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— REFLECTION —

Easter comes...we shall no longer look for him among the dead. He calls to us to follow, to believe in our hearts that the people of this world will someday love one another.

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*Love one another...On Easter morning, let us in chorus sing:
'This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it!'
And then with Mary, let us run to tell the others: We have seen Jesus!
-Ann Weems*

For some, Easter is all about God's victory over death. It was for me when I was a child. My beliefs went something like this: Before Jesus, when we died there was nothing. Now because of Jesus, when we die we have eternal life. This may or may not be true. But for me, at least now in my life, it does not matter. It once comforted me but now I find it too limiting. Is this really all there was to Jesus?

Over the years I have come to believe that it is Jesus' life that matters most. Not his death and not even his Resurrection. Now, I believe that as Christians, it is our call to live THIS life here on earth following the way of Christ. If resurrection means anything it means that the life of radical love Jesus embodied; the vision for humanity he lived and died for, remains alive and well and I, 2000 years later, can choose to be a part of Resurrection Living. We can be Resurrection People.

Resurrection People, who live **this** life to the fullest recognize that it is a precious gift. It does not mean we wait around for the time after death when our "real" life begins. We are called to make heaven a reality here on earth: speaking truth to power, caring for the least among us and advocating for systemic change in a system that keeps some people in the margins. As Resurrection people we strive for this heaven here on earth because we are a community that recognizes the precious gift of life in another, from the least to the greatest. We recognize the humanity of all people, even those with whom we disagree.

Resurrection Life informs our living as people who follow the way of the Risen Christ, not a dead hero, but a living Savior who appears whenever we experience new life in places in the world and in our lives where death tries to have the final word. Resurrection Living is possibility, not probability living. It is the life of faith that proclaims the Light and Life of Christ in a broken and wounded world.



On April 21, the Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 am at Cass Ludingtons home. All are welcome.

The service is followed by a delicious potluck breakfast.

Our traditional Easter Sunday celebration will take place at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 am following worship. All children are welcome.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

- April 21 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am
at the home of Nick and Cass Ludington
followed by a potluck breakfast
at 7:30 am at their home.
Easter Sunday worship at 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am following
worship
- April 6 Labyrinth Walk Saturday 4:30 pm
- April 9 Session Tuesday 7:30 pm
- April 18 Maundy Thursday service
with AME Zion Church
held at Palisades Presbyterian Church
6:30 pm Potluck in Parish House
8:00 pm Service of Tenebrae in Sanctuary
- April 19 Ecumenical Good Friday 8:00 pm **TBA**

Deacons' Corner

Not much news from this corner except that we're glad to have made it through the March and are looking forward to Spring weather and Easter!

As we continue in the season of Lent please know that the Deacons are ready with a helping hand! Contact Denise Cae Tilberis if you or someone you know needs a casserole or a dinner. For rides to and/or from worship contact Margaret Allen. If a memorial service or any other event is being held at the church contact John Guzewich to help coordinate the service. For prayer requests or get well cards you may contact Stephen Van Dyk. We ask for continued prayers for all who need God's healing presence in mind, body, and spirit including Bigelow and family, Mary Baier's family, Richard's family and friends, Ernie & Rich, Jane, Jack, Mary Ann, Christopher, Josh, Marilyn, and Helen. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

Friends and Neighbors

We are sad to share the news of the death of Richard Hansen.

He died peacefully surrounded by his daughter and son in-law on Saturday March 23, 2019.

Richard was truly a generous, compassionate and deeply spiritual saint of the church and he will be missed.

How grateful we are for the life of this joy filled man.

Sally Green,

our beloved sister in Christ

died peacefully February 9th, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family.

Sally was a kind and playful soul. She will be missed. Please keep Bigelow, Chris and Sarah in your prayers.

A Memorial Service celebrating her life
will be held Saturday May 25th 11:00 am

Well done good and faithful servants.

In Life and Death We Belong to God.

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