



Greetings as we near the end of Lent,

We have been walking with Jesus and his Disciples each Sunday morning in our scriptures. We have been pondering our relationship with God and God's people. We have worked to fast from sitting idle and move toward action. If you are among those who are still sitting idle, get up, let your spirit feel the winds of spring and smell the flowers of new life. Let these final days of Lent be the space where you add prayer to your daily life. The good news is that its never too late to start something new.

Childhood memories of Easter sunrise service on the lake and the joyful noise of trumpets playing in the balcony slowly dance in my head as we draw nearer to the season of Easter. On Sunday, after worship the sound of the children practicing for their Easter skit brang a smile to the faces of those sitting in the pews. One is dancing, one is playing with her toes, one is pretending to faint while others sit waiting direction. I imaging them being the Disciples. Each finding their own way to discover the wonders of the season. Each finding their place in the story being told. The empty cross hanging above them resembling Christ with his arms wide open welcoming them all whether dancing, playing with their toes, fainting or keeping watch for what will happen next. How wonderful it will be the day our hearts and minds can join together with other Christians in making our sanctuaries as open as the arms of Christ.

May the joy of the Easter season bring us renewed hope and abundant compassion,

Pastor Cheryl A. Caronna

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday April 9th: 10 am worship service and Palm Parade

Maundy Thursday April 13th: 6 pm Seder Supper and 7 pm Worship Service

Good Friday April 14th: 7 pm Worship Service

Easter Morning April 16th: 10 am worship service, Brunch Coffee Hour & Easter egg hunt



40 ACTS OF KINDNESS: Living out our Faith

I am challenging the Congregation to complete 40 plus acts of kindness. By living out our faith through action we can strengthen our relationship with God and each other. In the Hall there will be a bulletin board to help us organize our acts of kindness. If each person in our Congregation completes just one act, we will meet our goal of 40 plus in the first few weeks of Lent. No need to stop at one per person, follow your heart and do as many acts as you can. No action is too small.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED AN ACT OF KINDNESS?

During Lent there will be group opportunities to live out our faith as well as options for individual at home acts. Below is a list of ideas to help us “live out our faith”. Be creative. I can't wait to hear the ways we live our faith as Christians.

Events and activities in April

Soup Suppers : every Wednesday during Lent. Our Church will host the final soup supper of the series on Wednesday April 5th. Come join us for soup, bread and conversation at 6 pm.

BELL CHOIR: practice will be following worship on April 2nd: The Bell Choir will perform on Palm Sunday. Please arrive at 9 am to practice.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & SKIT: children will have practice following worship on April 9th. They will perform on Easter Sunday.



Egg Hunt on Easter Morning following the 10 am worship service

EASTER FLOWERS: Flower orders can be placed by calling Sharon King or Pastor Cheryl.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6th Deacons Meeting

Music Committee Meeting -no meeting scheduled

Trustees Meeting- no meeting scheduled

20th Council Meeting

Christian Education Meeting -via email planning

Missions Meeting

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

Children's Church School is held during the 10am worship time.

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