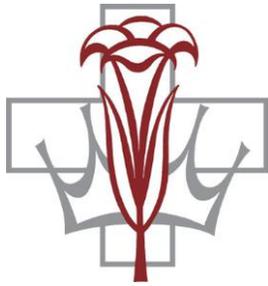


Lamb of God Ev Lutheran Church & Academy
April of 2021 Newsletter



“ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid,
for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here, for he has risen, as he said”

Matt 28:5,6

Easter Sunday is coming! It’s just around the corner, and yet we still wait. That’s true for every aspect of Christian life. Christians live a kind of “now but not yet” existence. Christ has won the victory over death and yet we see death and its affects every day. Christ has been raised from the dead but our resurrection has yet to happen. Thank God for Easter Sunday!

While the world scoffs at the “now but not yet” nature of the faith, we live in the bright light of the truth and hope that the faith provides. By faith we know the truth. We know that Christ HAS BEEN raised from the dead. We know it to be a done deal, an accomplished fact. It has already occurred. For this we rejoice and give thanks to God. By faith we also know the hope of our own resurrection from the grave. On account of Christ, we know that our mortal bodies WILL BE raised from the dead never to die again. Both the truth of what has happened and the hope of what is yet to be are genuine. The temporal time line has no bearing on God’s will and His work because He is above time. He is the author and the perfecter of time. For His children (those still living in temporal time) it is enough to know the Easter Sunday is coming!

Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for Christ – our Christmas Victor. Let us declare together our faith in the truth of Christ’s resurrection and our hope that he will raise our mortal bodies on that great day yet to come.

Christ is Risen, He’s Risen Indeed! Alleuia

Pastor Houser

*“Jesus lives! The victory’s won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me,
Brighter scenes will then commence: This shall be my confidence*

*Jesus lives! And now is death, but the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath, when I pass its gloomy portal
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!” LSB 480*

News for Our Little Lambs

Find us on Facebook ~ Lamb of God Lutheran Church.

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WEBSITE ~

Go to our website at www.lambofgodlcms.org and explore the pages. There is a link on the front page that will take you to Pastor Houser's sermons.

STEWARDSHIP – Spring 2021

April the season of Lent ends and the season of Easter begins. Lent was a time for repentance and reflection. During Lent we have a lengthy opportunity to take a careful look at ourselves and realize that way too often we fall short of our Lord's expectations. We do what we should not be doing and we fail to do what we should be doing. This is true also for us as stewards. Rather than being generous in our use of time, talents and money we often selfishly use our lives and resources for ourselves rather than for God's purposes. God blesses us with all of life and life's resources so that we might be a blessing to others.

I Corinthians 4:2 “it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful”

We have been entrusted with all of life and life's resources (all owned by God) with the expectation that we will use them wisely and well. The good news is that when on Good Friday Jesus said “It is finished” He meant that with His holy life and sacrificial death He paid the full price for our sins and guilt. So, when our past failures as God's stewards bother us, we can take those sins and shortcomings to our Lord in prayer, repent of them and receive the assurance that we are made right with God through the sacrifice of Jesus. Forgiveness is the best way to handle our past failures?

St Paul wrote: “*He (Jesus) was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification*” (Romans 4:25) That truth makes us into Easter people – people filled with joy and hope! Our memory of past shortcomings makes us feel guilty and ashamed. Easter replaces our failures and makes us into people of hope and hope is stronger than memory because “*Hope in Christ does not disappoint us because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us*” (Romans 5:5)

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Easter Breakfast

Sisters in Christ are making preliminary plans to have a small breakfast following the Divine Service on Easter Sunday. We will make sure that tables are spread out in different areas of the facility to keep in mind the 6 foot distancing. Final decision will be announced during Holy Week.

