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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we continue with our Savior on our annual Lenten journey to Calvary, as we contemplate the familiar story of His suffering death. However, many aspects of the Bible's account of what happened that first Holy Week and Easter are rejected by many. An extreme, shocking example is John Dominic Crossan, a retired professor of biblical studies at DePaul University. He writes: "In all probability, his [Christ's] corpse was buried in a shallow grave and eaten by dogs that had picked up the scent from the cross. There is no actual documentation of what transpired after the crucifixion."

However, the fact is that the archaeological and historical evidence actually completely backs up the Bible's account of the first Holy Week and Easter. A few examples:

Pontius Pilate - Despite being named 53 times in the New Testament, with many additional references in other ancient literature, the very existence of Pontius Pilate was widely rejected by Biblical critics until 1961, when a dedication stone for an amphitheater was discovered at Caesarea, bearing the inscription: "Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Judea, has presented this Tiberium to the Caesareans." So, contrary to the critics, this irrefutable archaeological evidence provides conclusive proof not only that Pontius Pilate really existed, but also that he was the Roman governor of Judea, just as the Bible says.

Caiaphas the High Priest — The ancient Jewish historian Josephus identifies the high priest at the time of Christ's crucifixion as "Joseph, who was called Caiaphas, of the high priesthood." The New Testament mentions him nine times, simply giving his nickname "Caiaphas." Nevertheless, once again many critics questioned the very existence of Caiaphas the high priest.

Then in November 1990 construction workers outside Jerusalem accidentally broke open an ancient tomb. Archaeologists were called and inside were found several ossuaries, stone boxes in which the bones of deceased were stored.

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One ossuary was particularly elaborate, and inscribed two places on this ossuary, on the back and end, were the words: “Joseph son of Caiaphas.” Assuming that Caiaphas was some sort of family name, this would agree perfectly with Josephus’ designation, “Joseph, who was called Caiaphas.” Inside this ossuary were the bones of a 60-year-old man. Many archaeologists believe these are indeed the very bones of the high priest who condemned Jesus to death!

Three Hours of Darkness and Earthquake — The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all report that “darkness came over the whole land” from noon to 3:00pm on Good Friday (Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33, Luke 23:44), and Matthew adds that there was a great earthquake at the moment of Jesus’ death (Matthew 27:51). These details of the Easter story are scoffed at by skeptics as fabrications. However, the ancient Greek author Phlegon in his *Questions of Nature* writes: “In the spring of the fourth year of the 202nd Olympiad it became so dark at midday that you could see the stars, and there was at the same time a great earthquake.” The fourth year of the 202nd Olympiad is 33 A.D.!

Our faith in what happened that first Holy Week and Easter does not rest on such archaeological and historical confirmations. However, these proofs of the Bible’s accuracy do illustrate the trustworthy nature of Holy Scripture and confirm the joy we have in confidently confessing the death and resurrection of Jesus for the life of the world!

Your servant for Jesus’ sake,
Pastor David Magruder

Just a Note by Hannah Walters

Holy Week. From green waving palms and loud shouts of “Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest” to a rooster’s shrill crow and sharp twisted thorns, Holy Week in its intensity truly encompasses all of our senses.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. During this Divine Service, we experience the baffling uplift of Palm Sunday, coming out of a deep somber Lent, joining in the ancient cries of *Hosanna* while waving reedy palms. How beautiful to remember that the very palms we hold this day will be burned and smeared on our foreheads next year as we are reminded of the dust from which we came and shall return to.

Maundy or Holy Thursday brings us the Gospel of Luke. Serving as a day of transition, the first service of the Triduum, Maundy Thursday is a ‘break’ occurring at sunset between our Lenten preparation and the commemoration of Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf. We taste the bread and wine, Christ’s true body and true blood shed for our sins. After celebrating the Lord’s Supper, we sit and watch as the altar is stripped. In some congregations, the cantor or choir chants Psalm 22 during the stripping of the altar. We hear at the beginning of this psalm, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” and as the psalm continues, we feel a literal forsakenness as the altar and chancel become bare before our eyes. The silence at the end of the service is almost deafening.

