



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the first day of Spring. After a very cold weekend it was in the 50's today. It does not seem like spring is here but it is.

The full moon happened this month on March 7th and the next full moon is April 6th and it is called the Pink Moon.

Easter is usually associated with Spring. It is the first real holiday/celebration of Spring. Even the occurrence of Easter comes with Spring. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday that falls after the first full moon that comes after vernal equinox. Therefore, Easter is the 9th of April this year. This formula was arrived at over 1600 years ago in the Council of Nicaea (Nicaean Creed) that wanted to set a Christian date for the celebration of the Christian feast of Easter. The Orthodox church uses a different calculation. Orthodox Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon after Passover. Next year Ash Wednesday is February 14th and Easter is March 31st.

Occasionally we see articles that try and say that Easter is really based on a pagan festival, and that we should not celebrate it. This is similar to what is said at Halloween and Christmas. Fortunately, most of these folks are just wrong, and have not looked up the history of any of these celebrations.

Now before I get too involved in this, I will be the first to say that some of the ways we celebrate these holidays do come to us from Pagan festivals, but not the feasts themselves. Think of the yule log at Christmas, some of the costumes at Halloween, and the Easter egg.

Surprisingly the egg has been a symbol of rebirth for a long time, even dating back to the Egyptians. However early Mesopotamian Christians colored eggs red for Easter to remind them of the blood Jesus shed on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter. So not totally a pagan custom. Take a look at the Ukrainian Easter Eggs the Ukrainian Orthodox usually make. Orthodox Easter this year is April 16th a full week later.



How do you celebrate Easter? We all have our customs born out of families and how they did holidays and such. But the biggest part of any of this is celebrating.

Easter starts the beginning of the end of our festival cycle in the church year. Our Church year began with Advent, then Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and now Easter. It ends with Pentecost. Then we begin what is called the long green season of Sunday's after Pentecost.

Even though we don't have any festivals to celebrate during the long green season, there is always something to celebrate. Sometimes I don't think we take the time to just celebrate. Celebrate living, celebrate life, celebrate church.

What do you have to celebrate? Let us know so we can celebrate with you. Take the time to celebrate what God has done for you.

Everyone loves a celebration, so come on and celebrate, give thanks for such a wonderful powerful, and loving God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of APRIL

- 2 Stephanie Thompson
- 7 Jason McKenzie
- 8 Loren Burrer
- 10 Mark Raddle
- 12 Karen Witt
- 21 Brandon Bunting
- 25 Jaxyn Howard
- 30 Aubree Howard

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of APRIL

- Sharon Calabretta
- Annette Dodge
- Jason McKenzie
- Art Kroll
- Siri Richter
- Dorothy Herrod
- Rachel Lochmann
- Lloyd Wessels
- Sherry Reed
- Phyllis Dunger
- Bonnie McClure
- Carole Michael
- Don Richter
- Jeffrey Bunting

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of March

Adults:

- Sharon Calabretta
- Donna Marshall
- Tricia Jacobs
- Harold Jacobs
- Bill Witt
- Waymond Meins
- Erin Foster
- Susan Marshall
- Don Richter
- Phyllis Dunger
- Cathy Webb
- Steve Lochmann
- Pastor Marshall



Sunday Average Attendance for March - 39

Sunday Average Attendance online for March— 4

Views
March Offerings— \$16, 209.00



Church Cleanup
Saturday April 1st
beginning at 9:00
All help is welcome.



Sunday, April 2nd, 10:45 Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, April 6th, 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 7th, 6:30 Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 9th, 9:30 Easter Breakfast
10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
10:45 Easter Celebration Worship

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

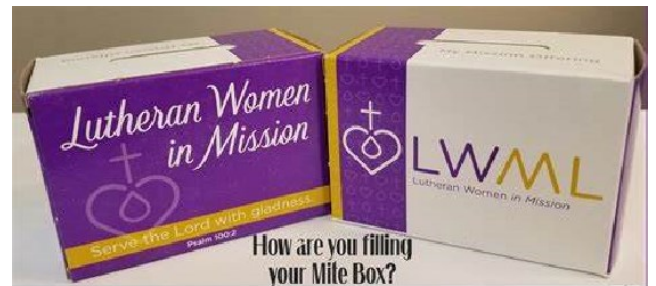
The monthly meeting of Mary Guild was on March 2, 2023. Ten members attended the meeting. Phyllis Dunger opened with the devotion, followed by the officers' reports. A discussion was held concerning the LWML Spring Fling to be held at Gillette on April 1, 2023. Each society in the Zone was asked to bring flat sheets which will be used for backing on quilts and then the quilts will be given to charities. Our mission project for March was to sponsor an animal for Lutheran World Relief. We collected enough money to sponsor two goats and two piglets.

