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For the chick to live, egg must break

In a couple of weeks we will be finished with Lent and will begin to celebrate Easter. There is one thing I like to do when Lent is coming to an end and Palm Sunday and Easter are just days away – decorate Easter eggs.

When I was a child we had a family tradition of decorating Easter eggs. My brother, sister and I would beg my parents to tell us when we would decorate eggs. We knew it was time when my mother would begin hard boiling eggs. That seemed to be the only time we had hard boiled eggs! So, it was a dead (the choice of words is intentional) giveaway.

I have to admit I enjoyed decorating eggs much more than I enjoy eating hard boiled eggs. Hard boiled eggs are one of those foods that I can do without especially lately since the doctor got after me about my cholesterol. What, I can't eat eggs! Oh well, it will be tough, but I think I can struggle through and make it.

Did you ever stop to think that breaking an Easter egg is as important symbolically, if not more so, than decorating the egg? Consider what an egg is for.

A small chick begins the long journey to birth. The not-yet-a-bird weighs little more than air; its beak



and claws are barely pin pricks. The bird-to-be is in its own little world: protected by the rigid shell, warmed by the mother hen's body, nourished by the nutrients within the egg's membrane.

But then the chick begins the work of life. Over several days the chick keeps picking and picking until it can break out from its narrow world – and into an incomparably wider one.

But for this to happen, the egg has to go to pieces: new life demands shattering the old.

That is the real Easter egg. Not a complete egg dyed and painted with so many designs and colors. Not an

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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."



Easter services

Maundy Thursday – March 20,
 soup supper 6 p.m., worship 7 p.m.
 Community Good Friday
 Worship – March 21, West Jefferson
 United Methodist Church 7 p.m.
 Easter – March 23, Sunrise
 Service 7:30 a.m. followed by
 breakfast and Sunday School;
 regular festival worship 10:30 a.m.

Other dates

Beginning Wednesday, March 26,
 Confirmation Class will meet at 6
 p.m. There will be no class for
 Spring Break – March 15 and 22.
 Choir rehearses Mondays (except
 March 17) 6:45 p.m.
 Lent service will be held Wed-
 nesday, March 12 at WJUMC 7 p.m.
 AA meets on Mondays 8 p.m.
 Tutoring is held for students in
 the community Mondays and Wed-
 nesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 Exercise classes meet Mondays
 and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.
 Weight Watchers meets Thurs-
 days (except March 20) 5 to 7 p.m.
 Church council's regular meeting
 is 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 11.
 Worship and Music committee
 meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26.

Sign-up for service

Several sign-up sheets are posted
 outside the kitchen:

- ♦ Junior Church volunteers
- ♦ Birthday Sunday volunteers
- ♦ Communion Set-up volunteers
- ♦ Items for Maundy Thursday soup
 supper needed
- ♦ LSS Food Pantry donations
- ♦ Acolyte, Lector, Greeter, Worship
 Assistant volunteers needed

There is something here for
 everyone. Please take a moment and
 see how you can help.

Those who serve ...

March 9 – acolyte, Blade Butler;
 greeters, Jerry and Paula Paulins;
 reader, Paula Paulins; Junior
 Church, Malenie Hadidon.

March 16 – greeter, Jody Taylor;
 reader, Louise Johnston; worship
 assistant, Jerri Morton; LSS food
 pantry donation in honor of Philip
 Taylor's 14th birthday.

March 20 – greeters, Dick and
 Sally Hurt; reader, Sally Hurt;
 worship assistant, Adam Ruschau.

March 23 (sunrise) – greeter,
 Ginny Fogt; reader, Ginny Fogt.

March 23 (10:30 a.m.) – greeter,
 Joyce Gossett; reader, Louise
 Johnston.

March 30 – greeter, Linda Koch;
 reader, Linda Koch; worship
 assistant, Louise Johnston.

Hear the music

Music lovers in central Ohio will
 have a few chances to hear some
 wonderful music.

♦ Wittenberg Choir will perform
 at 7 p.m., March 12 at Prince of
 Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin.
 The choir will also present a concert
 at 8 p.m. March 14 in Weaver
 Chapel on the campus of Wittenberg
 University in Springfield.

