



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.*

## **Spiritual Care Newsletter**

### **Devotion from Pastor Tim**

*“Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.” Matthew 28: 1-7*

Easter has come to our world again this spring, with news of the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, proclaimed by the Christian Church throughout the world. As we celebrate the empty tomb of Jesus, we recall the stories from scripture of those days immediately after Jesus rose from the dead. This one in particular has always been a favorite of mine for many reasons.

It starts out as a rather humorous story, not exactly what you would expect from a story of two women visiting the fresh grave of someone they loved.

When they arrive, there is an earthquake, and an angel from heaven rolling the stone away from the tomb of Jesus, then the angel ‘sits’ on the gravestone! It’s almost as if the angel is mocking the sealed tomb, the ‘permanence’ of death.

The guards faint with fear, and I’m sure the women were a bit frightened too, to say the least. But the angel quickly speaks to them, words of comfort, amidst their fears. *“Do not be afraid.”* Messengers from God often speak these words to their frightened listeners in the scripture stories.

Many things in life tend to frighten us, sometimes to the very core of our being. Life is full of uncertainties. We know not what tomorrow brings. But into this world, into our fears, comes the message of Easter. *“Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.”*

A tomb could not hold him. Death could not keep him from us. *“He has risen!”*

We are an Easter people my friends. As surely as Jesus died for us, Jesus has come to bring us life! In our world filled with fears and sorrows, Jesus has conquered the grave, not just for himself, but for us all! *“Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead!”* *“Go quickly, people of God, and tell the ‘world’ that he has risen from the dead!”* Celebrate the joy of God’s eternal love! An empty tomb. A risen Savior. Hope for you, and for me, and for all of God’s creation! Thanks be to God!

Happy Easter! Pr. Tim

## April Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Apr 01 Easter Monday, April Fool's Day Apr 22 Earth Day

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Visit [OSL's April Calendar](#) to see the schedule of activities each day! Here are some highlights from the Spiritual Care Area:

### **Tuesday, April 2 at 10:00am--Friendship Club at Active Generations**

Friendship Club goes on the road for its next meeting: Head over to the east side Active Generations location, 5500 East Active Generations Place (east of S. Foss Ave., near E. 18th St.) and meet up with your OSL friends for a tour of the facility, followed by lunch. Greeters from OSL will be there to meet you, since Pr. Tim will be unavailable that morning. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. next Tuesday, April 2; try to be to Active Generations at least 10 minutes early.

### **Wednesday, April 3 from 4:00--6:30pm--Jana and Chad Farewell Party**

Jana Keller and Chad Mickelson have announced their plans to resign their respective positions as co-coordinators of the Library. You're invited to stop by the Library on Wednesday, April 3, for Cake & Poetry to celebrate their great work these past several years. Stop in between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. to greet Jana and Chad, and have a slice of cake! Stay for poetry at 6:30!

## **Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30pm--CPR/AED Training**

Join OSL Staff and members for CPR/AED Education (FREE) at the Public Safety Training Campus. Registration required at:  
<https://siouxfalls.enrollware.com/enroll?id=8671125>

### **Tiny Instincts**

by Jana Keller

As the sun sets  
do the January birds  
dread the immense of night?  
Or do their tiny lungs  
only inhale the here  
and exhale the now?

As I approach the feeder one more time  
do they view me  
from their lifted perch  
as a spine-bent shadow  
cloaking my face from the cold?  
Or  
do they acknowledge the abundance I offer  
and think I am god?  
Maybe even their doctrine—  
conducting the velvet curtains  
between night and the life of dawn?

Consistently, relentless and hopefully.

Back inside  
I scatter snowflakes off my coat,  
brew a cup of green tea  
and watch from the altar of my kitchen window.

The cardinal  
is always the last minute diner.  
Somehow he savors  
his insight  
that we have two more minutes  
of pearlescent sunset  
than yesterday.  
And he will sleep  
with this enlightenment  
under his crimson wing.

### **April Birthdays!**

Send someone you know a *Happy Birthday!*

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Birthday</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
Cathie	Egge	04-01	Greg	Cummings	04-11
Susan	Bies	04-02	Vida	Hitterdal	04-11
Lorna	Bolen	04-02	George	Larson	04-11
Shirly	Hillgren	04-02	Ronald	Nelson	04-11
Eileen	Quello	04-02	Eileen	Matson	04-12
Ray	Quam	04-03	Carol	Prouty	04-12
Janice	Godtland	04-04	Jacqueline	Sonstegard	04-12
Ron	Hofer	04-04	William	Held	04-14
Terri	Lee	04-04	Naomi	Oltmanns	04-14
Ben	Aning	04-05	Sharon	Dannenbring	04-15
James	Bork	04-06	Mary	Harmon	04-16
Sidney	Pederson	04-06	Rebecca	Hess	04-16
Sheila	Hazard	04-07	Dale	Olson	04-16
Martha	Lindbeck	04-08	Susan	Salem	04-16
Susan	Hoyme	04-09	Jeanine	Thomas	04-16
Roy	Rogers	04-09	William	Warren	04-16
Phyllis	Howell	04-10	James	Lunder	04-17
LaVonne	Johnshoy	04-10	Agnes	Steffens	04-17
Dale	Roemmich	04-10	Harry	Whelden	04-18

