



**APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER
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PARISH MESSENGER**

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**FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN
THE RESURRECTION**

Jesus was good friends with Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha. When Lazarus became sick, the family sent for Jesus to come and heal His friend. However, Jesus intentionally delayed returning to help Lazarus and his sisters. Therefore, Jesus and His disciples arrived four days after Lazarus died and was buried. Martha met Jesus outside of their home and said, with disappointment in her voice, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died." Still, Martha expressed faith in Jesus being able to do anything asked of Him.

When Jesus said Lazarus would rise again, Martha stated her belief in the resurrection at the end of time. Jesus identified Himself with Resurrection and Eternal Life.

John 11:25-27

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; [26] and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

[27] "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Jesus' statement is the Gospel message of forgiveness and eternal life. Anyone who believes in Christ will never die, and the person who dies in Christ will enjoy eternal life.

Jesus had even more good news for Mary and Martha. He went to the tomb of Lazarus and called him out of death into life.

John 11:43-44

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. [44] And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

God's Word has so much power that a man may be lying dead in his grave for days and yet rise again. Our greatest fear is death; the Gospel of Jesus Christ conquers death. Many do not realize that the raising of Lazarus contributed to the danger facing

Jesus. When Lazarus came out of his tomb dressed for death, the funeral for this notable figure was in its third day. Jerusalem was near, so relatives and friends took the news all over Bethany and Jerusalem. Then Lazarus joined Jesus and His disciples in going to Jerusalem. The multitude followed Jesus from Bethany and another crowd came out of the gates of Jerusalem to see the Messiah, laying down coats and palm branches to honor Him. The religious leaders were not thrilled by this at all.

John 12:9-11

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. [10] So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, [11] for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

So the raising of Lazarus helped create the climate of murderous hostility leading to the crucifixion of Christ. But it also showed people that an ordinary looking man named Jesus had power over death itself.

On the Last Day, the Word of God will call everyone out of their graves.

John 5:28-29

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, [29] And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

The great hope and confidence of all believers is that Jesus will call them out of death into the Resurrection of Eternal Life, just as He rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven.

We will celebrate Christ's resurrection and victory over sin, death, and the devil on Easter, April 21st!

In Christ, Pastor Dan



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THANK YOU

A huge thank you given to all the people who make a Sunday Worship happen. To the Ushers, Projector Operators, Parish Secretary, Office Helper, Pastor, Custodian, and those who help with Communion. These are some of the people who work so well together in our little church to make every Sunday a wonderful Worship experience. Praise God for wonderful helpers and all those who attend Worship.

COUNCIL MEETING

The March council meeting will be on Sunday, April 14th following Worship. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Bill Hahn at 920-840-5275.

If you have an item or issue to bring forth at the council meeting please contact Bill Hahn or a council member before March 3rd so your item can be put on the agenda for the meeting.

TUESDAY QUILTERS

Like to socialize? Like to Quilt? Then Tuesday quilters is perfect for you. This month Tuesday quilters will meet on Tuesday April 16th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May 2019 Newsletter will be Thursday April 18th. Help us save postage by having your newsletter emailed to you. Thank you.

**CATECHISM SCHEDULE FOR
APRIL AND MAY:**

April 3rd Wed. 6:00-6:45 PM
April 7th Sunday 9:00-9:45 AM
April 10th Wed. 6:00-6:45 PM
April 14th Sunday 9:00-9:30 AM
April 24th, Wed. 6:00-7:30 PM
May 1st, Wed. 6:00-7:30 PM
Confirmation will be on Sunday May 5th. the following will confess Christ as savior and receive the sacrament of the altar: Taigan Anderson, Conor Mckay, Mason Kraemer, Braden Louison, and Chloe Timdahl.

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

We are just about to wrap up another year of Sunday School. A huge thank you to all the teachers and families who make Sunday School do great.