♦ Todd Wilson will perform an
 organ concert at 7:30 p.m., March
 14 at Mees Hall on the campus of
 Capital University.

Hugs for Everyone

The gift of love refuses to label
 or limit others. It inspires and
 encourages and lifts others, whether
 we feel like it or not. Instead of
 controlling and dominating a lover,
 it finds ways to see the good and
 bring out the best in spite of the
 circumstances.

This may sound unrealistic. It is,
 to those who have not experienced
 it. To Christians, however, it is a
 reflection of God's love.

CALIFORNIA, USA

senior gleaners: making good use of leftovers

"I put in a lot of heavy hours, so some days I can hardly walk," says Ann Evans, a retired Associate in Ministry who volunteers at Senior Gleaners of San Diego County. "But I forget about my pain when I see the excitement of the volunteers and the people [we] help."

Senior Gleaners of San Diego County (El Cajon, California) taps into the skills of volunteers, age 55 and over, who glean excess food that would otherwise be destroyed. The collected food—from area fields, grocery stores, and packing sheds—is then distributed to 45 food-distribution agencies in San Diego County. In 2006, 65 volunteers worked for 10,000 hours to collect and distribute nearly 500,000 pounds of food.

Through the ELCA domestic hunger grants program, your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal support Senior Gleaners in San Diego County and other hunger-fighting ministries and



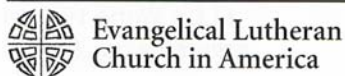
organizations in the United States. "Gleaners has no paid staff and is supported entirely by donations and grants, such as that provided by ELCA World Hunger," said the Rev. M. Laurel Gray, president of Senior Gleaners of San Diego County.

Learn more about ELCA

domestic hunger grants by visiting www.elca.org/grantinghope

View a short PowerPoint™ presentation about Senior Gleaners by visiting

www.elca.org/hunger/basics



ELCA World Hunger
www.elca.org/hunger

Broken Egg

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egg that has been hard-boiled, impossible to shatter. Not an egg made of chocolate.

The real Easter egg is shattered and destroyed. The real Easter egg exists in broken pieces. The real Easter egg is cracked open, yielding new life that has taken flight.

For centuries, the world has marked the Resurrection of the Lord with eggs. But the Easter meaning of the egg is found in the struggle of the chick to free itself from its confines so as to take flight into a much bigger world beyond it.

We struggle to break out of a world that we perceive is going to pieces; we pick away at an existence that leaves us dissatisfied and unfulfilled. The promise of the Easter Jesus is that we can break out of our self-contained little worlds and take flight into a world where peace and justice reign, a world illuminated by hope and warmed by love, a world that extends beyond time and place into the forever of God's dwelling place.

May you have a broken and blessed Easter.

Pastor Dennis

Congratulations ...

... to Kristen Forrest for making the Dean's List during her first semester at Ohio Dominican University.

March Birthdays

- 3/2 Hallie Jenkins – 14
- 3/5 Sally Forrest
- 3/8 Nancy Bausch
- 3/9 Donna Green
- 3/11 Elizabeth Balderson – 14
- 3/11 Robert Chafin
- 3/13 Chuck Hilliker
- 3/15 Ron Taylor
- 3/16 Philip Taylor – 14
- 3/17 Malenie Hadidon
- 3/18 George Wendell
- 3/22 Lisa Weber
- 3/25 Bobbie West
- 3/26 Dortha Feddern
- 3/29 Catherine Balderson
- 3/31 Frank Livingston

March Anniversaries

- 3/6 Fred and Bonnie Myers – 16
- 3/10 Ron and Maxine Taylor – 52

April Birthdays

- 4/3 Ward Weber
- 4/4 Harry Keckley
- 4/7 Danielle Jenkins
- 4/13 Blade Butler – 9
- 4/15 Esther Mae Baker
- 4/16 Richard Bausch
- 4/29 Julie Feddern
- 4/26 Norma Hicks
- 4/30 Carol Mahon

April Anniversaries

- 4/16 Jerry and Paula Paulins – 20
- 4/24 Bob and Dortha Feddern – 59
- 4/26 Timothy and Melinda Biler – 22



Want to submit an item for the newsletter? Contact Susie Taylor at 879-6414 or sataylor@agristar.net