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For the Joy Set Before Him He Endured the Cross

(Hebrews 12:2b)

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All of Lent, we have been focusing on how Jesus “Endured the Cross.” We will continue to follow Jesus to the cross all the way to Good Friday (at our 7:00 PM service at Hope) and Sepelchre Saturday (at our Prayer Vigil and individual prayer lives)

Easter is Joy Itself! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Our Easter Season will continue to focus on Heb 12. We will now focus on “*the joy set before him.*”

The Gospel of John sheds a glorious beam of light on this theme.

“In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.” John 16:16 “... are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come, but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” John 16: 19b-22

Jesus came that we may be born again. (John 3) The disciples experienced that birth on Easter Sunday. What joy our Heavenly Father had that day! The power of Easter continues as God sees more and more of His children being born again. Make no mistake; you, as children of the living God, bring him great joy!

The remaining Easter Season, we will focus on the joy that our God has in keeping his promises to you.

Pastor Joel

Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call

TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS
in unique ministries.

Ready For Joy

song by Pastor Joel

She opened her eyes, looked outside, not yet day

Oh, oh are you ready?

She gathered the spice to take to the grave

Oh, oh, oh

She thought of the stone as she went on her way

Oh, oh are you ready?

But when she arrived the stone was at bay

Oh, oh, oh

Are you ready for joy?!

Joy! Deeper than the ocean

Are you ready for love?!

Love. Though poured out still is here

Are you ready for hope?!

Hope. A hope that is not empty!

Mary came early, the stone had been rolled away!

She went to tell friends. She found Peter and John

Oh, oh are ready?

She told them the story, "The body was gone"

Oh, oh, oh

They ran on ahead and they found it was true

Oh, oh are you ready?

They crept in and looked at an empty tomb!

Oh, oh, oh

Are you ready for joy?!
Joy! Deeper than the ocean
Are you ready for love?!
Love! Though poured out still is here
Are you ready for hope?!
Hope! A hope that is not empty!
Peter and John they left Mary at the grave

Mary stood paralyzed weeping outside the tomb
Then a man came speaking, "Woman, whom do you seek?"
"Sir, if you have carried him away, just tell me where and I will take him."

Then he said, "Mary."

Mary...

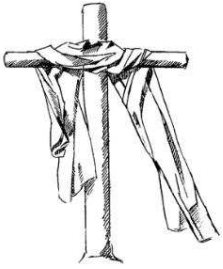
Are you ready for joy?!
Joy! Deeper than the ocean
Are you ready for love?!
Love! Though poured out still is here
Are you ready for hope?!
Hope! Now the tomb is empty!

Lift up your voices, "Oh, Jesus is Risen!"
Come now rejoice
Lift your praises toward heave
Come now rejoice! Lift your praises forever
It's true!
Lift up your voices, "Oh, Jesus is risen!"
Come now rejoice
All is forgiven!
Joy!



Coming

Holy Week Schedule



Sunday March 28 Palm Sunday Services
(Sunday School 9:00 AM)

Thursday April 1 at 7:00 *Maundy Thursday Service*
at Hope led by youth

Friday April 2 at 7:00 *Good Friday service* at Hope
(With Thanksgiving Tabernacle Bible Fellowship)

Saturday April 3 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM *Prayer Vigil* at Hope

Sunday April 4 at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM *Easter Celebration*
(Easter breakfast at 9:00– 9:45 AM, Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 AM)

Synod Assembly

This year our annual synod assembly is in Amarillo on April 23-25. Matt Cleaver, Candy Moltz and Pastors Joel and Wendy are going as voting members.

Keep the church in prayer.

Below is a resolution (called a memorial) that Pastor Joel has submitted for consideration.

Whereas: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's constitution states, the ELCA "...accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life."

