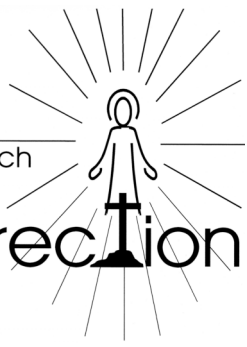


Lutheran Church
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Resurrection



THE REPORTER

April 2009

“Making Christ Known to All”

So [the women] went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

– Mark 16:8

The most important week of the church year is coming up this month: Holy Week. Beginning with Palm Sunday we journey with Christ during his final days in Jerusalem. We recall his Last Supper and his commandment to love one another on Maundy Thursday. We stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday as we ponder the amazing love Jesus expresses for us through his sacrifice on the cross. We long for the dawning of God’s light at the Easter Vigil, knowing that the Light of the World will triumph over darkness when the women see that the tomb is empty.

The week ends with the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. The text I will be preaching on is the story of the resurrection in Mark. It is the shortest of the versions and in some respects the most strange. Mary Magdalene, James’ mother Mary, and Salome come to Jesus’ tomb the morning after the Sabbath. They see that the tomb is empty. A young man gives them the news that Jesus has been raised from the dead. He says that they should tell Peter so that he can meet up with Jesus in Galilee. Praise God! Christ is risen! But what happens next is odd, in a way. It’s the verse I shared with you at the beginning of this article: Mark 16:8. The women actually tell no one anything about the resurrection because they were too afraid.

We will look at this text on Easter Sunday. But you don’t have to wait till then to consider what might have happened had no one shared the news of the resurrection. The world never would have known that Jesus was raised. The world would never have known that salvation has come to the world through the blood of the Lamb. What a horrible thing to even ponder. The women say nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Thankfully the word did get out. The other Gospels reveal that the women did share the news. Because the word was shared we come to know Jesus today.

Now I want you to ponder something else. Just as it was important that Peter be told about Jesus’ resurrection at the end of Mark’s Gospel there are thousands in our community today who do not know that Jesus has been raised and what it means for them. They are hungering for this news. There are so many of our neighbors that have a spiritual hole in their soul that is keeping them in the dark. Someone must tell them that Christ is risen!

Why not us at Resurrection? Why not you? Are we too afraid? Are you too busy?

The women were afraid, but something happened... something moved them... and the gospel message got out and changed the world forever. Allow something to happen to you. Allow the Spirit of Christ to move you to share the good news. Together we will be Making (The Risen) Christ Known to All!
Rejoice always!

Pastor Tony Dusso

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SEDER MEAL

Wednesday, April 1 @ 6 pm

Resurrection's annual Passover Seder Dinner will be on the last Wednesday in Lent, **April 1**. A dinner and event, rather than a worship service, all are welcome to come for the food and fellowship. We will learn about

ancient Hebrew ritual as instructed in the Old Testament, learn about our Jewish brothers and sisters today, and recognize the connection this ritual has with Jesus' Last Supper and ultimately the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

During this meal a dinner is served. Chicken and beef will be supplied. Donations of sides dishes and desserts are needed. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions or would like to help please talk with Lee Travis.

Holy Week & Easter Services at Resurrection Church

Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7pm

On this night we begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death into life. The Maundy Thursday service includes the words of Jesus' new commandment

(mandatum, from which Maundy comes) to love one another. As a sign of our calling to follow Jesus' example of humility and service, we may wash one another's feet as Jesus washed the disciples' feet. On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we also gather around the Lord's supper. At the service's conclusion, the altar area may be stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.

Several of our youth will also be receiving holy communion for the first time on this evening.



Good Friday, April 10, 7 pm

The Good Friday service continues the journey through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. With all God's people we are invited to bow before this mystery of faith. Christ has died, so that we may live.



Easter Vigil, April 11, 8 pm

On the night before Easter Day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from death to life. The service includes strong signs: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the water and Word of baptism, the first resurrection meal. And powerful words: the great saving stories of Hebrew scriptures and the first Easter gospel. We keep this wondrous night in the spirit of vigil, our lamps lit, awaiting Christ's coming both now and at the end of time. Alleluia! Christ is risen! And Christ will come again.

