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Easter Is All About You!

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“Because I live, you also will live.”

John 14:19

“Happy Holidays!” Sound out of place in April? It doesn’t have to. This month marks arguably the most important holiday of the year ... Easter. Why? Because Easter is ALL ABOUT YOU! But isn’t Easter about Jesus? Yes, Easter is not so much about colored eggs, candy baskets and bunny rabbits. It is about Jesus. But Easter is also about YOU!

At Easter we celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This miraculous event is certainly reason for celebration, especially since Jesus had to suffer so much and have his life cut so short. But Easter is much more than that. Knowing the significance of Easter is a matter of life and death!

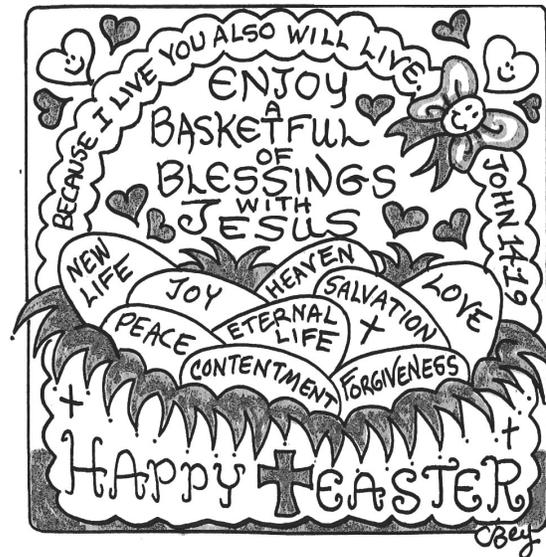
You see, Jesus could have chosen not to die. He had the power to stop his murderers. He had the power to walk away from his cross and from all who cried out “Crucify

him!” He had the power to leave this earth and go back up to heaven where he came from. But Jesus willingly chose to live as one of us, but he never sinned, not even once. He was determined to suffer and to die. Why would anyone leave the eternal bliss of heaven for that? Because Easter is all about you!

He looked down from heaven, saw sinful mankind, and chose

to love us anyway. We have not loved God perfectly with our whole heart and soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor perfectly as ourselves. For that, God should have made us pay with our lives for our sins against him. Instead, he sent his sinless Son who took our sins on himself; Jesus suffered and died in our place.

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Key Events This Month:

4/5—Maundy Thursday worship with Communion

4/6—Good Friday worship

4/8—Easter Celebration with Easter brunch

4/15—Quarterly Voters Meeting

4/15—Baby shower for Katie Yarrow

4/27—Family Game Night

Light of the World

On Sunday, March 25, the congregation voted to change our name to Light of the World Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This name points to Jesus being the light of the world, who saved everyone of us from the

darkness of sin through his life, death, and resurrection. It also tells how we are lights of the world, to shine Jesus to all people throughout our lives.

During the next month or two, the transition will be made to this new name as official paperwork is filled out. We hope

to have an official transition to Light of the World in coordination with a Re-Dedication Sunday. Please look for more announcements concerning that. In the meantime, please feel free to use our new name as you tell others about our Savior and our church!

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Here's the best part: he rose from the dead! And because he conquered death, Jesus promises that we too shall conquer death! Yes, we will still have to endure the physical experience of death. But just like Jesus, our Savior, we too will rise from the dead, and through faith in him, join him in heaven.

That's how Easter is all about you. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live." Trusting in him as your Savior from sin, he assures you that you will rise from the dead and live forever.

He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

Holy Week Services

The first week in April offers the opportunity to closely follow our Savior Jesus on his walk to the cross. There will be three special services during Holy Week:

- ⇒ 4/5—Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion (7 pm)
- ⇒ 4/6—Good Friday Service of the Cross (7 pm)
- ⇒ 4/8—Easter Sunday Celebration (10:30 am)

Each of these services will be a unique opportunity to meditate on the cross of Christ and what that cross means for each one of us.

Also, following our Easter morning service, there will be an Easter "brunch" served in the church basement. Please join us in this fellowship opportunity as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord!

Family Game Night

Due to a popular kick-off, we will be hosting another family game night on April 27 at 6:30 pm. Anyone and everyone is invited to our game night. No age limites!

