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And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.¹ Acts 4:33

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

How does the Resurrection of our Lord impact your daily lives? Does it? It should but alas for many today, it seems as though the resurrection has no meaning. It happened in the past without any impact upon the future or present. They live their lives without a care in the world, gratifying their sinful desires, without even considering the future or eternity.

In the lives of the disciples and Apostles, the resurrection was a daily impact. They were daily proclaiming the resurrection of the Lord, sharing everything with each other as any had need, and God blessed their word by added daily graces upon everyone. This does not mean that everything was always joyous and happy. They had their own conflicts internally. They had the Pharisees and the rest of the Sanhedrin trying to kill them and stop them from proclaiming the resurrection. Yet, God gave them grace and joy, how? With the fact that they were counted worthy for bearing suffering for the sake of the name. With the fact that Jesus has Risen from the dead. He has defeated all of their, and our, foes, what more can they do? Sure, they might be able to destroy the body, but Jesus has saved the soul and one day will raise the body.

What about us? Does the resurrection have a daily impact upon us? Similar to the disciples and Apostles, it should give us daily joy. Because Christ has risen, He will never die again. He is daily alive for us. We live out our lives, daily remembering our own deaths. When did we die? We died with Christ in Holy Baptism and we were raised to new life with Him. Daily, we repent. We drown our sinful natures, our Old Adam, so that the new life that Christ has given to us, may live and be shown forth in our daily lives. With the strength of the Holy Spirit, we can daily proclaim the resurrection of our Lord through our thoughts, words, and deeds, always giving praise and thanks to God that our Lord lives and reigns forever and ever.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joshua Reinke

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Ac 4:33). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

T H A N K S TO

Everyone for cooking, setting up, cleaning, serving and attending the potluck meals during Lent.
Everyone who hosted a table for the Parade of Tables.
Everyone who donated to 1000 In Action and participated at the Parade of Tables.
The Youth for serving breakfast on Easter morning.
Kaye Franczyk for organizing the youth event on Easter.
Val Martin, Gloria Creek and Tristin Reinke for playing the organ and piano during our Worship Services.
Tristin Reinke for leading the voice choir and the bell choir.
The members of the voice choir and the bell choir for enhancing our worship services with these gifts.
Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **The LWML Montana District Convention will be held at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Polson from Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28.** Theme is “Tell Everyone What HE Has Done” based on Psalm 26:7 “*proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.*” Deb Burma is the key note and banquet speaker, and Debbie Yocky is the LWML representative from national. There is still time to register and forms are on the table in the hallway along with the most recent *Montana Missive*. Check it out!
- ♥ **Remember that Purple Pockets are due to Elsie Huss at the end of March.** This money goes to our missionary **Rev. Eric Stinnett** and the seminary there in Ethiopia. If you need a purple pocket, please see Elsie. Thanks for your continued support.
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will have the election of officers at the May meeting. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **The Lutheran World Relief Drive will be May 11, 2024.** More details are available in the most recent *Montana Missive* or in the church office.

Spring Voters meeting set

The Board of Directors has chosen **April 21 at 12 noon** as the Spring Voters Meeting. There will be a potluck meal at 12 noon and the meeting will begin around 12:30 PM after we eat. We will have the election of officers. Those positions that will be elected are chairman, secretary, treasurer, education director and evangelism director, elders and trustees. If you would like to serve the Lord and the members of Peace in any of these positions, please contact Chairman Greg Franczyk.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates have been set for **June 17 through 21, 2024 from 8:30 AM to Noon**. Children through grade 6 are welcome to come and join us for crafts, study of God’s Word, music, snacks, and play time! Children older than that are welcome to come and be helpers. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Linda Aguiar or Pastor Reinke. There is a shopping list of items that we are collecting for VBS on the back page of this newsletter.

Ladies Bible study schedule

March went out like a wintry lion giving us some much-needed moisture for our farmers and ranchers. Also benefiting from the snow melt in April are the first wildflowers of spring. The third week of April will see the lavender pasqueflowers and bright yellow bells blooming in the foothills. Look for a small bouquet of them in the church office.

Some of those foothill posies will also be found on the table at the Friday Ladies Bible Class, which is nearing the end of their study of the book of Mark. Come and join them at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South from 1-3pm on April 5th, 12th, and 19th.

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be at the following locations. On Friday, April 5th they will be at The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South from 10:00-10:45am. Treat yourself on Friday, April 26th at 11:45am for the no host lunch at El Comedor, 1120 25th Street South. Afterward join the fellowship with residents at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South.

On Wednesday, April 10th at 2:30pm Pastor Reinke will be leading a worship service at The Lodge, where we have a resident from each of our three Missouri Synod congregations. Pastor Reinke will be at Highgate Senior Living for worship at 1:30pm on Monday, April 15th, which has two residents from Peace. These residents love to see friends from the "home church." This ministry has the double enrichment of serving our own church members and outreach to the Great Falls community.



April Anniversaries

April 12 Jeff and Vonnie Blomgren

Baptismal Anniversaries

April	2	Karen Birkholz
	5	Trisha Hasselstrom
	8	Carol Thurston
	10	Blair Johnson
	12	Gary Creek
	17	Atley Johnson
	17	Bailey Johnson
	17	Kole Johnson
	17	Taylor Martin
	26	Darrell Greenwood
	26	Hunter Denning

Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of your meal proceeds to them! Easy! Go between **5 and 9 PM on April 16!**

Ushers for April

April 7	-----	Greg Franczyk
	-----	Arnie Gidlow
April 14	-----	Pat Lewis
	-----	Andrew Onstad
April 21	-----	Kevin Aguiar
	-----	Peter Doscher
April 28	-----	Pat Lewis
	-----	Arnie Gidlow



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 10 year old with liver cancer
- Marylan Dallum** – health issues - Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – health issues - Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Mary Ann Haugen** – health issues
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Bruce Kempf** – health issues
- Rachel Manley** – cancer
- Val Martin** – recovering from a fall
- Eloise Morehead** – health issues
- Becky Schlund** - MS
- Steven Schlund** - Parkinsons
- Charlene Schotley** – health issues
- Van Oman family** – health issues - Fort Benton

The family of **Ruth Johnson** from the deaf congregation who died on March 19.

Family Night resumes

On **Wednesday, April 10** Family Night will resume with a breakfast themed potluck meal at 6 PM. Pastor Reinke will continue the study of Christ in the Old Testament.

