



Redeemer Radiates

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The Resurrection of Christ

An honest skeptic once asked a Christian pastor: “If it could be proven that Jesus Christ never rose from the grave--then what? The pastor thought for a moment, looked his questioner squarely in the eye, and replied:

- “Then for twenty centuries, a million martyrs have died for nothing.”
- “Then twenty centuries of Christian preaching have been nothing but a hoax and a lie.”
- “Then the faith of countless millions over the centuries has been totally in vain.”
- “Then all who believe in Jesus Christ are still living in their sins and will be eternally lost.”
- “Then those who have died trusting in Jesus Christ have perished.”
- “Then Christian people everywhere are of all men most to be pitied!”

There are many things in history that are open to debate. But the resurrection of Christ is not one of them. It is one of the most well-attested events in antiquity. And the Christian faith rests upon the historical reality of Easter. As Saint Paul so candidly put it, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17).

But on Easter evening, the risen Christ appeared to the women and apostles in the upper room. And over the span of forty days, our Lord appeared to many. On one day, Jesus showed himself alive to over 500 people at one time (1 Cor. 15:6). They were eyewitnesses to the fact that Christ was alive! If the resurrection were just an elaborate hoax, how do we explain the fact that all of the apostles (except John) gladly suffered martyr’s deaths? People simply do not die for something they KNOW TO BE A LIE.



Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, concluded that, “If all the evidence is weighed carefully and fairly, it is indeed justifiable, according to the canons of historical research, to conclude that the tomb in which Jesus was buried was actually empty on the morning of the first Easter. And no shred of evidence has yet been discovered in literary sources, epigraphy or archaeology that would disprove this statement.”

So what does Easter mean? It is the evidence that Jesus defeated the grave. It is also the evidence that God the Father accepted Christ’s Good Friday sacrifice as payment-in-full for all human sin. Moreover, Christ’s resurrection is the proof that believers will also rise to eternal life. Christ comes to you and me and says, **“Because I live, you shall live also”** (John 14:19).

May God grant us all a blessed Easter Season!

Pastor Grassley

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:

Jason Cook
Asst. Elder: Dan Ward



FLOWERS PLACED TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MAY:



- 7th The Freiberg Family in celebration of Alena's 14th birthday.
14th The Hotaling's in celebration of their 33rd anniversary.
The Freiberg's in celebration of their 16th anniversary.
28th Bettye Baird.

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY:

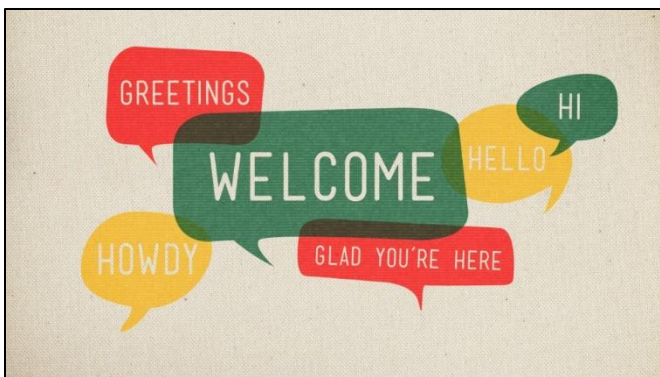
- 05/11 Alan & Georgia Hotaling (33)
05/12 Troy & Serena Freiberg (16)
05 16 Rick & Rhonda Carter (47)
05/24 Shane & Kourtney Jenke (3)



BIRTHDAYS IN MAY:

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| 05/02 | Kourtney Jenke | 05/15 | Eva Merritt |
| 05/04 | Angie Heitmeier | 05/20 | Richard Stuck |
| 05/05 | John Schatte | 05/21 | Anne Allen |
| 05/07 | David McGee | 05/21 | Duane Janssen |
| 05/08 | Alena Freiberg | 05/22 | Serena Freiberg |
| 05/08 | Gail Knutson | 05/26 | Diana Breitenfield |
| 05/09 | Linda Stuck | 05/26 | Bruce Goulet |
| 05/14 | Shane Jenke | 05/27 | Catherine Duarte |
| 05/15 | Jocelynn Collins | 05/27 | Mary McGee |
| 05/15 | Jackie Barber | 05/31 | Gilbert Gutierrez |





GREETERS IN MAY:

There are new sign-up sheets in the narthex for May and June. Please sign up today!

Board Information

Stewardship:

If you would like to be a member of our Prayer Chain Group, please contact the Church Office and we will add you to the email list. Prayer is such an important part of our purpose as Christians and it is a great way you can serve in our congregation. Please contact Rebecca Austin or the Church Office if you have any questions.

Another great way to serve? Sign up to be a Greeter! Sign-up sheets for May and June are posted on the Stewardship bulletin board. Thanks!