Good Friday in two parts, begins and ends in darkness. In the Chief Service, the Passion according to St. John carries us forward in our Holy Week journey, often broken up and interspersed with verses from the beautiful hymn, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.” In the Reproaches, we hear the words of our Lord against His people and we, His people, respond with a cry for mercy. “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy,” breaks through our cries for mercy, its repetition providing young and old alike a melody that gives shape to our pleas for mercy.

The Tenebrae service also begins in silence. Candles are progressively extinguished. As the last candle is extinguished and

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darkness floods the nave, a loud noise, called the strepitus which symbolizes the earthquake after Christ's death, is heard. Even when it is expected, it is a jarring noise, followed again by silence.

A longing for light and alleluias draws God's people, in eager anticipation, to the Vigil of Easter. We begin outside in the spring chill by the columbarium once again reminding us of the dust we will become but this time starkly accompanied by the hopeful note of the Resurrection. We move with the light into the sanctuary waiting anxiously for Easter Sunday. The candles, the readings, the baptismal remembrance and the prayers lead us ever onward until we can finally say those most longed-for words, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

On Easter Sunday, our noses are filled with the scent of Easter lilies, our ears with Alleluias, our eyes with light, and our mouths with the Lord's supper. The glorious news of the Resurrection rings out as we rejoice with all believers over the complete vanquishing of sin, death, and the power of the devil.

Marilyn's Memo

Dear PWC Family,

Happy Spring! Happy Easter! This month we will celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, April 21st. Prior to Easter Sunday, we will finish our journey through Lent and Holy Week before arriving at the Glorious Day of Resurrection. As we move through the month, you will see the Paraments and banners change to reflect the season or day.

Currently, we have purple paraments and a purple cross drape. Purple represents repentance, remembrance of Jesus' suffering for our sake, it reminds us throughout the season that lent is a somber time, a time for reflection and prayer. In Jesus' day, purple (violet)

was a very expensive cloth and only the very rich, usually royalty were the only people able to afford it. It became associated with monarchs. After his arrest, Jesus clothed in purple, mocked and beaten by soldiers: *“And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him.”* Mark 15:17 He suffered all of this for us, for our salvation and so we would have eternal life with HIM!

On Maundy Thursday, at the conclusion of the service, the Altar will be stripped of everything. This is symbolic of Jesus’ suffering at the hands of soldiers when they stripped him, mocked and beat him. It reminds us of all Jesus suffered for us. It prepares us for the solemn day of Good Friday.

On Good Friday, you will see the altar covered with black and a black drape on the cross as well as a Crown of Thorns. Black, of course, is the traditional color of death and mourning. We remember this day when Christ Jesus gave all for us! He was humiliated, crucified, bled, died and was buried this day to secure our righteousness before God through His death!

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, you will see white paraments, white cross drape, and white banners. White is symbolic of purity, joy, eternity, perfection and also represents the Holy Trinity of God. White reminds us that Christ Jesus has provided us with righteousness before God by His suffering, death and resurrection. We are clothed in white as we stand before God. As Isaiah tells us in 1:18 *“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”* This is what Jesus did for us, His blood covered our sins and now God sees us purified through Jesus’ sacrifice.

Rejoice and be glad this Easter because you have an awesome God, who loves and forgives you through Christ’s sacrifice. *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,”* Ephesians 2:8

Marilyn

Youth Activities



Youth Soup Supper has been moved to April 3rd. Please see sign-up sheet posted on the Youth Bulletin Board to see how you can help. I hope you will all be able to help on the new date.

Saturday, April 13, Youth Work Day - 10 am until 2 pm. Please join me as we spruce up the Youth Room, Columbarium garden prior to Easter Vigil, and do some other cleaning around the church. This is a great way to give back to our congregation in thanksgiving for all their support of the Youth group! Sign-up and it will be fun too!

April 21st is Easter Breakfast – please see the sign-up for the Easter Breakfast to see how you can help by providing food items and help!! We will be serving Biscuits and Gravy, scrambled eggs, link sausage, assorted pastries, fruit and drinks! You will be receiving a letter soon with more details.

Saturday, April 20th and 21st Easter Breakfast Set-up and Serving! Please plan to help with Easter Breakfast set-up, decorating, meal prep and cooking beginning at 9 am! Plan to sign-up to help with the breakfast cooking and final food prep, Sunday morning beginning at 7:00 am. Shift times will be posted on the sign-up.

