

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Friends in Christ,

"As the cross promises reconciliation with God, the resurrection is God's assurance that Jesus is more than a mere memory. Through the mystery of Easter, God not only declares the obvious, namely, that God is stronger than death. Easter also promises that for those who would follow him, Jesus is not merely a founder to be remembered but a continuing and living presence. Jesus is not simply a man who once taught in ancient Galilee and once mirrored God to long-dead peasants and fisherman. Many movements, even religions, have such founders. Jesus is not so much the founder of Christianity as he is its living, breathing life. Resurrection is the enacted promise that death is not the last word. But Easter is also the enacted declaration that Jesus Christ is a living Presence with whom we can be in spiritual relationship." So writes Michael Lindvall, the author of "A Geography of God" (one of my favorite books, by the way).

In a few short weeks, we will once again, walk with Jesus through his final days, we will hear his final words on the cross AND we will celebrate his resurrection from death to life—on April Fools Day no less!

Lindvall's words remind us why these events are so crucial to our faith. For in them we are reminded that our sins are forgiven and we are made right with God, not through our own efforts, but through the work of Jesus on the cross and in the empty tomb. In them we are reminded that death does not have the final word, God does. In them we are reminded that our God is a God of life, not death. It is, if you think about it, the greatest practical joke of all time—for just at the point that it seems that death has won, God raises Jesus from the dead!

But Lindvall's words are compelling for another reason; for they also remind us that Jesus' resurrection is an invitation into a life-giving and life-changing relationship. While our belief in the events we will celebrate during Holy Week are crucial to our faith—if they stay only beliefs—they will make very little difference in our lives. But when we realize that Jesus is alive and because of his resurrection is present to us—even longs to be in relationship with us—and when we accept that invitation—through regular, preferably daily, prayer, worship and service—we will find ourselves transformed little by little into the person that God created us to be. And we will find ourselves strengthened, not only to endure life's trials and tribulations, but to grow through them. We will find ourselves renewed again and again in our daily walk with God and we will find ourselves experiencing God's blessings not just in the good times, but even in the bad. And that's no joke!

Dear friends in Christ, may you know the living presence of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and may you (if you have not already done so) enter into a living, life-changing relationship with him.

Have a Blessed April Fool's/Easter!

Pastor Sheryl



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Sunday service: 10:30am
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Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donation item(s):

March-peanut butter & jelly

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-188

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is asking for the

Following donation item(s):

Cold cereal (individual boxes)

or Fruit cups

Blooms & Buns

Throughout March, the Altar Guild will still be taking donations for the Easter Lily fund.

There is a can located in the narthex for anyone wishing to contribute. Please see Maryruth Reed if you have any questions.

Also, ECW will be selling Hot Cross Buns & sweet rolls after church on Palm Sunday, 3/25. (\$6/half dozen or \$12/dozen) Both bakers and buyers are needed for this annual fundraiser.

Mark Your Calendars

Bishop Barker will be coming out to Holy Apostles on Saturday, May 26. There will more information coming in future newsletters. His visit does happen to coincide with Memorial Day weekend this year.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

A big "Thank you" to all the church members and other volunteers that helped with another very successful pancake feed. Final tallies weren't completed by publication time, but early reports indicate what a tremendous success it was. An extra special thank you to Steve Dolberg for taking charge of this year's event.

Holy Week Services

March 25-Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) 10:30AM
 March 27-Community Service for Holy Week 7:00PM
 March 29-Maundy Thursday 7:00PM
 March 30-Good Friday 7:00PM
 March 31-the Great Vigil of Easter 7:00PM
 April 1-Easter 10:30AM

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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March Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
3/4	LeAnn/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Lee H/Chris C	Pete	Deb & kids
3/11	Steph/Sister Eliz.-Soj	Bill R	Steve J/Nick S	Nick & Katy	Steve & Sylvia
3/18	Amber/Jenny	Clancey	Matthew S/Oren S	Nikki	Nick & Katy
3/25	Deb/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	LeAnn S/Deb Y	Sharon	Pete & Nancy
4/1	LeAnn/Jenny	Matthew	Steve J/Nick S	Chris & Steph	Andee & Jenny

March Altar: Nancy Sato, Sharon Francisco & Jenny Hughson

March Coffee Hour snacks provider: Cindy Yamamoto

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

3/3	Jaxon Meysenburg	3/8	Nancy Sakurada	3/19	Alex Rose
3/4	Chad Johnson	3/9	Abel Plasencio	3/21	Clancy Symonds
3/5	Evelyn Montz	3/11	Sharon Francisco	3/22	Aloha Hettinger
3/6	Larry Wagner	3/13	Mark Knaub	3/24	Colleen Elliott
3/7	Xoe Allbaugh	3/18	Marilyn Wagner	3/27	Emily Meysenburg

Anniversaries:

3/22 Bobby & Cory Allbaugh

March Altar Flowers

Given by:

In memory of:

During the Lenten season there are no altar flowers.

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?

John 11:25-26

March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 PM ECW @ Holy Apostles	2 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	3
4 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	5	6	7 7:00 PM Evening Prayer	8	9 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	10
11 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	12	13	14 7:00 PM Evening Prayer	15	16 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	17
18* 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service 4-6 pm Confirmation Class	19	20	21 7:00 PM Evening Prayer	22	23 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	24 9:30 AM Polishing silver
25 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	26	27 7:00 PM Community Holy Week Service @ Holy Apostles	28	29 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	30 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	31 7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter Service

*As third Sunday, March 18 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.