

THE NEWSLETTER
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**Worship Services 8:00 am in
person and online on Facebook.**

Celebration-wise, that first Easter was very much unlike what ours has been...

The readings from the Gospels, the four portraits of Jesus' life and ministry, don't tell us everything about Jesus' resurrection but we get just enough to know the important parts of the story. The miracle, of course, of that first Easter of Jesus being raised from the dead was to happen only once, so certainly that part is in and of itself unique. But think about these other facets of the first Easter: There is no celebration, which is curiously missing. There's no shouting, singing or dancing. No trumpets or Hallelujah choruses. Instead, there is surprise, fear and doubt. We can understand these emotions, given the incredible circumstances of the resurrection. And yet, too, it does seem strange that the very center of our faith, Jesus being raised from the dead and defeating sin, death and the devil, involved no parade, no concert, or so much as a garage party!

Just a week before his resurrection, Palm Sunday had fanfare. Hallelujahs of joy and palm branches were tossed to the ground as Jesus returned to Jerusalem in triumphant glory. Then there would be darkness, torture and death for our Lord between the palm occasion and the resurrection

We live on the other side of resurrection. It has great meaning now, and little or no surprise and fear. Perhaps, though the story may still hold some confusion, wonder, and doubt. Even a faith-filled life includes these elements [and you are most welcome to visit with me about these]. We will try once again during Holy week, from Palm Sunday April 10th through April 17th Easter Day to recapture some of the key accounts that took place for our Lord. Continually hearing the story and reflecting upon it is good for us and our faith. The words, "Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia" as chanted by your neighbor in worship has its own witnessing power.

Continued blessings to you during this Lent and coming Eastertide as you listen to these storied accounts of Jesus—his ministry, the passion narrative, and the glorious resurrection. And may you see yourself in these accounts of Jesus' life, to imagine what those accounts were like.

Grace and peace in these days,

Pastor Christensen



Deadline for
May Newsletter
is 04/24/2022

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Birthdays

Evan Schmoll	2
Jackie Schmoll	3
Dylan Freerksen	5
Andrew Narveson	5
Dennis Hester	8
Lyla Bowman	10
Brent Freerksen	11
Deegan O'Neil	11
Beverly Rohwer	30
Ellie Freerksen	30

Anniversaries

Chris and Lisa O'neil 16

Readers

April 3	Tyler Kispert
April 10	Kathy Bartz
April 17	Kelly Amunrud
April 24	Janet Bugarin

Counters

April 3	Kelly Amunrud and Shawn Lepp
April 10	Kathy Bartz and Kim Marquardt
April 17	Kelly Amunrud and Shawn Lepp
April 24	Dale and Lona Jensen

If you are unable to do your duty on the assigned Sunday, please find a substitute.

Book Study "Seculosity"

A Zoom study on the book "Seculosity" by David Zahl will take place on Thursdays, at 6pm, led by Pastor Chad and Lutheran intern Alex Aakre. This book explores religion and its intersection with secular areas of technology, career, politics, and other parts of our personal lives. The **final** book study meeting will be on April 7th at 6pm.

Puzzle Competition

Sunday, April 24th, 1pm-4pm

Get your team together(2-4) and see how fast you really are at putting together a puzzle.

This is a friendly competition of who can put together their puzzle the fastest. Food, prizes, and fellowship.

WWAP gatherings are going to resume in April!

They will meet on Saturdays for the next few months to see how that works.

Saturday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. at church, is the first meeting so please mark your calendars and invite friends.

Pot luck snacks would be great. This will be a week earlier than our 3rd week of the month because Easter is April 17th.

Liaison Committee

DC UMC and Trinity Lutheran, West Concord have established a committee of two representatives each to meet and discuss the sharing of pastoral services. Topics like worship times, mutual events, and joint ministries will be explored. Lisa O'Neil, president, and Beth Hanggi, Staff-Parish Relations committee chair,

Food Safety Class

Sunday, April 3rd, 9am-12:30pm

After coffee fellowship.

This is for members and others who would like to brush up on their safe food handling and laws that pertain to serving the public.

Sunday School News

April Lesson – Easter: Go and Tell

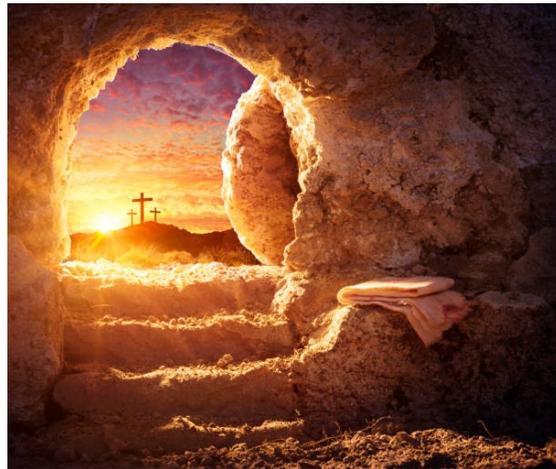
Main Idea:

The resurrected Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded. The unit uses the Bible story included in Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20. All four Gospel writers tell the story of Jesus’ resurrection. Details differ, but all tell the same message: Jesus lives! Details differ, but all agree that women were the first to hear that good news.

