



The Epiphany Star

April 2024



*Newsletter of Epiphany Lutheran Church
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Dear Epiphany,

Jesus Christ is Risen today! Alleluia!

One of my favorite Easter hymns. It says it all in the first line of the first verse. Jesus Christ is Risen today! Alleluia! It isn't about all of the Spring flowers or latest fashions. It isn't about the price of ham for the family gathering after worship. It is all about the fact that God has the ultimate power over life and death. The One who was raised up on the cross on Good Friday, whose dead body was taken down from the cross in the afternoon, wrapped in a clean linen cloth, laid in a tomb (like any dead body of the time). Yet, on the first day of the week (Sunday), before the sun came up the tomb was empty! Jesus was raised from the dead! Death no longer had hold of him. Jesus Christ is Risen today! Alleluia!

Why make such a big deal out of all of this? Well, the obvious fact is that God has the power to raise Jesus from the dead. Yet, when people do CPR on people with no pulse isn't that what we are doing... bringing people back to life? It is indeed bringing people back to life. Life for them will never be the same. They have been given a second or third or fourth chance at life. Many people who have been brought back to life from CPR talk about a "life after death experience." Life is a precious gift from God that should never be taken for granted. The reason why we should make a big deal out of this is that it is a big deal. Each of us has been given a gift of life... what we do with that life is up to us.

When was the last time you spent some time to thank God for your life? When was the last time you paused for a moment to lift up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for this time in your life? I know all the excuses we have... my calendar is too full... my life is so chaotic that I hardly have time to do the things I want to do... much less any extra. There is an old saying that says that we make time for the things we want to do in our life. So, what is it that you want to do in your life? Do you seek a sense of peace amid struggles? Do you seek a time with God to make sense out of the life that you have been given? Maybe you want to understand why you are angry, or struggle with resentment? God wants us to have a relationship. God would like nothing more that to spend some time with you and your life.

Maybe Easter is about resurrecting our lives from the graves of daily life. Maybe we are the ones who need a new life with the One who created us. Maybe we are the ones who should be shouting from our hearts and souls- Jesus Christ is Risen today! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Resurrection Day!
Pastor Richard Hartman



Please feel free to stop in or call for any of your Pastoral needs.
Our office hours are as follows:

Pastor: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 2:30 pm
Monday evening for lesson study

Dia: Wednesday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm,
Other times as needed and evenings
Due to unexpected circumstances,
these hours may be subject to change.

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Mission Moment for April 2024

For the month of April, we will be collecting some items for our Health kits and Layette kits for Lutheran world relief.

Last year we had 190 health kits, and 153 layettes. The items that we currently need are bath towels, hand towels, baby blankets (no fleece blankets), receiving blankets, toothbrushes, combs, and nail clippers.

Thank you for your continued support of our Associated Churches food bank and our military.

We have delivered 275 pounds of food so far during Lent To Associated Churches food bank.

Took so many items for Just Neighbors
And have 48 quilts completed so far this year.

Blessings, Vickie and Cindy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	We
	1 NHC 8:00-3:00 Take down Crosses 2:00pm	2	3 4 Quil 6:00 pm
7 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship <i>12-3:30 Zo Baptist Worship & Sunday School</i>	8	9	10
14 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship 8:45 am Council Meeting <i>12-3:30 Zo Baptist Worship & Sunday School</i>	15	16	17
21 4th Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship <i>12-3:30 Zo Baptist Worship & Sunday School</i>	22 Earth Day!	23	24
28 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship <i>12-3:30 Zo Baptist Worship & Sun School</i>	29	30	



 **APRIL 2024**

Angels Among Us!

We have members of our congregation who do many things behind the scenes, and we want to take the time to recognize just a few of them in this month's newsletter.
Thank you, Angels!



275 Pounds of food were delivered to Associated Churches
Worship Assistants contributed meaningfully to services
Crosses were put up for Good Friday and Easter
Palm Sunday And Good Friday Readers were enjoyed



**Our Mission: “Sharing Christ’s Love with the ones you love!”
Lutheran Senior Care Ministry Update March 2024**

I posted a Save The Date copy of LSCM’s Centennial Gala
on April 18th at the Orchid.
Please let me know if you would like a copy of the invitation when it is mailed.
It promises to be a great celebration.

We also now have an active Facebook site and a new video
is being developed for viewing at the Gala.
This promises to be an exciting year for our ministry.
Thank you for your prayers and continued support of this ministry
as we serve our community’s elders!
Sue

Join us for Worship this month!

Every Sunday at 8:00 am
and 10:15 am
On Facebook Live or in person

Please join us!

Comfort Ye My People

Our quilting group is meeting each month first week with both a Wednesday and Saturday in it. We meet 10am to 12pm. We could also add a Sunday Morning for quilters. Let us know! Please prayerfully consider this ministry. and help us to be a blessing to others around the world!



April
Bible
Readings



April 7th

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 14th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21st

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 28th

5th Sunday of Easter


Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8



April Baptismal Birthdays

Cathy Williams Dennis Payne Maddison Spranger Lillian Anderson
Marisa Williams Jack Swanson Nathaniel Pickett Sandi Swanson
Vicki Khouli Pastor Richard Ellen Goeglein Bob Zimmerman
Anderson Bowman

“Happy birthday” to those who celebrate their second birthday during the month of April! Martin Luther said, *“When you wash your face, remember your baptism.”* Take time to remember and celebrate this month!

 Worship Assistants	<u>Apr. 7th</u> 2nd Sunday of Easter	<u>Apr. 14th</u> 3rd Sunday of Easter	<u>Apr. 21st</u> 4th Sunday of Easter	<u>Apr. 28th</u> 5th Sunday of Easter
Organist/ Pianist				
Assisting Minister	Amber Logan	Rebecca Norberg	Jim Davis	Dia Herb
Lector/ Communion 8:00 am	Nancy & Richard Lee	Sue Davis	Cheryl Ralston	Kim Robinson
Lector 10:15 am	Mike Rumfield	Mark Herb	Nina Haag	Rebecca Norberg
Communion Assistant 10:15 am	Steve Haag	X	Cathy Rumfield	Jack Swanson