

Lamb's Tale



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FROM THE PASTOR

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Dear friends,

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the risen Lord Jesus Christ."

Item: The Claim of Easter

Our little fellowship has had quite a busy winter. The activity level has been fairly high since the start of the year. We put together a very successful fundraiser event in February; then with Lent we added midweek worship; and most recently offered the usual extra services and activities of Holy Week culminating in Easter. Now, if you look at the April calendar, things are going to slow down quite a bit and become more routine. The break will no doubt be welcome for many of you.

It's a little bit like the pattern we often experience at Christmastime. Before Easter I came across an interesting article from the Wall Street Journal by Fr. James Martin talking about the comparison between Christmas and Easter in terms of how our secular culture appropriates these Christian holidays. (It is available to you this month in the Links I Like. I encourage you to read it carefully). Fr. Martin makes the point that unlike Christmas, Easter makes a very definitive claim on those who proclaim its message: "Christ is Risen!" Those words are filled with an incredible, unbelievable message that defies explanation - they declare that God has acted powerfully and done the impossible - raised a dead man (Jesus) to new life! And if it is true (as we believe it is), then *everything has changed* and the world can never be the same again. And neither can we. If we hold to this truth it will make a huge claim on our lives. Christmas is beautiful but it doesn't require as much of us and is more homey and feel-goody. But Easter is different. That's because, if the Lord lives (and he does), then we will not have the option of ignoring his words or his way to suit our own preferences. If Jesus lives and is Lord of all, including me, then I must respond to his claim on my life *every single day*. Easter my friends is not just one day but *every day*! He lives in me and in you and demands our lives reflect who he was and what he taught without exception or equivocation. That's a big deal folks, because once the secular world has had its fun with the bunnies and the candy, they are done with it. But for us it's only the beginning. Whether the days are busy or not there can now be nothing routine about our lives. We are Easter people! His risen life is entrusted to us and we have work to do. We may get a needed break from church activity, but there is no break from the claim and challenge of Easter on our lives. As the springtime bursts with life all around us, may our lives burst forth with the love and wonder of Christ's triumphant love. Amen.

Item: Thank You's

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for all their work during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. I particularly want to thank all who brought provisions for our Wed soup suppers And to Barbara and Suzanne for all the hard work on the Easter breakfast. It was delicious as always. I also want to thank Dave Jarvis for special music during Holy Week and Easter. In addition, Darci Dembik Gibson, was our guest soloist for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, singing solo and with Dave. It was such a gift to have her join us. And I want to thank also Linda P. In addition to her bookkeeping duties, she has been doing a lot of volunteer work in the office and is helping me to keep up with some necessary tasks. Finally, thank you to all who gave to support In Lieu of Lilies this year. We appreciate your generosity.

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Item: Updates and FYI's

Finally, this month I want to share a few updates and give you some needful information. First, Jacob D. has finished with some of the treatment regimen he was receiving for the cancer. And he is now receiving a new drug treatment protocol that seems to be showing promise. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers. Also, we received a super surprise recently. The Elks Lodge of Orange awarded us a gift of \$600 to use to purchase an additional refrigerator/freezer for our homeless ministries (which we have done). We have often struggled with having enough capacity for all our donations. Now that capacity is greatly improved. A big thank you goes out to the Elks Lodge in Orange and thanks also to our friend Julia who encouraged me to apply. The synod assembly is coming up soon. We will be in Irvine May 5-7. This purports to be a very exciting assembly as we are electing a new bishop for the first time in 18 years. We are grateful to God for the faithful work of Bp. Finck for all those years. If you have had a special relationship with him over the years and want to offer a written note of appreciation, let me know. There is a process in place for how to do that. Our Voting Members for this Assembly are Tyler, Suzanne, and me.

I think that does it for now. See you in church.

Pastor Steve

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Amen.



April 2016 Links I Like

This is a solid piece for Easter published in the *Wall Street Journal* by noted author and Jesuit Priest Fr. James Martin. 'Christ is Risen' makes a life-changing claim on us. (This is the piece referenced in my Pastor's Page).

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-challenge-of-easter-1458916153>

Here's the Easter Message from presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/2016_Easter_Message.pdf?
_ga=1.264188428.1692683100.1403065831](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/2016_Easter_Message.pdf?_ga=1.264188428.1692683100.1403065831)

I found this piece on "expectations" gave me something new to think about during Holy Week. Pastor Danielle Shroyer is one of my new favorite online writers. Enjoy her insights.

