciated, especially during the summer months. Diane has all the info; there's an application on the resource wall (at the entrance of the church).



He is not here;
He has risen,
just as he said.

April 1 – Easter Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Our Resurrection Singers will present

“Celtic Alleluia” and “Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb”

at our 8:00 worship with special guest, Glenn Harmon (trumpeter)

9:00 – 10:15 AM With your help, pastries, breakfast breads, fruit, coffee, and juice will be available in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to bring your favorite breakfast goodie to share throughout that timeframe.

Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

Our 40 days of Lenten preparation have now transitioned into 50 days of Easter joy. As the Risen Christ appeared to the disciples and other people for 40 days following the first Easter, we, too, celebrate and enjoy his presence among us.

But I said 50 days, right? The Easter Season not only includes the 40 days of his appearing... but also extends through and celebrates the Ascension of our Lord and the Day of Pentecost.

On the 40th day after the Resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven to prepare his Father's house for us. If you do the math, the festival of the Ascension always falls on a Thursday, but we often commemorate it on the following Sunday.

The Season of Easter reaches its culmination with the festival of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, when the Church received God's Holy Spirit... the "power from on high" to live and work in the light and promise of Resurrection.

The Paschal Candle will also be lit each Sunday throughout the Easter Season. The word "paschal" is derived from similar Greek and Latin words which mean both "Passover" and "Easter" (and where we also get "Pascua", the Spanish word for Easter).

The only other times that the Paschal Candle is lit is at baptisms and funerals... other occasions when God is seen most active in bringing new life to his people, and signifying the light and promise of our Lord's risen life-giving presence in our own "dying and rising" with him.

May the Risen Christ bring new life to grow within and around you all throughout this season of celebration.

Pastor Jim



When we pray for one another it makes a difference. Include in God's care:

Ellen Swancutt	Glenna Knepper	Clay Dorris	Tokar Family
Tammy Sue Burch	Shirley Dorhofer and daughter		Copper Family
Margaret Nichols	Dr. John Carter	Don Schaeffer	Carol Radler
Shayla Conway	Larry Havenga	Katie Langan	Ron Lein
Allison Rutter-Barrett	Kathi Dahlstrand	Those affected by violence	
Kim Agamaite	Esther Wood	Lynn Alms	Suzy Weidenschilling
Paul Bean	Ruth Senkbeil	Arlie Boatwright	Maxine Schaller
Lois Bradshaw	Linda Robinson	Samuel Clemmons	Holly Peterson
Jo Conover	Ray Necochea	Sam & Carolyn Dodson	Bill Hohmann
Shawna Murphy	Don Hunt	Pat Millyard	Avery Johnson
Karen Meyer	Dorothy Kern	Betty Layton	Mark Kern

We rejoice with

Ron & Ginny Buch at the birth of their great-granddaughter, Kinley Rae, on Feb. 17th

We grieve with

Sandy Geuder as she mourns the passing of her sister, Charlotte, on March 1st, and her nephew, just a short time later

Elizabeth Notto, mourning the passing of her daughter, Deborah Kats, on March 7th

A memorial service for Deborah will be held at Grace Point Evangelical Church (5455 South Westover), on Saturday, April 14th, 11:00 AM

Dick & Jean Meyer as they mourn the passing of Dick's sister, Martha Dawson, on March 28

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THANKS...

...to **ALL** who helped with our Winter Guest pot luck: **Parish Life** members and many helpers for decorating, serving, cleaning up; **Melody Hensley** for leading the trivia game; **Dana Scholer** for providing the winners prizes; and **ALL** who brought a delicious Hometown Cookin' dish to share.

...to the **Many Folks** who helped prepare and serve our Lenten suppers: Jim & Kathy Blake, Joanie Contreras, Norm & Alice Davis, Brenda Depew, Marilyn Dumke, Dave & Pat Fisher, Joyce Havenga, Melody Hensley, Vicky Hohmann, Pam Kern, Gay Kline, Jean Meyer, LeAnne Mitts, Todd & Dana Scholer, Ruth Senkbeil, Lester & Freida Stehr, Ellen Swancutt, Diane White, Mike & Lisa Wood-Hromidko...I hope I didn't miss anyone. The meals were delicious, and we appreciate everyone who helped to clean up!

...to **Betty Layton and Diane White** for making our Palm Crosses and to **Kristin Smith** for tracking down the palm fronds we needed.

...to **Brenda Depew, Pastor Paul Dumke, LeAnne Mitts, Todd & Dana Schaller, Ruth Senkbeil, Kenny & Diane White** who shared their Faith Stories during our Wednesdays in Lent.

...to the **10 FOLKS** who gathered for our Fun Time Out on March 19th. We enjoyed a tasty meal at Tiny's, followed by an upbeat 50's concert that kept our toes tapping!

