

TRINITY HORIZONS

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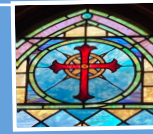
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! *By Deb Martin*

Holy Week brings all our emotions front and center. As we navigate the roller coaster of events and feelings that lead up to the unbelievable joyful news of Easter Sunday we can be left reeling in hope, doubt, shame and joy! That's quite a concoction of feelings! I think this stirring up is the point! We must all face our human nature and concede that at some time or other we have all cheered on, doubted, taken for granted, misunderstood, felt shame or shamed others. We've betrayed trust and run from troubles, people, situations, our faith and convictions. We have all been a doubting disciple, a taunting crowd, a hopeful blind man, a beggar, a judge and jury, a convert, a follower- over and over! Jesus offers us all the core light of hope, unconditional love and acceptance, forgiveness and redemption. In his life and death he was only concerned for our wellbeing, for the salvation of our souls, for relationship with us. After Jesus's resurrection he was witnessed living by many. Not one did he admonish for not standing up for him. He offered love and understanding and hope to all he encountered. A deep heart binding relationship with Jesus was also the point! After all Jesus endured for us, and because of us, we can experience a sense of deep repentance and trust in HIM and HIS WAYS. *Continued on Page 2>*

One Session Left: The Colors of Lent Study

Please join us for our final study day of the series this coming Wednesday, April 5th at 11 am - noon at the Madison Valley Public Library.

Mark your Calendar



Upcoming Church Schedule Sunday service: 11 AM

April 2nd

Reader: Burleigh Leonard

April 9th EASTER

Reader: Dawn Conklin

April 16th

Reader: Bev Bishop

April 23rd

Reader: Melissa Smith

April 30th

Reader: Vurnie Barnett

More Events for your Calendar!

April 2nd

Spring Spruce Up SUNDAY WORK PARTY!

Wear work clothes to church and lend a hand after the service as we clean and polish up the church for Easter.

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Observe HOLY WEEK Traditions At Trinity Church

April 6th- Maundy Thursday
Foot Washing at 5 PM

April 7th- Good Friday
Stations of the Cross at 3 PM

April 8th- Anita Ames Memorial
Service at 11 AM

This trust will develop faith. Faith will keep us steady and strong, turning toward HIM in hard times and good times. Understanding that Jesus is our bridge to peace and eternity is essential. HE died for us. HE rose to redeem us. Jesus offers to fill in our gaps to make us more than we could ever be on our own. As he hung upon the cross he offered salvation to his neighbor and unexplainable compassion to all who were persecuting him. "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do". It is Finished!... And yet it was just beginning! At the moment Jesus died the skies became turbulent and it got dark. The veil in the Temple tore from top to bottom! Jesus body was lowered and given to his mother for burial. On the third day the tomb was found with the stone rolled away! How can this be? Inside an Angel sat next to the empty body wrappings and told Mary... He is not here. He has risen! Go tell the others. Jesus had conquered death? Jesus is ALIVE! And So... the 50 days of Easter begin- a time of great joy and celebration of resurrection power and all it means to believe and follow Jesus as a Christian. HE LIVES in us and through us forever more! Jesus died, he rose from the dead and HE will come again in Glory!

Winter Will End- AMEN! I believe we are all feeling a bit winter weary. Snow and ice gave way to deep puddles and slippery mud... where are my rubber boots? Now it's back to more snow, frozen mud and ice... I keep chanting, "April snow showers will bring May flowers"! Today March is going out like a lamb! Spring is slowly winning the battle against winter! The longer light of day is fabulous! I saw sand hill cranes flying overhead. Songbirds are arriving. Many of our beloved "snowbirds" are coming home and we are so happy to see you all. May spring softly nestle in and encourage us all to grow... in kindness, community, faith and love. *By Deb Martin*

TRINITY VESTRY REPORT

The Vestry met on March 12th. We are pleased that income and pledges are up 15%. Winter expenses have impacted the current budget but we expect this to smooth out over the next couple months. Propane costs have jumped and we have the new, but very positive, expense of snow removal for the church.

New projects for April include shopping for a new copier/printer, finalizing and completing the Church Member Directory and finalizing the contract and schedule for the re-roof project.

The Vestry is working on a Vestry Member Calendar for April through the summer to document who is away when and Roles and Responsibilities for anytime Reverend Jaime is not present.

The Garden remains snug under a blanket of snow! Garden plots are still available. Contact Margaret Chaika for the 2023 Garden Guidelines and an Application if you are interested in a plot. (801) 631-5848 or mmchaika@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: ANYONE interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry is welcome. Knitters, Crocheters, experienced or willing to learn, **we need YOU!** This is truly a labor of Love and the ripples of blessing flow out far and wide. Contact Reverend Jaime if interested.

Our Prayer Chain Warriors are here for you! For prayer requests contact: Reverend Jaime at Rev.jaimeinmt@gmail.com or Bonnie Matzick at matzdbon@gmail.com