



View from the Cove



WELCOME to
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Your new newsletter
April & May 2014

Important Dates:

APRIL

- 9 - Deacons Meeting
- 9 - Women's Circle
- 12 - Story Time
- 16 - City Meeting
- 17 - Soup Supper
- 17 - Session Meeting
- 20 - Easter Breakfast
- 20 - Easter Sunday
- 26 - Story Time
- Easter Egg Hunt
- 27 - Bake Sale

MAY

- 4 - Potluck Sunday
- 8 - Session Meeting
- 14 - Deacons Meeting
- 14 - Women's Circle
- 17 - Story Time
- 25 - Bake Sale

- July 7-9 - VBS
- August 16 - Water Fest

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday Service 10 am
- Tues Office Open 9-1
- Wed Office Open 9-1
- Wednesday Bible Study 3:30
- Wednesday Choir 5:00
- Thurs Office Open 9-1

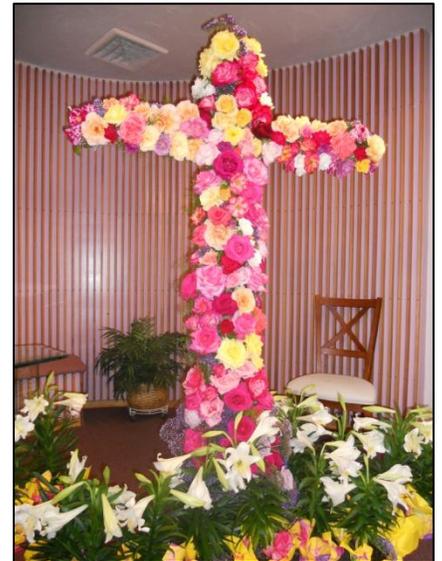
We have a beautiful addition to our rubber trees in the breezeway. Mama is handling the high winds very nicely and keeping her two tiny eggs safe. We are all anxious to see the babies when they hatch which I have learned takes 16-18 days. Her eggs were first spotted March 25th.



*Tiny
Easter
Eggs*

Holy Week Events

- ❖ Maundy Thursday Soup Supper will be at 5:00pm. Please sign up to bring soup and come enjoy this special time together.
- ❖ Easter Sunday will start early with a pancake breakfast from 8:30-9:30am. Please come hungry.
- ❖ On Easter morning please bring your flowers in to church before breakfast for Peggy to put together the cross.
- ❖ The children will be doing an Easter egg hunt the following Saturday, 26th, for any interested in coming to enjoy



Kids Cove Needs

If you are able to bring prefilled Easter eggs for the April 26th Story Time egg hunt please bring them by April 20th. Please make sure the candy is wrapped. Other items that can be used to fill eggs are; stickers, coins, small playdough, dollar store items, erasers, and anything else fun that will fit.



Pastor Lee's Corner



I recently preached on the devil's three temptations of Christ. We learn through this story who Jesus belonged to. His loyalty was to God. This story about Jesus' temptations got me to thinking about who each of us identify with, who we are loyal to.

You could say the devil's three temptations were all about Jesus' identity, who he belonged to. The first temptation involved the devil asking Jesus to turn stones into bread. If Jesus were a king, as the devil questions, a real king of the world would never want for food. This temptation addressed what kind of king Jesus would be – of the world or of God's world? In the second temptation, the devil questioned Jesus: if Jesus were truly God, he could perform all the miracles in the world including saving himself. Was Jesus to glorify himself or God? In the devil's third temptation, the devil offered Jesus kingship in Satan's realm if Jesus would worship him. Jesus' answer was quite telling: "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Jesus makes it quite clear who he identifies with – and it's not the devil. Jesus' relationship, Jesus' identity, is with God, his father.

There's something illuminating for each of us about these encounters with the devil. Jesus didn't resist with brute force or sheer will, but by taking refuge in his identify with God and the mission God had sent him on. Jesus refuses to define himself apart from his relationship with God. Jesus gave his loyalty only to God who created and sustains him – even when tempted.

