

Easter

HOPE STARTS HERE

the word

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Mark Your Calendar

4/1

Easter Worship

6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 am – WSP

9:00 am – EGN

4/2

NO SCHOOL

4/5

Pioneer Meeting

4/17

Tax Day

4/19

Pioneer Meeting

4/22

Exmination 9:00 am WSP

4/28

Blood Drive - EAGAN

4/29

Confirmation 10:30 am WSP

Walking With Jesus

BY PASTOR EMILE BURGESS

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:31-32)

The Season of Lent—and especially Holy Week, is a journey. We walk with Christ on loud, palm-laden streets to the Upper Room... to Gethsemane... back to Jerusalem... to Golgotha... to the sealed and guarded tomb... and finally to the empty tomb! But the journey doesn't end there. The Easter season is somewhat of a journey too. From fear to doubt to confusion to belief to joy to hope to action! *He is risen! He is risen indeed! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!*

Our journey resembles that of two men who took a walk with Jesus in his risen state (unbeknownst to them). For about seven miles Jesus walked and talked with them. He opened the Scriptures to them and ignited first a spark, then a flame, then a blaze in their hearts as Jesus connected the events of the first Holy Week and Easter Sunday to the history and prophecy of the Old Testament. And when he broke bread with them, their eyes were opened. They believed. I'm sure the seven miles back to Jerusalem were a much faster pace to get back to the Eleven and the others to share the news! *He is risen!*

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The theme of our Easter season this year is: Hope Starts Here. Throughout the season (April-May), we'll explore how Jesus' resurrection is just the beginning of our hope in Christ, how Easter transforms not just our eternities, but our todays and tomorrows, even our yesterdays. Christ's resurrection gives us an entirely new outlook on life. As Christ-followers on a journey with him, he has packed for us "everything we need..." (2 Peter 1:3). And in that bundle dangling behind us is a rare commodity the rest of the world is sadly without: Hope.

Hope, for the Christian is not a wish. It's a certainty. It's a sure knowing that everything will always be ok in the end. No matter how hard life becomes, no matter what tragedy strikes us, no matter what losses we suffer, the Christian has hope. Because the Christian has Christ, who suffered far worse than any other human, who even died, but lived again to tell.

Our journey mirrors Christ's. And he is right beside us. Our lives imitate his, which means that our lives will have suffering and difficulty. Our life will also end in death, but our death will not be so much an end as it is a

beginning — our entrance to eternal life. This is our sure hope, all because of Jesus' resurrection.

Until that day, we're journeying with Jesus. We're like those Emmaus disciples. We get to hear him open the Scriptures to us every time we open our Bibles. He breaks bread with us every time we partake of his sacramental Supper. He opens our eyes to the people around us in our homes and communities who need the very hope we carry in our hearts.

At Crown of Life, this is part of our being on this journey together. Our mission reminds us of that: *To become a growing spiritual family who share Christ in a genuine, caring way through words and actions.* God bless our efforts to carry out this mission together!



"The Road to Emmaus" (1877) by Robert Zund; Public Domain.

And God bless us this Easter season and all of our earthly journey together as we follow Christ and share Christ, with true hope in our hearts — hope that began at Easter!

Huge thank you to all who volunteered for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!



Over 30 families donated candy or eggs. Over 25 people filled 6000 eggs in less than two hours. We had plenty of Eggs, candy, snacks and volunteers at both our Eagan and West St. Paul Egg Hunts. Thank you to everyone who helped out! We couldn't do this without you!



Celebrating 106 Years – Happy Birthday to our Oldest Member

Perhaps you have yet to bump into Crown of Life's "most distinguished member," Evelyn Geisinger, but she has certainly been around our congregation for a long time and she is celebrating her birthday this month! (106 years old!)

Evelyn was born on April 17th, 1912 in New Ulm, MN. When she was five years old, the family moved to East St. Paul to live with her mom's twin sister. Her younger sister was born a few years later. Her dad worked as an accountant, while her mother helped out as a waitress.

