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April 2021

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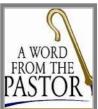
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, 8 p.m.

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The Unexpected Easter



I can't help but think the events in Jesus' life this week are replicated in the day-to-day life we are sharing during the pandemic.

Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly on Palm Sunday. For the crowd and his disciples it seemed there was light at the end of the tunnel! Finally a triumphant messiah who would, they thought, route the occupying forces (Rome) out of Jerusalem and a powerful kingdom would be re-established for Israel. For things to be as they once were. But it did not go as they planned.

A few days later just at the height of his popularity, Jesus was betrayed and taken to the exact opposite of triumph: suffering, isolation and eventually the cross and death. It did not go as they expected.

In God's own time something better happened when they least expected it. God raised Jesus from the dead. The One who was Victim now is the Lord of all. Death, sin, and brokenness had seemed to win the day, yet Easter triumph became Easter joy!

In God's time. No human pride could goad God to any other way. Even when, as so often happens, God stood alone for the salvation of his people, God stayed the course.

Like Israel, this is the path we walk now too, even in church. Many voices. Pressure here and there. Light at the end of the tunnel and then reigned in again. Our wants are not easily negotiated with a virus. We just want to get to the Promised Land as soon as possible, in our way and time. As "expected".

Easter comes, but never as we expect and certainly, based on the gospels, never as at first wanted. The real Easter is life changing. Beyond the comfort of Easter celebration is the Easter call to arise ANEW in a way never seen before. Rise anew in ministry, mission and devotion to God. Arise ANEW to a world we never really saw before except as God opens our eyes! Arise anew with humility

They wanted a militarily mighty king and got a suffering servant instead. Yet that is what God knew we need more than what we want. It became the basis for a whole new way of living, reaching out to others, making one family out of many different kinds of people.

The Rector of St. Barnabas in Manhattan in speaking to his congregation shared words as they plan to begin some in-person worship later in April, which I find especially poignant for our congregation as well:

I believe we are entering the most challenging phase of this pandemic. We are all tired of being cautious and some of us are now vaccinated. We are anxious; impatient even, for things to be as they were. However, if we can be patient for just a little longer, we will ensure a safer outcome for ourselves and the other members of our community. I have been so proud of our parish's response to this crisis. You all have been extraordinarily patient and understanding throughout this past year and I am deeply grateful for your support.

And you have too, brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Luke's.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Philippians, said,

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

—Philippians 4:6-7, NRSV

Faithfully and a Blessed Day of Resurrection, **Pastor Bill Damrow**

Rev. Dr. William J. Damrow

HOLY WEEK March 28 - April 4, 2021

Sunday Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion 10:00 a.m.

Remote Holy Communion via Zoom

Adult Ed. - The New Testament You Never Knew 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday Clergy Pericope Study 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Corporate Confession and Forgiveness 8:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Thursday Maundy Thursday Liturgy 8:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Friday Good Friday Tenebrae 8:00 p.m.

Limited in-person seating, Reservations required.

Also via remote Zoom

Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord/ Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Outdoors (weather permitting) – bring your chair and mask. No reservations required outdoors.

IF weather is very bad then Limited in-person seating.

<u>Reservations required.</u>

Either via remote Zoom

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR

"The New Testament You Never Knew"

The adult education program continues through April and into May via Zoom, Sundays at 11:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m., utilizing discussion, workbook, and video prior to class. The class currently has 23 members and is led by Pastor Bill.

Session 5 - March 28 - The Ministry of the Apostle Paul

Session 6 - April 11 - The Early Christians and the Church

Session 7 – April 25 – The Mission of the Church

Session 8 - May 2 - The Creation of the New Testament



APRIL 2021 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(Approved by Church Council as of March 16, 2021)

Maundy Thursday, April 1st- Zoom only.

Good Friday, April 2nd-Indoor church building worship. Zoom access. Invitation to make reservations will be e-blasted. Limited seating.

Easter Sunday, April 4th- Outdoor worship (weather permitting.)

Outdoors – no reservation required. Bring chair and self-space 6 ft. in all directions. Same protocols as before.

Indoor default because of bad weather- Invitation to make reservations will be e-blasted. Limited seating if moving indoors is necessary. Zoom available.

Sunday, April 11th. Zoom only. Holy Communion. Sunday School Easter Pageant,

Sunday, April 18th. Pastor on vacation. Service of the Word. Schedule pending.

Sunday, April 25th. Indoor worship. Zoom access.

All protocols remain in place: masks, distancing, open windows, no singing.

Reservations are again "first come, first served" because of limited seating.

Outdoors will not require reservations. We will setup on the back parking lot on Easter, not under the trees.

ZOOMING AHEAD



The unofficial ad hoc Tech Team has been working diligently to provide continued Zoom /livestream access to "at home" members as "in- person" worship resumes. (Please check calendar.)

Peter Johnson especially has devoted countless hours to testing, researching, purchasing, re-testing audio and video equipment. Thanks, Peter! And thanks also to Martha Johnson for picking up the slack at home since Peter, like other members of the TechTeam (Susanne Kuligowski, Ed O'Garro and Pastor) also has a day job!

Denise Tolles, Tech Liaison for Council.

COOKING FOR HOPE

The Hope Cook Team assembled the March dinner of chicken strips, rice, glazed carrots and green beans. The next Hope Cook is scheduled for Sunday April 18th."





MORNING PRAYER GROUP



A small group of St. Luke's members and friends meet every Wednesday morning on Zoom at 10:00 am to pray together. Please join us to pray for the needs of the world and each other. Our prayer group fluctuates in number each week so feel free to come and see, one week at a time, or if you prefer dial in on your phone. Contact Elizabeth Brent at 718 652 6550 or <u>Elizabeth.lizzieb718@gmail.com</u> for more information.

