

FRIENDLY NEWSCASTER

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“Jesus said to Martha, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’”

- John 11:25-26

Dear Friends,

Things became overwhelming for Martha, her sister Mary and all persons dear to them. Their brother, Lazarus, died following illness and now he already was buried several days. It is at this time Jesus arrives on the scene.

The grief weighing in on this family is intense. They believe Jesus could have kept Lazarus from dying, if only Jesus had gotten there earlier. Now, everything is too late.

This story is so bound up with Jesus' own life and with his journey to the cross that Jesus cannot hold himself back from shedding tears of sorrow on behalf of this little family and really, on behalf of the whole world.

Martha does not yet know what will happen to Jesus at the end of his earthly days, but she is willing to put her belief out there that Jesus is one who has come from God and is God's chosen one to present a new kingdom to the people on earth. “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

If Martha, in her circumstances, can trust the words of Jesus about resurrection and about eternal life, should not we who live on this side of the glorious Easter story be able to do the same?

Our Bible is full of stories of persons who step forward in trust when all the usual, everyday foundations of life are crumbling underneath them. That is the basic description of people who hold faith in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This knowledge makes us sing “Alleluia!” and “Glory to God in the highest heaven!”, as all the angels sing eternally. Come, join us in this wonderful song as we journey through Holy Week and to Easter Sunday and beyond.



See you in church,
Pastor Dennis

SPECIAL DAYS:

April Birthdays



- 1 Scott Young
- 6 Christina Loesch
- 7 Robert Dubbs Jr
- 8 Jocelyn Kern
- 11 Blaine Smith
- 12 Lois Gentzler
- 15 Tammy Wallick
- 16 Karen Brooks
- 16 Zoe Stover
- 20 Darren Gobrecht
- 20 Janice Hoke
- 20 Matt Gobrecht
- 22 Larry Thoman Jr
- 24 Nathan Bollinger
- 24 Larry Bare
- 26 Rachel Miller

Baptismal Birthdays

- 2 Darcey Hull
- 3 Daniel Fake
- 5 Susan Syester
- 7 Dennis Weidler
- 9 Kathy Church
- 13 Sharon Smith
- 15 Bobbie Pope
- 16 Deb Wilt
- 16 Robin Gentzler
- 19 Lucinda Gruver
- 22 Tate Brooks
- 25 Joyce Dubbs

Wedding Anniversaries

- 13 Russell & Norma Foye
- 17 Robert & Joyce Hilker
- 19 Eric & Shannon Kern
- 25 Bill & Jane Bankert
- 27 Robert & Maryann
Brenneman

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Members

Bob & Deb Henry,
Greyson Stough,
Deb Wilt

Members & Friends in assisted living and nursing homes

Janet Booz,
Gerry Gentzler,
Grace Gladfelter,
Mildred Gobrecht,
John and Rachel Lau,
Anna Smith,
Jeannie Wallick,
June Whitecomb

Members of the military and their families

Eric Brown,
Chris Glass (Husband of Sarah Glass),
Matthew Mitzel,
Jake Pate (civilian),
David Stricker Jr.,
Benjamin White,

Friends

Jo Feeser,
Neil Klinedinst (Peace Corps),
Mike Zeigler, Sr.,
Bonnie Shearer,
Noah Wischhusen



Offerings:

Sunday School Offering will be forwarded on to **Dakota Association**. Worship offering for April 24 will be forwarded to Lancaster Seminary. Thank you!

Check this out

Lenten Services

The remaining Lenten services will be April 6 @ St. Paul (Zeigler's) with Pastor Dayett preaching; April 13 here at St. Paul's with Pastor Billow preaching; and Maundy Thursday Service here at 6:00 p.m. – ham & drinks will be provided, please bring a covered dish to share – following the meal we will have a Service with Holy Communion.

If you find great enjoyment in food (I've met few who don't fit this description), take some time to read the eleventh chapter of the book of Leviticus. The writer goes into great detail regarding the purity and impurity of a variety of foods. More than just quaint legalism, some of these Hebrew "laws" probably saved more than a few lives. Today we have modern methods of food preservation, preparation, and storage. In addition, we've all been schooled in the importance of hand washing and proper clean-up when working with fresh foods.

According to the Food and Drug administration, an estimated 76 million cases of food-borne illness occur annually, resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths - meaning that roughly 13 men, women and children die every day because of food-borne illness. This is an estimate, because many cases of gastrointestinal illness are treated at home, without being seen by a doctor. "If you have used your kitchen sponge longer than two or three days ... it is swimming with millions of bacteria, more specifically, E. coli, salmonella, or campylobacter ... that means that any time you use the sponge to wipe up a surface you are potentially spreading those pathogens." (Elizabeth Scott, co-director of the Simmons Center for Hygiene and Health in the Home, Simmons College, Boston) UGH!! Dr. Charles Gerba, a microbiologist at the University of Arizona states that a home's highest levels of contamination are found in areas which remain damp: the kitchen sponge or dishcloth, kitchen and bath sink drains, and the kitchen faucet handle.