Prayer Partners

Easter is a wonderful time to remember your prayer partner child at church. And children could also make an Easter card for the adult who is their partner.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Schedules for our Little Lambs

April Birthdays

April 1	Spencer Bradley
April 4	James Blinn
April 11	Joey Rubenthaler
April 25	Jillene Houser

April Anniversaries

April Baptismal Birthdays

April 13	Kristi Bolling
April 23	Alex Rock
April 24	Evan Stohlmann
April 25	Spencer Bradley
April 30	Tammy Adams

April Flowers

April 4	Easter Lilies
April 11	
April 18	
April 25	Pastor & Jillene Houser

Holy Week Let Us Pray

Let us pray for peace that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

April Deacon Schedule

April 1	Louis Riva (7:00)
April 2	Gary Schilling (7:00)
April 3	John Adams (5:30)
April 4	Erich Ziegler
April 10	Dwayne Bolling
April 11	Louis Riva
April 17	Joey Rubenthaler
April 18	Gary Schilling
April 24	John Adams
April 25	Erich Ziegler

April Altar Guild Schedule

April 1	Maundy Thursday All of Altar Guild to strip the Altar
April 3	Saturday at 10:00 am All of Altar Guild to set up sanctuary
April 3	Eileen Bergoch
April 4	Donna Rock (Easter)
April 10	Terri Liddick
April 11	Denise Bolling
April 17	Carol Krenzer
April 18	Jillene Houser
April 24	Stephanie Sleeper
April 25	Carol Schilling

Triduum Schedule

Please join us as we gather for these important days of the year for a Christian

April 1	– Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm
April 2	– Good Friday noon service
April 2	– Good Friday evening – 7:00 pm
April 3	– Easter Vigil – 5:30 pm

Then join us on Sunday, April 4, 2021 to celebrate Easter – The Resurrection of Our Lord – 9:00 am

LIFE at Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Sunday March 22, 2020 who would have ever thought that we would be having private audio live stream worship services! The pandemic virus was plaguing our nation and the Deacons and Pastor had to decide what to do to keep us as healthy as possible. We enjoyed getting photos from families that were viewing at home.

Then we began to have short communion services following the audio live stream. Such difficult times in our lives and yet we know that God has always and will continue to be with us, guiding our path.

But here we are 2021 preparing for Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. We pray that you will join us for the services. We continue to strive to make things safe as we can.

Healthy Habits

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition states that people who are long time consumers of berries, apples and tea – items that contain plant chemicals called flavonoids – are associated with a reduced risk for developing dementia. That’s due to the flavonoids protecting brain cells, improving blood flow and reducing inflammation. *“God created those tiny, tasty morsels to provide the nutrients we need to sustain our bodies.”*

You clean your hands throughout the day to prevent the spread of colds, flu and coronavirus, but how often do we regularly clean our cell phones?

Food to strengthen your immunity
High intake of dietary fiber and prebiotics supports the immune system, including protection against viruses. 25 grams per day for women and 38 grams for men.

Eat more vegetables, fruit, whole grains, beans, lentils, nuts and seeds. Oatmeal topped with fruit is good.

Eat green vegetables - 3 cups per week.

Capital Campaign Committee

The Capital Campaign Committee began meeting on February 18th to begin determining any necessary steps needing to be taken prior to creating a Capital Campaign. One of those items was whether or not we would recommend having the congregation pay for consultative services by LCEF in establishing the campaign.

After a couple of meetings of review and discussion, including follow up questions to LCEF and review of a similar congregation's campaign being consulted on by LCEF, the committee consensus was to NOT utilize LCEF for consultative services for the time being. This will be reevaluated at a later date once we have established some steps in that direction ourselves. Note: this is a separate decision from an LCEF loan; that decision remains to be taken.

The committee continues to meet every two weeks. Our next meeting is April 8th at 7:00 PM. At that meeting we will brainstorm categories of actions needed to establish a campaign and will determine the next actions in that regard. We welcome all in the congregation for their input; feel free to attend. Please call either of the two listed.
Christopher Martin
Louis Riva

Blessings and Greetings to our Shut ins and those in “lock down”

Ed Morrissette
Bob Anderson
LaVere Schipper, Anne Schipper
Margaret Baca
Pat Dean
Diane Jordening

From Bob Anderson’s little corner of the world in lock down

Did you hear about the lazy flower who finally got his act together? He just needed a kick in the bud.

What does a flower say when they’re offering you a job? Take it or leaf it

What can you catch with your eyes closed? A cold