Was this Jesus' only temptation in his life? No, he was tempted in the Garden of Gethsemane and when he was on the cross. In Gethsemane, he asked God if there was some way that he could avoid all the pain he was about to endure. On the cross, Jesus was tempted by those who mocked him. "If you are the son of God, come down from the cross."

What does this loyalty to God reveal about God's character? Jesus followed God's will even dying on the cross so we could know how much God loves us. While society tells us we're not worthy, Jesus' life demonstrates to us how worthy we are – how much God loves us no matter what the world says or how we may feel about ourselves on a certain day. Jesus didn't die on the cross so that we might be more acceptable to God or to make God love us. Jesus died on the cross to show us that God already loves us and declared that we are not just okay, but also treasured and precious. God, through Christ, has shown us that each of us is worthy of love, dignity, and respect. God has promised to be with us and be for us all of our lives. Jesus said, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As we approach Easter, remember that God has shown us through Jesus that each of us is worthy and to be treasured. Jesus and God love each of us. Jesus took refuge in his identify with God and the mission God had sent him on. Jesus refused to define himself apart from his relationship with God. Jesus gave his loyalty only to God who created and sustains him – even when tempted. How would your life change if you followed Jesus' example and defined yourself in relationship to God? Would you make different decisions? Would you change your behavior?

Pastor Lee

Children's Garden Update



Our Story Time and Children's Garden crew took the month of January off. A nice and needed break..... during which our Angel Buddy (Doug) with the big truck, stopped by the garden to deliver a truckload of fresh mulch to cover our large Heart. The portulaca needed a little boost after its long, cold winter sleep. Doug wheeled it in and I raked it over and watered it down. Already it's greening up. Thank you Lord! We have tomatoes galore, some good-looking Kale, some snap peas, and I even spotted a broccoli and a purple bell pepper. I see a salad coming up. Hope to plant some new seeds soon, if we get another load of dirt. Is anyone listening?

Another Angel planted some poinsettias to add a little color. Thank You, whoever, you are. It is a nice colorful addition.

I see the bulbs the children planted are starting to take hold and get green and Morning glories are sprouting up along the fence and in the hangers on the fence. I feel a Glorious Spring coming on. While in San Diego, I purchased a couple of dormant grape vines, which the children planted at our last meeting. A Thompson Seedless and a Red Seedless.

We have some cantaloupe, cucumbers, watermelon, and winter squash for April planting. We have had so many children at Church on Sundays, I put them to work planting Sunflower Seeds and watering. We have been busy bees.



A big thank you to whoever watered while I was gone, thank you to Murray for trimming the tree and to Ryan & Adam, Aiden, Isabel and Diana for planting the Sunflower seeds and watering after Church on Sunday. Now we're just waiting for more dirt from Doug and we'll be ready for our 2 April Story Times. It takes a village or so I've heard.



Submitted by Peggy Bakke, Chairman of the Children's Garden Backyard Ministry.

Teen Scene Update

The Spaghetti dinner was a huge success! We sold 50 + tickets, the Cove kids who went to camp were the servers and did a tremendous job. Congratulations, Kids, for a job well done and a big Thank you to the Congregation and Families who participated and supported them.



Alicia, Carlos, Bronn, Ashley, Alandra, Josue, and D'Marcos

We Suffer Because We Love



In Romans chapter 5 Paul says, "Rejoice in suffering. Suffering produces perseverance. Perseverance produces character." Going through the rivers of difficulty can either cause us to drown or force us to grow stronger building a strong character of ourselves and of our congregation.

When bad things happen we think we suffer. Which is right, but a German theologian, Jurgen Moltmann puts it in a different way:

"We begin to suffer from the conditions of our world if we begin to love the world. And we begin to love the world if we are able to discover hope for it. And we discover hope for this world if we hear the promise of a future which stands against frustration, transiency, and death. To be sure, we can find certainty only in complete uncertainty."



According to Moltmann, we suffer from our conditions of the world because we begin to love the world. We suffer from our condition of our church, our family, our children, and our neighbors because we begin to love them; because we are able to find hope for them. We can suffer because we love. How true it is! Loving parents are willing to sacrifice their lives for their children because they love their children. Jesus Christ came to the earth to suffer on the cross because He loved us; because He had hope for us; because He had the promise of our future.