*Marilyn will be out of town, April 28th – May 5th visiting family and celebrating her parent's 60th Wedding Anniversary!

*Lutheran Women in
Mission*



April Program: Monday, April 8th 6-8 pm

Plan to attend LWML's Annual Salad Supper and Prayer Service entitled "**God CARES for You!**" Our Sisters in Christ from neighboring Lutheran congregations have been invited to join us for this evening, so we'll kick it off with a salad supper beginning at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. After ample opportunity to dine and visit with friends, we'll move to the sanctuary for LWML's prayer service written by Rev. Allen D. Anderson.

Julie Ward and Sarah Krueckeberg lead our program.

Bev Russman and Cheryl Harsen hostess!

All ladies of PWC are invited to this evening of fellowship, prayer, praise and song! Please bring a salad for each 2 women attending so we have a great variety!

· **Mites are Mighty!** LWML's mite box for World Missions will be in the Narthex April 7th! For a comprehensive listing of missions supported by LWML, including links to each, visit www.lwml.org & www.lwmlrmd.org .

· We received **8** nominees to be **2019 Bazaar Fund Recipients!** A vote will be held May 13th at our evening meeting and results announced the following Sunday.

· **April Mission: Canned Fruit for Saint John's Pantry-** Until April 30th, we're collecting canned fruit to keep St. John's Pantry stocked. Next time you're at the grocery store, pick up a few fruit favorites for our basket in the Sunshine Hall!

· **LWML's Executive Board** meets Monday, April 29th at 6:30pm in the home of Bev Russman. All ladies are welcome to attend this business meeting.

Church Council

The Council Minutes *Minute* gives you the opportunity to see highlights of the Council Meetings several weeks before the approval of the actual Minutes.

These minutes reflect business conducted at the Council Meeting on March 18, 2019.

- A small committee has formed to be researching the Cell Tower opportunity presented by Atlas. Dan Prevedel has contacted Atlas by email and they are still interested in having discussions with PWC regarding leasing a portion of PWC property to erect a cell tower.
- Given the vacant Fellowship Chair position, Council will create a list of the traditionally held events/activities for the remainder of 2019 and allow PWC members the opportunity to sign up as the coordinator(s) for one of the events. These events include a summer picnic, Oktoberfest, Hanging of the Greens, Season's Opener and Advent service suppers.
- The Elders will be discussing their potential role in managing the Staff Care Committee for the remainder of 2019.
- A decision was made to create a mixed-use area in the former Preschool Office with a few cabinets for storage and a table and chairs that can be used as a small meeting room.
- Church Council served the Lenten Service Supper on March 20 with donations going to the LCMS Disaster Response Fund – Nebraska. PWC members will also be given the opportunity to donate to this fund after services on Sunday, March 24 & 31.
- The Financial Reports are provided in the Council Broadcast article to give Council members the opportunity to review and approve the monthly Financial Reports prior to providing the information to PWC members.

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There are a few items that need to be clarified in the January and February Financial Reports prior to Council's final review and approval, which is anticipated to occur at the April Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Carlson
Council Secretary

News and Announcements

Joy Circle

Joy Circle will meet on Thursday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are encouraged to join us. Devotions will be led by Pat Stegner and hostesses are Bev Russman and Sharon Wiesner.

Tuesday, April 2nd at Noon - TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group)

All are welcome to come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Please join us for a potluck meal with everyone bringing a favorite dish to share. This will be followed by our continuing Bible study on the book of Jude led by Pastor Magruder at 1:00 p.m.

Easter Lilies

Please sign-up to help provide Easter Lilies for Easter Services, cost this year is \$12.00 for a 6-inch potted plant with a gold foil cover. Sign-up is on the bulletin board near the mailboxes.

Youth Easter Breakfast

PWC Youth members and families invite you to Easter Breakfast! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 am until 9:30 am. Please plan to join us. The Sign-up will be posted in the Narthex. Menu this year will be Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled eggs, link sausage, fruit, assorted pastries, orange juice, apple juice and coffee! (Tea and hot cocoa too).

Parents!

On April 14th, the Sunday School Children will be singing for both the 8:00 AM and the 10:45 AM service - Palm Sunday. They will sing at the **beginning**. Please plan to bring your children to the beginning of both of these services so that they might share the music they have been working on and add a beautiful component to the Palm Sunday service!