Objectives:

Children will explore the following concepts...

- ~ Jesus rose from the dead.
- ~ Through Jesus, God offers new life to people everywhere.
- ~ Jesus expected his followers to continue the work he started.
- ~ What Jesus told his followers applies to Jesus’ disciples today
- ~ Each of us has unique abilities we can use to tell the good news of Jesus.



Sunday School Schedule 2021 – 2022 (Updated February 2022)

Date	Lesson
April 3, 10	Easter: Go and Tell (Matthew 28:19)
April 10 Palm Sunday	Palm Processional & Heifer Int. Noisy Offering
April 17 (EASTER)	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 1, 15	Pentecost (Acts 2:4)



Our church will be collecting money for Heifer International, beginning **March 20** through **April 24**.

This is our 10th year that we have been collecting money to send to Heifer International. Our goal has always been to raise \$1,000 or more. Last year, we collected \$735.00. Since 2012, we have donated \$7,638 to Heifer International. Wow! Thank you for your continued support!

Join us **Sunday, April 10** for the children's annual **parade of palms** and a **NOISY offering** of coins. Collect your coins and bring them on Sunday, April 10. Due to Covid mitigation strategies, please put your donations in the cans as you arrive to church. Cash and checks are also accepted. You can make checks out to Dodge Center UMC and put "Heifer International" in the memo section. We will collect money through Sunday, April 24. There is a table set up at church for your donations so you can bring a donation in any time. For more information on Heifer International you may go to www.heifer.org.

Total Collected	
GOAL	\$1000
	\$975
	\$950
	\$925
	\$900
	\$875
	\$850
	\$825
	\$800
	\$775
	\$750
	\$725
	\$700
	\$675
	\$650
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	\$375
	\$350
	\$325
	\$300
	\$275
	\$250
	\$225
	\$200
	\$175
	\$150
	\$125
	\$100
	\$75
	\$50
	\$25

You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

Free Ham Dinner

(open to anyone in the community)

DINE IN and curbside available

Wednesday, April 20

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dodge Center United Methodist Church

1st Street and 1st Avenue; Dodge Center



DCUMC: Pastor Chad's report for 1/13/22 to 2/3/22

Home/phone visits: 4

Pre-marriage/wedding planning visits: 0 Weddings: 0

Nursing home or facility visits: 0

Funerals: 0 Vacation days 2022: 0 Sick days: 0

Pastor Chad's Ministries & Activities:

Planning for Sunday worship (some nuanced changes in worship, including contemporary music and incorporating confession into the service)

Creating mid-week devotions

DCUMC Adult caregiver support group moderator, 2nd & 4th Thurs. at 6:30p

Confirmation instruction – two students every other Wed.

Pastor's text study with Kenyon area Lutheran and Methodist pastors (weekly)-sometimes I attend in Zumbrota

Learning about live stream camera use

Year-end recording and record keeping

UPCOMING Ministries & Activities

Planning general Sunday worship

Sustain ministries listed in above section

Planning for Lent (Ash Wed. is March 2)

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Friday-Saturday: Pastoral visitation and final prep for Sunday

Mon: day off; Pastor Chad's mobile number: (call/text) **507-517-4160** --End—

DCUMC: Pastor Chad's report for 2/4/22 to 3/3/22

Home/phone visits: 6

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Nursing home or facility visits: 0

Funerals: 0 Vacation days 2022: 0 Sick days: 1.5

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Preparing for Lenten worship

Served on-call for emergencies for Holden & Dale Lutheran, Kenyon (just for Feb.; they are without a pastor)

Attended Dodge County pastor's prayer meeting, Feb. 3

Wrote Dodge County Independent newspaper article for Feb. 17

UPCOMING Ministries & Activities

Planning general Sunday worship

Lenten Wednesday worship live stream at Trinity will take the place of my devotions for March and up to Easter.

Participate in Lenten book study, Thurs nights via Zoom, led by Trinity Intern Al (we have four DCUMC members attending)

Attend Wartburg Seminary Rural Ministry Conference, March 6-8

I've been attending Triton boys and girl's basketball games

Puzzle Challenge Event hosted by DCUMC, Sunday afternoon, March 20

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Sunday School Food Safety Class 9am-12pm	4	5	6 Confirmation Class meets at 7:40pm	7 Adult caregivers meet at 6:30 pm Final book study at 6pm "Seculosity"	8	9 WWAP Meeting 9:30am
10 Sunday School/ Noisy Offering	11 Holy week begins!	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00pm	15 Good Friday! Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran in West Concord at 6:00 pm	16
17 Easter Day / Palm Sunday Easter Service at 8:00am	18	19 Ad Council 5:30 pm	20 Community Free Dinner Confirmation Class meets at 7:40pm	21 Adult Caregivers meet 6:30 pm	22 Earth Day	23
24 Puzzle Competition 1-4pm	25	26	27	28	29	30