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# Tidings

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## **It's time to live the miracle of Easter!**

It's Easter!

And so the story goes:

The women of Jesus' company, whose compassion outweighs common sense, get up early the day after the Passover Sabbath to finish the job of burying Jesus. When they arrive, they find the stone rolled away (how they planned to pry that bolder from the tomb's entrance is one of the great not-thought-through questions in all of Scripture). The tomb is empty. Two angels greet them.

Why do you seek the living among the dead? What a strange -- and somewhat chiding -- thing to say to these poor, terrified, well-intentioned women. But it's the question of the morning.

He is not here. He is risen. It's not over. It's only begun. Don't think you can come here and hide. Go into the streets and look for him. Go to the prisons and soup kitchens. Go to the ghettos and hamlets. Go home to your families. He is there among your spouses and children, your coworkers and friends, your classmates and teammates. In other words, beat it! The best part of the story is ahead of you.

Easter pushes us out of the tombs in which we bury ourselves and challenges us to discover fulfillment in living a life centered

beyond ourselves. Easter throws us out of the cemeteries where we hide and invites us to embrace the love of Jesus Christ present in family and community. Easter dares us to look around the rocks we stumble over and find the path of peace and forgiveness.

Jesus has been raised up from the dead: He is not bound by burial cloths of hopelessness and cynicism. He is no longer entombed by fear and distrust. His cross is not the dead wood of shame and ridicule but the first branches of a harvest of compassion and justice for every one of every time and place.

Easter calls us to rise with him and live the miracle. SO LIVE!

*Pastor Dennis*



Zion Lutheran Church  
 Mission Statement  
 "To share the  
 Good News of  
 God's love shown  
 to us through  
 Jesus Christ; in  
 gathering for  
 worship, Baptism,  
 and Holy Communion;  
 through studying  
 God's word in order  
 to share an active  
 faith; providing  
 loving service  
 to our community."



**Looking ahead**

April 5 is Maundy Thursday. We will have a soup supper at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m. We will continue with our theme, "Christ on Trial." The next evening, April 6, is Good Friday. We are having a community worship service at 7 p.m. at New Life Church of the Nazarene located at 2020 St. Rt. 142 NE. Easter is April 8. We will have two worship services – our Sunrise service will take place at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast. We will have our festival worship at 10:30 a.m.

**WELCA project**

WELCA has selected the Pregnancy Decision Health Center as a community service project for 2007. As part of this project, items for layettes are being collected each Sunday. Throughout the coming weeks the following items will be selected at some point as the item for the week: sleepers, receiving blankets, crib sheets, baby socks and bibs, baby wash cloths and towels, diapers (premie, newborn or small) and diaper wipes, and onesies (undershirts that snap). Your contribution would be appreciated.

**Junior Church?**

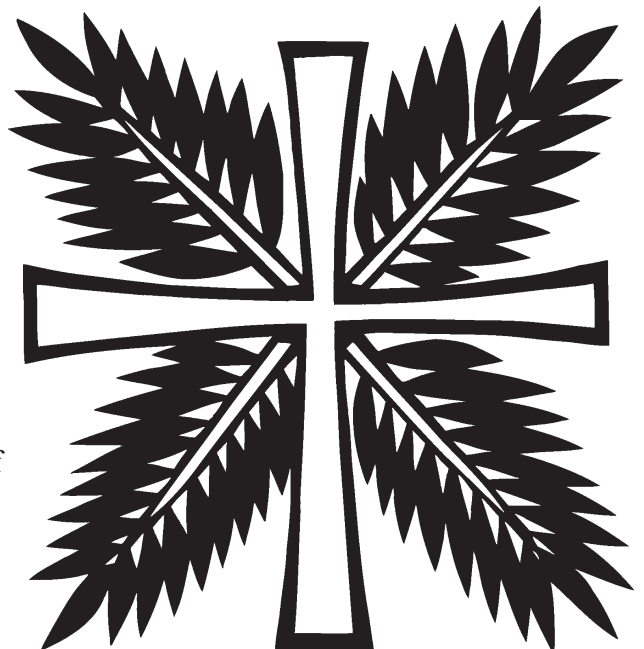
The Parish Board has been looking into starting a Junior Church program for children younger than Confirmation age. The program would be available every Sunday and would present the day's lessons on a level that the children could understand. The children would leave the sanctuary after the Prayer of the Day to have their own service, which would consist of a lesson based upon the theme of the day, an activity to emphasize the

lesson, children's songs and prayers. They would come back into the sanctuary in time to take communion with their families.

