

April 2019 Scribe Newsletter

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Pastor Tim’s Thoughts—April 2019

Telling Time

Easter this year falls on April 21st, which is *almost* as late as it can be. The date of Easter was set by the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE, and it was tied to the lunar calendar. It was determined that Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21st). That means that the date of Easter Sunday can range anywhere from March 22nd to April 25th. The last time it fell on March 22nd was 1818, and it won’t happen that early again until 2285. The last time it fell on April 25th was 1943, and it won’t happen that late again until 2038.

Cool, huh?

Keeping track of time in the church is important. The seasons and festivals of the church year provides a rhythm for our lives together. And we mark those seasons with special worship services and celebrations in our church. And – maybe this is just me – but I feel all out of whack when I miss marking one of those celebrations. I feel like I'm off balance, or just plain missing out on something.

All of this is to say, during Holy Week we work hard to provide some extra-meaningful worship services that mark some special times in our Lord's life. Mark these events on your calendars now, and be sure that you come. I promise it will make the Easter celebration that much more meaningful!

April 14th – On Palm Sunday, we ritualize Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. So, be sure you're at worship at either 8:00am or 10:30am.

April 18th – On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper and we follow Jesus' example of humility and service by washing one another's feet (if you want). Worship will begin at 6:00pm.

April 19th – On Good Friday, we read and remember the passion story in its entirety, and marvel at the length God has gone to show us love, mercy and salvation. Worship will begin at 6:00pm.

April 20th – On Easter Eve, we hear some of the greatest stories of the Old Testament which all testify to God's consistent action of bringing life out of death; light out of darkness; hope out of despair. We begin this evening with a meaningful and delicious meal at 5:00pm, and the interactive, immersive worship service begins at 6:00pm. **Please note that space is limited for this worship service. See Mandy's article in this newsletter for more information on how to sign up.**

April 21st – On the Day of Resurrection (a.k.a. Easter), we celebrate the Lord's victory over death and the grave. Join me for a short 30-minute SONrise worship service at Greenmount Cemetery at 6:30am. Or come for some celebration services at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 8:00 or 10:30am. Easter Brunch will also be served in the Community Hall this day from 8:30am-10:30am.

I hope you'll join us for these worship services this year. They're going to be great.

Peace,
Pastor Tim

Faith Formation News—April 2019



RSVP now for Easter Eve Dinner and Immersive Worship

The season of Lent and Holy Week in particular has become my favorite time of year. It is a time of reflection, of gratitude, and of awe for the love God has for us all.

It can also be a sad time. I usually weep on Maundy Thursday when the altar is stripped. I am physically and emotionally exhausted at the Good Friday worship service. I am then buoyed by the anticipation of the resurrection that Easter Eve brings... and then it's Easter!!

My Easter is definitely more meaningful when I am able to participate fully in Lent and Holy Week. I hope you can find the time to reflect and worship as well – especially at the Easter Eve Dinner and Immersive Worship service on Saturday, April 20th.

Due to the nature of this event, the special and intentional dinner *and* the size of the rooms through which we travel, space this year is **STRICTLY LIMITED to THIRTY (30) participants. Please, please, use the following link to RSVP: <http://www.ctkdurango.org/easter-eve-rsvp/>.**

If you want to invite folks, that's great, just use the form to RSVP for yourself plus up to four (4) others. A running count of how many spaces are available will be updated daily at the top of the form.

Thank you for keeping this event **safe and sustainable** by submitting your RSVP today! (Don't worry... we have a plan if more than thirty of you want to come!)

CtK Youth Group News—April 2019

CtK's youth were busy in March with fundraising activities to benefit their mission trip to Guatemala in June. It's been a month full of fun and fellowship, and the youth THANK YOU for your continued support!

So keep praying for our youth. Keep praying for their parents. And keep praising God for such an amazing Pastor Tim!

(Oh, and please donate more beanbag chairs for more lock-ins!)

(Oh, and please consider being a youth chaperone! We need more volunteers!!!)

Social Ministry News—April 2019

ELCA's 40 Days of Giving World Hunger

The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed. ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the US and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action.

This Lent, you are invited to join together with fellow supporters to study, reflect, and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation, and restoration for our world.

Give Today: Mail -- Make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and write "40 Days of Giving" on the memo line. Place your check in the offering plate or mail to: ELCA, P. O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

Online -- Give online with a credit card at: ELCA.org/40Days

Phone -- 1-800-638-3522

Palms for Palm Sunday

The palms we will use on Palm Sunday (April 14th) are brought to you by Eco-Palms, a Lutheran World Relief partner. Eco-Palms communities use harvesting methods that protect the land they so greatly depend on for their livelihood; methods which also aid substantially in the community's investment in forest fire protection. What's more, their harvesting process provides jobs and income to growing communities instead of middlemen reaping the benefits. See the story at: <https://lwr.org/story-hub/how-lutheran-congregations-helped-transform-business-palms>

Habitat Update

SAVE THE DATE!! The CtK Habitat Work Day will be Saturday, June 1st this year. If all goes according to plan, we will be **FRAMING** per request. Keep in mind, there was a lot of snow this winter—could be a late start. Either way, thanks! ~ Rap Fairley for CtK Habitat

Bible Studies—April 2019

April's Bible Studies

Circle of Contemplative Prayer

The Circle of Contemplative Prayer meets on Mondays from 5:30-7:15pm in the Chapel. We are currently studying through “personal reflections.” For more information, contact Sharyn Butler.

