



THE CHIMES

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FROM THE PASTOR

As I write this article, I am looking out the window at bare ground and somewhat green grass. The sunshine and mild air are balm to cold feet and winter dispositions. I love snow, but even I am smart enough to appreciate the hints of spring that filter through the winter storms. Each of these hints is a little sign of what is to come.

We are now in the midst of Lent, the season when we prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection. This is the time during which we examine our lives to see just where we place Christ in the midst of our daily activities. This is the season when we admit that there are places in our lives that need the healing touch of our Savior and, through prayerful action, seek that healing. This is a time of introspection and taking stock: what are we doing with the gift of life that God has so richly bestowed upon us? I don't think we enjoy Lent very much; in fact we spend a good part of the time replying defensively that we are really not so bad, so what's the big deal? Examining our lives is a difficult and possibly, painful prospect. Any process that has as its goal to place ourselves before God exposed and vulnerable sounds like a process that most of us would like to avoid. However, we avoid this Lenten introspection and confession at our peril.

Lent is the only time of the year when we are encouraged to really look at our lives. Most of the time we are caught up in the everyday business of living: bills to pay, children to care for, houses to keep clean, jobs to do, recreation to pursue, relationships to maintain. Seldom do we ask ourselves why we do all of this. Most of the time we take for granted that this is simply the life that is ours in all its detail. Most people live good lives and work hard to take care of their families. Many people try to live lives that make the world a better place. We consider ourselves Christians and try to live accordingly.

During this holy season, we are asked to go further. We are asked to hold up the mirror of our lives and see if the reflection is pleasing in God's eyes. The Lenten season beckons us to look at the contents of our lives and ask God to help us sort things out so we are living to the best of our faith's ability. We are invited to open ourselves to God and allow the Holy Spirit to breathe through us, blowing away all the things that are unnecessary in our life of faith. We are given the opportunity to receive the forgiveness of God for our failings and encouraged to be forgiving with others who might, in their lives' struggles, hurt us along the way.

This Lenten journey is not for the faint hearted. It is hard work to take inventory of

who we are in the sight of God. However, as the journey progresses and we begin to understand the places where we need to be forgiven, there are glimpses of Christ's power and love that come into view. Like little glimpses of spring among the winter days, these foreshadowings of Christ's resurrection bring hope and joy amidst the difficult walk through Lent. Thanks be to God for the view along the way.

Happy Easter!

--Sandra M. Reed



Christian Education News

Check out our lending Library! The Christian Education Board maintains a growing library right in our Church. Talk to Kathy MacCulloch or Kathy Woodside if you want an official tour or feel free to explore on your own.

We have started our last trimester and welcome back Beth Paradis, Bethany Hanson and Laurie Olson to our teaching team. We are blessed to continue with Mike Bonsey, Kathy Woodside, Leslyn Shea, Kathe Simons, Marianne Dimauro and Sandy Boyce. We have openings for Garden Club so get your mind rolling! One Sunday a month is an excellent way to contribute to our Christian Education program.

I hope you have enjoyed seeing our youth as liturgist, I know I sure have!

Kathy MacCulloch
Christian Education Coordinator



A Prayer for Easter

Lord,
Thank you for spending 33 years
with us:

**for announcing Love
from the high heavens;
for introducing Love in an
obscure manger setting;
for living Love in a family
framework;**

**for sharing Love with the poor
and deprived and diseased;**

**for showing Love to the
unlovable and unloving;
for letting little children
feel Love in your arms;**

**for suffering on a cross
because of Love;**

**for losing Love upon the
world to take up
residence in us;**

**for your Love that will
not let us go. Amen.**

—Forrest Nees

HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:


1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!




FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.