And Whereas: a plain reading of the scriptural passages regarding same-sex sexual activity upholds the idea that same-sex sexual activity is not to be practiced and that it is wrong

Therefore be resolved: that the Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod of the ELCA memorialize the ELCA to rescind the 2009 Churchwide Assembly's decisions on 8/21/09 titled

Ministry Policies Resolutions #2, 3, & 4

#2: *"Resolved, that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support and hold publicly accountable lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships."*

#3: *"Resolved, that the ELCA commit itself to finding a way for people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church."*

& #4 *which dealt with the changing of Visions and Expectations.*

Events

EASTER LILIES

The Lilies will lend their beauty to the Sanctuary Easter Sunday. Lilies may be purchased to the Glory of God in memory of, in honor of a special person in your life or just for yourself to take home and enjoy and then plant in your own yard. The cost of the Lilies are \$11. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Last day to sign-up is March 28.



Maundy Thursday

The youth will be leading our worship on Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 PM. Come and participate in

the great history of Holy Week as we consider the night of the Last Supper, the washing of the disciple's feet, and the arrest of Jesus. We hope that our service will facilitate your worship of Jesus Christ this Easter season.



Easter Breakfast

9:00 ~ 9:45 AM

Our youth will host a pancake breakfast Easter Sunday morning, April 4, from 9:00-9:45 AM to raise money for their Youth Mission Fund.

Please mark your calendar and enjoy breakfast at Church! The breakfast menu will consist of pancakes, fruit, sausage, juice, and coffee. For Easter Sunday we will have some specialty pancakes and syrups. We're sure you will enjoy it. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Easter Prayer Vigil

Saturday, April 3, 8:00 AM to Midnight. Through the ages, the church has held a prayer vigil on Easter eve to pray for new converts who were baptized at sunrise on Easter day. Share with us in this rich tradition of praying. Signup sheets are available in the Narthex. Guidance and suggestions for prayer and meditation will be provided. Prayer cards with specific requests are also available and may be placed in the basket for the prayers. Contact Jan Koska for more information.



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

We will continue our tradition of flowering the cross on Easter Sunday. Please remember to bring some flowers for this event, so we can once again have a cross full of beautiful flowers.

HOPE EASTER EGG HUNT

WHEN:
SUNDAY, APRIL 4
9:15 am

WHERE: CHURCH PLAYGROUND

CHILDREN (PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 6TH GRADE) PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE THE EASTER EGG HUNT PLUS MAKING AN EASTER CRAFT!!

PARENTS PLEASE BRING 12 PLASTIC EGGS (FOR EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN) FILLED WITH INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY ON/BY PALM SUNDAY. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DEB BURLESON - 214-649-8715.





Looking Ahead

Confirmation 2010: Calling all 6th Graders

Owning It, our Confirmation program at Hope, is a two-year program designed for students during their 7th and 8th grade years. That means all current 6th graders will be starting Confirmation in the fall. All current 6th graders and their parents need to contact Matt as soon as possible so he can get you on the Confirmation list for the fall (email him at matt.cleaver.hope@gmail.com). We don't want to leave anyone out! You will receive more information as it becomes available.

Supplies Needed For Sierra Leone

At this year's synod assembly, April 23-25, a shipping container full of supplies will be packed for our companion synod in Sierra Leone. A list of the supplies we are trying to gather is on the table in the narthex. **Please bring any of these supplies by Sunday, April 18.** There will be a container in the narthex for these supplies. Thank you for your support!

G March 17 **N**
6:00 pm
a (Join us **i**
for **g**
m A Evening **h**
e Of Fun!) **t**



Lenten Dinner *Thank You*

Thank you to those who provided meals on Wednesday nights during Lent:

- The Chimes of Hope
- Panera Women's Book Group
- Youth Group
- Barbara York, Rose Janke, & Mary Strand