...to **Ron Buch, Norm & Alice Davis, Ches Gandy, Vicky Hohmann, Mavis Owens, Renee Riegert, and Esther Wood** who provided dinner for the Lutheran Campus Ministry students and staff, and to **Vicky and Renee** for serving and joining the group.

SERVING OUR LORD DURING WORSHIP IN APRIL

ACOLYTES

<u>APRIL</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
1	Yaniva Murrieta	1	Ella Daniels
8		8	Lita Lopez
15	Yasmine Murrieta	15	Ella Daniels
22		22	Che Lopez
29	Yaniva Murrieta	29	Leo Gracia

ASSISTING MINISTER

<u>APRIL</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
1 & 8	Louise Conrad	1 & 8	Gay Kline
15 & 22	Alice Davis	15, 22, 29	Stu Weidenschilling
29	Louise Conrad		

COFFEE HOSTS

<u>APRIL</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
1	Easter Morning – Joanie, Joe, Brenda, Dana, Ruth – with your help, breakfast goodies will be served 9-10:15 AM. Please bring an item to share.)		
8 & 15	Mark & Pam Kern	8 & 22	Ruth Senkbeil
22 & 29	Bob & Vicky Hohmann	15 & 29	Ches Gandy

LECTORS

<u>APRIL</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
1	Maria Dew	1	Valerie Cook
8	Pastor Paul Dumke	8	Brenda Depew
15	Kenny White	15	Ruth Senkbeil
22	Bob Hohmann	22	Marilyn McGarry
29	Dick Meyer	29	Ray Rakow

USHERS

<u>APRIL</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
1 & 8	Mark & Pam Kern, Francis & Margaret Schofield	1 & 8	Allan & Brenda Depew, Don Genung
15, 22, 29	Norm (4/15 & 4/22), Renee, Glenna, Jean Meyer (4/29)	15, 22, 29	Sheila and Dylan Cecena, Arlen Holmes

DON'T BE SHY! Please be sure to check the Kiosk each Sunday to see where help is needed in the coming months to assist Pastor Jim, prepare or clean up the coffee and refreshments, usher, acolyte, and lector. It's difficult for us to have to continually count on the same folks to volunteer. We'd be happy to "train" new folks in any of these ways to serve our Lord. After all, you're here on Sunday, won't you please offer to help?

SERVING OUR LORD DURING WORSHIP IN MAY

ACOLYTES

<u>MAY</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
6		6	Ella Daniels
13	Yasmine Murrieta	13	Lita Lopez
20		20	Jasmine Graciz
27	9:15 – Yaniva Murrieta		

ASSISTING MINISTER

<u>MAY</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
6 & 13	Dick Meyer	6 & 13	Carol Radler
20	Kenny White	20 & 27 (9:15)	Sandy Skinner

COFFEE HOSTS

<u>MAY</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
6 & 13	Gene & Rose Copper	6 & 13	Jim & Kathy Blake
20 & 27 (9:15)	Mark & Pam Kern	20	Ches Gandy

LECTORS

<u>MAY</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
6	Glenna Knepper	6	Cheryl Bahrychuk
13	Robert Encinas	13	Dianna Chavez
20	Louise Conrad	20	Sheila Cecena
27 (9:15)	Carol Radler		

USHERS

<u>MAY</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
6 & 13	Gene & Rose Copper, Jean Meyer	6 & 13	Lynn Davis, Sandy Mathis-Arment, LeAnne Mitts
20	Mark & Pam Kern	20	Paul Bean, Arlen Holmes
27 (9:15)	Mark & Pam Kern, Paul Bean, Arlen Holmes		

WE WISH YOU A SAFE JOURNEY – As always, it has been such a pleasure to have our Winter Guests among us. Soon it will be time for you to return to your summer homes. We look forward to your return in the fall.



ANYONE interested in singing or playing instruments (solo or groups) during the summer worship, please let Mark know and we'll be glad to schedule a Sunday that works best for you!

YOUTH NEWS...

SUPER YOUTH GROUP – 7th – 12th graders are invited to gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church from 3:00 – 6:00 on Sunday, April 29th for food, fellowship, and fun. Please let Carol Radler know if you are interested in participating and if you need a ride. Your friends are welcomed.

YOUTH GATHERING TEAM BUILDING MEETING – it's happening on Sunday, May 20th in the fellowship hall; time to be determined. Come to meet some of the previous Youth Gathering participants, hear their experiences, and learn how attending influenced their lives.

