

Easter Message From the Pastor



Truly, even though this winter was so much less intense than last year's record breaking snow and cold it still seems to have been such a long winter.

Many of you have commented or inquired about Easter being early this year. Not really. It just came rather late last year. We have had both earlier and later Easters. One day I will actually chart that out. Here is what I know for sure. Spring and Easter are here even though it may not feel like spring at this moment. I mentioned last Sunday (the last Sunday in March) that I already have a couple pairs of robins playing in my yard and I noticed little green sprouts popping up from beneath the cold earth as I walked through thinking about my gardens. It must be spring!!

As we finish this Lenten season the first week of April and enter into Easter remember it is just like the transition from winter into spring. During what seems to be the endless cold dark days of winter, we start to experience the new life that rises up from what we once were sure was dead. That is what the Easter season offers us as well, to seek and experience new life, new life in our congregation and new life for ourselves.

This Lenten season was a powerful season for me as I hope it was for you filled with reflection, preparation and discernment. We spent time this Lenten season considering our own personal journey through the wilderness into Jerusalem. We prayed about what we bring to the cross and more importantly, what resurrection transformation we have come to expect in our own lives this Easter. Over the past weeks, we have been talking about discovering the Christ within us, to be the resurrected, living Jesus we know God has called us to be.

As we come into spring, expect the miracle of new life... to be transformed. Again, that is what Easter is all about. Some miracles are large and some are small, some require that we look for them. A number of them even require that we work to reveal them. However, if we do look, if we keep expecting them and are willing to do what God asks us to do; those miracle will just keep coming.

I am excited about what this Easter season has in store for us all, personally and as a community in Christ. I encourage you to keep your heart, mind and spirit open. Let us plan together, pray together, and work together. Let us prepare to be transformed.

I invite you all to participate in the Holy week services including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Easter Eve Vigil with Confirmation and affirmation and of course Easter morning Communion service. Invite those you have missed to join us and share in this time of personal renewal.

Take care and be well, Peace
Pastor Ken



Prayers for

Ellen Grimnes, Joe Tocco and family, David, Joe and Carmela, Doris Suess, Karen Marie, Mary, Barbara, Anne Enders, Leo Solomon, Tom and Sandy A & family, Carlene Kaniski, Erin, Sue, Kenny Murphy, Scott, Erin and Charlie, Jeremy, Brian, Carol, Rachel, Matt, Kenny Lindke



If anyone in our congregation will be celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary this year, please let Lynn Robertson, Stella Czenkus or Bev Kulman know so we can plan to help you celebrate with a coffee hour in your honor.

NEW GAS SERVICE

Anyone interested in assisting with the planning and work related to the connection to the new Natural gas service. This service should be available to us this Spring/Summer please contact Don Robertson by April 26.



K.I.D.S. in Distress

Please don't forget Kids in Distress is an ongoing project at St. James. A tote box is in the basement for your gently used clothing (especially children's jeans). Thank you for your support.



Food Pantry

The St. A's food pantry is in need of the following items:

Hamburger Helper, Jello, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cake Mix and Frosting.

Please remember the food pantry while you are shopping. The items can be left in the box in the vestibule. They will be delivered when the box is full so please help fill it.

CURRENT ✓ NEEDS



Communion Elders

April

Don Robertson- Preparing
Jerry Lindke- Serving
Kim LaDuke- Serving



Ushers & Greeters

April

April 5 - Open
April 12 - Carole & Al Bryant
April 19 - Bob & Teri Wagner
April 26- Open

Liturgist April

April 5 - Gordie Kulman
April 12 - Bev Kulman
April 19 - Teri Wagner
April 26 - Open

Altar Care April

Kim LaDuke

Scripture Readings for April

Sunday, April 5

*Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 25:6-9
*Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
*1Cor 15:13-25
*John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Now What?

Sunday, April 12

*Acts 4:32-35
*Ps 133
*1 John 1: 1-2:2
*John 20: 19-31

Marks of Faith

Sunday, April 19

*Acts 3:12-19
*Ps 4
*1 John 3: 1-7
*Luke 24:36b-48

Christ Among Us

Sunday, April 26

*Acts 4: 5-12
*Ps 23
*1 John 3: 16-24
*John 10: 11-18

Enfolded by Love

Work willingly at
whatever you do,
as though you were
working for the Lord
rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23, NLT



Invitation to our St. James Church Family

Please join us in Celebrating

In Mark Pittman's Eagle Ceremony

When: April 29th 2015

Where: Zuccaro's Banquets

46601 Gratiot Ave

Chesterfield, Mi 48051

Time: 6:00 Pm

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