



SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Debbie Paddock was busy doing yard work when the four-legged lawn crew arrived.

April Worship Matters

Wednesday, April 3

5:30pm Lenten Midweek: Taize Worship

Sunday, April 7,

9am Crossroads: Costly Grace

Wednesday, April 10,

5:30pm Lenten Midweek followed by Thank You Meal

Sunday, April 14,

9am Crossroads Covered in Palms

Thursday, April 18,

7pm Maundy Thursday worship

Friday, April 19,

- 12 noon Community Good Friday at United Methodist Church
- 7pm Good Friday at Shepherd of the Mountains

Sunday, April 21,

- 7am Easter Sunrise at EP Marina
- 9am Easter Resurrection Celebration at Shepherd of the Mountainst

April Comm. Corner Café Menu

5 April

Italian Night
Journeys Class

12 April

Meat Lovers Specials
Salvation Army

19 April

Good Friday Ham
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

26 April

Grill Night
Allenspark Community Church



Lenten "Thank You" Meal

On Wednesday, April 10th, 6:15pm, following the Lenten midweek worship, Marc and Becky-- leaders of the Marison Project, are providing a meal for us! This is their annual 'thank you' for the use of the facility to prepare food for the needy. As partners with the Marison Project, we are thankful for their work and the chance to enjoy it ourselves! We encourage everyone to attend. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet outside of the office.

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Ron Bockhaus - Contact me at ron.bockhaus@smlc.us 970-646-6657

How Do You Experience the Living Christ?



I am the last one to enter worship on Sunday mornings. Unless we start the service from the back, I normally signal Phyllis and walk in alone to the front where I pause before making a 180-turn to face the congregation. Standing there, face-to-

face, always gives me a twinge of uncertainty. That twinge, I've come to trust, is a reminder that God is moving.

Author, Kathleen Norris, writes: "Once, when I was the only guest on Sunday night at a women's monastery, the sisters invited me to join them in *statio*, the community's procession into church. The word, which means "standing" in Latin, is one of the many terms from the Roman Army that ancient Christian monastics adopted for their own purposes. To get into position, to station oneself, to take a stand. To wait in line, in a posture that invites individual watchfulness, to "recollect" oneself before entering church. But *statio* is also a powerful reminder of communal solidarity; you line up two by two, like the animals entering Noah's ark."

To be open to God and others is a fine art. Each of us have a mind, heart and body which fluctuate moment to moment. This became clear to me when the participants in a recent, Lenten service walked a make-shift labyrinth set up in

the sanctuary. For most of us it was a new way to worship and interact! We silently prayed while moving in unscripted ways, occasionally stopping to light a candle. It was both a solitary and communal way of being open to God moving among us.

Kathleen Norris adds in her book, *Amazing Grace-A Vocabulary of Faith*, p.163: "Walking slowly into church in that long line of women taught me much about liturgical time and space. I found to my surprise that the entire vespers service had more resonance for me because of the solemn way I had entered into it. Our procession was also a reminder of the procession of life itself; the older sisters with their walkers and canes had set a pace that the younger women had to follow. The prioress was my partner; we brought up the rear. 'We bow first to the Christ who is at the altar,' she whispered to me, as the procession lurched along, 'and then we turn to face our partner, and bow to the Christ in each other.' 'I see,' I said, and I did."

These thoughts concerning the body are on my mind as we approach Easter. Each of the Gospels tell of the resurrected Jesus appearing bodily to his followers mingled with a twinge of uncertainty. Each appearance also includes some measure of fear, doubt, confusion, unawareness, surprise, mystery and great joy. As followers of the resurrected Christ Jesus we do not struggle with this important revelation in scripture near enough. If we did, we just might "bow to the Christ in each other" and say, "I see."

In Christ, Pastor Ron

April Bible Readings

April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 14

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 28

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April Calendar at a Glance

Monday, April 1

10am Marison Cooking

Tuesday, April 2

10am Marison Cooking
3:00 Peak to Peak Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 3

7am Sacred Space
4pm Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm Lenten Service
6:15pm Church Council

Thursday, April 4

9am Quilters
9am Worship Committee
12pm Cafe Corner Preparation

Friday, April 5

4:30pm Cafe Corner

Saturday, April 6

10:30am Organ Rehearsal
2pm Peak to Peak Concert

Sunday, April 7

9am Sunday Worship
10:30am Adult Forum

Monday, April 8

10am Marison Cooking

Tuesday, April 9

10am Marison Cooking
1pm WELCA

Wednesday, April 10

7am Sacred Space
4pm Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm Lenten Service
6:15pm Lenten Thank You Meal