Conference Worship Service

May 2nd

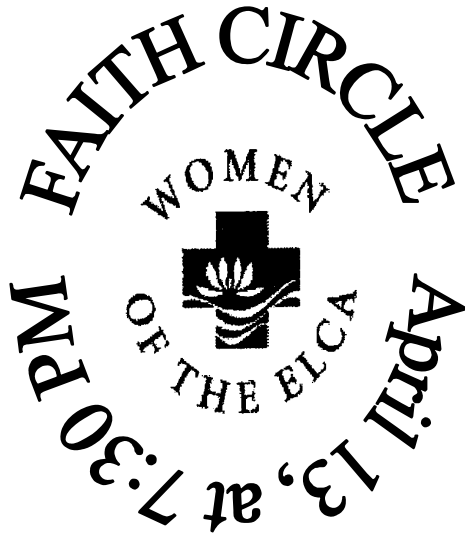
Lord of Life Lutheran
Glenn Heights

at 4:30 PM
(pot luck meal then service)

Summer Camp at Briarwood

Briarwood Retreat Center is a ministry of our synod and hosts summer camps for children and youth throughout the summer. Preliminary information about Briarwood can be found on the table in Narthex. If you would like to see a full brochure, see Matt Cleaver or go to their website at www.BriarwoodRetreat.org.

Hope Women's News



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Hope Lutheran Women will be hosting a one day women's retreat at the home of Carolee Jurgens in Ovilla on Saturday, May 1 from 9 AM until 4 PM. The cost will be \$25 and will include continental breakfast and lunch.



The speaker will be Susan Matthews who has a doctorate from the Graduate Theological Foundation and Oxford University in Oxford, England. She is a member of Spiritual Directors International and she has been involved in giving retreats since 1981. The retreat will be based on the scripture "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, everything has become new!" from 2 Corinthians 5:17.

April Anniversaries


Lynn & Pat Foster	4/16
Richard & Kathy Grace	4/17
Thom & Carolyn Gibbons	4/21

April Birthdays

Becky Cox	4/01
Steve Hawkins	4/02
Harriette Hedderick	4/02
Kaitlyn Emmons	4/04
Kristyn Kalsnes	4/04
Evelyn Armistead	4/05
Pam Armistead	4/09
Deana Gibson	4/09
Bryan Pender	4/09
Evan Dahl	4/10
Matthew Nelson	4/12
Nathan Gilbert	4/13
Alyssa Hawkins	4/13
Courtney Sague	4/15
Scott Gilbert	4/16
Ron Trygstad	4/18
Ben Knoll	4/20
Amy Stetler	4/20
Fran Christensen	4/21
Mark Driscoll	4/23
Dennis DeWeerd	4/25
Derek Slayton	4/25
Peter Gaultney	4/26
Katherine Nelson	4/26
Debra Emmons	4/27
Jeff Standerfer	4/27
Stefan Berthelsen	4/28
Austin Hill	4/28
Kyla Armstrong	4/30
Victoria Kilguss	4/30
Dick Snow	4/30



April 2010 Calendar

			No Wednesday Night Activities	1  7:00 PM	2  7:00PM	3  8:00AM-Midnight
4 Worship 8/10:00AM Breakfast 9:00AM Easter Egg Hunt 9:15 AM 	5	6	7 Regular Wednesday Night Schedule Resumes	8	9	10
11	12	13 Faith Circle 7:30PM	14	15	16	17 Game Night 6:00PM
18 Deadlines for: Sierra Leone Supplies The Herald	19	20 Council Meeting 7:00PM	21	22	23 Synod Assembly	24
25 →	26	27	28	29	30	 9AM-4PM

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 & 10:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School



Wednesday Night Schedule ~

5:45 PM – Pizza (\$3/person)
6:00-7:15 – Confirmation (7-8th grade)
6:15-7:00 – Silent Worship
6:15-7:15 – Adult Praise Team
6:30-7:30 – Chimes choir practice (all ages)
7:15-8:30 – Timothy Project
7:30-8:30 – Reconfirmed (high school)
7:30-8:30 – Mixed Adult Group (Choir)

Words of Encouragement

Homebound Residents

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**These members appreciate your prayers
and words of encouragement due to health
challenges.**

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Dick and Joanna Snow
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Our homebound members enjoy visits, calls and cards.
Please take a few minutes out for those who can no
longer get out and about.

