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GOOD HOPE WOMEN OF THE ELCA



CIRCLE

Morning Circle

WHEN

Thurs., April 11
9:15 a.m.

WHERE

Church

STUDY LEADER

Margaret Phelps

HOSTESS

Margaret Phelps

COMMUNION SET-UP FOR APRIL: Daryl & Jeannette Chapin

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:

April 14: Doug & Laura Phelps

April 28: Brad & Sharon Bengtson



APRIL USHERS: Jeff & Elizabeth Carlton,
Brenda Heesch and Wally Heyer

APRIL KITCHEN DUTIES: Laurie Lee

APRIL ACOLYTES: Jeremiah Trunkhill & Rowan Welhousen

APRIL JR. USHER: Remy Welhousen

ALTAR FLOWERS: April 7 & 14: Brenda Heesch

April 21 & 28: Linda Gerdis



Easter and ripples

If you have ever thrown a stone into a lake you know what a ripple looks like. The bigger the stone and the quieter the water the clearer the ripples. The farther from shore a person throw the stone the farther out they see the ripples as they spread across the water.

As a dad with three young girls I used to love to go to the lakeshore with my daughters. It was fun on a calm evening to go and skip some stones. Sometimes we just heaved a big rock out watched the ripples after the splash. We saw how the ripples spread in the light of sunset. Sometimes we could see the ripples bounce into and off other ripples.

I think of Easter morning as the biggest event in history. And I imagine Easter as the point impact at center of ripple that is still spreading. The moment when Jesus stepped out of the tomb God moved. And the waves of Easter have been spreading for 2000 years.

Jesus' resurrection had a big impact and that impact is still being felt across the world today. For us the joy is helping spread the story and watching the waves of God's grace and mercy spread. The flow into this world that needs Jesus as much now as ever before.

Easter is for everyone,
Deep down the Easter story is about God making something new happen. Some people 2000 years ago said that a man overcoming death was impossible even for God—but the Good News is God doesn't care what we think is possible or impossible.. As church celebrating the day Jesus rose from the dead is our biggest day—it's our biggest celebration.

As we celebrate Easter this year I'm thinking about the way Easter can ripple across time and space. After Easter Jesus spoke to the fears and locked hearts of his friends. Even on the night of Easter Jesus friend we're afraid. And Jesus spoke to them in their fear—Peace be with you. He says it again to us in our fears and worries—Peace be with you.

This month after Easter is a great time to look for the ripples of new life in the world. On Easter night Jesus offered his friends peace and then he sent them out on a mission from the Father. We join in with those ancient spreading wave of mercy and grace. We don't go alone. Jesus sends the Spirit with us as we go into the world announcing forgiveness for sins and a new chance for sinners.

Some say, no. Some say there's got to be a limit to God's power and mercy and grace. But in Jesus resurrection we see the truth—the limits are gone for God. There is no limit to the love, grace, mercy, and power of God who made heaven and earth and who brought the Lord Jesus Christ back to life after 3 days in the grave.

The joy we find is spreading the Good News—and watching it ripple across the world.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor John

10 Minute Bible Study April 2024
Jesus after Easter appearances

The Biggest story in the Christian scripture is Easter. The 4 Gospels tell great stories about Jesus meeting his friends again after rising from the dead. John 20-21 is filled with after Easter moments when fear and doubt were replaced with joy and .

Read John 20:1-2

Mary Magdalene went to Jesus tomb and found it empty. Jesus came back to live—but no one realized it yet. What do you make of Mary's initial reaction?

Read John 20:3-8

Mary had news to share and she looked to tell the other disciples. Peter and another disciple headed straight for the tomb. They had to see for themselves. What did the disciples find?

What didn't the disciples find at the tomb.

Read John 20:9

What does it mean to say they didn't "understand the scripture"?

Read John 20:10-15

Jesus was talking with Mary Magdalene and she didn't recognize him. What do you imagine was going through Mary's imagination as she talked with this man who she thought was the gardener?

Read John 20:16-18

Mary Magdalene didn't recognize Jesus until he called her by name. How does hearing Jesus call Mary's name change how she looked at everything?

How does Mary Magdalene's story change how you see the world?

Confirmation
Sunday, April 28, 2024
10:30 a.m. Worship



*One young person will come forward
and affirm his faith in God.
This will be a day of celebration for him
and for the entire congregation.*

Our confirmand is:

*Lane Boekelman,
Son of Jace & Hope Boekelman*

*“The Father in heaven for Jesus’ sake,
renew and increase in these the gift of the
Holy Spirit, to thy strengthening in faith,
to thy growth in grace, to thy patience
In suffering and to the blessed
hope of everlasting life. Amen .”*



FIRST COMMUNION

1st Communion Workshop for kids and a parent/other adult Sunday, May 5th from at 1:00 p.m.

1st Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12th during worship.

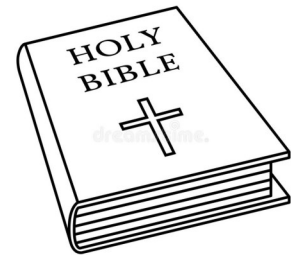
First communion is open to children when their parents say they are ready.

Please let Pastor John know ASAP if your child will be attending!



Bible Study will be held on Monday, April 1st and again on Monday, April 15th at Immanuel.

Bring your bible and join us!

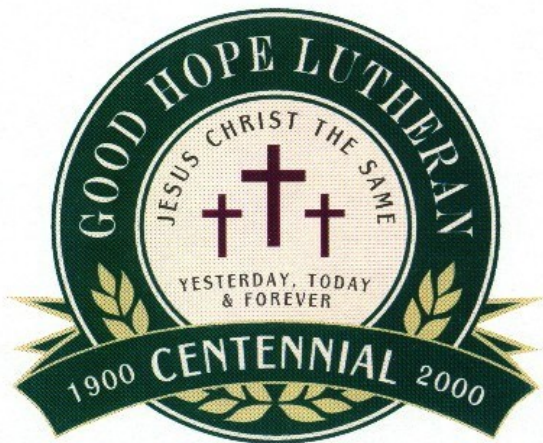


Youth Night

On Sunday, April 14th the Youth Group will be meeting at the church at 4:15 p.m. to leave for the Grotto at 4:30 p.m.

They are planning to stop and eat on the way before they arrive in West Bend. They will not need money for supper.

If anyone wants to volunteer to drive talk to Pastor John.



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Return Service Requested

Confirmation Poem

*I am here today to confirm my faith,
In front of you all, where I feel safe.
Too show you all how Jesus saved me,
I shall never forget that He set me free!*

*He's the king of our lives, and how proud am I,
To be a servant of Jesus, who had to die!
To save us all from our wicked ways,
That's why I'm here, to the Lord I do praise!*

*A born again Christian is who I am,
and I will spread the gospel wherever I can,
Our Sovereign king saved my soul
and the day He did, I was made whole.*

*He's your Savior, our king and very much
more,
I just can't believe I didn't see it before!
If you feel that call, don't be afraid!
It's the Holy Spirit, Jesus wants you saved!*

By Marie Beggs