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# April 2017

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Mary got up before dawn, gathered her spices, and headed to the tomb. (John 20) She didn't have high expectations. I'm not sure how she planned to have the stone moved so she could do her embalming work. I'm not saying she had a lot of faith, but she had a lot of faithfulness. When resurrection happened she was there.



We can't make resurrections happen, but we can be there. We can be faithful. We can be present. We can open the windows and doors of our souls and invite the Spirit to blow through, and we can be present when it happens.

I don't know what areas of your life need to be resurrected, and I can't guarantee that, even with the beginning of spring, there will be new buds of promise. There are three plants on our patio. We water all three of them regularly. One already has budded out and is green and growing wildly. The other two still look dead, and we don't know if they will grow again. I do know, though, that they won't if we don't water them, so we do what we can and we leave the results to the life that is in them.

The season of Easter is the time when we get to nurture our soul like watering a plant. It is the time when we stick to our faithfulness in spite of all that is going on in the world around us. It is the time during which we pray for the Holy Spirit to break into our lives like a fiery whirlwind and as tender as a bud on a plant. If they grow – plants and souls alike - we will have “flowers” in the summer, if they do not we will enjoy what already is growing like we never doubted it.

Have a blessed season of Easter  
 for Christ is risen indeed  
 Yours Pastor Karin



## Curiosity

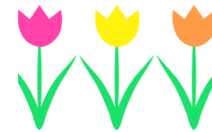
Curiosity is an emotion followed by behavior. Curiosity is based on the undesirable experiences of "uncertainty". The reduction of these unpleasant feelings, in turn, is rewarding. In general humans desire coherence and understanding in their thought processes. When this coherence is disrupted by something that is unfamiliar, uncertain, or ambiguous, it is curiosity that attempts to gather information and knowledge of the unfamiliar to restore coherence once again.

In Scripture Thomas might be a timely example: After Jesus' resurrection the other disciples had seen the risen Christ. Thomas, not present at that event, remains uncertain if this is possible and indeed his beloved teacher. He wants clarity by examining Jesus' wounds. Only after Thomas had curiously poked his finger into Jesus' side, he believes that it is he and Jesus is alive.

After quite some time here at Gethsemane Lutheran Church I wonder what it is that currently you might find unsettling here? What would you like to understand about Gethsemane? Are you curious at all? And if you are, what are you doing about it?

Thomas and the disciples are talking among each other. I think this is a clue for us, too: The word *curiosity* relates to the Latin word *cura*, which means "care". In other words someone who is curious cares enough to take action. And as the story of Thomas and the disciples reads, one way is to talk to others. Therefore I invite and encourage you to be in ongoing conversation about what matters to you here at Gethsemane. I am sure it matters to God as well!

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*April*

## *Happy Birthday*

Inga Johnson	2nd
Judy Albert	5th
Jenny Mendoza	6th
Regina (Inga's daughter)	7th
Becky Baker	8th
Ken Baker	15th
Jay Trousdale	24th
Ashley Mulcahey	27th

## Around the property and grounds...

Chuck Cheek along with the Grounds Committee of Jeffrey Jenkins and Tom Templeton have had numerous projects in the works over the last month. There are so many things that go unseen when we only pass through the doors on Sunday mornings.

Tree limbs downed by the storm were cut down, a rats nest cleared away, chapel front door latch repaired, weeds abated with the help of Ellen Wagner (though temporary with the rains), slats repaired on the Garden Room verticals, and more lighting is in the works for the parking lot.

If you see something that is in need of repair contact the office and let us know. We all need to take responsibility for keeping things in good repair. Thank you one and all!

## Many Thanks...

March was our month to host the Friendship Lunch for our Serra Mesa neighbors. Jean Knapp, Barby Waters, Hildie Class, Kelly Greason and Earline Trinkle so generously prepared soups and supplied bread and sweets all month long and Richard Norton made his delectable salads weekly. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for May — your support would be greatly appreciated. Come join us for lunch this month and see what a community outreach this is. Mission Village Christian Fellowship is in charge and we can sit back and enjoy the meal. Every Wednesday at Noon @ Mission Village Christian Fellowship.

Our Storefront volunteers for March were Katy Meindl, Earline Trinkle and Judy Nagy. April is covered but you have an opportunity to fill needs for May. Sign-up in the Narthex.

## Remember:

### Like us on Facebook

Search: christisrisen2day

Get reminders and updates of happenings here at church, share our posts on your page, and help us spread the word about our hidden treasure here in Serra Mesa. Thanks so much for being a part of this growing community. Do you want to see something on our page? Just contact Peggy in the office or email her at [church@gethsemanesd.org](mailto:church@gethsemanesd.org)



We are here to serve.