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:30 am **Easter Worship**

w/ Holy Communion

9:45-10:45 am **Easter Breakfast**

11:00 am **Easter Worship**

w/ Holy Communion



Nursery Care provided at the 11am service.

ALLELUIA...HE IS RISEN INDEED!

CHURCH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Evangelism, Parish Education, Finance, Stewardship and Properties Committees meet on **Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30pm**. The night will begin with a devotion in the worship space. We will break up into our committees to do work and planning. We will regroup again at 8:30 to make any connections with other committees.

Worship & Music, Social Concerns, Fellowship, and Youth Committees will meet on **Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am**. The time will begin at 10:00 with a devotion in the worship space. We will break up into our committees to do work and planning and regroup at 11:00 to make any necessary connections with others.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Stan Sowa, chairperson

ALTAR GUILD ~

EASTER LILIES



The Easter Lily Order Chart is up and waiting to be filled. The deadline to order is Palm Sunday. The plants are \$10.75 each and may be taken home after the second service on Easter Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Altar Guild members are asked to help with the stripping of the Altar at the end of the Maundy Thursday service.

EASTER DECORATING

Altar Guild will decorate the church for Easter after the Worship and Music Meeting on Saturday, April 11th. Please help.

COMMUNION WINE

Donations of Mogan David Concord Grape Wine are again needed. Thank you for your support.

FLOWER CHART

Check the flower chart for openings to place flowers for a loved one or an event. Two bouquets are available per Sunday at \$12.50 each.

EVANGELISM

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Pastor Tony is offering a new series of New Member classes for those who would like to join Resurrection. The first class will be on **Sunday, April 26 at noon**. Please talk to Pastor Tony if you are interested or have any questions.

SPRING/SUMMER FLOWER FUNDRAISER



The Preschool and Church will join together again this year to sponsor a **Spring/Summer Plant Sale**. We will be offering a wide variety of bedding plant flats and hanging baskets. Order forms will be available for advance ordering. We will once again be ordering extra to sell to the public. The delivery date will be Saturday, May 10 (Mother's Day weekend). We will need help with the sale on this day so please mark your calendars and remember to keep us in mind when planning your summer landscaping. Pre order forms will be available on Easter.

WEBSITE — Don't forget to send Cathy Kush any information you would like added to the website!! We can add text, dates, and pictures for things that have happened or things happening in the future. Start taking pictures!! The website is updated on a regular basis!!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Cathy Kush, chairperson

The PSALMs, LCR's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 AM**. Anyone who knits, crochets, or prays is invited to come to one of the meetings. At each meeting members share their finished projects, work on an "in-progress project," and pray. The PSALMs also ask that the congregation pray for our group and its work as well. Remember also, if you have a need or desire for a prayer shawl — contact any of the members and they will help you. Prayer Shawls serve as a reminder of God's love, a reminder of the power of prayer. Prayer Shawls can be presented in times of sadness or joy, illness or wellness....any occasion where you think someone needs a reminder of God's love. Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Tania Downen, chairperson

Oak Fest 2009

Tuesday, June 30 – Sunday, July 5

While cold weather is still with us, thoughts are turning to outdoor carnival rides, bingo, Texas Hold'em, bands, bean bag tournaments and fireworks. Plans for Oak Fest 2009 are well underway. In just a few days, a sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please check it out and consider volunteering for any of the 2- person shifts. Jobs, to name a few, include: parking, security, clean up, ticket and raffle sales, bingo, bean bags, and beer tent. While some jobs are adults (21+) only, others are perfect for a parent and child or teens.

We are also looking for volunteers to be on the church Oak Fest committee. Duties for this committee include: attending Oak Fest monthly meetings (March – June), setting up the shift schedule, finding people to work shifts, filling out the required paperwork for Oak Fest, passing out parking passes, reminding volunteers of their shift, and being available to substitute for a shift in an emergency. Committee members would share these duties. Please consider being a part of this short-term commitment and committee.

For any questions or suggestions concerning Oak Fest, contact- Gigi Howard.

FOOD SUNDAY

April 5 is Food Sunday. Please add a few extra items to your shopping list this month.