A committee has been formed to look into the program, and if found to be needed, to develop what would happen during each service. We would love to have you share your opinions, thoughts and suggestions with us. Please share your thoughts with anyone on the Committee, Jerry Gossett, Pastor Koch, Louise Johnston, Susie Taylor and Milly McNutt.

**Fiesta Tropical 2007**

The 6th Annual Fiesta Tropical that was originally planned for April 14 at the Bridgewater Banquet and Conference Center in Powell has been postponed until the fall of 2007. This event benefits Montana de Luz, a place of rescue and hope for children with HIV and AIDS in south central Honduras. As information is finalized it will be included in future issues of "Tidings."



## Saying Grace In A Restaurant

*I got this as an e-mail a while ago. Thought you'd enjoy it! – SAT*

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My 6-year-old son asked if he could say grace.

As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart," the man replied.

Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."



The shortest  
distance  
between  
a problem  
and a solution  
is the distance  
between your  
knees and  
the floor.

Date	Festival	Acolyte	Greeter(s)	Lector	Worship Assistant	Nursery	LSS Food Pantry
4/1*	Passion/Palm Sunday	Daniel Hadidon	Don and Carol Schiff	Susie Taylor	Louise Johnstona	Linda Koch	
4/5*	Maundy Thursday	Tyler Hadidon	Milly McNutt	Milly McNutt		Sandy Balderson	
4/8*	Easter Sunrise		Barbara and Rick Woods	Louise Johnston			
4/8*	Easter 10:30		Milly McNutt	Milly McNutt		Malenie, Tyler, & Daniel Hadidon	
4/15*	Easter 2	Philip Taylor		Wesley Porter	Wesley Porter	Carol Mahon	
4/22*	Easter 3	Liz Balderson	Sandy Balderson	Catherine Balderson		Milly McNutt & Daniel Hadidon	In honor of Bob and Dortha Feddern's anniversary
4/29*	Easter 4	Blade Butler		Linda Koch		Jody Taylor Brandon & Gunnar Doran	In honor of Julie Feddern's birthday
5/6*							
5/13*							
5/20*							
5/27*							

\* This is a Communion Sunday

# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>1</b> Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	<b>2</b> Tutoring 4:30. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45-7:30p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>3</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 a.m.	<b>4</b> Tutoring 4:30 p.m. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m.	<b>5</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 .m. Maundy Thursday dinner 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>6</b> Service @ New Life Church of the Nazarene 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> Set-up for breakfast 3 p.m. Knitting after set-up
<b>EASTER</b> <b>8</b> Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m. Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Festival Worship 10:30 as.m.	<b>9</b> Tutoring 4:30. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45-7:30p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>10</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 a.m.	<b>11</b> Tutoring 4:30 p.m. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	<b>12</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 a.m. Weight Watchers 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Confirmation 9-11 a.m.
<b>15</b> Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b> Tutoring 4:30. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45-7:30p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>17</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 a.m.	<b>18</b> Tutoring 4:30 p.m. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m.	<b>19</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 a.m. Weight Watchers 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Confirmation 9-11 a.m. Knitting @ Milly's 3 p.m.
<b>22</b> Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> Tutoring 4:30. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45-7:30p.m. AA 8 p.m.	<b>24</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 a.m.	<b>25</b> Tutoring 4:30 p.m. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m.	<b>26</b> Exercise 8:30-9:30 a.m. Weight Watchers 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Confirmation 9-11 a.m.
<b>29</b> Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	<b>30</b> Tutoring 4:30. Exercise 6-6:45 p.m. Choir 6:45-7:30p.m. AA 8 p.m.					

*April Birthdays*

4/1 Willie Harrison  
4/3 Ward Weber  
4/4 Harry Keckley  
4/7 Danielle Jenkins – 18  
4/13 Blade Butler – 8  
4/15 Esther Mae Baker  
4/16 Richard Bausch  
4/29 Julie Feddern  
4/29 Norma Hicks  
4/30 Carol Mahon

*April Anniversaries*

4/16 Jerry and Paula Paulins – 19  
4/24 Bob and Dortha Feddern – 58  
4/26 Timothy and Melinda Biler – 21



*May Birthdays*

5/1 Larry Johnston  
5/2 Alex Lutz – 10  
5/3 Nathan McNutt  
5/5 Jim Feddern  
5/6 Jim Hall  
5/6 John Hall  
5/7 Ginny Fogt  
5/9 Paula Paulins  
5/12 Ralph Connor  
5/14 Johnny Balderson – 11  
5/15 Linda Collins  
5/18 Bob Feddern  
5/23 Sonya Chafin  
5/29 Nell Sheller  
5/30 Dick Hurt

*Want to submit an item for the newsletter?*

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