Eventually, Evelyn enrolled at Emmanuel Lutheran School in West St. Paul. She remembers a two-room school with the lower grades in one room, while the upper grades were taught in the room across the hall by their teacher, Mr. Kahnert, who as she recalls was the most gifted teacher she has ever had. (And she's had plenty of teachers in her 106 years)

The grade school years were not without their challenges, of course. There was no lunch program, no milk program and no playground to call their own. (They used a vacant lot next door to play around on at lunch time) They brought "brown bag lunches" and simply drank water with their meals. Yet those days still bring fond memories of large classes of students (around 20 for each grade), while even learning Shakespeare in the 8th grade. Evelyn graduated from our school in 1926. She went on to Roosevelt Jr. High and three years of high school at Humboldt. She was on the honor roll for the entire time.

At age 15 she started working at a doctor's office over Mueller's Drug Store. She made it through the

depression era and has seen many changes through the decades, mostly in the areas of transportation. She said that she used to take the train from New Ulm to the Twin Cities and the 99 mile trip would take all day long. Now it's just a few hours by car. She remembers that entertainment after WWII included ballroom dance at the German American Club, a 500 card game with friends in homes, a Sunday afternoon drive and, perhaps, a root beer.

As she turns 106, Evelyn can't help but feel so thankful for the Lord's blessings all these years. She thinks of her friend of 73 years, Karen Roller, and all the support she's received from her. She cherishes her precious few family members yet in her life as her nephew, Curt, and his wife live right above her in her house, and a few cousins who are still in touch. And, of course, she is most grateful for her brothers and sisters in Christ at Crown of Life who continue to include her by making sure that she receives the bulletins and newsletters and a monthly visit from her Pastor who brings her communion.

So happy birthday, Evelyn! May God continue to bless and keep you in his care, and may we continue to be your loving and supportive Christian family!

(Note: If you would like to send Evelyn a birthday card...please contact the church office!)



EVELYN'S TOP 10.6

Oldest living graduate of Emmanuel Lutheran School

Favorite place visited - Ireland 3 times!

Favorite food - Lasagna without questions!

Enjoyed teaching Sunday school for 50 years and also teaching English as a second language

Eats cookies for breakfast

Never married - Engaged twice, then changed her mind.

Been to all 50 states and traveled all over Europe to over 15 countries

Went to the U of M and became a Medical Assistant

Not a fan of cream of wheat

Favorite bible verse: John 3:16

Peter Pan

Awesome job from our Crown of Life 5-8 graders! Thank you Prairie Fire Children's Theatre for putting on a fantastic performance of Peter Pan. See more photos on our school facebook page.



Soaring to Outer Space with the Third Grade!

Third grade has been kept busy studying our Solar System. What an incredible mystery in God's creation! We are realizing that scientists continue to study and learn more all the time, but we will never have all the answers about outer space!

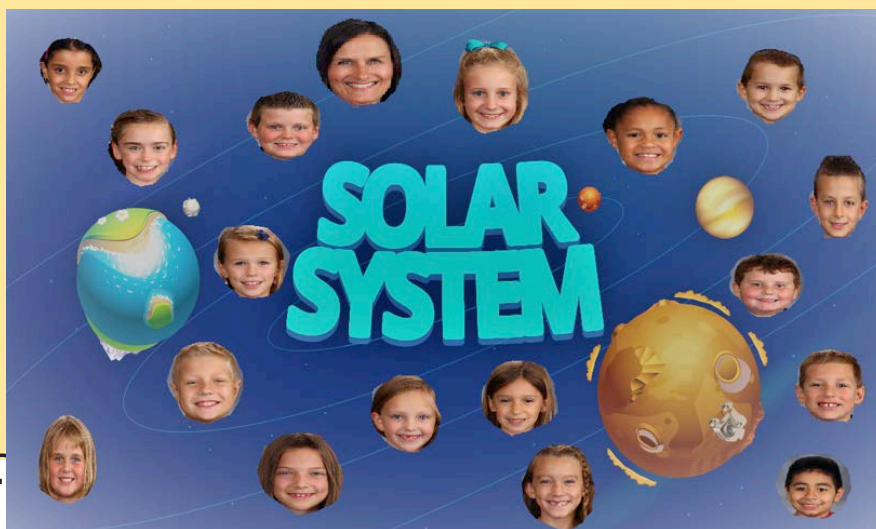
Fun facts about our favorite planets

- Saturn is so pretty with all of the colors. The rings are pretty too.
- I like Pluto because it is so tiny. It is a dwarf planet and I'm pretty short!