What to do?

- Wash your hands in hot, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before food prep and wash them again after touching raw foods (including vegetables).
- Kill bacteria from your sponge by microwaving the damp sponge on high for one minute - every day. Do not microwave a dry sponge - it might catch fire!
- Launder (in bleach) or microwave dishcloths regularly (while damp also!).
- Even plastic cutting boards are not 100% safe. 90% of bacteria will die in the dishwasher, but play it safe, wash the board in hot soapy water (or dishwasher) and in addition, rinse them with a solution of 1 teaspoon chlorine bleach in one quart of water.
- Your kitchen sink drain, disposal and connecting pipe are often overlooked. They should be sanitized periodically by pouring down the sink, a solution of 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach in 1 quarter of water.
- Make sure the water in your dishwasher is hotter than 140 degrees or bacteria will survive. Water lower than that temperature may actually spread bacterial contamination to other items in the dishwasher.

So the cleanest of kitchens, might turn out to be the dirtiest - especially if you wipe the counters often- you might be spreading bacteria in the process. In a University of Arizona study, the "cleanest kitchens were those of bachelors who never wiped up and just put the dirty dishes in the sink - go figure!"

Debbie Best, RN, FCN, BSW, MHA

This Month's Lay Helpers

Acolytes

- 3 Shelby Beck
- 10 Ryan Bankert
- 17 Kayce Gentzler
- 24 Jena Hull

Greeters

- 3 Rick Beck Family
- 10 Kyle & Skylar Chinault
- 17 Kelly Fritz Family
- 24 Steve Miller Family

Lay Readers

- 3 Sharon Smith
- 10 Chip Hoover
- 17 Jena Hull
- 24 Evan Sterrett

Nursery

- 3 Darcey & Jena Hull
- 10 Theresa & Lindsay Beck
- 17 Whitney Stover
- 24 Juanita Bupp

SEWERS: We are looking for persons able to sew straight seams for our project to provide soaker pads for Homewood at Plum Creek's nursing unit. The fabric has been cut and the sewing can be done at home. Please see Maryann Brennehan or Darlene Hoover if you can help.

Hygiene (Health) Kits for Church World Service will be put together on Easter Sunday, April 24th. We will be collecting materials and monetary donations until April 17th. To assemble Hygiene Kits we will need:

- *one hand towel measuring approximately 16" by 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- *one washcloth
- *one wide-tooth comb
- *one nail clipper
- *one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- *one toothbrush (in original packaging)
- *six standard size band-aids

The need is great! Your support is greatly appreciated!



Good Friday Community Service will be at St. Peter's (Lischey's) @ 7:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt will be April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. for ages 0-12 at North Codorus Township Park – rain or shine. In case of inclement weather it will be held under the pavilion. Donations of candy (no hard candy and individually wrapped pieces) will be needed by April 14.

Easter Dawn Service will be held April 24th at 7:00 a.m. It will be followed by a Continental breakfast. "The Easter Tree" will be the program during the Sunday School hour.

Our 10:15 a.m. Worship Service will be celebrated with Holy Communion.

Looking Ahead

Ladies: Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7, at 11:30 a.m. A Mother's Day luncheon will be held in the church social hall.

Maundy Thursday Service and meal will be April 21st @ 6:00 p.m. Ham and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Communion will be held downstairs after the meal.

Butter Braid Pastry Fundraiser

The Butter Braid Pastry fundraiser is underway! These pastries are super easy to prepare and they make great breakfasts for busy mornings and work well as desserts when entertaining. There are 9 different flavors of braided pastry, plus caramel rolls for you to choose from.

The pastries are \$12 each and are large enough to serve 11 people.

There is an order form on the table in the narthex for persons who wish to order.

All order forms and money should be turned in by Sunday, April 3. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's U.C.C. Product pick-up/delivery will be on Tuesday, April 19 at the church.

Have questions? Need more information? Please contact Michele Wherley by phone at 225-4471 or by email at mwherley1@aol.com.

"EYE-OPENING!"
- ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

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IN FESTIVALS NATIONWIDE

"MOVING!"
- O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE

**"Confronts, with whimsy and hellfire,
the clash between religion and homosexuality."**

- NEW YORK MAGAZINE

**"An incredibly powerful film everybody should see.
It restores your faith in people."**

- NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO



for the **BIBLE** tells me so



A film by DANIEL KARSLAKE



**Join us for a screening
of the award-winning documentary film
"for the Bible tells me so"**

Sunday, May 1, 6-9 pm

**Refreshments will served and a time of study & discussion
will follow the 90-minute film.**

About the film: Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. "For The Bible Tells Me So" offers a path to greater understanding for anyone who is caught in the crosshairs of faith and sexual identity.