Thank you to everyone who donates each month. The food pantry is greatly appreciative.

THANKS to Ed and Jean Melbourn for their continued ministry in delivering the food each month.

PARISH EDUCATION

James Boland, chairperson



FIRST COMMUNION

On Maundy Thursday we will welcome to the table of our Lord for the first time:
Jeremiah Scott.

RESURRECTION PRESCHOOL will be hosting an Open House on **Tuesday, April 28 from 4-6pm.** At this time they will be accepting applications for registration for the 2009/2010 school year. Please let your friends, family and neighbors know.



EASTER EGG COLORING & HUNT

Easter Egg Coloring and Hunt will take place on **Saturday April 11th, 10:00 am till noon**, bring a dozen **hard boiled** eggs to church. Lunch will be served.



At noon our older youth are asked to stay around and set up for the Easter Breakfast.

THE EASTER BREAKFAST

The Jr. High and High School youth will be sponsoring this year's Easter Breakfast between services on Easter Sunday. The congregation is invited to make food donations for the breakfast and a free will offering will be taken to support those attending Lutherdale this summer and those going to Steubenville, Ohio on a mission trip with YouthWorks in July. A portion of the funds raised from this event will be matched by Thrivent Financial.



YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT



On **Friday, April 17** we will hold a movie night for our youth and friends. 1-5th graders will meet downstairs at 6:30pm and 6th-HS will meet upstairs at 7:30pm.



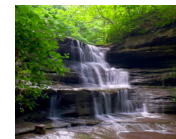
TO VISITOR SUNDAY
April 26

Start thinking about who you can bring and sign up your visitor on the board in Sunday School for fun, treats and surprises. We've got 24 Sunday School students... let's get 24 visitors!!

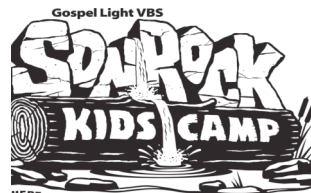
STARVED ROCK DAY TRIP

Saturday, May 30

Spend a day at Starved Rock! All youth and family members are welcomed to join us for a day of fun. Both groups (1-5th grade & 6th-HS) are invited. We will leave from church at 8am and pack a picnic lunch. Drivers will be needed. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. See Dave Lyon or Bob Downen for more information.



SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 13 - 17



Where kids' build their lives on the ROCK:
Jesus!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please check your calendars and hopefully you will be able to lend a hand with VBS this summer. It is a fun theme and the ideas are already flowing so jump on board and be a part of this outreach into our community. This is an intergenerational experience for the entire church.

COMING UP~

- April 5: Palm Sunday project and song rehearsal
- April 12: No Class - **Happy Easter!**
- May 3: 10 Commandments Ceremony at 11:00 service
- May 17: Flower planting 9:45am.
Wiffle Ball Game (kids vs. Men's Club).
Everyone is invited... even Moms! 12pm

A visit to the Hope Children's Hospital is being planned.

FELLOWSHIP

Lee Travis, chairperson

RESURRECTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The book club will meet on **Friday, April 24 at 7pm** to discuss "*The State of the Onion*," written by Julie Hyzy. The story is set in the White House where Olivia, the assistant chef, somehow becomes an amateur sleuth. Her detective work could endanger her life, her relationship with a Secret Service Agent, and the peace plan for the Middle East!! Anyone is welcome to attend the book discussion group as we discuss this delightful mystery!!

Looking ahead: The book for May will be *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* written by David Wroblewski. This book is available on audio CD for those who prefer to listen to their books!!

NO LADIES NIGHT OUT IN APRIL

NATIONAL SCRAPBOOKING

DAY is Saturday, May 2. Have you registered to join us for our All Day Scrapbooking event from 9am-9pm. The cost for this event is \$40 which will include a light breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There will be drawings, free swap table, make and takes by consultants which will be on hand from Creative Memories (Lynn Lyons) and Stampin' Up (Valerie Dusso). You're invited to spend a day with friends and or meet new ones while you get started, caught up or just get ideas.. Come for the whole day or come when you can. Sign up today. *Any questions, please contact Valerie Dusso.



