

# APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Flowers</b> 3rd No flowers 10th No flowers 17th Easter Garden 24th Open	<b>Ushers</b> 3rd & 10th Steve Loy, John Schulz, Dave Veters 17th & 24th Ed Hohnstein, Bob Kramp	<b>Fellowship</b> 3rd Emil & Lillian Augustine 10th Kathy Heddlesten 17th Easter Breakfast 24th Ruth Anderson	<b>Elders</b> 3rd Ron Schill 10th Matt Perkovich 17th Ron Schill 24th John Lee		<b>1</b> Pastor Off Office Closed	<b>2</b> 8:00am—Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
<b>3</b> 9:30am—D.S. III 10:45am—Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 12:00pm—Fellowship Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00am—Women's Bible Study 6:00pm—Elders' Meeting 7:30pm—Trustees Meeting	<b>6</b> 12:00pm—Lent Service 6:00pm—Chili Cook-Off 7:00pm—Lent Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pastor Off Office Closed	<b>9</b>
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# The Messenger

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## A Message from the Pastor by Pastor Schuldheisz

Above the altar at St. Peter and Paul Church in Weimar, Germany, stands the famous Weimar Altarpiece. Begun by Lucas Cranach the Elder around 1552, and completed by his son, Lucas Cranach the Younger, in 1555, this painting is a visual sermon on the doctrine of justification. It is a work of profound Christian theology and stunning Christ-centered artistry. It is cruciform creativity. It is didactic and delightful. It is a witness and a work of art. It portrays the truth of Jesus' crucifixion and does so beautifully.

The gospel writers are doing something similar in their accounts of Jesus' resurrection, albeit greater than even the greatest works of art. After all, the gospels are divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and at the same time, a delight to hear and read again and again.

As Christians we are accustomed to teaching, learning, and hearing the account of Jesus' death and resurrection in historical terms. And well we should. Jesus does. Paul does. So do the other apostles. Jesus' resurrection is historical, verifiable, and veracious. The central event of the Christian faith – Jesus' death and resurrection – is fact, not fiction. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection did not happen in Never-never Land, or a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, but in the days of Caesar Augustus and Herod. In real human history. Jesus is crucified under Pontius Pilate. The Christian faith, and its central teaching of Jesus' death and resurrection, is thoroughly historical. As Christians, we are called to declare and defend this good

news by always being prepared to give a ready defense for anyone who asks of the reason for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15).

And, as we approach Easter, as we spend time hearing and reading the accounts of Jesus' resurrection in all four gospels, it is good to remember that this true story, is also beautiful. It is beautiful, in part, precisely because it is true; and in its truthfulness, its beauty is not lost. One of the joys of reading all four gospel accounts individually, is that we are able to behold the true story beautifully told from each of the points of view of the gospel writers. Slow down and spend time observing the unique prose, dialogue, and language each gospel writer uses in recounting Jesus' resurrection. Watch for allusions and references to the Old Testament, to previous events within each gospel. Notice the gospel writers' thematic emphases, arrangement of the life and ministry of Jesus, and how they each move the story along, and tell the same story from a different viewpoint, much like various artists will draw different aspects of the same apple set on the table in front of them. In the gospels we receive four historical accounts of Jesus' resurrection which are both didactic and delightful. They are witnesses and works of art. They present both historical fact and meaningful satisfaction. Jesus' resurrection is both true and beautiful.

In The Resurrection of the Son of God, N.T. Wright observes that, "Luke 24 is a small masterpiece, designed as the closing scene for a large scale work of art." [1]

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Luke's artistry as an historian and physician comes through in his attention to detail, his precise language. Consider, for example, how Luke points out the Sabbath day rest in the final verse of chapter 23, leading us to the first day of the week in chapter 24:1. Jesus, too, rested on the Sabbath day. He rested in the tomb from all his labors on the cross. And in doing so, he hallowed the Sabbath day again, and fulfilled it all at the same time. Jesus' rest in the tomb gives you eternal Sabbath rest. Jesus remembers the Sabbath day and kept it holy for you. Or, notice the contrast around the word "find" in 24:2-3. They (the women) found the stone rolled away. But they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke also cleverly waits until 24:10 to tell his hearers who these first visitors to Jesus' empty tomb were; it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James and some of the other women.

Think back to the Weimar Altarpiece. Another feature of the painting is that it is a triptych, comprised of three panels. The right and left panels portray the people of Weimar facing inward towards the center panel; their hands folded and eyes focused on the painting at the heart of the triptych, the crucified Christ. Cranach's point is clear. The focal point of the altarpiece, at the center of the church's confession, faith, and witness, indeed, at the very center of the Scriptures is this true and beautiful good news: Jesus crucified for you. Cranach even paints himself in the picture with the blood of Christ streaming forth onto his own head. Truth and beauty.