Mission Ministry:

Thanks to Kyle & Becca Austin, Tyler & Jordan Austin, Pam Butler, the Cook Family, the Freiberg Family, the Geffre Family, Curtis & Crystal Golden, Al and Georgia Hotaling, Brenda Hollar, Duane & Edna Janssen, Shane & Kourtney Jenke, the Moyer Family, the Pinkston Family, John Pinkston, John & Shirley Pitcher, Al Rearick, the Redeemer Youth Group, Larry & Tammy Riemenschneider, Roy & Leesa Schroeder, Eric & Amanda Skiles, Linda Stuck, the Thomas Family, Heather & Naturi Tyus, Dan & Nancy Ward, and Bill & Debbie Zulfer for being an Easter Angel Giver. Your Christian love and gift will bring joy and Jesus to LSSS foster children. Thank you so much for your generous support.

If you would like to work with us making Braille Bibles at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please join us at St. Paul on Friday, May 12th, at 7:00 pm. We really need help with this important work. Thanks.

Whole Person Health Ministry:

- **STOP THE BLEED:** This national campaign is to build resilience by better preparing the public to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies and man-made and natural disasters. Both the Elders and the Church Council recently approved this program for Redeemer. The Trauma Coordinator at Harris FW Hospital will come out and do the training. Watch for more details and time and date. We have requested the program for the second or fourth Sunday in June, following Divine Service. We hope to serve a light lunch followed by the 2-hour training. Seating is limited to 15, so we will have a signup sheet on the Narthex WPHM Bulletin Board beginning in mid-May. Should we have more people interested, we may be able to repeat the training perhaps later this summer. For questions on this or any of our programs, please see or call Donna Riccono.
- **CPR** course repeated this summer: Cathy Gonzalez and Donna Riccono will offer CPR again this summer, probably Saturday, July 29th. Watch for a sign-up sheet for this in early July.
- Cathy and Donna will be attending the 25th Annual **Concordia Conference for Parish Nurse and Congregational Health Ministries** on May 24 and 25th, in Mequon, WI. The conference costs are covered in the WPHM Budget, for which we thank the congregation. Generous donors to WPHM this past year has allowed us to also include some travel expenses for Cathy, attending the Conference for the first time. We are very grateful to those who have designated donations to WPHM.
- **NO MAY Blood Pressure screening** this month only, since we are away. To make up for May we will have Blood Pressure Screening both the first and fourth Sundays in June, avoiding usual 3rd Sunday which is Father's Day.
- **A MATTER OF BALANCE** workshop that we held at Redeemer in June of 2013 will be repeated. A few of the folks who attended that workshop have inquired and with new members at Redeemer who may be interested we are planning another workshop. Look at flyers posted on our bulletin boards, Narthex and Parish Hall, and the streaming Digital Frame in the Narthex for more information. This is an 8 week, 2-hours per week session that deals with those having a history of falls, or

fear of falling. It helps participants in mind and body to stay mobile while dealing with physical mobility problems. Again, for questions please just let me know. The workshop will be held on 8 consecutive Thursday mornings, September 21st through November 9th, from 10 am – 12 noon.

Closing this month with this prayer for our congregation: *“Dear Father, You’ve given me this sometimes fragile tent to wear here on earth, and I lift it up to You, the Great Physician. Please strengthen my body and grant me divine health. Help me to use wise choices that do not bring harm, but that bring life and promote vivacious well-being.*

You know the issues in my body, Lord. I stand in agreement with You for complete healing...I commit to serving You to the best of my ability, not using physical issues as an excuse, but allowing them to humble me and propel me deeper into Your presence. In the name of Jesus I thank You for healing and restoring every area of my body through Your mercy, loving-kindness, and amazing power. Amen”

(Copied with permission from Nuggets of Hope, Caring Hearts Ministry)

–Donna Riccono, Parish Nurse

Fellowship:

Please make plans to come to the reception for our Confirmands on Sunday May 14th, after Divine Service. Our confirmands are Alena Freiberg, Caroline Gutierrez, Katherine McGee, and Kathryn Moyer. The reception will be in the Parish Hall.

Do you have “Unfinished Projects”? UFO Night is on the 18th in the Parish Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Bring these ‘nagging’ projects and work on them in the company of your sisters in Christ. This is a great fellowship opportunity, so bring a friend and her UFO’s! Fellowship will provide desserts and drinks.

New Members Dinner: We will be welcoming our newest members, Tyler Austin, Christopher Gassner, and Dan & Margaret Shackelford, on Sunday,

May 21st, with a Pot Luck Dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to share as we welcome them to Redeemer.

Antiquing and Lunch Group: We are looking for input on the best Monday in June to visit Magnolia Farms in Waco. If you have ever seen “Fixer Upper”, you know all about Chip and Joanna Gaines and their Magnolia Markets! If you haven’t seen the show, check out their website at www.magnoliamarket.com. Don’t miss this one, folks. We are planning this on a Monday because the weekends there are so crowded. So...let Lori Penning or the Church Office know your preference of which Monday in June suits you and we will pick the most popular one. This is sure to be a great day, so don’t miss it!!