Thursday, April 11

9am Quilters
12pm Cafe Corner Preparation

Friday, April 12

4:30pm Cafe Corner

Saturday, April 13

8:30am Men's Breakfast
10:30am Organ Rehearsal
1pm Trunnell Memorial
3:30pm Peak to Peak Concert

Sunday, April 14

9am Palm Sunday Worship

Monday, April 15

10am Marison Cooking

Tuesday, April 16

10am Marison Cooking

Wednesday, April 17

7am Sacred Space
4pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

12pm Cafe Corner Preparation
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19

12pm Good Friday Service at Methodist Church
4:30pm Cafe Corner
7pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21

7am Easter Sunrise Service at Marina
9am Easter Sunday Worship

Monday, April 22

10am Marison Cooking

Tuesday, April 23

10am Marison Cooking

Wednesday, April 24

7am Sacred Space
4pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

9am Quilters
12pm Cafe Corner Preparation

Friday, April 26

4:30pm Cafe Corner

Saturday, April 27

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28

9am Sunday Worship
10:30am Adult Forum

Monday, April 29

10am Marison Cooking

Tuesday, April 30

10am Marison Cooking



Women of the ELCA Meeting

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. for fellowship and a Bible Study on Meetings with Jesus from the Gospel of John. All women are invited to attend; copies of the Lesson from the April "Gather" magazine are available in the rack in front of the office the March issue. . If you wish to subscribe to "Gather", please see Linda Schlitt.

March Prayer Reminders

- Earl Matson, recently relocated to Estes Park
- Family of Gary Trunnell, upon his death
- Ron Dutton, hospitalized and undergoing treatments
- Steve Peter, upon the death of his mother
- Stephen Ministers, as they are commissioned by the congregation
- Sally Tessler, admitted to ICU early in the month

Important Dates of Note

Birthdays

Christine Kellam	April 2
Sandy Stolte	April 9
Jan Trunnell	April 9
Darrell Paswaters	April 14
Linda Schlitt	April 21
Mary Ann Johnson	April 24

Resurrection Living In Action

We're in the transformation business! Almost every Thursday we make use of beautiful donated materials to cut, assemble, tie & sew them together transforming them into warm and beautiful quilted "blankets" for people in our world in need of a little warmth and love... A little like the way God transforms the lowly caterpillar into the beautiful butterfly. What better way to prepare for Easter by joining us and becoming part of the hands that help with God's loving work in the world. Lutheran World Relief and our dedicated volunteers who go to La Puente help provide the wings to take completed quilts (beautiful butterflies) to those who need it most. Won't you join us at church on Quilting Thursdays - April 4, 11, and 25th from 9am to 11:30am? We are all resurrection people. Take advantage of the opportunity that God gives us this month to put your resurrection life into action. (Contact Linda Schlitt at llsjoy@aol.com or 970-586-5071 if you would like more information.)

Make This Easter one For Others—Sign up to Assist

Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. That means more worship opportunities and involvement with others. Each of these worship services is a chance for us to touch the lives of people who are not part of our church. For this to happen it takes more of us helping to usher, greet, serve Holy Communion, sing, etc. etc. There are members in our church who first experienced SMLC through the sunrise Easter service at the marina. Without the effort of several people the sunrise service could not happen. Your willingness to lend a hand with these extra worship services is what makes a difference. People notice churches whose members band together to proclaim the Good News of Christ. We have several wonderful opportunities coming up soon to do this. Please help out and make this Easter one for others!



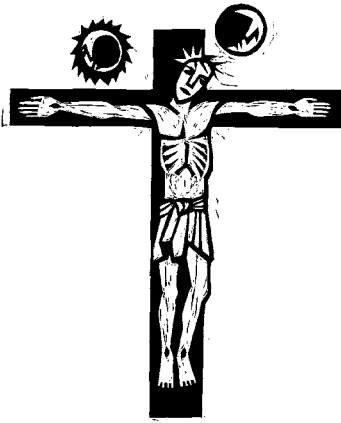
Palm Sunday Service, April 14

- 9:00am Sunday Worship



Maundy Thursday Service, April 18

- 7:00pm Holy Communion & Foot Washing



Good Friday Service, April 19

- 12:00 noon (This an Interfaith Alliance Service held at Estes Park United Methodist Church.)
- 7:00pm at Shepherd of the Mountains



Easter Sunday Service, April 21

- 7am Easter Sunrise at EP Marina
- 9am Easter Resurrection Celebration at Shepherd of the Mountains

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
SPECTACULAR MUSIC FEATURING
A JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE CONCERT WITH
COWBOY BRAD

**SUNDAY APRIL 7
6:00PM**

**HYDE CHAPEL
AT YMCA OF
THE ROCKIES**

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