In chapter 24, Luke paints a triptych of words. Think of verses 1-12, like the left panel of a triptych painting. In verses 1-12, he records the women visiting Jesus' tomb, finding it empty, and the angels mysterious, yet marvelous words, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; he is risen." We also hear how the women were perplexed, how Peter marveled, and how the angel reminded the women to remember Jesus' words, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

In verses 36-49, Luke paints the right panel of his resurrection triptych. He recounts Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to his disciples. Jesus answers their doubts and fears by showing them the wounds in his hands and feet. Jesus eats with them, a sign both of his physical resurrection and his desire for table fellowship with and for sinners. Jesus also teaches them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Jesus' words reveal both divine truth and sacred beauty. Every book, chapter, verse points to Jesus crucified and risen. Every prophet, apostle, and psalmist tells a part of this true and beautiful story Jesus fulfills in his death and resurrection. Every genre, from the historical narrative of Genesis of Moses to the apocalyptic symbolism of John in Revelation paints God's word with two brushes, the true and the beautiful.

And then, in Luke 24, at the center of Luke's resurrection masterpiece, notice how he carefully crafts verses 13-35. While two of Jesus' disciples are walking the road to Emmaus, Jesus joins them along their journey, only he keeps them from recognizing him. The Emmaus disciples recount the events of Holy Week and how some of the women had reported that Jesus' tomb was empty. Jesus gently rebukes them and at the same time comforts and patiently teaches them. "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

The center of this central scene in Luke 24 comes next. The disciples invite Jesus to stay with them, for it was toward evening and the day was far spent. St. Luke paints the climactic and central scene of chapter 24 while Jesus is at the table with his disciples surrounded by a meal, fellowship, and Jesus' word. "Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight."

**FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!**

WEDNESDAY  
**APRIL**  
6<sup>th</sup> 6PM-7PM

JOIN US BEFORE  
OUR LAST MID-  
WEEK LENT  
SERVICE  
COME  
HUNGRY!

*Pull out your best  
recipe!*

**Lent Series**

Ash Wednesday: "God Has a Word for That" (Isaiah 41:14-16)

Lent 1: "He Only Has Eyes for You" (Isaiah 43:1-7)

Lent 2: "Marked" (Isaiah 44:1-5)

Lent 3: "Breaking Down the Gates" (Isaiah 45:1-8)

Lent 4: "Get Out!" (Isaiah 48:17-22)

Lent 5: "One Little Word Can Fell Him" (Isaiah 49:1-6)

Maundy Thursday: "He Prepares a Table" (Isaiah 49:7-13)

Good Friday: "All" (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

Easter Sunday: "We Are Going Home" (Isaiah 55:6-13)

**Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday**  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 14<sup>th</sup>, 12pm & 7pm

**Good Friday**  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 12pm & 7pm

**Easter Sunday**  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30am & 9:30am

*All 7pm and 9:30am services will  
be livestreamed.*

**VOTERS'  
MEETING**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Bring Some Flowers!**

It's time again for our Easter Garden! The sign-up cards and box are in the Narthex. All flowers should be here by the Saturday before Easter (April 16th) no later than 9:00 a.m. If you want your loved one's name to be included in the bulletin, please have an index card filled out no later than Tuesday, April 12th.





## Preschool News by Natasha Schuldheisz



As we hop into April, we have a lot of activities going on here at Preschool. We get the opportunity to talk about baby animals, the importance of insects to our plants and the wonderful process of how plants grow. We are having warmer days, which means more outside playing time which is always fun. But one of our favorite activities in April is the chance to tell the students about the Easter story. We get the opportunity to talk about the journey of the cross. Taking time in God's House with Pastor and in the classrooms reading and talking about Palm Sunday, Good Friday and the



amazing story of Easter. For some of our students this is the first time they are hearing what Easter is really about and for some it is a good reminder. I love the time and the effort our teachers put into the month of April because it is also a great reminder for the adults.

We also get a chance to talk with our preschool parents this month. The teachers are holding their spring conferences, which is a great time for the parents to learn about all the amazing things their child is doing in the classroom. This is one of the many ways our teachers connect with parents about each kid's progress. It is even more special, because they get to come into the classroom to see all the great projects their child has been working on.

Thank you for all your prayers and support! Enrollment is going great for our 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to have both of our classes open for new students. We have our 3-year-old class (students must be 3 years old by Aug. 31st) and our Pre-K class (students must be 4 years old by Aug. 31st). Our 3-year class is every Monday and Wednesday and our Pre-K class is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please let me know if you have any questions or know someone interested in our preschool. We are filling up fast! We have registration forms by the preschool door or on our website.