<http://daniellshroyer.com/holy-week-lesson-expectations/>



HE IS RISEN!



We are grateful to all of our members and friends who have contributed special gifts

“In Lieu of Lilies”

This year the funds are designated for the improvement of our perimeter lighting around the parking lot and refurbishing of the church sign.

Many, many thanks for your support.

Carrie (Peirce) and Steve Bieghler In memory of William and Mary Bieghler and Betsy Peirce
Sheryl Hartman To the Glory of our Risen Lord, In loving memory of Wendell Hartman, beloved husband. Our parents, Bill and Billie Chestnut and Harold and Amanda Hartman.

Dave and Joyce Jarvis In thanks to God for all our daily blessings and our five wonderful grandchildren!

Susi Laflin In memory of Pastor Kenneth Krueger

RiChardi Hagerman In loving memory of my husband Frank.

Bruce Nelson In memory of Robert and June Nelson and Mary Grace Haske

Irene Murphy In memory of friends and family I love and miss – Garth (Mel) Murphy, Dave Zinn, Lenore Glancy, Dan Jackson, Connie Rivera, Nellie Hodde

Julie and Rudy Morgenfruh In memory of loved ones.

Barbara Schoeneman In loving memory of Art Schoeneman

Marvin and Orva Sodman To the Glory of God

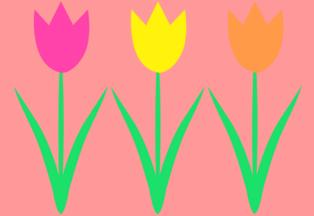
Patricia and Herman Wehn In loving memory of brother Mathias Wehn and in joyful gratitude for the birth of our youngest grandchild, Audrey Marian

Dorothy Bowen In thankfulness to God and in remembrance of husband, Gordon and the Bredow family.

Lamb of God Child Care Center In thankfulness of our ministry here and all the children and families we have been able to serve.

Mary Williams In memory of loved ones and for the blessings we receive.

Tony and Karen Bell To the glory of God and in memory of Solvang friends, siblings, Alan Farstrup, and Ruth Farstrup Longman.



The lovely Wendall Hartman Memorial Rose Garden showing it's full beauty for Easter



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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM- English

11:00 AM - Korean



Sunday, April 17, 6:30 PM
Dorothy's House
To Kill A Mockingbird



Mary Chamber	4/4
Orlene Stiles	4/5
Klaus Lapschies	4/6
Dorothy Bowen	4/7
Olivia Haske	4/21
Elijah Pierce	4/25



Ladies Tea – Meet the Women from David's Life
Please join us
Date: Saturday 5/14/16
Time: 9:00 am



Add to
your
prayer
list

Pastor Richard Frazier, Family of Marilyn Wade, Maggie, Anita Gomberg, Stevie Fosnight, Jerry & Consuelo Burke, Joe Jordan, Hortie Perez, Marie B., Mia Grace, Torrie C, Bob Bogner, Fenton Smallwood, Rose, Jennifer, Jacob Dickinson, Jerry Ashby, Yvonne Messer, Michael, Judy, Steven Olmanni, Helen Suarez, Sharon Stonebridge, Brian Lune, Dan Jackson, Clara Caldwell, Maggie Trujillo, Dolores, Vickie Trujillo, Judy Creech, Gretchen Whitaker, Iris Bents, Sherrie Eggers, Marie Cadwell, Pat Cadwell, Jack & Evelyn Curtis, Jim Barker, Cheryl Lynn Gielow, Roy Onishi, AdventLane Bryant, Wanda Figueroa, Gilbert Percifield, Tony Nielson, Delanee Woods, Chuck Johnson, Dallas and Ashby Family, Linda Henderson, Jeremy, Bill Garvey, Linda Percifield, Karen Norton, Kenny and Christopher Hahn, Christa, Christine, and Irene Murphy, Gloria, Sharon, and Susan Hurd, Jody Ferrante, Leigh Conway, Laurie Rain, Jean Anderson, Kyle Adams, Dylan Saks, Louise Blakely, Mary Kay Drenner, Margaret Browning.) f you have names to add to or remove from the prayer list call the church office @ 1-714-772-2772.

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