CAMPING...LETS GO CAMPING

Are you starting to get that camping itch. Well itch the weekend of **May 15-17th** at Hi-Tide. The cost this year is \$37 a night. A deposit of \$37 is requested as soon as possible. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more details please call Michelle Sowa in the church office.



UPCOMING EVENTS~.

Our Rally Day Church Picnic is set for **Sunday, September 13th** at Central Park, behind the Park District Building. Mark your calendars!

RMC Resurrections Men's Club

Dave Rhoads

Next RMC meeting will be at the New Horizon on **April 18th at 8:30 AM.**

The RMC welcomes any man of the LCR to please add your e-mail address to the sign up sheet in the Narthex. All we want is your name and e-mail so we can copy you on the RMC meetings and events. No work or time involved.

THE RMC'S MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST will be on **Sunday morning May 10th at 9:30** in the conference room. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in Narthex as the date draws closer.

WIFFLE BALL GAME ~ The Sunday school Resurrection Pirates baseball team led by the head pirate Jim Bolands have challenged the RMC to a wiffle ball game at **noon on May 17th.** Admission is free and we plan to serve hot dogs and chips during the game. We invite the entire LCR to come out and watch this exciting game. Just bring your chair, refreshments and sun screen.

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

This month the men's breakfast will be at New Horizon on Central Ave on Thursday, **April 30 at 7:15am**

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY STUDY (between services)
AND THE TUESDAY EVENING STUDY (6pm)
Both of these study groups are currently studying the Gospel of John.

SARAH CIRCLE

All ladies are invited to come to Sarah Circle on Thursday, April 2nd, 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at church. Caroline Fabing is hostess for this meeting. Please join us.

Enjoy fellowship, Bible Study and food. Hope to see you, new faces are always welcome.

THANK YOU to the ladies of Sarah Circle for supplying the food for PADS on Sat., Feb. 28.

THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Thursday Ladies of the Evening group (also known as 4S) will meet on **Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm.**

All women are invited to join in an evening of bible study led by Pastor Tony, prayer, sharing, chatting, and snacks. There is no hostess for this month so everyone is invited to bring a snack to share. The more who attend, the more tasty snacks to sample!!

Looking ahead to June, June 4 to be exact — we are planning an evening out — and all women of the church are invited to join us for dinner. Start thinking of a place we can go for dinner!

LADIES BREAKFAST GROUP will meet Thursday, April 16 at 9 AM at The Egg & I restaurant on Harlem near 183rd St. in Tinley Park. Looking ahead to May — breakfast will be at Lumes Restaurant on 159th St. (near Orland Park) on May 21st. All women of the church are invited to join us for a morning of friendship, fellowship, fun and food!! Come join the fun!!

PEOPLE NEWS



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER MINISTRY

Come and join **Elsie Burk, Micheline Pfeiffer, Ruth Millis, Gloria Thorne Sr., Jean Bowser, Alvina Tymuse, Fran Hofbauer**



Happy "April" Birthday to

- 1 Daniel Bowser
- 3 Ron Ehrhardt
Chad Duzinkas
- 5 Jerry Centner
Reyna Duzinkas
- 6 Justin Vaughan
- 8 Frank Dougan
Kayla Knudsen
- 10 Adam Naselli
- 14 Ashley Duzinkas
- 15 Lorin Kirsey
- 18 Nicole Zwiers
Jessica Harling
- 21 Leslie Harling
Alan Walnoha
- 23 Maria Mitchell
- 28 Ashley Granata
- 29 Andrew Vaughan



Happy "April" Anniversaries to

- 11 Bob & Jami Harling



DEADLINE FOR THE MAY
NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 13.

Churches to Walk in Jesus' Steps

this Palm Sunday, April 5



Churches in Oak Forest will once again offer area Christians an opportunity to walk the walk that Jesus walked his last week on earth. On Palm Sunday, April 5, three churches of the Oak Forest Council of Churches will open their doors to present a dramatic re-enactment of the Holy Week events that transpired nearly two-thousand years ago.