Wishing everyone a blessed Easter!

## Sunday School News & Positive Thoughts by Cathy Coleman

♥ Praise God for He is our refuge and strength!

♥ On Easter, April 17th, there will be no Sunday School. Instead, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Yahoo! We have bags for the children to collect their eggs. Besides candy that will be found in the eggs, we are also having quarters, or a tiny toy/or faith message. We are asking the congregation to donate candy, quarters or a tiny toy. (Small enough to fit into a small- medium plastic egg.) There is a box by the kitchen that reads "Candy" where all donation can go. It's an exciting time as the Alleluias will also be up on the walls by Easter!

♥ The youth group combined with the Sunday school students will be working on a project to collect items each week for the food banks in the area. April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be shampoo and conditioner, April 10<sup>th</sup> will be bar soap and deodorants, April 17<sup>th</sup> toothpaste, tooth brushes, or mouthwash, April 24<sup>th</sup> diapers, feminine products, or toilet paper. Please help if you are able.

♥ The Sunday school children will be singing "Hosanna" for the congregation on Palm Sunday. Thank you to Joanne Lund and Ruth Holmquist for practicing with the students.

♥ Please continue to pray for our World Vision sponsored child, Elideth Medrano C. This outreach mission needs your prayers! There are so many in need. Thank you!

♥ Positive thought: We have a great God, who sent His only Son to suffer, die, and has risen so we may have forgiveness and live with Him forever. Can this be said enough!? I don't think so! There is no heartache, no problem, no medical procedure that God can't cure, solve, or give comfort. We have a great, almighty God! Rejoice! Every day may not be good...but there's something good in every day. Thank you, Jesus!

Later, as the disciples returned to Jerusalem, Luke records the true and beautiful words of comfort for his disciples, "How he was known to them in the breaking of the bread."

Luke's artistry is awesome to behold. Where do his disciples then, and now, find the crucified and risen Lord? In his word where he speaks and gives life, and at the table where he is known in the breaking of the bread. It is truly beautiful, and a beautiful truth.

This is what makes the account of Jesus' resurrection in Luke such a delight to read. Luke tells the true story of the gospel and the good news of Jesus' resurrection as a glorious, gracious surprise. Not only is it true. It is beautiful. A gracious, unexpected, never-saw-it-coming surprise.

This is what J.R.R. Tolkien called the Eucatastrophe, a good catastrophe, or a sudden turn of events that no one expected or saw coming and yet fills you with wonder and joy.

"The Gospels contain a fairy-story, or a story of a larger kind which embraces all the essence of fairy-stories. They contain many marvels—peculiarly artistic, beautiful, and moving: "mythical" in their perfect, self-contained significance; and among the marvels is the greatest and most complete conceivable Eucatastrophe. But this story has entered History and the primary world; the desire and aspiration of sub-creation has been raised to the fulfillment of Creation. The Birth of Christ is the Eucatastrophe of Man's history. The Resurrection is the Eucatastrophe of the story of the Incarnation. This story begins and ends in joy. It has pre-eminently the "inner consistency of reality." There is no tale ever told that men would rather find was true, and none which so many skeptical men have accepted as true on its own merits. For the Art of it has the supremely convincing tone of Primary Art, that is, of Creation. To reject it leads either to sadness or to wrath." [2]

As Easter approaches, take some time to read the gospel accounts of Holy Week. Dig into the unique details each gospel writer focuses on. Read aloud their Spirit-crafted, creative, and powerful words. Read the story and don't skip over what you think you've already heard before. Slow down. Take your time. Soak in the words. Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest this good news. And while you do so, ponder the gracious, grand miracle of Jesus' resurrection. Rejoice in the truthfulness and veracity of Jesus' resurrection, and behold the beauty of this true and greatest of all stories, Jesus crucified and risen for you.

[1] N.T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003, p. 647.

[2] J.R.R. Tolkien. *On Fairy Stories*. <https://coolcalvary.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/on-fairy-stories1.pdf>

## The Work of the Evangelist by John Schulz

Under any other name bringing the unsaved or unchurched to believe in the deity of Jesus and power of the Holy Spirit is basic evangelism. Here at Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Knoxville Tennessee where we are visiting the work is written as community outreach.

We have resources available to us through technological advancements that can be used to reach the eyes and ears of anyone with a cell phone. I believe in face-to-face confrontation with residents in our rapidly growing community. In September 2019 we began door-to-door visits starting with back door neighbors. This was dropped of necessity in December 2019 by the Covid-19 pandemic. Now that we are moving past it, let's go forth unmasked and ready to invite others to witness the good work of our pastor and dedicated volunteer Sunday school teachers and hear the good news and enjoy the fellowship of our church family.