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





















1. Jesus	5. cross
2. weary	6. endured
3. endured	7. scorning
4. opposition	8. shame



1. Jesus	5. perfecter
2. lose	6. him
3. pioneer	7. faith
4. sinners	8. hand



1. eyes	5. right
2. us	6. grow
3. joy	7. God
4. heart	8. throne

“... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and
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 he  3 the  5, _____  7 its  8, and
 sat down at the  5 _____  8 of the _____  8 of _____  7.
 Consider  6 who _____  6 such _____  4
 from _____  4, so that you will not _____  6 _____  2
 and _____  2 _____  4.” HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: “...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

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- 1 Samuel Brady Renault
- 2 Marsha Fuller
- 6 Hannah Paradis
- 6 Eric McQuinn
- 8 Jane Boynton
- 11 Saida Riddell
- 12 Jay Boyce
- 14 Kathy Woodside
- 16 Jane Haraden
- 19 Barbara Adler
- 22 Esther Testa
- 23 Donald Hobbs
- 23 Lisa Krautwald
- 23 Kim Craighead
- 25 Jan Varnum
- 26 Caitie Smith
- 27 Katelyn Burns



**Sweep over me, Lord
And brush out my sin!
Replace it with faith,
And live here within.
Amen.**

—Peggy Ferrell

Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Scott Hammond

Liturgists-

- 3: Debbie Hammond
- 10: Bruce Blake
- 17: Al Simons
- 24: Debbie Dyer

Flowers –

- 3: Beverly McNeal
- 10: Jean Kief
- 17: Cecil and Lucy Sprague
- 24: Easter Flowers

Coffee Hosts -

- 3:
- 10:
- 17:
- 24: Deacons

Lectionary -

- 3 1st Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
- 10 Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
- 17 Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66
- 24 Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

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3 <u>OGHS Sunday</u> Worship and Sunday School 10:00 Alleluia Choir 11:30 Girl Scouts 2:00	4 Cancer Support Group 5-6:30	5 Guided Meditation 2:00 Cub Scout Pack Meeting 5:00	6 Cub Scouts 3:30 Lenten Supper 5:30 Guided Meditation 7:00	7 Bible Study 10:00 Adult Choir 7:00	8	9
10 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 Sonogee Service Alleluia Choir 11:30 Girl Scouts 2:00	11	12 Guided Meditation 2:00 Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00	13 Cub Scouts 3:30 Lenten Supper 5:30 Guided Meditation 7:00	14 Bible Study 10:00 B.H. Garden Club 1-4 Adult Choir 7:00	15	16
17 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 Deacons 11:30 Alleluia Choir 11:30	18	19 Guided Meditation 2:00 CE Board 7:00 Outreach 7:00	20 Cub Scouts 3:30 Lenten Supper 5:30 Guided Meditation 7:00	21 Maundy Thursday Bible Study 10:00 Trustees 5:30 Worship Service 7:00	22 Good Friday Worship Service 12:00 noon	23
24 <u>Easter Sunday</u> Family Worship 10:00 – no Sunday School Alleluia Choir 11:30	25	26 Guided Meditation 2:00	27 Cub Scouts 3:30 Guided Meditation 7:00	28 Bible Study 10:00 Adult Choir 7:00	29	30

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Special Dates

- Fourth Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2011
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 10, 2011
- Holy Week, April 17-23, 2011
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 17, 2011
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011
- Good Friday, April 22, 2011
- Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011
- Easter Day, April 24, 2011
- Administrative Professionals Day, 4/27/11

Invite a Friend to Easter Service

In a 2010 Barna Group survey, two-thirds of Americans knew that Easter is a religious holiday. But only 42 percent connected its meaning to Jesus' resurrection. And only two percent of adults said they would describe Easter as the most important holiday of their faith.

Not everyone who connects Easter to religion has the facts straight. Two percent of Americans said Easter is about Jesus' birth. Another two percent said it's about Jesus' "rebirth." And one percent said it's a celebration of his second coming. Another three percent described Easter as a celebration of spring or a pagan holiday.

In the same survey, 31 percent of active churchgoers said they'd definitely invite an unchurched friend to worship with them on Easter weekend.

This Easter, share the truth and joy of the holiday with someone who doesn't know Jesus. News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves!



"At the cross we understand what God means when he talks of loving us, begin to take it in that there is nothing that he will not do, no sacrifice he will not make, no suffering that he will shirk, if only he can help us. 'He loved me,' said Paul, standing upon Calvary and gazing in a stunned way at the cross, 'I who was a persecutor, and a blasphemer, and injurious, and yet he loved me and he gave himself for me.' And with that [Paul's] heart broke, and the old life was gone."

—Scottish preacher Arthur John Gossip,

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