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Easter 2017

I ran across a folk tale for Easter about three little trees that stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. The year it was written was unknown and the author anonymous. I am paraphrasing the story for Easter.

Once upon a mountaintop, stood three little trees with big hopes and dreams for the future. The first one gazed upon the stars and said "I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and precious stones. I will be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world."

The second one looked at the small stream flowing on its way to the ocean. "I want to be carrying powerful kings and travel mighty waters. I will be the strongest ship in the world."

The third little tree looked down into the



valley below where men and women worked many hours and said "I do not want to leave the mountain. I wanted to be the tallest tree and when people look at me, they will give thanks to God and the grandeur of heaven."

Time went by and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain and went to work. The first wood cutter looked at the first tree and with a swoop of his ax, the first tree fell. "This will become a beautiful chest loaded with treasures."

The second wood cutter said "This tree is strong and this will become my ship to travel mighty waters."

The third woodcutter said "Any kind of tree will be good for me" and the third tree fell.

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The first tree was brought to the carpenter's shop but the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feed box for animals. The second tree was brought to a shipyard and instead was made into a simple fishing boat. The third tree was confused because all he wanted was to remain in the mountain and point to heaven and reveal the glory of God. The tree was cut into strong beams and left in the lumber yard.

Days passed by quickly and therefore the dreams of the trees were forgotten. Then one night, golden beams of light poured over the first tree. The mother placed her newborn child in the feed box. "This manger is beautiful," the mother said to her husband. The tree was holding the greatest treasure of all.

The second tree was out in the lake with a group of weary men and all of a sudden there was a storm. Fear was in the boat. A gentle man in the boat, got up and stretched his hands and the wind and the sea obeyed his command. He was the Messiah.

The third tree was startled because he was yanked from the woodpile and heard voices of men and women, some weeping and some laughing. A man was brought forward and was nailed to the tree. He was innocent of the charges and yet he was condemned.

The third tree knew that God's love changed everything. People gazed at the tree and the glory of God in heaven was revealed.

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It is a simple story of God's redeeming love. Sins forgiven. Life restored. This is the Jesus way.

Come and join us in worship to honor Christ the King. From the cradle to the grave, to the day of Resurrection, God demonstrated His power forever more!

We rejoice because He lives!

Rev. Romir R. Esguerra



**Community
Crisis
Center**

by Sally Donaldson

Dear Church Family,

The Crisis Center is always in need of so **many different things**. At the present time they are in need of the following items: Powdered laundry detergent (HE formula), fabric softener sheets, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher powder/liquid, bleach, cleansers, SOS pads, dishcloths, towels, sponges, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic storage bags, plastic drinking cups and cereal bowls, flatware, kitchen utensils, large storage containers with lids ground coffee (regular and decaf), bath towels, washcloths (new or gently used), box and oscillating fans.

In addition, the Crisis Center is also in need of the following **food items**: Non-perishable canned and boxed goods, canned items with pop top lids, canned fruit, soups, Ravioli, Spaghetti's, sloppy joe mix, applesauce, cereal, pasta and sauces, saltine and graham crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, fruit and pudding cups, juice boxes, instant tea, soft drink mixes.

Baby needs: disposable diapers (larger sizes and pull-ups), diaper wipes.

Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner

Please place your items in the CCC bin located in the cabinet, left of the desk in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your generous donations. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Holy Week Services

April 9

Palm Sunday with Palm processional (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)

April 13

Holy Thursday and Lord's Last Supper (7:30 p.m.)

April 14

Good Friday (7:30 p.m.) Please check the news item for details.

April 16

Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast (6:30 a.m.)

Easter Morning Service (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)

Easter Egg Hunt (10:15 a.m.)



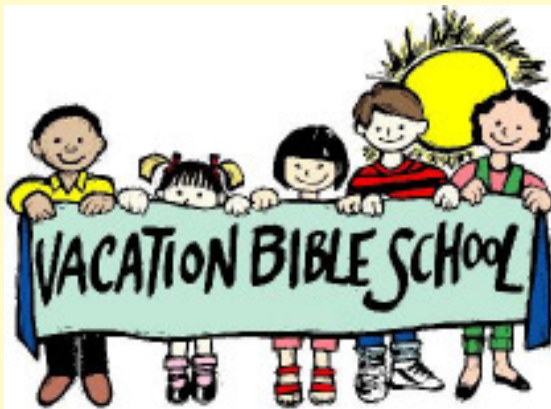
by Marianne Rogenski

Education News:

Easter Egg Hunt for all children is in the courtyard (weather permitting) on April 16, 10:15am. Invite your friends and neighbors and come for the fun!

