

# THE SHIP'S MESSENGER

He is

Risen!



APRIL  
2020

JOIN US! Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday at 9:30 am via live-stream at [www.marcolutheran.org](http://www.marcolutheran.org)

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

By Pastor Tom Boeck



With all of the talk of pandemic, one might lose sight that Easter is almost here! Yes, the Super Bowl of the Christian Church year and we can't be in the sanctuary, or even on the beach for sunrise service!

The great news about the resurrection of Jesus is that His work has already been done, and it doesn't matter where we are, JESUS WON THE VICTORY FOR US OVER SIN, DEATH, AND SATAN!

We will have a unique communion service for Maundy Thursday this year. We will offer individual communion kits, which will consist of already consecrated elements in individually wrapped containers. Pastor Tom will consecrate the elements prior to distribution, and we will schedule pick-up at the church at specific times between Palm Sunday and before Maundy Thursday. These kits may be used during our live streamed Thursday evening service during the time of communion. This will allow you to participate in communion both virtually, and actually, as best as we can under the circumstances. If you are interested in participating in this unique communion service, please watch for announcements in the upcoming days.

Yes, Holy Week will be a little odd. We will celebrate Palm Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on a live stream. We will live stream Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. and Good Friday will also be live streamed at 7 p.m. In all of these services, we will glorify God and celebrate His work on our behalf. Because our God remains an awesome God, and one who is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving!

Easter Sunday will be celebrated in one service that will be live streamed at 9:30 a.m. We encourage you to join us for worship, virtually,

as we praise God for His gift of salvation through His Son. Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

COVID-19 can do nothing to change the fact that we have been redeemed and saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus! He has saved us from our sins and has shown us the way to eternal life with God, through faith in Him! We don't need to worry about things here. The Apostle Paul gave us good perspective on this in his letter to the Colossians. Colossians 3:1-3 (ESV) says: *"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."*

We are victorious in the resurrection of Jesus! Let's share our Easter joy with those who do not know him! (At safe social distances, of course) He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

With Resurrection Joy,

*Pastor Tom*

During this time of social distancing from the COVID-19 pandemic, all classes, meetings, and events have been canceled to comply with CDC and Health Department guidelines.

The church building is closed at this time without an appointment. The church staff are available during business hours. Please call the office if you have questions regarding cancelations.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dawn Snyder

Dear God,

You alone are worthy of all glory and praise! You are not shocked by the state of the world, and nothing is impossible for you. Today we are proclaiming that you will be glorified through this pandemic. Your name will be praised throughout the earth. Pierce the darkness. Shine brighter than the fear of death, loneliness, or economic ruin. Continue to draw this hurting world back to YOU. In Jesus name, Amen.

Dear Marco Lutheran Church Family,

I hope you and your family and friends are taking precautions and are in good health.

First, we want to thank Church Council for unanimously approving Pastor Tom Boeck to be our pastor.

The district advised us that this was the process for the appointment and that we did not need a congregational meeting or vote since he is already our pastor. We have changed his title from Associate Pastor to Pastor. Pastor Ken is ending his preaching early due to us returning to one service, and our limited access to hospitals and nursing homes. He is scheduled to preach one more time this season on Good Friday.

With the extension of the Covid19 virus social distancing guidelines through the end of April, council agreed on alternatives to our normal April voters meeting, primarily for the election of officers.

Council recommended we appoint the new chairs as interim positions until we can hold a congregational meeting for an official vote. We put together a nominating committee that recommended: Vice President/ Secretary - Carmen Brookshaw, and the new Chair of Outreach - Sharon Boeck. We want to graciously thank outgoing council chairs, Gail Hoopes and David Tobiasz. Foundation Board welcomes Karen Kuhnly and Paul Gremel. The decision was to start these positions now so that planning and new programming for fall could begin.

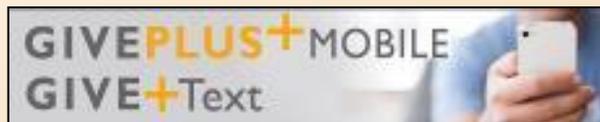
As we face this worldwide challenge together, all of us at Marco Lutheran Church want to encourage you - you are not alone! God promises that He will be with us and He will never leave us or forsake us.

Remember through YOU Christ Shines,

Be Loving, Be Kind, Be Praying.. God Bless All of YOU! Dawn

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES!

Phillip & Marilyn Kostelnik	Apr 4	Warren & Donna Uhl	Apr 16	William & Gail Craig	Apr 20
Terry & Carol Tobin	Apr 7	John & Susan Schadler	Apr 17	Bill & Cea Horton	Apr 25
Dick & Vicki Ross	Apr 9	Jim & Paula Lacefield	Apr 18	Robert & Shelbe Lanam	Apr 25
Tom & Cindi Kramer	Apr 11	Lyle & Carol Rayner	Apr 18	Bruce & Debbie Woolnough	Apr 27
Jim & Karen Swanker	Apr 13	Tom & Vicki Williams	Apr 18		



### PLEASE SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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COVID-19. Coronavirus. Pandemic. Hundreds of thousands, potentially mil-

of which none of us has ever seen, or hopefully will ever see again. And we need to trust in God. No, that doesn't mean we don't follow proper social distancing or avoidance of groups or coughing people, or that we forget to wash our hands for 20 seconds. It does mean that as we take to appropriate precautions and follow the advice of experts, we leave the rest in God's hands and don't worry.

