

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

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Introduction to the Day

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.

Commemorations for the Week

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists

These great German artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

Wednesday, April 9

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, April 7, 2014 Psalm 143 1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12	Thursday, April 10, 2014 Psalm 31:9-16 1 Samuel 16:11-13 Philippians 1:1-11
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 Psalm 143 2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10	Friday, April 11, 2014 Psalm 31:9-16 Job 13:13-19 Philippians 1:21-30
Wednesday, April 9, 2014 Psalm 143 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Matthew 22:23-33	Saturday, April 12, 2014 Psalm 31:9-16 Lamentations 3:55-66 Mark 10:32-34

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 4/6 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30 Eucharist
 Wednesday 4/9 8:30am Men's Breakfast 6pm
 Supper 6:40pm Speaker 7pm Service
 Thursday 4/10 7pm Council
 Sunday 4/13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30
 Palm Sunday 3pm Meeting w/John Derrick
HOLY WEEK: MAUNDY THURSDAY (17th)
and GOOD FRIDAY (18th) @ 7pm EASTER
 (20th) 10:30am Egg hunt to follow.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We remember in prayer our members:

Gere, Hazel, Pat, Marion and his family, Catherine
 O., Bob Faulks

Members' family and friends:

April S., Joe and Tammy L., Susan Logan, Troy,
 Hunter V., Val V., Imbue family, Judy, Wayne,
 Karen, Teresa, Paul O.

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Please keep Marion Varner and his family in your prayers at the death of his brother Jerry.

JOYS? CONCERNS?

SIGN UP FOR LENTEN MEALS

Serving Idea for Youth

Bring food for the Family Resource Center pantry.

Upstate Cluster Meeting

Next Meeting: April 27, 4pm @ St. Matthias, Easley. Cluster members are Christ the King, Faith, Redeemer, Springs of Grace, and St. Matthias. Good fellowship. Great ideas.

First Steps:

Find out from the congregation the vision and purpose of the congregation as it exists today. Investigate outreach into the community by talking to community leaders Wednesday evenings in Lent. Form *Mission Growth Team*.

Presentation by Community Leaders

The first Wednesday night was from Lindsey McKenzie from Rosecrest. Liz Crawley and Jean Pearson from Foothills Hospice graced us March 26th; Kelly Ezell from the Family Resource Center joined us April 2nd; and our friend Sheriff Chuck Wright will join us April 9th. Join the fellowship for supper at 6pm, hear community leaders and ask questions, share in a brief Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm.

Prayer Partners

One of the spiritual disciplines to take up especially during Lent is that of Prayer. Please pick a prayer partner for the remainder of Lent. Check in with each other about prayer concerns and pray for each other, the church and the world. One matter that I would like to commit to each of your prayers is that of inviting people you know to church events. Pray and listen for the Holy Spirit

to prompt a welcoming invitation to one of your friends.

Bible Study

Join the Sunday morning Bible Study (no prior knowledge required – just openness to treasures found in scripture). We will be reading and discussing the book of Acts written by the Apostle Luke. Luke was a physician by trade and also the author of the Gospel of Luke. Acts is a record of the early church after Jesus' ascension. It describes their successes and failures, hopes and struggles, and the powerful way God worked through and with them. It remains instructive to us as we seek to pass the faith down to the next generation.

Easter Lilies and Flower Chart sign up... is up

SC Synod Councilman

John Derrick, nearly retired architect, called in sick yesterday and asked to reschedule for 3pm next Sunday to give us some ideas.

Mission Builders

Tom Chase, Director of Mission Builders sent us an information packet about what they do for Lutheran churches.

Welcome

Bob & Kathy Williams into the fellowship of Springs of Grace. And thank you Gere for being their sponsor.



Fellowship Wednesday.

Kelly Ezell presents FRC ministries.



Becca just after scoring a run for the team!