The energy and creative work of Pastor Schuldheisz, the experience and dedication of retired Pastor Arnold Walta and multi-tasking Cheryl Diekmann are our basic human resources. I am looking for an individual or core group of volunteers from within our congregation to jump start our community outreach in this endeavor. Give this your prayerful consideration. Although I no longer serve as Evangelism chair, I will be here this spring and summer to help this group, even as we prepare to pull up stakes and move to Tennessee. It is difficult to leave our Christian family here in our temporary earthly home.

This is a challenge – bringing souls to learn and believe in the Lutheran doctrine and it's practices rooted in the very words of Martin Luther from the Reformation of the 16th century; which gave rise to the greater protestant movement. Can you imagine Henry VIII abandoning the Catholic Church and starting the Church of England prior to the reformation? He would have been dunked like Felix Manz in Switzerland and hung out to dry.



## Gospel Proclamation in the Wake of Disaster by Laura J. Seaman



LCMS Disaster Response is a ministry of presence, a presence rich with God's mercy and Word of life. It serves the thousands of individuals and families all over the world who are suffering from loss in the wake of disasters like hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires and tornadoes. But it also provides an opportunity for the church to be visibly active in reaching out in mercy to serve the hurting and homeless with physical and spiritual care.

"In times of disaster, the Church responds in mercy and love for neighbors in need," said the Rev. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response.

Disaster preparedness is a priority of Disaster Response, which offers two major training programs. Mercy in Action is a program designed to help train congregations to respond when tragedy strikes while Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training equips individual volunteers. To date, LERT has trained more than 13,000 Lutheran volunteers in disaster relief and response.

Recovering from any natural disaster is an ongoing task. Money and people resources go a long way for recovery efforts even years after a tragedy occurs.

"Providing mercy care," said the Rev. Paul Krueger of Our Savior Lutheran Church, "opens up the door to Gospel proclamation."

"In most times of tragedy, prayers, financial donations and trained helping hands are most needed," said Johnson.

Through LCMS Disaster Response, the church is able to provide Gospel-centered care for both body and soul in times of tragedy.



## Stewardship Updates by Melissa Lee

The stewardship fourth quarter mission is LCMS Disaster Response. We will be collecting a free will offering for this mission from April through June. A labelled offering box will be available in the narthex starting in early April. LCMS Disaster Response helps victims of disasters and were one of the first organizations to arrive after the historic outbreak of tornadoes that hit eight states and affected so many communities last December. Please see below for additional information. Please reach out to a stewardship board member with any questions. Thank you!

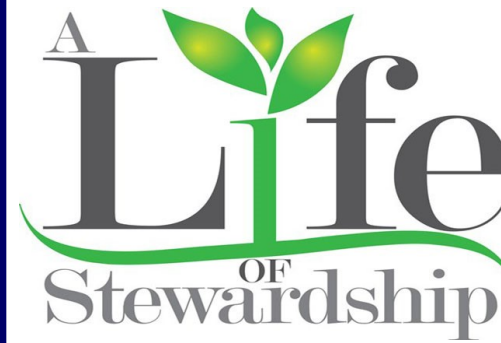
### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 25-29 9:00-12:00

God's Wonder Lab -Jesus Does The Impossible is this year's theme. Because of COVID 19 Beautiful Savior was not able to offer VBS in our church for our community for the last two years. VBS is a wonderful way for us as a congregation to reach out to our community with the Gospel message. It also helps parents to become aware of our Christian Preschool program that we offer, another way that we are able to spread the Gospel message. Please consider volunteering to help out in this year's VBS program. There is a sign-up sheet near the drinking fountain.

### Men's Bible Study

Don't forget to join us on the 1st Saturday of every month for breakfast and Bible Study. 8-9am | Fellowship Hall at Beautiful Savior

## LCMS Stewardship—Blessed Shall You Be (lcms.org)



"Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out." (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God's promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there's a catch. He would do this for Israel only "if you obey the voice of the LORD your God." (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that "all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you." (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn't obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn't keep the commandments of the Lord and "walk in his ways" (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

### Board of Youth Service Project

As a service project, the youth will be collecting the following items for the coming weeks to later pass out to local Food Banks. There will be a special box in the narthex to put them in.

Thank You!

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Hair Shampoo & Conditioners

April 10<sup>th</sup> Bar Soap & Deodorants

April 17<sup>th</sup> Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, or Mouth Wash

April 24<sup>th</sup> Diapers, Feminine Products, or Toilet Paper

May 1<sup>st</sup> Laundry Soap & Dish Soap, Cleaning Products