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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

The resurrection of our Lord (Easter) is April 5 this year.

The Easter Season is 50 days, beginning on Easter Sunday and concluding Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

On Sunday April 12 we will celebrate Holy Humor Sunday.

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "*Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it "Holy Humor Sunday," with the theme: "Jesus is the LIFE of the party."

Many churches from different traditions responded enthusiastically.

If you Google "Holy Humor Sunday" on the Internet, you'll be amazed at how widespread Holy Humor Sunday celebrations on the Sunday after Easter have become among churches of all traditions. It's clearly a movement of the Holy Spirit to shore up belief in the resurrection of Jesus.

We celebrated Holy Humor Sunday quite a few years ago and it was a wonderful Service.

I am excited to be able to celebrate it again. If you have a story to share, please let me know and your story will be included in the service.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Easter Food Baskets were distributed March 28. We are grateful for your compassion, faith in action, generosity, and hard work in making sure these 9 families would not be hungry.

Thank you to the Men's Group for hosting the Easter Breakfast.

Thank you to those who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Adult Basic Yoga Class offered Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Instructor Tina Green leads us in simple basic poses with on-hand modifications available and geared toward developing a yoga practice that does not intimidate. Please bring a yoga mat for floor poses. The fee is \$5.00 per class.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards.

Dinner with Friends is Friday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. at 5th Tavern in Bloomfield Hills. This is a fun evening of dining out with others from our congregation. Each month we meet at a different local restaurant. Signup at church or email the office if you'd like your name added to the list.

Men's Group Dinner is Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at El Nibble Nook in West Bloomfield. All men of the church are invited! Signup at church or email the office if you'd like your name added to the list.

WELCA Potluck Dinner is Thursday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. at church. All ladies of the church are invited! Sign up is on the bulletin board. The group is involved in numerous activities.

Book Club meets on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book, *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. The books are available in the church office to sign out. Speak with Janet Martin if you have questions or would like a copy of the book.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

16 Crista Buckler
16 Cara Kunkel
24 Linda Iverson
25 Clay Carson
25 Jeanne Myers
26 Melinda Kern
28 Chris Elliott
28 Doug Opthoff

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Stan & Jean Samuelsen

If you or your family member is missing from our lists or the date shown is incorrect, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Easter Sunday, April 5
Reader/Greeter: Stan Samuelsen
Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick
Counters: TBD

Sunday, April 12
Reader/Greeter: Norm Werner
Ushers: Dennis Kunkel, Doug Opthoff
Counters: Janet Martin

Sunday, April 19
Reader/Greeter: Bob Frick
Ushers: Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern,
Roy Salowich
Counters: Andy Meyer

Sunday, April 26
Reader/Greeter: Mark Filipp
Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Melinda Kern
Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Donna Opthoff & Jean Samuelsen

A P R I L

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Bell Choir Rehearsal	Zumba 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m. @ Spirit of Grace	Community Good Friday Service 12 PM @ Covenant Baptist Good Friday Service 7 p.m. @ Holy Spirit	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Egg Hunt 9 a.m. Easter Service 10 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Dinner With Friends 6 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	WELCA Potluck 5:00 p.m. Zumba 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	Zumba 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Zumba 6:30 p.m. Book Club 7 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba 9:30 a.m.
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YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. (during the school year)

CONTACT US

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Maundy Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m. at Spirit of Grace

On Maundy Thursday, we gather to hear the story of the Passover and remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples - baking bread together, and sharing in Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 3

Community Worship Service @ 12 p.m. at Covenant Baptist Church

Worship Service @ 7 p.m. at Holy Spirit

Sunday, April 5

Breakfast (hosted by the Men's Group) @ 8:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt @ 9 a.m.

Easter Worship Service @ 10 a.m. @ Holy Spirit

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR

Rev. William J. Matlack

MISSION STATEMENT

We are CALLED by Christ in our Baptism

GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to

celebrate God's grace in our midst

SENT to share God's blessings in our community and beyond.