SALCA summer camp for elementary/middle school youth (completed 3rd – 8th grade) will be held at the Triangle Y camp May 28 – June 1 (cost is \$275). Older youth can be considered for counselors or leaders in training. Youth who have completed 9th – 12th grade will meet up at Streams in the Desert on Friday, June 22, 5:00 PM – Midnight for a High School Night. Please visit mysalca.com for information and registration. Let Carol know if you are planning to register. Campership money may be offered through SCLC.

SUNDAY, MAY 20TH – last day of Sunday School. Thank you to the parents/grandparents who have been faithful in bringing your children to our Sunday School classes. And, thank you to Renee Riegert and the teachers who have volunteered throughout the school year. We're grateful for Renee's dedication to our Sunday School program.

OUR SNAP!RAISE fundraiser is underway! This is a social networking forum, and by accessing <https://app.snap-raises.com/fundraisers/santa-cruz-lutheran-church-gods-gang-2018>, you can donate directly toward our efforts to raise enough money for 8 youth and 2 adult leaders to attend this year's ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, June 27-July 1. Cost per participant is \$1,200 (\$12,000 for the entire group), and we are only 2/3 of the way to our goal. Even the smallest donation helps and gets the Youth closer to being able to attend.

Attendees are: Ella Daniels (daughter of Sherry Daniels; granddaughter of Melody Hensley), Martin DeLuna (son of Gloria Martinez), Jasmine Gracia (daughter of Carlos Gracia), Adan Hidalgo (son of Lynnette Gutierrez; great-grandson of Lois Bradshaw), Emma and Kasey Hunt (daughters of Don & Sara Hunt; granddaughters of Maxine Schaller), Brandon and Xander Lopez (sons of Steve & Tisa Lopez; grandsons of Jim & Kathy Blake), with Steve Lopez and Carol Radler as the adult leaders.

Mister Car Wash fundraiser tickets continue to be available - \$12 for full service and \$6 for exterior wash only. Contact Carol for tickets.

AND...our final fund raiser in May...The "No dinner" Fund Raiser is a straight donation of what you would pay to have dinner at one of the local restaurants that offer the usual 15% payback for eating at their establishment. So instead of eating out at Chili's or Chik-Fil-A, and probably paying for 2 or 3 others, please just donate the cost of your dinner directly to our cause.

Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts these past three years!!!



OUR YARD SALE was a huge success. There are many folks to thank for its success – and we certainly DO thank you – but, once again, Kristin Smith was the mastermind behind the whole thing. Kristin and her friend Terry Leary and Melody Hensley took the reins in organizing and pricing; Kenny Morgan did the grunt work in transporting large items to our church; Carol, our Youth and members of our congregation worked to set up prior AND to help the day of the sale; Joanie secured start-up funds through Thrivent Financial to cover advertising and provide breakfast and lunch for our volunteers. Thank you to all who donated items – we couldn't do it without you!

As a result, close to \$1,400 was raised. This money, combined with fundraiser profits over the past three years gets our participants 2/3 of the way toward their goal of \$12,000!

THANK YOU...

Many thanks for our cantors and music volunteers during Holy Week and Easter Day who contributed greatly to the special worship services this year. The Chanticleers chanted alternately with Mark Herr Psalm 22 on Maundy Thursday during the stripping of the altar (Alice Davis, Melody Hensley, Gay Kline, Renee Riegert, Sandy Skinner, Diane White). The stripping of the altar is done with such reverence by members of our Altar Guild who assist Pastor Jim. On Good Friday our Men's Quartet sang "Behold the Lamb of God" (Dave Fisher, Chuck Glen, Mark Herr, Ray Rakow). And, on Easter morning, our Resurrection Singers lifted their voices to "Celtic Alleluia" and "Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb," accompanied by trumpeter, Glenn Harmon (Joe Contreras, Alice, Dave, Chuck, Melody, Pam Kern, Gay, Marilyn McGarry, Carol Radler, Renee, Sandy, Diane).

FOOD MINISTRY NEWS...

In the first quarter of this year, members and friends have donated over 1,659 canned goods, paper products, laundry detergent, etc. to supplement the food bags that are distributed each week. 1,218 bags have been distributed to 742 families to include 2,790 people. What a difference we are making!

All of this is only possible with the help of our volunteers. And, with summer approaching, we've lost the dedicated help of many Winter Guests who volunteered on a regular basis. Also, with folks traveling throughout the summer, we're in need of new volunteers.

Help is needed on Tuesday mornings around 9:00 to unload our delivery; on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM and Wednesdays 4:30 – 8:00 PM as the bags are distributed to our clients during this time; and on Tuesday mornings (usually around 9:00) for "Agency Shopping." If all of this sounds new to you, we'd be happy to show you the ropes!

Please be sure to stop in the church office each Sunday to see where help is needed. On the large office table, you will find the calendar to sign up for the distribution times (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) and the clip board to sign up for agency shopping.