



# St. John's Newsletter

April 2019



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## Remember the Importance of Christ's Resurrection

**Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel** (2 Timothy 2:8—EHV)

We remember certain events throughout the rest of our lives. You remember them as if they were yesterday—your wedding day, the birth of your children, or when your team won the championship. Some of the memories that are etched in our brains are the happiest moments in our lives; we also tend to remember important or life-changing events.

2 Timothy is probably the last letter that the Apostle Paul wrote. He wrote it to his friend and younger colleague in the gospel ministry, Timothy, shortly before his death. In it, he urged Timothy to remain loyal to the gospel which some had abandoned. Paul knew that his work on earth for the Lord was nearing completion and that he soon would suffer a martyr's death at the hands of the Romans. So what does Paul want Timothy to remember? The gospel that he preached, namely the gospel about Jesus' resurrection. That was the good news that Paul spread throughout the world, the good news that he shared with Timothy. Above all else, he wanted Timothy to remember Jesus' resurrection!

Paul mentions nothing else other than Jesus' resurrection—why just mention the resurrection? Because it is the most important day in the history of the world. In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul talks about the importance of Christ's resurrection, **If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too...if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.** If Jesus didn't rise from the dead than everything he talked about and everything he did on the cross would have been in vain. He would not be our Savior and we would still be in our sins if Jesus didn't rise from the dead.

Of course, Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. This is a historical fact of history—not a myth of a fable, Jesus has certainly been raised from the dead (the indeed of our Easter greeting, "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed"). Christ's resurrection is proof that the Father accepted his payment for our sins. By his work on the cross he had paid for our sins and by his resurrection from the dead we know that God has declared us not guilty (Romans 4:25). By his victory over death we know that in the end we will live with him in heaven forever!

The entire Christian faith rests on Easter, and thus, so does our salvation. It is the pinnacle of Church Year. Without Easter it doesn't matter that God became man and was born of a virgin on Christmas; without Easter, it doesn't matter that Jesus gave up his life on the cross; without Easter it doesn't matter that Jesus sends his Holy Spirit to work through the gospel. So is it any surprise that Paul encourages Timothy to remember that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead? I pray, then, that you too would remember Jesus' resurrection—and not just on Easter as we join together in singing the praises of Christ's victory over death; but that you remember his resurrection each and every day of your life! For by his resurrection he has won for us a glorious, perfect, and eternal life in his glory forever in heaven.

Pastor Andrew Frey

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### ALTAR GUILD

Lorinda Suhr	733-8515
Elizabeth Wilson	606-4603
Marilyn Wilson	858-2370
Bonnie Lillge	734-5373

### GREETERS

8:00	Ken & Lorraine Ziegler	4/7
10:30	Nancy Bruhn & Eileen Defferding	
8:00	Cathy Puls & Elaine Springstroh	4/14
10:30	Larry & Rosalie Greenley	
6:30	Dan & Kathy Kreutzman	4/21
9:00	Chris Ahrens & Lucas Hansen	
10:45	Phyllis Gresens & Sheryll Techlin	
8:00	Jeff & Cheryl Bohl	4/28
10:30	Charlie & Rose Miller	

**BAPTISM** Nora Grace Henning, daughter of Jason and Stacie (Guyette) Henning was baptized March 10, 2019 at St. John. ***"Be baptized and wash away your sins."*** Acts 22:16

**LENTEN SERIES** Our last two midweek Lent Services will be in April. The services are at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. This year our theme for our midweek services is "Three Words of Truth." Each service will focus on an important three-word phrase from Jesus' passion and resurrection. Please join us for these special worship services. The theme for the remaining midweek Lenten services will be:

March 27 – **I am He**

April 3 – **What is Truth**

April 10 – **Take Him Away**

Please take note that the Confirmation Classes will be starting at 5:00 pm and be over by 7:30 pm. We hope and pray that each child's parents will be able to attend our midweek Lenten services with them.

**LENT MENU** Each Wednesday evening during Lent, a meal will be served from 5:30 -6:15 pm.

March 27 Hot turkey sandwiches, chips, fruit & veggies, dessert & beverage

April 3 Tacos & chili, fruit & veggies, dessert & beverage.

April 10 Pizza, tossed salad, dessert & beverage.

A sign-up sheet will be in the entryway for each week; sign up if you plan on attending a supper.

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

April 14	Palm Sunday	8:00 and 10:30 am
	<b>Save Us Now</b>	Monday 6:30 pm
April 18	Maundy Thursday w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am and 6:30 pm
	<b>Take and Eat; Take and Drink</b>	
April 19	Good Friday w/Lord's Supper	1:30 and 6:30 pm
	<b>It Is Finished</b>	
April 21	Easter Sunday	6:30, 9:00, and <b>10:45 am</b>
	<b>Remember Jesus Christ: He Has Risen</b>	
	Easter Breakfast	7:30-8:30 am

**EASTER FOR KIDS** Easter for kids, a one-day VBS focusing on Christ's resurrection (similar to God's Greatest Gift, held in December about Christ's birth) will be held Saturday, April 13 from 9:00-11:00 am. It is open to all children prek-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please sign up in the back of church, by calling the church office, or online via our website/facebook page. There is also a sign-up sheet in the back of church for helpers and other volunteers.

**EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION** Examination of 15 children of God will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 9:15 am between services. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 am.

**LUTHERAN PIONEERS** The Pioneers will meet Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm in the church basement to paint dried gourd birdhouses. Please dress your child in old clothes for this activity. You may contact Sarah Ziesemer with any questions.

**LWMS SPRING RALLY** Emanuel Lutheran Church, 200 E. Quincy St., New London is hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) spring rally on Saturday morning, April 27, 2019. Registration is at 8:15 a.m. and opening devotion is at 8:50 a.m. The theme is Vicars in the Mission Field. The guest speaker, Pastor Benjamin Berger will speak about *Vicars in the Mission Field*.

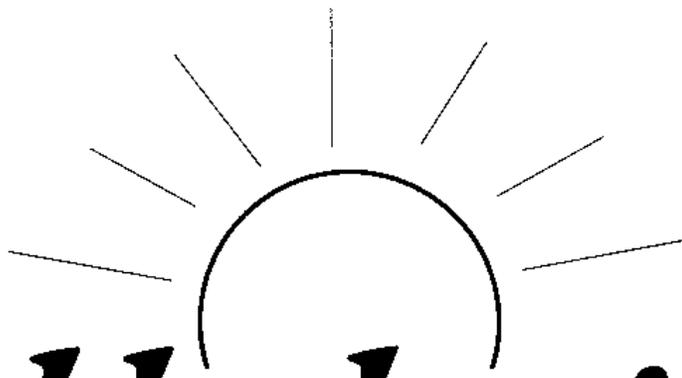
If you plan to attend the rally, please sign up on the sheet in the entryway. If you have questions about LWMS and the rally, speak with Kathy Schabo.

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**WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY & LWMS** All ladies of the congregation are welcome to come for Bible study, LWMS updates and fellowship on Tuesday, April 9 at **1:00 pm** in the lower level of church. Moms are welcome to bring their children.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** All men of the congregation are welcome to attend Bible study on Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 am.

**APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY** The pantry collection for April will be Sunday, March 31. Canned fruit, canned pasta, cream soups, jam, boxed and canned potatoes, rice and noodle side dishes, canned frostings, cookies, all crackers, all canned meats such as tuna, chicken, beef and stews, laundry and dish soaps. The pantry will be doing its annual spring food drive in April and June. Thank you for your continued support.



*Alleluia!*  
**He is risen.**