All area residents are invited to follow in Jesus' steps, as he triumphantly enters Jerusalem, shares a last supper with his disciples, prays in the Garden of Gethsemene, is tried in the courtyard of the High Priest, beaten in the Roman Praetorium and finally crucified at Golgotha—the place of the skull.

This walk will follow the Biblical story of Jesus' passion and death.

The service begins at 2 p.m. at Pathway UMC, 159th Street and Laurel Avenue and will move from there. The journey will conclude at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

This is an opportunity for our neighbors to come in to the local churches and experience the various traditions represented as well as view the interior and decor of each church.

Refreshments will be served at Resurrection Church following our journey.





Worship Assistants Schedule for April 2009



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5th (8:30 am) Kathleen Domzalski
 11 am) Lorin Kirksey
 Dan Tregoning
 Michelle Sowa

9th *Maundy Thurs.* Elsie Burk

11th *Vigil* Ann Plutz

12th (8:30 am) Elsie Burk
 (11 am) Lorin Kirksey
 Steve Legreid

19th (8:30 am) Paulette Fisher
 (11 am) Lorin Kirksey
 Sara Brown

26th (8:30 am) Ann Plutz
 (11 am) Lorin Kirksey
 Fran Hofbauer

LAY READERS

5th (8:30 am) Lee Travis
 11 am) Dan Tregoning

9th *Maundy Thurs.* Elsie Burk

10th *Good Friday* Jami Harling

11th *Vigil* Gigi Howard

12th (8:30 am) Elsie Burk
 (11 am) Steve Legreid

19th (8:30 am) Paulette Fisher
 (11 am) Michelle Sowa

26th (8:30 am) Lee Travis
 (11 am) Fran Hofbauer

USHERS

5th (8:30 am) Larry and Jackie Parvin
 11 am) Bob and Tania Downen

9th *Maundy Thurs.* Jim Sneed

10th *Good Friday* Larry and Jackie Parvin

11th *Vigil* Bob and Jami Harling

12th (8:30 am) Dave Rhoads
 (11 am) Dan and Patti Tregoning

19th (8:30 am) Bob and Ann Plutz
 (11 am) Vic and Gail Bell

26th (8:30 am) Ed and Jean Melbourn
 (11 am) Jean Bowser

ALTAR GUILD

5th Fran Hofbauer & Patti Tregoning

9&10th Claris Okon

10th Claris Okon

11th Claris Okon & Marietta Sullivan

12th Cathy Kush & Ruth Millis

19th Claris Okon & Marietta Sullivan

26th Anna McCoy

ACOLYTES

5th Jarred Medernach

9th Jacob Pechtold (*Maundy Thurs*)

12th Manny Gelfo

19th Jarred Medernach

26th David Rodriguez

CRUCIFERS

5th (8:30 am) David Rodriguez
 (11 am) Joseph Collins

12th (8:30 am) Rachel Andrasco
 (11 am) Justin Harling

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ALTAR FLOWERS

5th Ruth Millis; Dad's Birthday
 Joan Tobbe; Alvina's Birthday

12th Gerhardts; daughter Kim's birthday

19th Anna McCoy; Mother's Birthday
 Michelle Sowa; Mother's Birthday

26th OPEN

COUNTERS

Bob Harling and Kathleen Domzalski

WEEKLY CLEANING CREW

April 4- Dave Rhoads, Carolyn Fabing, Larry Parvin, Jerry Centner, Paulette Fisher

April 11 – Pastor Tony, Bob and Tania Downen, Dianne Bogard

April 18 – Dan and Patti Tregoning, Bob and Ann Plutz, Ron Scartozzi

April 25 – Lorin Kirksey, Lee Travis, Jim and Sandy Sneed, Vic and Gail Bell

APRIL NURSERY ATTENDANTS

5th Sharon Barta/Lynn Lyon
 Helper: Rachel Andrasco

9th Valerie Dusso Helper: Joseph Collins

10th Sandy Sneed Helper: Justin Harling

12th Cathy Kirksey/Marietta Sullivan
 Helper: Joseph Downen

19th Jami Harling/Patti Tregoning
 Helper: Manny Gelfo

26th Sharon Barta/Tania Downen
 Helper: Lillian Grevhair