



Spring Tea

The ladies of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are hosting their spring tea Tuesday April 10th at 6:30pm. All women are invited to attend. **Please RSVP to Good Shepherd by April 3rd.** Their office number is 752-3737.

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the third annual **"Kids to Krislund"** Fundraising Dinner. The afternoon will feature a delicious home-cooked meal, live and silent auctions featuring unique handcrafted items from area artisans, entertainment, and fun.

Proceeds will help fund our "Campership" program which provides financial assistance to campers who might otherwise not be able to attend Krislund.

So, plan on joining us on **April 29** and help us send **"Kids to Krislund!"** More information will be following shortly - hope you can join us!

Time To Start Thinking About Summer Camp!!!

Registrations have begun to pour in to the camp for the 2018 summer season! We want your child to be a part of this summer's program as well! You can register online at www.krislund.org under the summer camps page or you can send in a paper form which can be printed from that same page.

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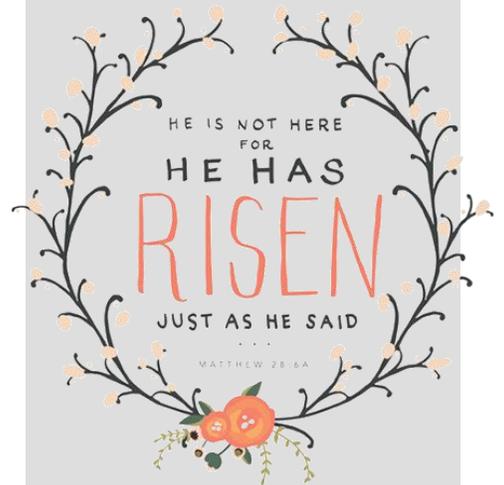
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A POSTING FROM YOUR PASTOR

"He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!"

And so the chorus echoed from one end of the Christian community to the other as Easter was celebrated this year. While it wasn't as raucous as 'We Are – Penn State!' there is a similar sense of joy and exhilaration. The 'Divine Yes' has sounded with choirs and instruments, organs and hymns, sermons and the Holy Supper, leaving us intentionally giddy and grateful – and, perhaps, somewhat more alive.

The build-up to this moment came from several directions. In the dark of February, we donned ashes to mark the beginning of Lent. For six weeks, the pattern of worship was shaped by Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem. Each of us had the opportunity to share in that journey: by sacrifice, study, a thoughtful tuning in to God's direction. The culture we live in had their eyes focused on Easter as well for the fun of hiding colored eggs, finding bargains in shopping for new outfits, families looking forward to a meal. Now we're all here at the finish line. The culture, of course, can't stop the pell-mell rush to the sea in search of the next 'big thing', be it graduations, summer vacation, Memorial Day and the 4th of July. You and I will give energy to these things as well, as we should, yet we will also linger near the empty tomb. Our hope is rooted in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, who is the Christ. *Everything else must pass by this central truth, this powerful expression of "Yes!"*

The tug to return to 'business as usual' is steady and strong; we all know its insistent nudge. There is the grind of work and parenting, of caring for aging parents; Tax Day looms; the weirdness emanating from Washington makes uncertainty the order of the day. We each add our individual ingredients to this concoction: grief, loneliness, resentments, family struggles and successes.

This is when the resurrection matters! As Jesus went ahead of the women and disciples to Galilee, so he goes ahead of us. The movement of God is always forward, toward the time when swords are pounded into plowshares.

We are people of new life, good news, forgiveness and reconciliation – and of joy. There are four fundamental emotions: fear, anger, sadness – and joy.

The amazing thing about joy is how it can overcome those other emotions, reducing them to a manageable size.

The disciples and followers of Jesus found themselves caught between the newness of Love and the tripwires of hate and greed and power. Life will always bring conflict, temptation, weariness and we will forget the freedom we celebrated on Easter. But God – rich in mercy, as scriptures tell us over and over – reminds us in a thousand ways that Love wins. We press on to our calling as heirs with Christ in ways that make life hopeful for others. In a few weeks, we'll celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church – not buildings and favorite pews and traditions and rules, but people who have a clear eye for justice and compassion.

We'll be discovering what it means to be *resurrection people* in the weeks ahead as we worship. I hope you'll join us as we witness to the resurrection!

Pastor Steve



Communion Dates 2018

April 1
 May 20
 July 1
 September 2
 October 7
 November 4
 November 25
 December 24

A Hoppin' Good Time!

Thank you to **ALL** who helped with this year's egg hunt! Al West was our MC and did a fantastic job! Our youth group was on hand hiding eggs and welcoming guests, Penny spear headed the event along with Joan Botto who bargain shopped for eggs, candy and prizes and our fearless leaders who made sure the kids made it to their designated hunting areas and kept order among the groups! **THANK YOU!** More photo's can be found on our website!

Who is in the Pulpit?

This month we will welcome back Sally Dries **April 29th**!

Attention all Women!

There is interest in getting our women together but we need to hear from you to see what days/times work best. Please contact Heather Botto for more info!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Tim Kelchner	4/1
Fran Kirchdoerfer	4/1
Robbie DAngelo	4/2
John DAngelo	4/18
Kenneth Marshman	4/20
Walter Hause	4/29

Happy Birthday!

April Assistants

April 1 Easter

Greeters: The Birt Family

Ushers: Walter & Alison Hause

Assisting Elder: Penny Siesko

Acolyte: Tyrone Birt

April 8

Greeters: Janice Moskaluk

Ushers: Tom & Barb Huntington

Assisting Elder: Eugeniu Grigorescu

Acolyte: Emma Botto

April 15

Greeters: Force Family

Ushers: Kevin White, Ben White

Assisting Elder: Barb Huntington

Acolyte: Giuliana Force

April 22

Greeters: Loretta Vaughn

Ushers: Keith Botto, Ernie Botto

Assisting Elder: Joan Thomas

Acolyte: Robbie DAngelo

April 29

Greeters: Carol Ross

Ushers: Joan Thomas, Eugeniu Grigorescu

Assisting Elder: Jim Ross

Acolyte: Leighton Force

Deacon Visitor for April: Janice Moskaluk

Have a wonderful month with family and friends!

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Worship service 10:15am

Sunday school for all ages during worship

Nursery available