- I like Neptune because it is the fourth largest planet. It is also four times bigger than the earth and my favorite number is 4 and my favorite color is blue!
- I like Mercury because it looks kind of like gold. Did you know Mercury's temperature gets very hot when it faces the sun and very cold when it does not?

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- Did you know Uranus is tilted on its side? Uranus is a pretty color.
- I like Jupiter because it looks like a ball of lava! Its big red spot looks





Second Grade ROCKS!

The second grade has been studying about our earth. We have learned about how wind and water change the earth. We talked about earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides and different kinds of rocks. Do you know about the water cycle? Do you know what causes an earthquake? Can you tell the difference between a metamorphic, igneous or sedimentary rock? Do you know what is inside a volcano? Ask a second grader.

Miss Rachel Hartwig an EFE student from Martin Luther College spent a week in our classroom in early

March. We enjoyed having her with us.

We have several field trips scheduled before the end of the year. We will see a play at Inver Hills Community College, a program at St. Croix Lutheran High School, and a trip to the Minnesota Zoo. Before we know it, it will be the end of the school year. Then we will be THIRD GRADERS!

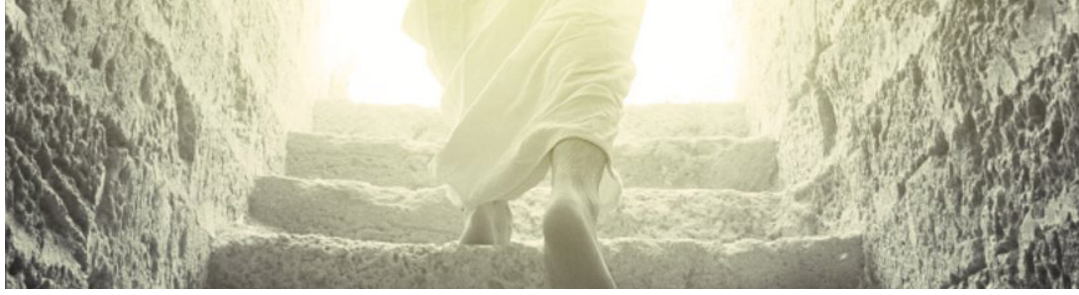


like a cherry! Yum! But it is a ball of gas! I can't live on Jupiter.

- I like Saturn because it reminds me of a sunset and a rainbow.
- I like Pluto because I want to feel the pudding-like ground and it looks like our moon.



- Did you know that Venus has volcanoes? Venus is covered with clouds.
- I like Earth. It is very pretty. I like the colors.
- I like Saturn. It is the lightest planet. It would float in a giant bathtub. It is pretty to see at night with its rings.



Resurrection Psalms

During the Sundays of Easter we will revel in the resurrection of Jesus, foretold and foreshadowed in the Psalms, fulfilled in the fullness of time. Come study and sing the songs of the Savior who lives. He is risen indeed!

Wednesday
Evening
Bible Study
Resumes
April 18

Christ's Ambassadors - *Stewardship Thought*

Christ's death on the cross assures us of our salvation. Likewise, His Resurrection assures us that we, too, will rise again. In 1 Corinthians 15:17 and 19, Paul writes, *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile . . . If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."* Certainly for the Christian, eternal life has begun already, and the passing from this life to the next is just a blip on the screen. In the confidence of such a sure hope, let us spend our time here in carrying on the work of Christ that the lost may be found and restored to their Savior.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Some people find it difficult to believe in God because they cannot reconcile the evil and hurt in the world with a good and loving God. One person said, "If God were really good, all this misery would just break His heart."

It is then that we faithful point to Christ, our crucified Savior, and answer, "It did." The story of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ is truly the story of the breaking of God's heart. It is broken because the same sin that brings evil and misery into this world has also estranged us from our Heavenly Father.

Thanks be to Christ! He has paid the price for our sins. He has bridged the chasm that lay between us and our Father. By His Resurrection from the dead, He has triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. He has reconciled us to the Father.

In 2 Corinthians 5:15, we read, *"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again."*

Listen again to the words of the Apostle Paul: *"[We] should no longer live for [ourselves] but for Him Who died for [us]."* In light of what Christ has done for us, we stewards respond with a desire to serve and glorify Him. Paul says that God, Who has reconciled us to Himself in Christ, has now given us this ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:8). *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,"* writes Paul, *"as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20).

