



Rev. Steve Wiechman, Pastor

APRIL 2023

TRINITY NEWS

Jesus' empty tomb reminds me of two things: death is a part of the world in which we live, but death is not "natural" – in the sense that death is not part of the original creation of God. Because of that, God has accomplished the undoing of death in Jesus.

Two years ago a high-school classmate of mine died from Covid at the young age of 48. It was a little shocking. After I went to her viewing at the funeral home, I was moved to write a poem about death from the perspective of God's kingdom in Jesus. I hope you find encouragement and hope from these words.

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We laid a friend in the ground the other day
A wife, a mother, a daughter,
A southern belle,
Forty-eight years of
Joy and pain,
Love and faith,
Struggle and play
Now wrapped in death's cold shell.

Ev'ry life is crafted
By your heart and hand,
And ev'ry death wrapped in Christ,
A seed in your garden
Planted in faith
To rise in the Spring;
To bloom, beautifully and victoriously
For you, O King!

So, we wait bone-soaked cold in damp of Winter,
With hearts already warmed by hope.
And we remember our dear ones,
So lovingly entombed,
Planted in your garden,
Waiting to burst forth
And bloom.

Love y'all! Pastor Steve

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| <div> <div>April 2023</div> <div>  </div> </div> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 PALM SUNDAY  9am Sunday Sch 10:15 Worship w/communion Guest Pastor: Rev. Justin Rossow | 3 | 4 6pm Elders Mtg. | 5 4:30pm Worship Team 5pm Chimes | 6  MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm Maundy Thurs. Worship w/communion |  7pm Good Friday Worship | 8 |
| 9 EASTER SUNDAY 7am Sunrise Service 8am Easter Breakfast 9am Egg Hunt & Scavenger Hunt No Trustees Mtg 10:15 Easter Celebration | 10 | 11 6pm Church Council | 12 4:30pm Worship Team | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9am Sunday Sch 10:15 Worship w/communion 11:30am April Voters Assembly Mtg. | 17 | 18 | 19 4:30pm Worship Team | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9am Sunday Sch 10:15 Worship 4-7pm SPRING FEST  | 24 | 25 | 26 4:30pm Worship Team | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9am Sunday Sch 10:15 Worship | | | | Trinity Lutheran Church 1512 Louise St. Rosenberg TX 77471 281.341.1451 trinitylutheran. cc | | |

April Birthdays 2023

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| 1- | Marie Hollis | 23-- | Logan Hirsch |
| | Ally Petrusek | | Jimmy Lindemann |
| 3- | Megan Grigar Torres | 25- | Alyssa Herman |
| | Mary Kramer | | Addison Young |
| | Linda McCoy | 27- | Lisa Lindemann |
| 5- | Becky Regetz Welty | 28- | Nancy Kehler |
| 9- | Dolores Churpek | 29- | James Rusel III |
| | Brian Rohrer | 30- | Karen Petrusek |
| | Chelsea Taylor | | |
| 10- | Ivy Hausler | | |
| 14- | Steven Hausler | | |
| | Jason Lindemann | | |
| | Sandy Thomason | | |



April Anniversaries

*April 13 '12 -
Kevin & Sandy Thomason "11th"*

*April 22 '89 -
Darrell & Donna Hirsch "34th"*



April Altar Flowers

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| 2- | Charles & Deane Newton |
| | <i>Celebrating Deanne's Birthday & Easter</i> |
| 9- | Easter Celebration |
| 16- | OPEN |
| 23- | OPEN |
| 30- | OPEN |

DEATH DOESN'T WIN



In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.

During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remains were visible in the background, just as Easter's backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter's foreground means death won't win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life "isn't all daffodils," we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Easter reveals that God will "give us the joy, and it's going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well," added the pastor. "And that just makes me draw closer to God."

GREETERS in April

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| April 2- | Milton Riske |
| April 9- | OPEN |
| April 16- | Pat Conner |
| April 23- | OPEN |
| April 30- | OPEN |

(It would be nice if someone would volunteer as a Greeter.)
SIGN-UP!



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2,

9:00am - Sunday School

10:15am - Worship w/communion

Maundy Thursday -

Thursday, April 6, w/communion

at 7:00pm

Good Friday - Tenebrae Services

Friday, April 7, at 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY -

Sunday, April 16

7:00 am - Easter Sunrise

8:00 am - Easter Breakfast

9:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt & Scavenger Hunt

10:15am - Easter Celebration



EASTER LILIES & FLOWERING PLANTS



... We are asking our members to share their Easter Lilies and any flowering spring plants to decorate the altar for Easter. *Please put your name on the bottom of your plant. You can start bringing them to the church on Maundy Thursday, April 6 or Good Friday, April 7. Our ladies will be decorating with them on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m.*



Flowering of the Cross



*We will again ask members to bring **fresh flowers or silk flowers** to place on the **CROSS** on **Easter Sunday, April 16**, at the front of the church. Come up & put your flower on it during the first hymn.*

A symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.



WREATH
AUCTION
Fundraiser

PREVIEW the one of a kind Wreaths made by our Youth on Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday) in the hallway of the Sunday School rooms.

BID, WIN, & Have a Grin
on Easter Sunday, April 16.

All proceeds benefit our Youth that will attend the LCMS Youth Gathering in July of 2025 in New Orleans, LA.

Did You Know?

April

is taken from the Latin word aperio, "to open" (bud), because plants begin to grow during this month.



Sunday, April 23
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Good food & Fellowship

Fun for the Children & Adults

Yummy Food: **Delicious Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Chips & Tea**

Enjoy games: Domino Bingo Cornhole
 Giant Jenga Cake Walk Needed: 6 cupcakes per plate
 Sack Race Pass the Water

Water Slide

Watermelon Eating Contest

Winner will get a watermelon themed gift basket

Donations of desserts for the meal
will be needed!

Sign-up by SUNDAY, APRIL 2 for a head count.

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CLOSER
LOOK at Our Budget



We need \$ 3,721.00 weekly

Attendance per Sunday

March 5 - \$ 4,346.00
March 12- \$ 3,303.00
March 19- \$ 2,500.23
March 26- \$ 4,999.00

60
68
63
53