If you would like to donate candy, please have it in the church office by April 2.

The last day of Sunday School for this school year will be May 21. After that there will be one worship service, at 10am, for the summer. During the summer there is NO Sunday School.



Vacation Bible School will be July 17-20 in the evening! Mark your calendars!

Youth News:

April

- 2 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 9 The Gathering 6:30-8:30pm
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- 16 Happy Easter! NO YOUTH GROUP
- 23 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
- 30 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm

May

- 7 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm
End of the year celebration!



Our **Appalachia Service Project** trip is June 10-17. We are currently looking for 2 more adults. If you are interested please contact Marianne.

Next meeting is the day retreat on May 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Austin Calderwood	Apr 2
Lili Coary	Apr 3
Aiden Babb	Apr 11
Doyle Watson	Apr 28



*(as you've never
experienced it before)*

You are invited and encouraged to join us during Holy Week for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services (April 13, 14, and 16)!

Maundy Thursday will be a candlelight Holy Communion service **in the round** led by our praise team **beginning at 7:30**. Pastor Romir will offer a meditation and allow time for personal prayer and reflection. We will then serve the bread and “wine” to each other as we remember Christ’s last supper with his disciples.

Good Friday you will find parts of our church transformed! Upon entering, you will walk through the “Garden of Gethsemane” to the foot of the cross. Once all have arrived, the service, led by Pastor Romir and the chancel choir, will begin. At its conclusion, you will be directed to the tomb for a time of prayer, reflection, or meditation.

Plan to arrive between 7:15 and 7:30, depending on how much time you wish to spend in the garden and at the cross before the service begins.

Easter Sunday, He is Risen!! There will be a **6:30 sunrise service** with breakfast included. The services of celebration at **9:00 and 10:30** will be led by Pastor Romir, the chancel choir, and the praise team.

There will be an **Easter egg hunt** for children at **10:15**. Bring your own basket or bag.

There will be no Sunday School.



UMM Breakfast Meeting *April 8, 8:00 a.m.*

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m.

Help Process Your Giving

Numbered giving envelopes make processing your giving easier BUT it also helps to include your name on the envelope.

Processing your giving starts by entering the envelope number into the computer and continues by verifying the name written on the envelope.

Please help us avoid errors. Thanks.

United Methodist Women

We had a wonderful UMW meeting and Pot Luck dinner on Tuesday, March 14. We are thankful for the informational presentation by Susan Jackson. Last year she went with a mission team to South Africa where they helped care for needy children in the area. She shared a DVD that featured pictures of the mission team and the children they served. We also discussed upcoming UMW events for 2017 and participated in a few fun games. "Happy Spring" prizes were given to the game winners (see photo).

All women of the church are invited to be part of Our Redeemer's United Methodist Women. We have lined up a variety of exciting activities for 2017. We guarantee that you'll experience good fellowship, friendship and fun. Our future events are featured below, including our upcoming Retreat on May 5 & 6.

Retreat at Wesley Woods

Williams Bay, WI

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6

Women of the Bible will be our Bible Study Program.

Last year's retreat was awesome and hope that you will be part of this year's weekend. We can take reservations with payment as late as April 21 if you aren't sure at this time.

Contact Pam Miller with questions or to make reservations.

Email pmiller619@sbcglobal.net

Phone 312-339-0783

2017 United Methodist Women Future Event Schedule

TUESDAY, June 6- 6:30 p.m.-**Annual Salad Supper & Business Meeting** / Program: Speaker & Video

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – 6:30 p.m. – **Quarterly Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting** / Crafts for a Cause

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - **Heavenly Treats**/ Before & after Church Services/ ORUMC- Wesley Room / Set up on Saturday, November 18- Bring your baked goods

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5–6:30 p.m.- **Holiday Potluck Dinner & Business Meeting** / Program: Holiday Fun / 2017 Allocations & 2018 Budget/ White Elephant gift exchange

Spring Sales

Unfortunately UMW will not be hosting a Rummage Sale at ORUMC this year. However, we will sponsor a week at Saver's as we have done in prior years - dates and details to be announced .

Also, if you are planning a garage sale UMW owns clothing racks that can be 'rented' for your garage sale for a nominal fee. Contact the church office for more information.