Please remember in your prayers: **Members:** Anne Allen; Bettye Baird; Elaine deTurck; Bruce & Ruth Goulet; Francis Graham; Mark Hinrichs; Betty Landy; Ray Landy; Avery Maurer; Eva Merritt; Gene Morones; Rev. Richard Nelson; Lori Penning; Judy Pitre; Charles Ruhmann; Genell Ruhmann; Bettie Schatte; John Schatte; Alan Schaubhut; Bill Skokan; David Thomas; Randy Thomas; Stormi Thomas; Ben Wagner; Mildred Wagner; BreiAnn Zickel (Schultze); Jeanette Zulfer. **Relatives of members:** William Allen; Jan Anderson; Sid Anthony; Bill Baird; Kala Barnett; Janet Bliss; Susan Boudreaux; Joe Busby; Ellie Jo Carberry; Meril Christenson; Jocelynn Collins; John Baars Connell; Dean Crocket; Shirley English; Pat Garnet; Alan Goulet; Andrew Graham; Glen Hammett; Nick Hansen; Bob Herrmann; Ed & Sue Herrmann; Craig & Trina Hotaling; Jeanette Hutchinson; Arleen Hayek; Louetta Lewis; Noelle Littlefield; Alison McMurray; Chuck Merritt; Kevin Neville; Jim Penning; Lynda Quirey; Brian Quiriconi; Carole Rannefeld; Ryan Robinette; Steve & Carolyn Saucedo; John Sergeant; Timothy Sherman; Brian Stevens; Matthew and Shantel Schatte; Jacob Thomas; Shelia Toland; Danielle Tyus; Pat Wyer. **Friends of members:** Kelley Adams; John Allison; Steve Briscoe; Elinore Cocca; Jolene Crowe; Carrie Ann Davis; Lauren DiGiovanni; Robert Edmonds; Terry Forsyth; Clair Hoelscher; Nancy Hood; Kyle Hopkins; The Aaron Johnson Family; Peg Kennedy; Bud McDaniel; Telina Manbek; Lisa Markham; Charlene Marroquin; Julie Miranda; Marshall Martinez; Lucille Pumphrey; Linda Riojas and daughters, Camilla Ryan; Zoe and Sage; Russell Rose; Dan Shackelford; Camilla Stephens; The Tamblyn Family; Tina Taylor; Bob Vacha; Stormi Helene Welches.

From “*Martin Luther Day by Day*”

May 5

“[God] leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.”
Psalm 68:6

The Captive Conscience



He who feels no sin will not be impelled to seek grace; he will pay no attention either to the Gospel or to faith. Therefore the Law is conscience’s jailer, chains, fetters, and prison. The Law points to sin and exposes it, and thus it takes conscience captive (Romans 4:15; 7:7, 8). God does not deliver us from these bonds whenever we deem it necessary, but He permits us to be humbled and tormented in them until we thirst for grace. Now He comes and gives us His Word, to which we cling, and leads us out of captivity. Thus we escape a terrified and despondent conscience, and we get a good and sure conscience. That is the twofold work and performance of Christ in us: He kills us, and He resurrects us; He humbles us, and he exalts us, each in His good season. . . .

From Commentary on Psalm 68 (Luther’s Works 13:7-8)

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	<p><u>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting</u></p> <p><u>7:00 PM Alan & Georgia Hotaling's LifeLight Class</u></p>	<p><u>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Class</u></p> <p><u>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study</u></p> <p><u>6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice</u></p> <p><u>6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Choir Practice</u></p>	<p><u>10:00 AM Quilting</u></p> <p><u>6:30 PM Christian Education Night</u></p>	<p><u>10:00 AM Grocery Bags for LSSS</u></p> <p><u>7:00 PM Board Meetings</u></p>	5	6	<p><u>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM LSSS Parent Award Ceremony</u></p>
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Confmration Day

10:30 AM Divine Service

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Reception for Confirmands

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting

7:00 PM Alan & Georgia Hotaling's LifeLight Class

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Class

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Choir Practice

10:00 AM Quilting

6:30 PM Christian Education Night

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM UFO Night

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10:30 AM Divine Service

12:00 PM New Members Dinner-Pot Luck

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6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Choir Practice

10:00 AM Quilting

6:30 PM Christian Education Night

7:00 PM The Ascension of Our Lord Service

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10:30 AM
Divine
Service

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Church
Office Closed

6:30 PM -
8:00 PM
Youth Group
Meeting

7:00 PM Alan
& Georgia
Hotaling's
LifeLight
Class

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10:00 AM -
11:00 AM
Tuesday
Morning
Bible Class

2:00 PM - 3:00
PM Ladies'
Bible Study

6:00 PM - 6:30
PM
Children's
Choir
Practice

6:45 PM - 8:00
PM Choir
Practice

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10:00 AM
Quilting

6:30 PM
Christian
Education
Night

1

10:00 AM
Grocery
Bags for
LSSS

7:00 PM
Board
Meetings

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Homeschool
Event