Bring your favorite game, a snack to share, and be prepared to have a blast with other members. Please feel free to invite your friends as well!

P.S. More Pinochle players wanted!!!

GLOW donation collection for Women in Crisis and Fairbanks Rescue Mission

The women of Northern GLOW have decided to make these two centers our mission for March and April. Both these centers are in need of several things for those in our community. Here is a list of items needed: Men, women and children's winter gear, clothing, shoes, and boots; books; craft items; etc. They are also in need of old cell phones. Be sure that the cell phones you bring are fully charged. You can bring in these items between March 1—April 30. So keep this donation collection in mind as spring arrives and you clean out your closets. The boxes will be set up in the entry way of church. Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

Northern GLOW (God's Lights Of the World)

A big thank you to Gail for leading our Bible study on Lydia. We will continue with our normal dates and times for our meetings this week. April 12th and 26th at 6:00 p.m. If anyone is wanting to bring an Easter lily for Easter, you are more than welcome to. You would be able to take it home with you the week after Easter. Our Easter Brunch sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board

downstairs. We will be having a baby shower for Katie Yarrow on Sunday, April 15, around 12:15. Look for emails concerning food and gifts. Please come and join us for this gathering! Please contact Becky Strong or Carole Belmont if you have any questions about GLOW.

Back to the Bible Basics (BBB)

BBB Class will continue to be held on Monday Evenings at 6:00 pm. This class is the perfect opportunity to brush up on your Bible knowledge. Here's a look at our schedule for March:

- ⇒ 4/2—JESUS CHRIST
- ⇒ 4/9—BAPTISM
- ⇒ 4/16—LORD'S SUPPER
- ⇒ 4/23—THE CHURCH
- ⇒ 4/30—WORSHIP

Amazing Desert Journey

On June 4-8, we will be having our Vacation Bible School, themed the "Amazing Desert Journey!" While that might seem a ways down the road, planning for this big production has already started. In the coming weeks, you'll have the opportunity to help with this event in a variety of ways:

decorating, preparing snacks, leading crafts, teaching the kids, playing games, etc.

We NEED YOU to make this VBS a success! Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help us get the message of Jesus out to the



our community through our Vacation Bible School!

APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15—Sunday School, Adult Bible Class 10:30—Worship w/Communion	2	3	4	5 5:30—Choir 7:00—Maundy Thurs- day Worship	6 7:00—Good Friday Worship	7
8 NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Class 10:30—Easter Celebra- tion 12:00—Easter Brunch	9	10 6:00—Council Meeting	11 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	12 4:30—Choir 6:00—Northern GLOW	13	14
15 9:15—Sunday School, Adult Bible Class 10:30—Worship w/Communion 11:45—Quarterly Vot- ers Meeting 12:15—Baby Shower	16	17	18	19 4:30—Choir	20	21
22 9:15—Sunday School, Adult Bible Class 10:30—Worship	23	24	25 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	26 4:30—Choir 6:00—Women's Bible Study	27 6:30—Family Game Night Deadline to submit articles for newsletter	28
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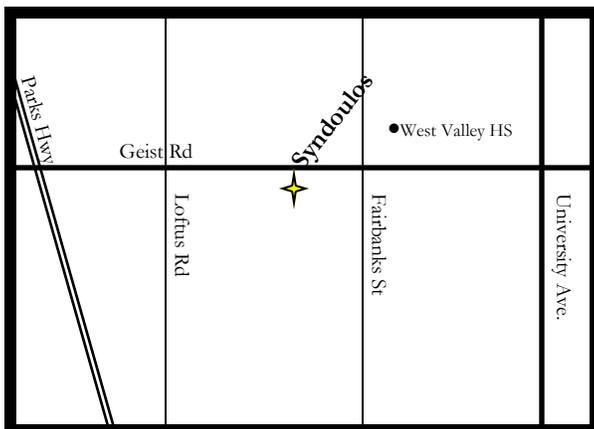
Gather in God's Word with us!

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Lenten Worship: 7:00 pm

Sunday School and

Adult Bible Study - 9:15 am



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“But Christ has **INDEED**
been raised from the
dead...”

1 Corinthians 15:20