Birthday girls for the month of March were Arleen Parsley, Phyllis Dunger and Tricia Jacobs. We enjoyed a chocolate cake served by Hostess Arleen Parsley. The recipe was her mother's. Pastor Marshall presented a topic about Saint Patrick.

Our meeting for April will be on the 13th. Kaye Meins has the devotion, Cherrie Bradley will present a topic and Janell Burrer will be the hostess. The mission project is a monetary gift to Lutheran Bible Translators.

We closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins





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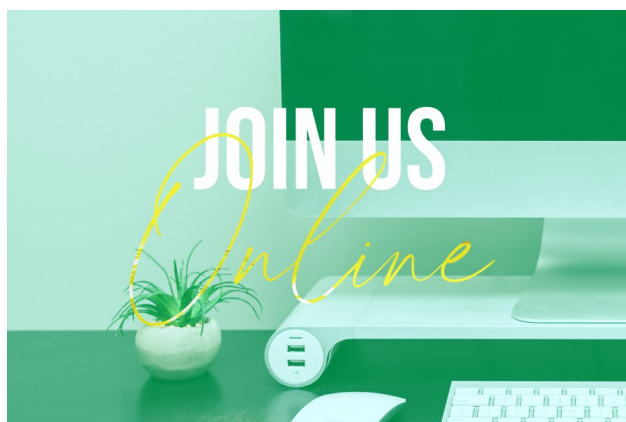
TRINITY WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has been updated to include access to the live stream of our worship and bible studies. Go to www.trinitylutheranpb.org, under the Menu on the right hand side click on the You Tube Live Stream. Then click You Tube Video. When we are live you can watch it there.

If you want to watch the recording click on Social Media at the top right, click the YouTube address. That will take you to our YouTube channel. Once there click “Live” on the page, and there you can see the recordings.

UPDATE ON OUR BROADCAST

Some of our watchers may wonder why we aren’t broadcasting on Facebook anymore. Well on Christmas Day facebook’s bots decided to ban us from broadcasting for a month, for reasons we will not say. Of course there is no way to contact them so we needed to find another way to broadcast. So we went to youtube and started broadcasting there. We are broadcasting on Zoom and then share it on youtube . Here is the direct link to our youtube or you can do as Erin mentioned above. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ>



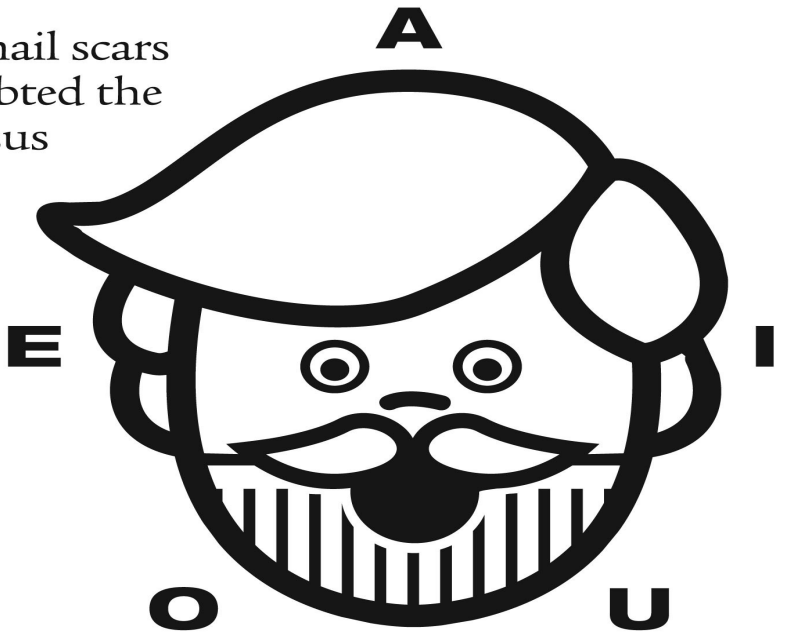
PUZZLE



SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?

Directions:
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete John 20:29, NIV.



“B _ c _ _ s _ y _ _ h _ v _ s _ _ n m _ ,
 y _ _ h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d ;
 bl _ ss _ d _ r _ th _ s _ wh _ h _ v _ n _ t
 s _ _ n _ nd y _ t h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d .”

JOHN 20:29, NIV

Answer: “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29, NIV



Easter Blessings

Help for Our Lutheran Friends in Madagascar



AN URGENT APPEAL FOR OUR FRIENDS AT L.I.M.E.

Historic Flooding & Inflation Impacting Staff and Students

In 2014, ministry partners of the Mid-South District were introduced to Rev. Joseph Randrianasolo and the Lutheran Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship (LIME) in Madagascar. Since then, friends in the Mid-South District have faithfully supported this Lutheran ministry through technology upgrades, significant facility improvements, and other enhancements that have helped LIME serve its students and provide them with opportunities for a brighter future.