When we love someone we can suffer with the person. This is how we can "rejoice in suffering." If there is love we can rejoice even in suffering. If we love, we can put up with it; we can hope for it and dream for a future. In the midst of suffering, we can build the characters of endurance, courage, and resilience. Even if our suffering easily erases possibilities and tells us that there will never end, and that there won't be a tomorrow, we who have hope in God can look at a blank page with endless possibilities; we can rejoice in suffering because we believe that "a clay pot sitting in the sun will always be a clay pot. It has to go through the white heat of the furnace to become porcelain." (Mildred Witte Struven, in *Bits and Pieces*, September 19, 1991, 6)

This is from my sermon, "Creative Suffering." In midst of our lent journey, I remember Jesus' suffering and learn that we suffer because we love. . .

Pastor Esther Shin

Prayer Calendar for April and May 2014

Birthdays:

APRIL

- 1 - Adam Rawlings
- 7 - Isabel Brown
- 7 - David Eason
- 17 - Barbara Barrett

30 - Gail Prosser

MAY

- 2 - Bob Barrett
- 4 - Ervin Syfert
- 4 - Patty Valdez
- 5 - Ryan Rawlings
- 10 - Mary Karr
- 21 - Julee Collins

APRIL 2014

1. Rena Rodman
2. Bill & Kay Sachs
3. Esther Shin
4. Larry & Cecile Shoot
5. Marge Stahl
6. Dorothy Susdorf
7. Ervin Syfert
8. Patty Valdez
9. Ray & Greta Venter
10. LaVida Warren
11. Noel White
12. Evelyn Woods
13. Beth Alfred
14. Martha Anderson
15. Jean Angus
16. Peggy Bakke
17. Bob & Barbara Barrett
18. Brenda Blackburn
19. Alma Boney
20. Doug Bridges
21. JW & LaDell Brown
22. Brown Family
23. Stan Byrde & Jeff Hoang
24. Julee Collins
25. David & Opal Eason
26. Carol Frances
27. Rebeka Franz
28. Dick Gampert
29. Murray Gibbard & Dell Morgan
30. Marti Haas

MAY 2014

1. Butch & Eloise Haltman
2. Ed Harbur
3. Winni Hockenbery
4. Laurie Holk
5. Kirk & Nancy Horton
6. Carol Hoskins
7. Helen Hyde
8. Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton
9. Hazel Jacobsen
10. Reed & Mary Karr
11. Betty Leehan
12. Arno Liechti & Mel Webster
13. Fern Miller
14. Jerry & Joy Moss
15. Pat & Annette Patterson
16. Jay Peck
17. Marlys Peck
18. Peris Family
19. Steve & Louise Pesce
20. Wayne & Mary Price
21. Gail Prosser
22. Nancy Pryor
23. Charlton Quinn
24. Rawlings Family
25. Sandy Rayner
26. Rena Rodman
27. Bill & Kay Sachs
28. Esther Shin
29. Larry & Cecile Shoot
30. Marge Stahl
31. Dorothy Susdorf

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Who We Are

We are a church family who care for each other and all of God's people. We celebrate worship each Sunday, thanking and praising God for the wonderful gifts generously given to us. We then go out into the world to share God's love with all we meet. We are strengthened for service and outreach through small group outreach activities and weekly Bible study. All are welcome to join us as we seek to glorify and serve our risen Lord.

Supporting Our Connections – From the Presbytery

One of the ways the members and churches of the Presbytery support the larger church is through the per capita apportionment. Each congregation is expected to contribute for 2014 \$35 per member to fund the support structure that allows us to be in ministry together. Most of our congregations pledge and contribute an additional amount to support the mission of the larger church, which allows us to engage in wider mission beyond our individual congregations.

Per capita funding:

- allows Presbyterians to mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future – i.e., provide mileage reimbursements for members to travel to Presbytery meetings;
- provides the organization and structure to offer training and development of church leaders;
- provides needed assistance in discernment for the calling of new pastors;
- provides for a structure to develop partnerships with wider missions, such as the partnership with Joining Hands Against Hunger in El Salvador.

Thank you for supporting these activities that spread God's Word and love.



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