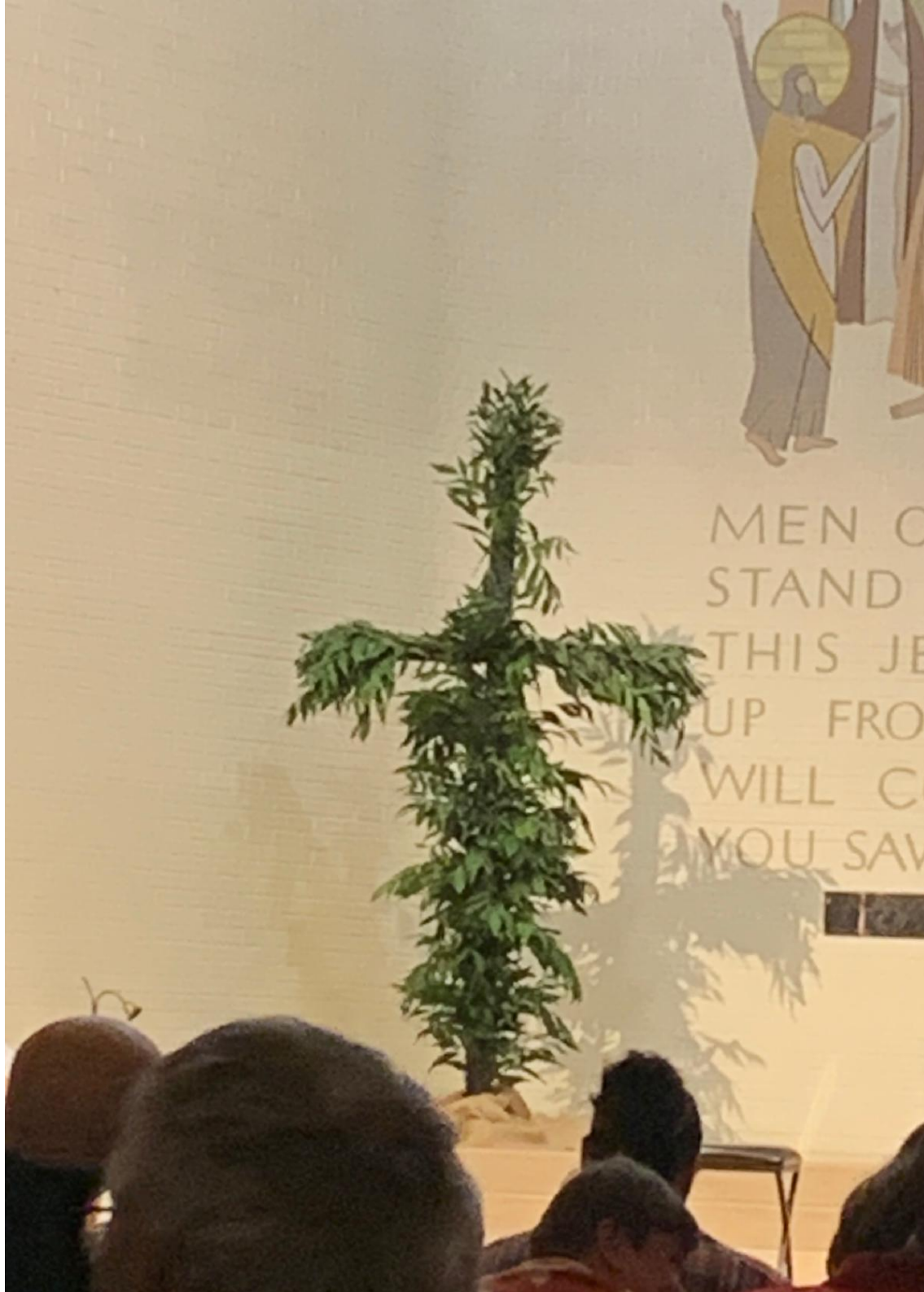
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James	Oakland	04-19	Joan	Fink	04-24
Saranne	Ensberg	04-20	Scott	Pribyl	04-25
Darlene	Kinnunen	04-20	Mark	Schempp	04-25
Ihlene	Rossing	04-20	Judith	Winter	04-26
Conley	Ruud	04-20	Pauline	Chan	04-27
Carol	Svoboda	04-20	Lyn	Neiman	04-27
Susan	Warren	04-20	James	Buren	04-28
Donna	Jipp	04-21	Barry	Nielsen	04-28
Richard	Petersen	04-21	Joel	Stevens	04-28
Hugh	Venrick	04-21	Dennis	Gale	04-29
Thomas	Bass	04-22	Dennis	Holzwarth	04-29
Linda	Driscoll	04-22	Joyce	Kaatz	04-29
Gail	Hanna	04-22	Sherry	Underberg	04-29
Gail	Hanna	04-22	Mark	Dunn	04-30
Marlys	Hass	04-22	David	Knudson	04-30
Millie	Carlis	04-23	Sheri	Olson	04-30
Debbie	Lovro	04-23	Daryl	Witt	04-30

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