Along with many positive milestones, the ministry has endured a number of crises over the last decade, from the impacts of the pandemic to those of severe drought. Through each challenge, ministry partners in the Mid-South District have prayerfully supported the staff, students and mission of LIME. **Today, our Malagasy Lutheran brothers and sisters need help once again as both flooding and inflation threaten not only the future of LIME, but the daily lives of its staff and their families.**

As Rev. Joseph Randrianasolo recently shared in an urgent communication with Mid-South District President, Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, the current situation for LIME is very serious. Madagascar's isolated geography requires the import of many essential goods and resources, all of which have risen in cost dramatically with global inflation. Flooding has also devastated supplies of domestic resources, making staples like rice and other foods more scarce and expensive. These factors have not only reduced enrollment at LIME, but made daily life so expensive for the staff that they struggle to feed themselves and their families.

As our friends in Madagascar pray for recovery from the floods and an easing of inflation, they also pray and humbly ask for help from their Mid-South District Lutheran family. Please prayerfully consider sharing a financial gift to help sustain the LIME ministry—and especially its staff—through this current crisis.

Donations by check can be made payable to the Mid-South District-LCMS, with "**Madagascar Aid 2023**" noted as the designation. Please mail donations to:

**Mid-South District
1675 Wynne Road
Cordova, TN 38016**

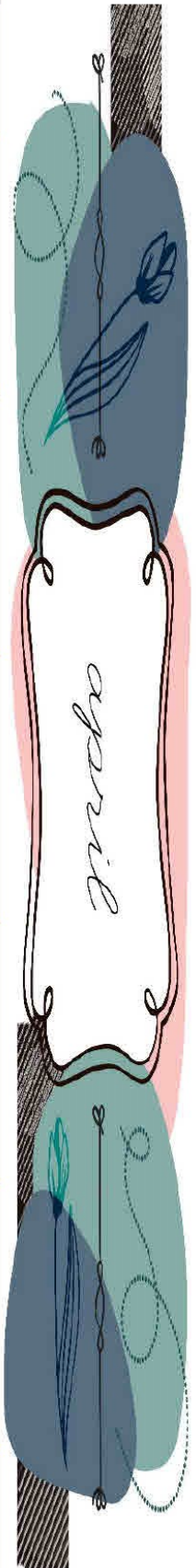
Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request! Please keep LIME and the people of Madagascar in your prayers.

APRIL 2023

| | Ushers | Elder | Lector | Acolyte | Greeters | Flowers by... | Counters |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|---|---|
| SUN 2 | Jimmy Herrod Waymond Meins | Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger | Erin Foster | | | Palms for Palm Sunday" | Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta |
| SUN 9 | Bill Witt Steve Shorts | Waymond Meins Steve Lochmann | Steve Shorts | | | Easter Lilies" | Phillip & Amanda Dunger |
| SUN 16 | Steve Lochmann Robert Floyd | Don Richter Waymond Meins | Robert Floyd | | | Lura Campbell, In memory of Lucille Cunningham's birthday"" | Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell |
| SUN 23 | Jimmy Herrod John Alexander | Steve Shorts Don Richter | Cherrie Bradley | | | Judy & Rachel "In loving Memory of Ray" | Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers |
| SUN 30 | Phillip Dunger Jimmy Herrod | Bill Witt Steve Shorts | Steve Lochmann | | | Lynne Russell "In memory of her dad Jim Russell | |

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | 1 9:00 LWML Spring Fling in Gillett 9:00 Church Cleanup |
| 2 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with Communion 12:00 Elder's Meeting 5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossett Palm Sunday | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Holy Thursday 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship | 7 Good Friday 6:30 Good Friday Worship | 8 |
| 9 Easter 9:30 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:45 Easter Celebration Worship w/ Communion The Resurrection of Our Lord | 10 | 11 9:00 Pastor's Circuit Meeting @ First in LR | 12 | 13 10:00 Adult Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with Communion 12:00 Council Meeting 5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossett Second Sunday of Easter | 17 | 18 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Business Meeting | 19 Newsletter Deadline | 20 10:00 Adult Bible Study | 21 | 22 Earth Day |
| 23 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with Communion Third Sunday of Easter | 24 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Sew Day | 25 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Sew Day | 26 Administrative Professionals 10:00 Newsletter Committee | 27 10:00 Adult Bible Study | 28 Arbor Day | 29 Camp Trinity Trivia Night at Christ in LR. Doors open at 4:30 Contest begins at 6 |
| 30 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with Communion Mighty Miles Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter | | | | | | |

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