We are Christ's ambassadors. Every day He places opportunities before us to speak of the great love of God that gave His Son for the sins of the world. He has equipped and enabled us through His Word and Sacraments (2 Timothy 3:16-17) to be His representatives. Let us, with broken and contrite hearts, seek His forgiveness when we fail to represent Him as we should and ask for His continued strength and presence to help us to carry out this task.

Source: 12 Months of Congregational Stewardship (vol. 1) by Ronald J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors

REPORTS

TREASURER Fiscal Year 7/16 - 6/17

February ended the fiscal year to date (FYTD) with \$1,108,122 in total income with expected budget income to be \$1,056,132 which was \$51,990 above budget. (\$21,000 of this amount are special donations for the

Pre-K playground.) Expenses (FYTD) were \$1,106,622 which gave us a FYTD of +\$1,495. (FYTD) Envelope Offerings are \$21,945 more than budgeted. We owe \$40,000 to our special funds account and current available balance is \$11,276.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

6:00 am Worship WSP
8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, April 2

NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday

6:30 pm NO-Worship WSP
7:00 pm Mary/Martha - WSP

Tuesday, April 3

9:00 am Men's AM Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on
Marice-Sr. Living Service
7:00 pm Evangelism

Wednesday, April 4

5:00 pm Confirmation Class WSP
6:30 pm NO-Bible Class EGN
8:00 pm Praise Band Reh

Thursday, April 5

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Pioneers Regular Meeting

Friday, April 6

8:05 am Matins

Saturday, April 7

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 8

Praise Service

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP
3:00 pm New Member Class

Monday, April 9

3:15 pm Lego Club
6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, April 10

9:00 am Men's AM Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on
Marice-Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Education
Properties

Handbell rehearsal
7:15 pm Stewardship

Wednesday, April 11

5:00 pm Confirmation Class WSP
6:30 pm NO-Bible Class EGN
7:00 pm Senior Choir practice

Thursday, April 12

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Craft Club
7:00 pm Elders-EGN

Friday, April 13

8:00 am Matins & Muffins and Panera

Saturday, April 14

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 15

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP
3:00 pm New Member Class

Monday, April 16

6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, April 17

Tax Day

9:00 am Men's AM Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on
Marice-Sr. Living Service
7:00 pm Council-EGN

Wednesday, April 18

5:00 pm Confirmation Class WSP
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN
7:00 pm Senior Choir practice

Thursday, April 19

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Pioneers Regular Meeting
7:00 pm Riverview Cemetery

Saturday, April 21

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 22

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Confirmation Examination
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP
3:00 pm New Member Class

Monday, April 23

2:30 pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 am Men's AM Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on
Marice-Sr. Living Service

Wednesday, April 25

4:00 pm PreK Parent/Teacher
Conferences
5:00 pm Confirmation Class WSP
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN
7:00 pm Senior Choir practice

Thursday, April 26

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
4:00 pm PreK Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Saturday, April 28

Red Cross Blood Drive-EGN
5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 29

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Confirmation
10:30 am Worship WSP
3:00 pm New Member Class

Monday, April 30

6:30 pm Worship WSP
7:00 pm Youth & Adult Education

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Ava Caauwe	7 John Gahr	14 Paige Seidl	23 Isabella Marrier
Alexander Tillman	8 Betty Becker	Micah Sievert	Eric Montgomery
2 Laura Gibson	Paige Belfield	15 Wesley Shaw	24 Ellie-Rose Cenicerros
Janet Kogler	Linda Bethke	16 Julie Fischbach	Lauren Myrlie
Megan Kom	Lauren Wolfrath	Claire Peterson	Steve Petermann
Eric Lemmer	9 Rachel Boehm	17 Evelyn Geisinger	25 Kari Marzinske
Ryker Loomis	Grace Kinsley	Michelle Kom	Wendy Miller
Wayne Lorenz	Anthyanna Lopez	Kenyon Tess	26 Abigail Koester
Cassandra Panek	Daniel Redner	18 Kathy Herold	Brendan Koester
3 Barbara Berthiaume	10 Noah Aumann	19 Linda Haberkorn	27 Margaret-Anne Cadwallader
Jordan Carlson	Jeanne Steffen	Beverly Knippenberg	Carole Constable
John Fenske	11 Adrian Garcia	20 Sophia Nichols	Brent Hoeft
Delores Frisch	12 Kim Ahlman	Amanda Tess	28 Michael Dohrn
Paige Hastings	Samuel Footh	21 Chase Klocow	Donald McLean
Gina Myrlie	Joseph Jensen	Jeremy Miller	29 Sharon Johnson
4 Elijah Sievert	Judith Myrlie	Jude Rich	Orlin Myrlie
5 CJ Fischer	13 Deven Frieze	22 Doris Jensen	30 Richard Burt
Tyler Monson	Scott Hunter	Britany Staab	Megan Huebner
6 Dawn Doyle	Jennifer Traynor	23 Elizabeth Isebrand	Bethany Ohm
Nancy Kuehl	14 Sandra Enger	Dale Krueger	



