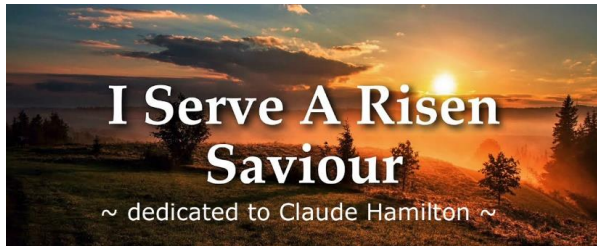


Pastoral Care Update April 5, 2023



*Take a Journey
to the Cross and
find New Life*



Maundy Thursday: "Maundy" means "command". On the night before Jesus was betrayed and crucified, he spoke this commandment to his disciples. They had just shared the Last Supper (a meal of bread and wine), and Jesus was washing the disciples' feet when he said,

"A new commandment I give to you, just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" ~ John 13:34

On Maundy Thursday, we share bread & wine, in remembrance. Celebrating communion marks the story of Jesus, how he gave himself completely to give us a better life, a new start, and a fresh relationship with God.

What's so Good About Good Friday?

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins. The Pharisees and Pontius Pilate got rid of a popular, influential preacher. If the disciples called it "good," it was only after later encountering the risen Christ. Would Jesus say it was "good"? The scene at Gethsemane, the night before, was agonizing, as Jesus begged his Father to spare him from his awful mission.

The term "Good Friday" first occurred in the fourth century. Some think it was originally called "God's Friday." Today we can call it "Good Friday" if we truly appreciate the fact that Jesus' trial, punishment and death brought our salvation.

"Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." ~ John 19:30

Easter Sunday: Amid the excitement of the Easter bunny and chocolate, remember to joyfully celebrate Christ's resurrection. What a wonderful thing to gather and sing "He Lives". But resurrection is only a starting point for "living a new life" or "reaching out to help others". If Jesus could rise from the dead, we can go into the world knowing that God's power can transform us. We are an Easter people.



There will be NO Pastoral Care Update next week!

Thank You to:

- Paulina Monette and her team for hosting the first in-person Community Dinner in 3 years. 55 guests enjoyed a tasty meal of ham, salad, sweet-potato casserole & dessert.
- The Men's Breakfast team. 36 men attended last weekend. Mark Saturday, April 29 at 8 am for the next Breakfast!

EASTER SERVICES:

- Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday, 7 pm (Music/Drama/Communion)
- Friday, April 7 Good Friday, 10 am (Stations of the Cross)
- Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday, 10 am

ANNUAL MEETING - Sun, Apr 16: "Moments of Celebration" worship service at 10am, followed by our Annual Meeting at 11 am. Pizza will be provided.

Civic Prayer Breakfast: Friday May 5th 7:00-9:00 am
Bear Estate - Guest speaker: Harold Albrecht
Tickets: see Brian McMillan, Frank Tilley, Jack Vanderkooy

Prayer Requests for:

- Ray Conn, Marjorie Heggart, John Heron, Rhena Petch, Joe Tomilson
- all those students who are beginning exams
- this Easter weekend, fill us with joy & a desire to live in new ways that reflect the good news of the gospel



Veronica Prichard leading Palm Sunday children's story

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Pastoral Care Creativity

Thank you to members of the Pastoral Care Team for using their artistic skills to bring joy to others:



Painting of Cross by Fiona McGaw made into cards



Maggie Sears & Marnie Hillier made 60 hand-sewn felted eggs for our seniors



Greeting cards made by Roz Grant

PEOPLE and PLACES



Marilese Keller, former member, now in Sioux Lookout, painted her first Ukrainian egg. She loved the process.



Ken Flemington & Mary Marshall in Victoria BC



Angela Girdwood & Mark Doble visiting Mayan ruins in Mexico



Ted & Barb Synnott ~ Irish Stew with granddaughters, Grace & Molly

The True Meaning of Easter

EASTER

E. Everyone
A. Anyone
S. Salvation
T. Today
E. Everlasting Life
R. Resurrection

On Easter, we celebrate love,
Love coming down from heaven,
unique and infinite love,
Giving more than we can imagine
to cleanse our sin,
A perfect sacrifice,
Lamb of God,
the walking, talking Word.
He is teacher, role model, friend,

Jesus Christ

God in human form,
Dying, then rising from the dead,
Proving all who believe will also rise
To have eternal life, with Him,
Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

May the holy Spirit of
Easter fill your home,
Peace be with you,
Catherine & Jonathan