HAPPY EASTER from the FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Easter Blessings to you and yours!

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.



We hope by now you have heard the good news that St. Luke's will be opening for in person service while also streaming live via zoom for those not able to attend. The first hybrid service will be Good Friday and then Easter Sunday. Please be on the lookout for those emails and rsvp to St. Luke's church.

Update on last month's Souper Bowl collecting... we raised \$1650!! THANK YOU.

Sunday, March 21st, we hosted a Food Drive for HOPE. Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 and the support and generosity of our members and friends we were able to collect over 725 items of food. Pat Damrow has submitted the results of our drive to enter into a chance to receive an additional \$500 for HOPE. Say a little prayer! Please look out for future drives and ways you can help.

While our committee has successfully managed to retain an active membership, we continue to recruit, in the name of St. Luke's Fellowship, all those with the time and talents to support our mission of unity and oneness in Christ. Our church is an amazing family because we are all part of it. Thank you for your continued support and dedication! Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Yours In Christ

Pat Damrow and Dawn McEvoy



HAPPY EASTER from the Sunday School and Youth Group

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

We wish you and your families a blessed Easter! May you all be healthy and enjoying the beautiful spring days we have been having.

Our first, and hopefully, last Easter Pageant will be virtual, via zoom, during the church service on April 11th. We are fortunate to have a few of the children able to participate. We hope to "see" you there.

If you haven't seen them or aren't getting the weekly lessons we have been sending, please let me know. I will make sure I have you on our email list. Thanks to the magic of the internet, God's Good News and our Spiritual Education continues.

There will be church services in person as well as via zoom starting in April. Please look out for the emails from St. Luke's for those opportunities.

Thank you to all that participated and supported our Food Drive for HOPE this past Sunday... we collected over 700 items!

We can't wait to finally be able to see you all in person and know that day will come. Until then please continue to share the good news with each other. Continue to grow in your Christian faith. Don't forget Sunday School, your spiritual education is just as important as your scholastic one!

Take us with you on your journey!
God Bless you and your families....
Stay safe and stay strong St. Luke's!!!
Dawn, Jen, Vicky, Shari, Jacob, Karen and Traci





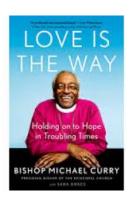


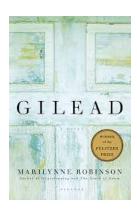
NEED HELP SCHEDULING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT?

For those having trouble or needing assistance in finding locations that are providing COVID-19 vaccines for eligible individuals, Alessia Daniele has offered to help. If you are willing to share some basic information such as your date of birth, address and eligibility status, she can make an appointment for you, or she can help identify locations within New Rochelle and/or the Westchester area that are receiving vaccine supply for you to contact. She can be reached at AMDaniele@aol.com or 914-552-3818.



BOOK CLUB CORNER







April: Love Is The Way: Holding Onto Hope In Troubling Times by Bishop Michael B. Curry

May: Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

June: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

St. Luke's Book Club meets monthly, on Thursdays, at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

For further information, contact Jennifer Archer.

(ktembo@aol.com)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! COUNTERS WANTED!!!

The finance committee is small yet mighty, but they need some additional support. Please consider joining them on a Sunday after church services for approximately 1 hour, once per month. Please contact Traci Daniele at twdaniele@gmail.com for more information or to sign up. Thank you for your consideration and support.



AROUND THE PARISH

In our Prayers -

this month are the hospitalized, those with health concerns, and those in transition, especially Bob Tupper, Paula Hayes, Eduardo Moreno, Gail Olsen, Roz Wallace and Henry Doerr, those in our Sunday prayers, those who have died in the Lord and the grieving.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

4/1	Paula Hayes	4/17	Brad Fredericks
4/2	Julianne Kehou	4/21	Robert Doerr
4/4	Claudia Rubicco		Curtis Benge
	Frank Saavedra	4/22	Cidney Montalvo
4/8	Rachel Kimber		Stephanie Elmer
4/11	Mrs. G. John Gerretsen		Rachel Elmer
4/12	Daniel D. Brisson	4/25	Elizabeth Mitze
	Erik Jantzen	4/27	Margaret Lenz-Nicolais
4/14	Sophia Kehoe	4/28	Rupert Thompson
4/15	Erika Johnson		Sanjay Smith

Anniversaries

4/4	Zachary & Rosalind Carter
4/8	Traci & Ermenegildo Daniele
4/16	Linda Skillen & Jose Saavedra
4/18	Len & Donna Elmer
4/23	Gloria & Laurence Head
4/29	Jeremy & Rachelle Harris

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				/ Maundy Thursday Liturgy-8p	2 Good Friday Service—8p	3
The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday 10a-Service of Worship No Adult Ed	5	6	7 10a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group	8	9	10
11 10a-Service of Worship 10a-Sunday School Easter Pageant via Zoom 11:30a-Adult Ed. "The New Testament You Never Knew"	12	13 7:30p-Church Council Mtg.	14 10a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group	15 Pastor away 4/15-4/22	16	17
18 10a-Service of the Word Guest Lay Leader: Deacon Nancy Sigler No Adult Ed. Cooking for HOPE	19 10a-HOPE Food Pickup	20	21 10a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group	22	23	24
25 10a-Service of Worship 11:30a-Adult Ed. "The New Testament You Never Knew"	26	27 7:30p – Social Ministry	2810a-Clergy Pericope Study 10a-Prayer Group	29	30	

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