## 14th Annual "Hotter than Thou" Chili Cook-off

Benefiting **AGAPE HOUSE**

Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry @ SDSU



**Sunday April 23, 2017**

**3:00-6:00pm**

**Faith Presbyterian Church  
5075 Campanile Drive**

Featuring the best chili and cookie recipes  
by local congregations,  
along with salad and grilled cheese.  
Childcare will be provided!

**All are welcome!  
Free Entry! Door prizes!**

\* Support Campus Ministry by making a donation today!  
Gifts received by the end of the event will be credited toward  
your congregation's chili. The congregation raising the most  
money will receive bragging rights and the highly coveted  
**Golden Ladle** and **Golden Spatula** awards!\*

For more information  
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or e-mail **agapehousesdsu@gmail.com**

### Lutherans at 500 Class

Join us for an in-depth study entitled, "Why we believe what we believe." This two-part study compares the teachings of Lutherans to Roman Catholics on Saturday, 10am-Noon April 8 and Lutherans to other Protestant faiths on Saturday, May 13. Study materials will be available soon. Contact Paul Sanderson if you have any questions.



### NEW ADDRESS: Effective May 1, 2017

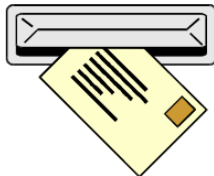
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### WOW-THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you that contributed cards to the St. Jude's Ranch Recycle Project. We sent 950 cards this year. Thank you all for giving me only the fronts and adhering to no Hallmark, American Greetings and Disney. Remember they take birthday, get well, sympathy, thank you, Christmas and even Easter and Thanksgiving cards. If you can, please hold on to cards until December as my closet can only hold so much, but if you can't, turn them into the office and I will get them. I had a drawing of people who submitted cards and Judy Albert was the winner of a pack of St. Jude's Birthday cards. If you want to buy these beautiful cards call 877-977-7572 or go to their website [www.stjudesranch.org](http://www.stjudesranch.org).

Happy collecting. Linda J.



### LILIES

If you would like to beautify the Easter Liturgy with a lily or flowers for the Flower Cross be sure to see the insert in your Sunday Bulletin. For inclusion in the bulletin, orders must be received by Tuesday April 11.



### NAMI WALK 2017

Everyone is invited to join Gethsemane's team, "Gethsemane Gardeners", Saturday, April 29, at Liberty Station for the annual NAMI Walk. We enter a team each year to provide support for NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) and show our missional commitment to destigmatize mental illness.

**To register as a walker or to donate to the team, go to <http://www.namiwalks.org/sandiegocounty> and follow the trail to our team page.**

Anyone who can't walk is still invited to come to Liberty Station that morning for the festivities. It is truly an upbeat and full-of-hope experience!



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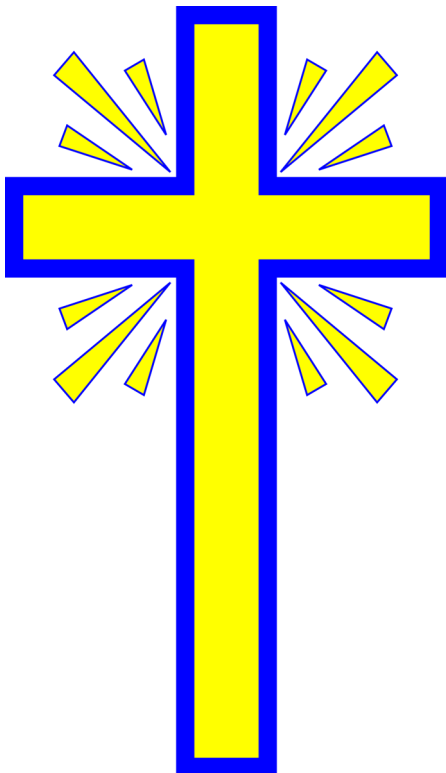
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grounded in the gospel, anchored in Word  
and Sacrament, traditional yet creative,  
seeking to be God's people in this time  
and place.*

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## **Holy Week Liturgies**

### **Sunday of The Passion, April 9th**

8:00 a.m. Contemplative Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday of The Passion Cantata

### **Holy Thursday, April 13th**

11:30 a.m. Contemplative Communion

### **Good Friday, April 14th**

11:30 a.m. Contemplative Communion

7:00 p.m. Liturgy into Darkness

### **Easter—Resurrection of our Lord, April 16th**

9:30 a.m. One Service