**Psalm 91:1-2 (ESV)** says it so well:

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

In all cases, we need to trust in God. But never has it been more evident than now. Our God created us and loved us so much that He sent His Son to die on a cross, bearing our sins, and rising again so that we might be saved through faith in Him!

My grief is soothed, knowing that my father rests in Jesus' arms. I don't need to worry about him. And God is telling us that we don't need to worry about anything, even COVID-19. He loves us and wants what's best for us. Proverbs 3:5 (ESV) tells us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." Our own understanding will not save us, but God already has!

As we trust in the Lord during this trying time, let's reach out to our neighbors and folks who can't get out and let them know we care about them. Tell them that God loves them and cares for them. Trust in God to guide you in how to help others as we share His love with our community.

Blessings in the name of Jesus! -Pastor Tom

lions to be infected. Sickness. Death. Then, just as we were working on our plans to deal with these new challenges, my attentions were suddenly turned inward as news of my father's death came to me last Friday.

Sometimes things happen in our lives and in our world that are truly big issues over which we have no control. But then, more personal events occur that cause us to reassess, or maybe pay more attention. But what is our reaction to all of this as Christians? How should we think and act and behave in light of these events?

For me, COVID-19 went on temporary hold when word of my father's death reached my ears. My dad, Richard Boeck, Sr., known to his friends as "Dick" was truly a godly man. In fact, I can honestly say that he is completely responsible for our family being Christian. He never used foul language and would do his best to behave in a Christian manner, even when it wasn't convenient or to his benefit. He was a truly honest and morally upright man who loved Jesus more than anyone or anything.

Dad's comment to me about coronavirus would be something like: "Tom, you know you don't need to worry about it. Trust in the Lord." And he would follow it up with, "You'll be just fine. You do what you need to do and you'll be just fine. You can do it!"

That was Dad, to a tee! He trusted God and loved his family. And now, as his son, I need to do the same. As your pastor, I need to communicate the same to you. We are about to get into a period of pandemic the likes

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**PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS**

Laura Rydson, Cindy Anderson, Bob Reinig, Joanne Foote, Donna Uhl, Martin Koepke, Kitty Argobright, Al Wilke, Jim Lacefield, Barbara Knoll, Al Quick, Joni Lowe, Cea Horton, Jeanette Leonard, Mike Naughton, Bob Kelley

**PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY**

June (the Silcocks), Doris & Ray Harley (Flo Hendricks), Barb Raphael (Jaye Spencer), Annaleigh Gielo (the Shaws), Tammy Spiekhout (the Carlens), Ashley Bonazza (Wanda Schmelzer) Jaimie (the Nolas') Joe Chatfield (Lynne Chan) Paulette Erickson (Marty Lauth), Kim Grossman (Karen Warriner), Art Bernier (Laurie Garden) and those we name in our hearts.



If you purchased an **EASTER LILY** Please come to the church office on Monday, **April 13** to pick up your Lily!

*A note of thanks! My term as the chairperson of the Board of Outreach ends at the end of April. Thanks to everyone who has been supportive of all our various Outreach activities over the last several years!* ~Dave Tobiasz

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS!**

Rebecca Schofield	Apr 1	Anita Chaney	Apr 10	Monna Hormel	Apr 19
Charlie Vollmer	Apr 1	Christine High	Apr 10	Phyllis Peterson	Apr 20
Ellen Donselman	Apr 2	Marty Lauth III	Apr 10	Jean Ristow	Apr 20
Lyle Rayner	Apr 2	Frank Romano	Apr 10	Robert Lanam	Apr 21
Anne Rozite	Apr 2	John Mueller	Apr 12	Wally Maurer	Apr 21
Linda DeStefano	Apr 4	Marge Spang	Apr 13	John Noffze	Apr 23
Allen Wittkopf	Apr 4	Paul Goepfert	Apr 14	David Long	Apr 26
Flo Hendricks	Apr 5	Francia Shaw	Apr 14	Pete Schmidt	Apr 27
Steven Harper	Apr 6	Ron Griffith	Apr 15	Roland Johnson	Apr 29
Sybl Fleming	Apr 7	Pam Wilke	Apr 16	Norman Naim	Apr 29
Beverly Nyce	Apr 7	Alfred Koeck	Apr 17	Helen Johnson	Apr 30
Meredith Bair	Apr 8	Linda Leksas	Apr 17		
Dee Beck	Apr 8	Vicki Williams	Apr 17		
Irene Hertel	Apr 8	Betty Drews	Apr 18		
Charles Oestreicher	Apr 8	Debbie Woolnough	Apr 18		



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP**

Sunday at 9:30 am via live-stream at [www.marcolutheran.org](http://www.marcolutheran.org)

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