

THE OBSERVER

APRIL 2024



Christ Is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter friends! We had a joyous service of Worship on Easter Sunday. The bells rang us in with joyous music and the choir lifted us with two beautiful anthems. Our playground was teeming with children as Poet Laureate, Herbert Peel, shared the story of Easter morning. Best of all, we heard again the story of the empty tomb and the resurrected Christ from Mark's gospel. This version ends rather curiously with three women discovering the empty tomb, only to run away in fear, "saying nothing to anyone." My sense is that Mark felt that telling the story this way would light an Easter fire under the reader. If the people to discovered the empty tomb said nothing to anyone, then we better say something to everyone!

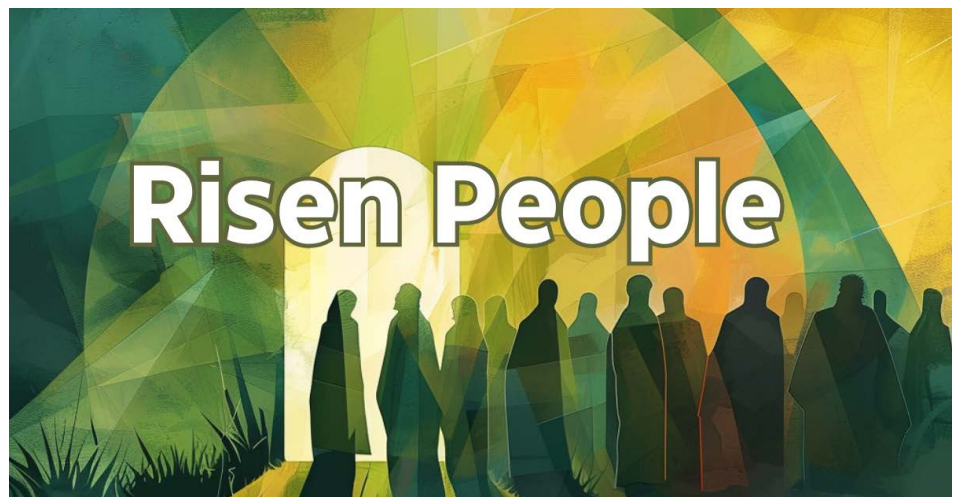
Easter, though, is not just one Sunday. It's a whole fifty day celebration in the church year. But it's not even just a season. Easter is our reality. We live in a post-resurrection world. Jesus is alive and well today. Even now he is working toward the healing of the world and the establishment of God's kingdom.

This season of Easter, we'll be focusing on what kind of difference resurrection makes in our lives. We already know it makes a difference in the way we think about death: we know we will be raised with Jesus on the last day. But what difference does Resurrection make to us and our world right now?

The early church depicted in the book of Acts will help us. The resurrection of Jesus drove the early Christian community to do wild and crazy acts of faith. They eliminated poverty in their community, they offered radical hospitality to outsiders, they survived shipwrecks, and so much more. Join us in worship this season as we learn what it means to live today as risen people.

Happy Easter,

Pastor Daniel



LoveJoy Children & Youth



Much appreciative of Luke, Conner, Ethan, Lucy and Charlie last Sunday afternoon for their hard work at Operation Blessing. They saved our regular volunteers a lot of time. Also, appreciation for Uriyah, Lucy and Charlie for help at Saturday Café earlier this month. Thanks a bunch! Karen Wilson (*Director*)



“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”
(Matthew 25:40, NIV)

Announcements



Happy Birthday

February 2024 LUPC Financial Notes

Checking Account Balance as of 2/29/2024 \$109,234.16
Savings Account Balance as of 2/29/2024 \$14,264.86
Ending Balance as of 2/29/2024 \$123,499.02
Pledge Income Received: YTD Pledge total \$41,867.31
Mission Market Fund: The current amount in the fund \$137,461.79. The interest rate is holding at 2.15 %
7 Month CD: The current amount in the fund \$30,000. The interest rate is 5.11%.

1 Austin King Susan Musgrave	13 Justin Carnes Michael Baum
2 Evie Bristow Hayden Lindquist Jill Goewey	14 Mary Trudell 15 Hayden Panyik
3 Diane Alford JoAnn Moss	16 Brandy Cunningham
6 Sebastian Panyik Debbie Suerig Joey Gremli	17 Emmett Cunningham Janet Workman Linda Andrus
8 Herbert J. Peel Julie Spurgeon	20 Ashley Panyik Lucy Manker
10 Mackenzie Cerny Amy Manker Valerie McCoy	22 Chase Bauer
11 Phyllis Pierson	26 Lenda Cozy Lindquist Sherry Davis
12 Dan Miller Ryne White Blair	28 Addison Plummer Paige Jacquin Joyce Fleming

A Place at this Table

*The dinner party is about to begin.
The door is open.
Come in and have a seat.
The different foods are prepared.
A variety of drink are ready.
Guests are walking in and taking
their places at the table.
Poor, rich, it doesn't matter where
they are from,
but their is an empty spot.
There is a place at this table.*

*Poet Laureate,
Herbert J. Peel*

LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club:

Lyceum Book Club's current book is HORSE by Geraldine Brooks. We ZOOM it 04/17 @ 7:15p. Our next book is IN THE SPIRIT OF CRAZY HORSE by Peter Matthiessen. We ZOOM it on 05/15 @ 7:15p.

Announcements



CALLING ALL GRADUATES

The Christian Education for Children & Youth Committee is gathering the names of High School and College graduates to be honored in May. If you know any graduates who have had a participating connection to LUPC or one of the former merged churches, contact Tabitha Nail, Tacoma Monroe, or Ken Webster.



Earth Day Youth Mission - Trash Clean up - April 21

Youth are invited to work on picking up trash along the River Road in Alton. Contact Tacoma or Sandy Monroe for details.

Poverty Simulation - May 5 after Worship

Poverty in our world is gravely misunderstood. This simulation will unveil the systemic challenges faced by those in need, challenge our misconceptions, and foster empathy. Don't miss this eye-opening experience. Lunch will be provided. Please register at lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps.

April 2024

April

May

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4/1 Easter Monday - Office Closed	2 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Mission and Outreach	3 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer	4 6p Garden Group	5	6
7 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship	8 9a Food Pantry 1:30p Good Samaritan	9 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Worship Committee	10 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer	11 6:30p Children & Youth Christian Ed	12	13 Presbytery Gathering
14 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a LoveJoy Children & Youth	15 Tax Day 1:30p Good Samaritan 12:15p PEO Women's Meeting	16 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal 6p Finance Meeting	17 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer 7:15p LoveJoy Lyceum Bookclub	18 1p ACE Committee Meeting 6:30p Session Meeting (tentative)	19	20
21 Earth Day Sunday 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a Fellowship Sunday 6:30p Family Movie Night	22 9a Food Pantry 1:30p Good Samaritan	23 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal	24 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Bunch 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening prayer	25 6:30p Session Meeting	26 2p PEO Setup	27 PEO Uses Fellowship Hall
28 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9a Adult Sunday School 10:15a Worship 11:30a Confirmation Check-In 11:30a LoveJoy Children & Youth	29 1:30p Good Samaritan	30 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal		2		



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