- April 7th** Regular Sunday School
- April 14th** Regular Sunday School
- April 21st** No Sunday School. Happy Easter!!
- April 28th** Last Day. Kids sing during Worship. Awards during Sunday School.
- May 5th** - Confirmation Sunday!! The following will confess Christ as savior and receive the sacrament of the altar: Nick Louison, Tara Thompson, Eli Dennison, Carson Lashua, and Brock Moen.

SYMPATHY

Lord we ask you wrap your healing arms around the family Calvin Kuder (Pastor Dan's Father-in-Law) as the mourn his loss. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Olivia Van Epern
- 2nd Nick Shaw
- 3rd Robert Uttech
- 4th Tammy Louison
- 7th Audrey Wiza, Henry Vater
- 8th Verlyn Hanson, Nola Mae Vater
- 10th Catelin Fischer, Jordis Stencel, Ken Pagel, Sue Halverson
- 11th Lorraine Dobbe
- 12th Tara Thompson, James Lashua
- 13th Melanie Rustad
- 15th Danielle Allred
- 16th Pam Mehn
- 17th Judy Morey
- 18th Emily Voie
- 20th Gerald Holtz
- 22nd Sommer Rice, Madison Hahn
- 25th Jenna Somers
- 29th Mitchell Amundson, Sandra Witkowski
- 30th Todd Olson

If you have not seen your birthday listed in the newsletter please call or email the church office at (715) 445-2956 or email at northlandchurch@hotmail.com.



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APRIL 2019 AT A GLANCE...

- APRIL ALTAR: Marilyn Mitchell
APRIL USHER: John Overdahl
APRIL OFFERING COUNTERS: Dawn Lashua
PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR APRIL

- APRIL 7th Craig A.
APRIL 14th Krogwold (Palm Sunday)
APRIL 18th Krogwold (Maundy Thursday)
APRIL 19th Krogwold (Good Friday)
APRIL 21st Krogwold (Easter)
APRIL 28th Krogwold (Last Day of Sunday School)

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN APRIL

- APRIL 7th Pagel Family
APRIL 14th Lashua Family
APRIL 21st No Serving
APRIL 28th Last Day of Sunday School.
Potluck. Bring a dish to pass.

LOOKING AHEAD...

MAY 2019

- MAY ALTAR: Anna Wogsland
MAY USHER: Bill & Christy Hahn
MAY OFFERING COUNTERS:
LADIES MEETING: May 1st at 1:30 PM. Dianne Erickson will be hosting.

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR MAY

- MAY 5th- Sunday School Teachers
MAY 12th Kevin D.
MAY 19th Bruce M.
MAY 26th Greg K.

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN MAY

- MAY 5th- Sunday School Teachers
MAY 12th Please Sign up.
MAY 19th Please Sign up.
MAY 26th Sandy Witkowski

WHAT EASTER DOES

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

THE MAGNITUDE OF GOD'S LOVE

It would be spectacular and amazing ... if some king's son were to appear in a beggar's home to nurse him in his illness, wash off his filth and do everything else the beggar would have to do. Would this not be a profound humility? Any spectator or any beneficiary of this honor would feel impelled to admit that he had seen or experienced something unusual and extraordinary, something magnificent.

And yet the love of the Son of God for us is of such magnitude that the greater the filth and stench of our sins, the more he befriends us, the more he cleanses us, relieving us of all our misery and of the burden of all our sins and placing them upon his own back.

Whenever the devil declares: "You are a sinner!" Christ interposes: "I will reverse the order; I will be a sinner, and you are to go scotfree." Who can thank our God enough for this mercy?

—Martin Luther, *Luther's Works* 22, 166-167

LET LAUGHTER 'SPRING' FORTH!

"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush." (Doug Larson)

"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket." (Evan Esar)

"Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade." (Charles Dickens)

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." (Margaret Atwood)

THE JPS MAN IS COMING...

Coming Sunday to Northland during Lent the JPS Delivery man will be trying to deliver a special package. Come and see who finally accepts the special delivery.



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Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)



Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)



Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)



Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)



Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)



While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)



This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)



These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)



These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)



Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, linens, silver coins

God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.