

Pilgrim's Progress

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The Season of Easter

Dear fellow Pilgrims,

As I write to you, it is Holy Week. These eight days, including Palm Sunday and Easter, mark the end of the season of Lent. Through these eight days, we not only remember, we receive anew by God's Word and Spirit the central mystery of our faith; the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

What did you do this past Lent to prepare for this most Holy Week? What did you do to help focus your attention on the Passion of our Lord? How did you repent? How did you pray? What did you do that was helpful? What do you wish you had done differently? Whatever *you* did or did not do, I pray that *the Lord* has used His Word and Spirit during these forty days to renew and strengthen your faith in Christ, your Savior, and to renew and strengthen your zeal to live as His very own, baptized child.

At the end of Holy Week, we participate in the greatest celebration of the Church Year; Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead. That celebration does not end Easter evening, nor does it end Easter Monday, nor that following week. Easter is an entire season of celebration. It lasts fifty days. On the fortieth day, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord when He returned to His Father who has set Him on His throne and put everything under His feet. On the fiftieth day, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost when Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to His Church fulfilling His promise to send the Helper and Comforter.

What will you do to celebrate this season of Easter? I certainly hope you attend worship. I hope you come to hear the Word of the Lord, to receive His forgiveness, to partake of His body and blood for you. These are precious gifts that are offered nowhere else. They are free. They are abundant. They are life giving and life changing. So, I hope you attend worship. Everything else springs from this fountain.

But what might follow? How might you celebrate Easter not only throughout these fifty days but throughout all your days? How might you embrace Jesus' resurrection for you? How does the hope of your own resurrection in Him change the way you live today? I pray that the Lord would lead you this Easter season to receive His

salvation in Christ, His victory over sin, death, and the devil for you, and I pray that He would lead you into an ever-deepening knowledge and love for Him and an ever-growing desire to live as His very own, baptized child.

In Christ, our Risen Lord,

Pastor Rusnak



Mel and Lois Dressler	4/8
Gary and Ruth Mueller	4/15
Randy and Pam Geipel	4/29



Judith Fink	4/01
Gail Lenz	4/03
Del Schmidt	4/03
Jessica Staff	4/05
Nancy Janowski	4/09
Doris Graettinger	4/12
Norb Bremer	4/13
Paul Janowski	4/13
Jeanne Ruffin	4/14
David Kneib	4/15
Jeanne Brown	4/16
Ann Olp	4/16
John Dargatz	4/20
Bonnie Lindemann	4/20
Carol Pape	4/21
Carrie Herring	4/22
Ron Goepfert	4/23
Carol Wichmann	4/25
Doris Muellner	4/27
Virginia Orlich	4/28
Sharon Coakley	4/29

Pilgrim LWML News for April

As April brings the reassurance of **HOPE to HOME** with the **resurrection of Christ** and the promise of our eternal home with Him, we join other Christians in proclaiming, **“Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”** This is the message the Church has to share with the world, both near and far, and that **LWML** has sought to **exemplify through mites to mission needs and servant events** both within Milwaukee and throughout the world.

The **Heart to Heart Sisters Event** in March was well attended with **8 different ethnic pastors** participating in a **multicultural service** and various groups **sharing their languages, cultures and food** with all in attendance. This is an extension of the multicultural events that were held in the Pilgrim gym years ago.

The **Pilgrim LWML society** will hold a **regular meeting April 13th at 7pm**. Connie Nelson will lead a Bible Study, mites will be collected, future direction will be discussed and time together will be valued. **All Pilgrim women are encouraged to come and share in the fun.**

An opportunity to hear about **Pastor Steinke’s mission trip to Kazakhstan** will occur on **April 19th at Our Redeemer** at the **Zone 4 Spring Rally**. This will begin at **6pm** with a **Salad Supper** hosted by the Our Redeemer ladies. This is an opportunity to visit with **LWML ladies from other congregations in Zone 4.**

Pilgrim LWML will end this year’s activities with a **luncheon on May 11th at 11:30 am**. Plans for this are still in the works, so stay tuned for the details. Look for **updates and changes** to the **LWML bulletin board** at the bottom of the stairway as you **continue on your life journey of HOPE to HOME.**

**Thank
You!**

Thank you to Schmidt and Bartel for donating our beautiful palms. There are extras available to take home in the narthex if you are interested.

Pilgrim Sunday School Celebrates Palm Sunday

Our Sunday School children processed into church with their palms.



The children learned a song that they shared. We thank Mrs. Rusnak for working with the children.



Building Faith and Family

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 27th! The Board of Education is sponsoring an intergenerational family event, featuring Stephenie Hovland, the author of several CPH Arch Books and devotional materials. She will be leading an interactive presentation highlighting ways to encourage faith development in families. Prior to this, a free Spaghetti Dinner will be served to all from 5:30 – 6:30. Throughout the evening a Christian Book Fair will be available for you to browse and purchase the items recommended by our speaker. We will also be assembling May baskets to be distributed to the homebound. Adults, as well as families with children, are welcome to join in the fellowship and fun.

The Board of Education has secured a Thrivent grant to cover some of the costs of this event. We will be asking for volunteers to donate various food items, in order to make the dinner a success. A sign-up sheet will be available on Sunday, April 8th for you to indicate your desire to help.


Just A Note

- **Robert Erskine**, our homebound member, (whose wife **Sandie** just passed away this past Christmas), won the Sweetheart Parade at Heritage at Deer Creek. He brought in a beautiful picture of them on their wedding day. His lovely picture won the day.
- For your information there will be a summer soccer academy run by the soccer coach, Tom Saleska, of Concordia University. To find out dates and ages you can go to the website: www.cuwsa.com.
- Don't forget to join us **for Easter Sunday Service at 10:00a.m.**
- Remember to support our PCDC 3 year olds as they sing in service on April 8th,
- After coffee fellowship on the 8th, **Nicole Moritz**, will be doing a presentation on **Psalm Singing**.

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Friday, April 27th


Pilgrim Church Parlor (Lower Level)



5:30 - 6:30 Spaghetti Dinner (Free)
6:30 - 7:30 Presentation by Stephenie Hovland,
author of several CPH Arch books and
devotional materials

Fellowship
Christian Book Fair
Door Prizes

This is an inter-generational event
for adults as well as families.



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