First Annual Northern Colorado Ladies' Retreat! To ladies of all ages here at PWC - top 5 reasons to attend this retreat: 1) Meet new people, 2) Bible Study with Pastor Cholak, 3) Enjoy Estes Park, 4) Encouragement, 5) Relax!

Calling All Ladies!

The First Annual Northern Colorado Ladies Retreat is just around the corner.

It is not too late to register, there is still room. Final numbers have to be provided to the owner of Fall River Lodge one week ahead of the retreat, so the registration deadline is now Wednesday, April 24. All ladies confirmation age and above are invited and encouraged to come. Retreat success depends on you! Please make plans to join us. You should be able to find registration forms and information at church or contact me and I can email a form to you.

Date: May 3-5

Location: Estes Park, Fall River Lodge

Speaker: Rev. Stephen Cholak

Topic: The Three Estates

Cost: \$150

Includes Food and Lodging "family style"

Hope to see you there! For questions or information please contact Noreen Linke

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King Soopers Gift Cards

King Soopers is changing the way they support non-profit organizations. Re-loadable gift cards will no longer be available for us to sell. The Youth group will have a unique code for our group and we ask that you link your King Soopers Loyalty Card to our group. The new program begins April 1, 2019. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn. We will help you to link your card to us - just stop by the Youth Table on Sunday morning! Thank you for your continued support of the Youth!

Rethinking Retirement

The following is from an article on breakpoint.org. Food for thought!

America is getting older. In 1950, near the beginning of the Baby Boom era, the average life expectancy of Americans was 68. Today, it is 79. By the year 2040, one in five Americans will be over the traditional retirement age of 65.

With so many facing life at or beyond retirement age, a new group of Christian leaders based in Colorado Springs is asking us to engage in some non-traditional, but thoroughly biblical, thinking about retirement itself.

This group says that age 65 isn't the age to retire. It's an age to re-fire, re-boot, and re-focus on your calling, influence, and ministry. It's a time to pursue purpose, not pastime.

To focus their commitment, this group has produced a *Retirement Reformation Manifesto* (check it out at: retirementreformation.org) which begins: "Reforming retirement requires a reframing of our thinking, allowing us to shine a light into the purposeless retirement void and finding freedom from unending leisure, indulgence, and self-gratification."

The group is led by Bruce Bruinsma, a 77-year-old entrepreneur and financial planner still active in business. Bruinsma says the Bible teaches that Christians are "called to bear fruit in every season of life." That's why the Manifesto aims to inspire "a movement where every Christ follower is confident in God's plan for a lifetime of faithful service and committed to helping the Body of Christ reform its understanding of retirement."

Bruinsma said: "As Christians, we are to remain faithful for a lifetime. My hope is that the Retirement Reformation Manifesto will inspire many, many people to believe God still has more for them in their later years."

According to a statement released by Bruinsma and the other drafters of the document, "the 10-point manifesto challenges signatories to overturn traditional attitudes toward senior years as merely a time of relaxation and leisure. Instead, they are urged to embrace their 'final quarter' of life as time to find spiritual fulfillment and meaning in using their life experiences and resources to serve and enrich others."

Happy Anniversary

Michael & Colleen Rohlfs	April 6, 1990
Paul & Susan Dumke	April 11, 1970
Daniel & Deb Cerman	April 17, 2010
Rhonda & Wayne Carmichael	April 19, 1997
Bob & Pat Cribbs	April 25, 1953
John & Connie Jesser	April 25, 1987
Dave & CJ Muth	April 25, 1965

Happy Birthday

Trista Holthouser	April 2
Gary Myers	April 2
Chris Prevedel	April 2
Michael Smith	April 2
Charlotte Happy	April 3
Emery Witt	April 4
Dorothy Leising	April 6
Jarryd Allison	April 7
Emily Geisler	April 7
Lindsay Parke	April 7
Dan Prevedel	April 7
Pat Stegner	April 11
Barb Witt	April 14
Iain Magruder	April 15
Will Smith	April 20
Bill Watson	April 21
Judy Dahlgren	April 23
Kendra Spanjer	April 23
Megan Donahue	April 27
Scott Linke	April 27
Nancy Weimer	April 27
Rosalee Blumenshine	April 29
Rosella Hemmen	April 30
Carolyn Huisjen	April 30

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