Pottery and Art Fun

UMW Ladies night out is coming! It's at Art Fuzd Studio Friday night April 21, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

All women are invited to come have fun with ceramic painting, clay molding, or canvas painting at this 'Social Art Studio' just down the street from the church. You pay the studio directly, anywhere from \$4 and up depending on the piece you select, then the studio donates a percent of the profits to ORUMW. Snacks and fun will be provided for free!

All church, families, friends, and strangers are welcome to stop by Art Fuzd Saturday 4/22 and Sunday 4/23, anytime between 11 and 8 to make their own artwork creations. Just mention ORUMW and the studio will donate a percent of their profits to us!



Personal Notes



**Payton
Grace
Wolski**

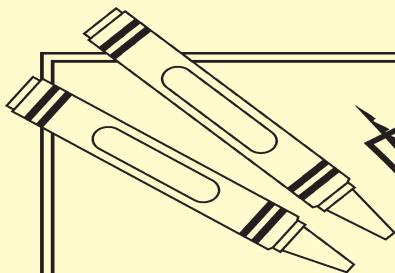
Congratulations to **Don and Mary Balk**. They are proud grandparents of a new baby girl, **Payton Grace Wolski**. **Payton** is the daughter of **Ashley and Kevin Wolski**.

Nursery Help

We are looking for some substitute adult child-care helpers for the nursery. If you are interested in helping either during the 9 a.m. or 10:30 service, please call **Kim Echtner**, 224-400-3459.

Communion Servers

We are looking for communion servers for the first Sunday of each month when we serve communion. We would like any and all members to serve – no extra training is required, just your presence on your date. We will provide instructions before your Sunday to serve communion. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and prayerfully consider helping with this ministry

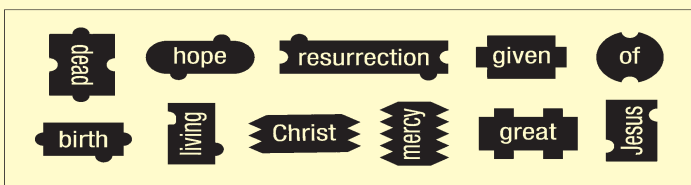


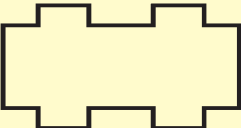

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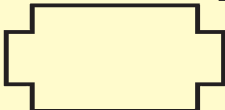
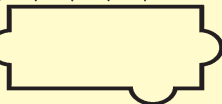
> NEW LIFE <



How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

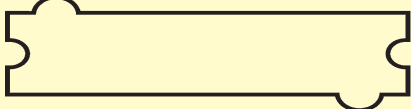
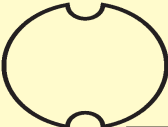
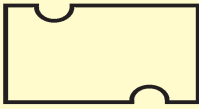
Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

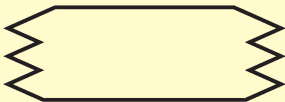
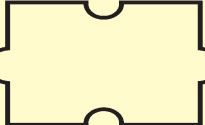


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Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV



EASTER FLOWERS

by JoAnne Gregorash



What a warm winter we enjoyed and now that spring approaches it is turning cold again. However, the weather does not affect how we anticipate Easter Sunday and the celebration of Christ's defeat of death and his glorious resurrection. What a wonderful way to express our joy and celebrate Jesus' resurrection by filling the church with flowers. These flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday as we worship the risen Lord and join together in praise that He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

We invite all who want to join in this celebration of Easter to join with us in in this very special celebration. Here at ***Our Redeemer's***, we as individuals purchase flowers and then "lend" our flowers to the church until after Easter, when they may be taken home. It is easy as we do all the work for you. We order them and arrange them for all to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Then you take them home and enjoy them there. I have been taking mine home each year and planting them in my garden. Each year come July my flower beds are full of East lilies!

To participate, you may order lilies or tulips or hyacinths. Please fill in the order form below and place with your payment in the beautifully decorated special basket located in the narthex, or in the offering plate. The price of this year's flowers is \$12.50 for lilies, tulips or hyacinths. ***Palm Sunday (April 9th) is the deadline for placing your order.*** I have promised our florist that I will phone in the order on Monday, the 10th without fail. ***We ask that you please order early to help with this goal.***

Name _____

Phone _____

Choose Lily (\$)_____ Tulip(\$)_____ Hyacinth (\$)_____

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