Pine Care Derby Winners

Speed

1st Lucas Otterstatter
2nd Isaiah Otterstatter
3rd Alex Yoder

Craft

1st Quinn Hood
2nd Zachary Bejblik
3rd Zachery Rich

Viking District derby results

Speed level C

2nd Lucas Otterstatter
4th Isaiah Otterstatter

Craft

1st Quinn Hood
6th Isaiah Otterstatter

Lucas', Isaiah's and Quinn's cars will be going to the International Pine Car Derby in Appleton WI.



JUST FOR FUN

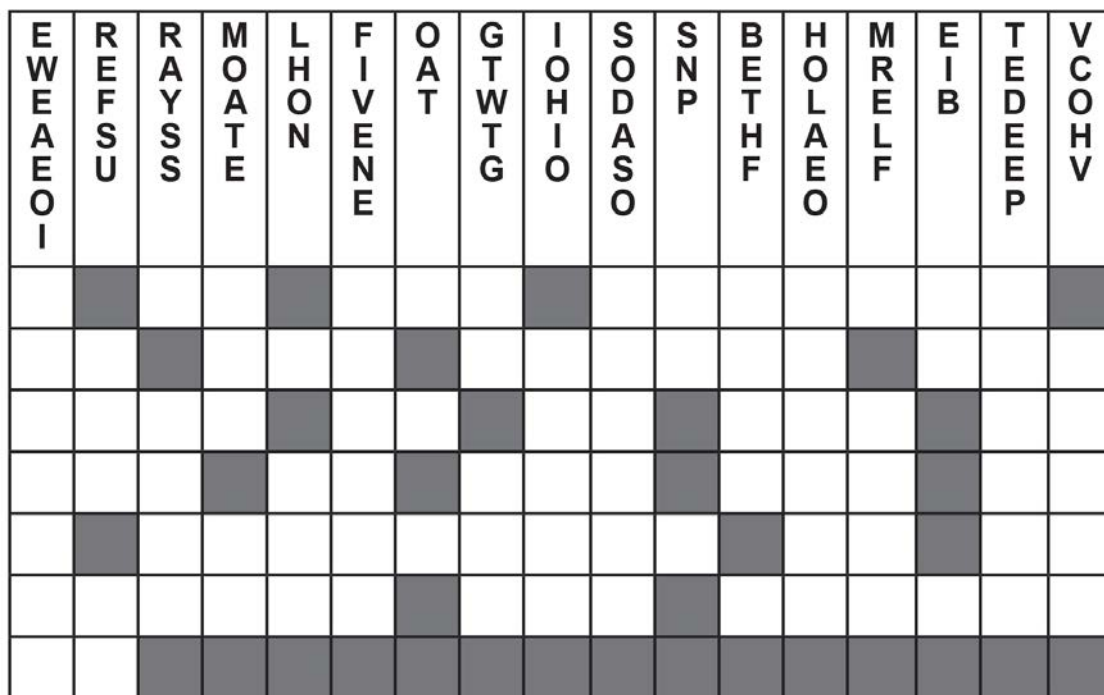


?? GUESS WHO

HINTS

- Graduated from Central Lutheran Grade School
- Likes to sing
- Big Vikings fan
- Loves almost any kind of pie

QUOTE FALLS



ANSWERS TO: BRAIN BATS

DOG
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the under dog

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big fish in a small pond

QUOTE FALLS

The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him and by His wounds we are healed.

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