Memorials

In Memory of Hazel Linder

Gene and Rose Janke - Private Communion Set
Roger and Mary Strand - Designated Altar Guild

In Memory of Ernst Englemann (Rose Janke's brother)

Bob and Nina Griggs - Designated Altar Guild
Dwight and Carolee Juergens
Carol Newman - Designated Altar Guild
Clay and Barbara York



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

Actual YTD Balance: \$875

Budgeted YTD: \$1,302

*Offerings minus Expenses... Overall Balance
for operations: \$9,864 (02/28/10)*

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday Worship Service	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Pancake Breakfast			Wednesday Schedule			Youth Night Out
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School			Wednesday Schedule			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School			Wednesday Schedule			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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- March 31 ~ Wednesday, 6-8 PM—Maundy Thursday Service Final Practice. Pizza Served for dinner.
- 1 ~ Thursday, 6-8:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Worship Service. Participants need to be here at 6 PM. The worship service begins at 7 PM.
- 4 ~ Sunday, 8 AM—Easter Pancake Breakfast. The youth will prepare a special pancake breakfast for Easter. The breakfast will start at 9 AM.
- 10 ~ Saturday—Youth Night Out. Details TBA.
- ?? ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Soul Emergence. A unique worship experience that gives your soul space to connect with God. Held at the church. Date TBA.
- ?? ~ Sunday, 6-8 PM—Inner Mission at the Bengtson's house. Date TBA.
- Wednesday Night Schedule:
 - ◊ 5:45 PM—Pizza Dinner (\$3/person)
 - ◊ 6:00-7:15—Confirmation (7-8th Grade)
 - ◊ 6:30-7:30—Chimes Choir Practice
 - ◊ 7:30-8:30—Reconfirmed (High School)
- Sundays, 9:00 AM—Sunday school.
 - ◊ High School—Old School: Ezekiel.
 - ◊ Jr. High—Faith Lens. Discussions about topics relevant to everyday life.

Adult, Youth & Kids Sunday School: *9:00 AM*

Adult Sunday School

- Easter Sunday, April 4—Pancake Breakfast. There will be no Sunday school Easter Sunday. The youth will prepare a pancake breakfast that will be served at 9 AM that morning.
- Panera Women's Book Study will continue to discuss Pastor Wendy's new book, *Custom-Designed: A Life Worthy of the Call*. All women are welcome. This group meets at the Panera Bread Restaurant at Highway 67 and Pleasant Run in the Target shopping center.

Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities

- **Timothy Project Bible Study**, Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:30 PM. Taught by Pastor Wendy. Over a three year period of time, you will:
 - You will read through the entire Bible and study portions as you go.
 - Learn to hear God personally speak to you through his living, active word. Incredible!
 - Learn various spiritual disciplines so that you may know Jesus as a profound friend
 - Learn to pray
 - Learn to study the Bible in a faithful in-depth manner

No Bible knowledge or experience needed. Participate as you desire. We will study the early part of the Old Testament this year as well as parts of the New Testament. New-comers welcome!

- **Women's Faith Circle**—meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at the church. Come for fellowship, devotions, and Bible study led by Carolee Juergens. All women of the church are welcome.
- **Small (Spiritual Formation) Groups**—Develop faith relationships. Talk about faith and real life. To explore an interest in becoming a part of a group, see Pastor Joel or Matt Cleaver.

Daily Devotionals and Study Resources

Available on the table in the church lobby. Take one!

- **Christ in our Home**—Available quarterly, this devotional has daily Scripture readings, thoughts and prayers.
- **Daily Texts**—Written to last the whole year. Scriptures are given for you to read daily over the course of 2010.
- **The Wise Economy of Your Life: Balancing Time and Money**—This resource outlines scriptural principles for creating freedom and versatility as you “spend” your time and money.



*Building Hope
Together*



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Return Service Requested

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Sunday School	9:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
Good Friday	7:00 PM
Prayer Vigil (Sat. April 3)	8AM ~ Midnight
Easter Sunday	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Breakfast	9 ~ 9:45 AM
Easter Egg Hunt	9:15 AM