Great Ol' Broads of God (GoBoGs)

GoBoGs invites you to join them in study and fellowship. They meet at CtK in the classrooms W6/W7 each Monday from 4:00-5:30 pm. (The first Monday of each month is dedicated to Share The Care, GoBoGs' outreach mission.) They are currently studying “An Altar in the World” by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please join them for study sessions that are deeply rewarding. For more information, contact Lynda Morris.

Midweek Bible Study led by Pastor Tim

The class meets each Thursday from 12:00 noon—1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join us for engaging discussion on a variety of topics. Currently, the group is in a course called “The Apocrypha.” For more information, call the church office at 247-5310.

Khuvara (“Circle of Friends”)

The Khuvara Women's Group are currently reading the book “Love Wins” by Rob Bell. All women are welcome, and we gladly invite new members to join us. We meet each Thursday at 1:30 pm in the CtK Library. For more information, contact Stella Welcher.

Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently the Spiritual Study Group is reading and discussing “Love Without Limits” *Jesus’ Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions* written by author, Jacqueline A. Bussie. Please join us for lively, enriching discussions! The Spiritual Study Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Aurora Rose.

CtK Women’s Group—April 2019

CtK Women’s Group April meeting is on Saturday, April 6th

Regular monthly meetings provide an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and support with and from our sisters and friends at CtK. Please plan to join us at our next meeting on Saturday morning April 6th at 9 AM for food, fellowship and devotions. There will also be a “Clothing Exchange” from 11am—1pm directly after the meeting. Bring along gently used spring/summer items to exchange – no \$ needed. What a great way to get to know each other better AND clean out your closet!!

In addition to our monthly meetings, the women’s group offers a variety of fellowship opportunities throughout each month. During April, join us for an outdoor expedition (details to follow) on Saturday, April 20th. The group meets at 9:30am that day at the Durango Joe’s located at Towne Plaza. We’ll also have “Girl’s Night Out” on Friday, April 26th at 5:00 PM at Los Amigos located in the Main Street Mall. Please TEXT Monie Schlarb for more info: 970-764-0226. For one or both events, please RSVP by texting Monie.

See you there!
CtK Women’s Group

Fellowship Groups—April 2019

Fellowship Group News

CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemaker Quilters would like to invite all those interested in quilting (or wanting to learn how to quilt) to join us. We’ve had two of our Piecemakers recently relocate out of state and would welcome your participation. You’ll find us a warm and accepting group who makes quilts for baptisms, the sick and elderly, as well as for various mission projects for those in need here at

home and abroad. If you would like more information, please give Judy Danielson a call at the Durango Quilt Company: 970-247-2582. The Piecemakers regularly meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm in the CtK Community Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in the CtK Library. Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 11th, and our discussion will be about the book, “The President is Missing,” by Clinton & Patterson; our May 9th book is “Keeper of the House” by Shirley Ann Grau; on June 13th, we’ll discuss “In the Midst of Winter” by Isabel Allende, and on July 11th, “Dear Bob & Sue” by Karen Smith and Matt Smith. ***Remember, you are invited to drop in at any time and join us*** for some lively and enriching literary discussions—new members are always warmly welcomed! Please contact Stella Welcher for more information.

Prayer Requests—April 2019

In Our Prayers

Please keep the following Military men and women in your prayers...

To add or remove names from this list, please contact Janeann Jones

- Major Ryan Bankhead—Brother of Eryn Orłowski
- Sgt. John Dee—Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- Sgt. Chris Gomez—Nephew of BJ and Danny Pierce
- Staff Sergeant (SSgt.) Airman Paul Herr—Nephew of Gary & Carol Orłowski
- Hugh Jones, Jr. Sailor—Son of Rick & Janeann Jones
- Sgt. Brandon Minser —Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- LCDR Andy Schaaf—Son of Merilee and Mark Fleming
- Major Clayton Stransky—Nephew of Kip and Laura Stransky
- Staff Sgt. Stephen Van Dover—Nephew of Nancy Van Dover

CtK Family & Friends Who Are in Need of Prayer...

To add or remove names from this list, please contact Linda White

- Merlwyn Clausen
- Kip & Laura Stransky
- Mandy & Maggie Gardner
- Larry & Lauren Rardin
- Beverly and Paul Dittmer
- Mary Southworth
- Darlene Warring

- Bonnie Rossmiller
 - Shirley Buslee
 - LuLu Mae Hess
 - Lucille Ball
 - Paul Schnackenberg, brother of Carroll Groeger
 - Bev Brown
 - Lori Lachelt
 - Kayla Hefner
 - Carol Gunderson
 - Lou Steele
 - CtK's ministry and partnership with both the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ and San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church in Zaculeu, Guatemala.
 - CtK's Homebound Ministry and all those who serve our homebound members through this ministry.
 - Paul Gebo who will soon be undergoing the "Call Process" for his first call.
 - Mandy Gardner, CtK's Director of Faith Formation. She was approved by the RMS ELCA for Endorsement in March.
 - All those battling mental illness and addictions.
 - Each person in our CtK church family.
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