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*Daring to live
in Jesus
transforming
love*

Riz's Reflections...

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! – 1 Peter 1:3-4

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. As the Easter season unfolds, our hearts and minds turn to the profound message in 1 Peter, which speaks of a remarkable hope granted to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!" This scripture is not just a cornerstone of our faith; it's a guiding light in times of change and uncertainty, such as the current season we are in as we discern our future together.

Our church stands at a pivotal crossroads, exploring the possibility of merging with another congregation and contemplating the sale of our beloved church building. Such changes are never easy. They bring a mix

of emotions – nostalgia, uncertainty, and hope. Yet, in these moments, our faith reminds us that transformation can be a path to renewal and growth, much like the resurrection of Jesus, which was a new beginning for the disciples as they were told to leave Judea to share the good news of the resurrection.

Easter is the epitome of new beginnings. Just as Christ was resurrected to new life, we, too, are invited to experience a rebirth of how we do ministry. Our current situation is not a symbol of an end but a marker of a new chapter. This period of transition is an opportunity to deepen our faith, broaden our community outreach, and redefine our mission.

In times of change, the strength of our community becomes ever more evident. Our shared faith and the history that unite us are far stronger than the walls of any building. As we consider merging with another congregation, let's view it as expanding our family of faith, embracing new brothers and sisters, and widening our circle of love and support.

The essence of our church has always extended beyond

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its physical structure in Roseville. Our true church is found in the hearts and actions of its members. As we navigate this transition, let's carry our faith into the community. We are called to be a presence for good, to live out our faith through acts of kindness, compassion, and service. This is how we live the resurrection every day.

As we look to the future, let's hold onto the promise of 1 Peter. We have a future in heaven, and our future on earth starts now. This is not a time of ending, but a time of rebirth. We are stepping into a new chapter, rich with possibilities. With Christ as

our cornerstone, we can build something beautiful and enduring.

As we celebrate this Easter, let's embrace the joy and hope of the resurrection. Let's move forward with faith, knowing that God is with us in every step of our journey. Our church's story is far from over; in many ways, it's just beginning. Together, let's create a future that honors our past, lives our faith in the present, and looks forward to a bright, hope-filled future.

In Christ,
Rev Riz

Personnel Update

The Personnel Committee wishes to announce recent staffing changes here at New Life.

Justin has left the position of Custodian, yet will retain his role as Communications Collaborator. Please send any articles or information you wish to see in the bi-weekly E-Notes to him.

Logan Combs, the Director of Music, has taken up the role of Custodian in order to attain full-time employment status. We are thankful for all his stellar work.

FoodMobile & Blue Barrel

FoodMobile is on Thursday, March 21st from 2–4. Our next date is as follows:
Thurs April 18, from 2-4p.



Blue Barrel will be on March 10. Stop by and visit the atrium's Blue Barrel with non-perishable items to be donated to Keystone Food Shelf. Let's feed the Blue Barrel! In great need: protein items such as canned tuna/sardines, canned meat/spam, peanut/nut butter etc.

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Membership & Growth: Yvonne Lewis
Nominating: Judi Klotz
Personnel: Lindy Maurey
Faith Formation: Ducky Johnson

Agape Celebration hosted at North Presbyterian Church 3/6

The Lord's Supper at the Table of Christian Fellowship, Wednesday, March 6th, 6:00 pm ~ Meisenheimer Hall

North Presbyterian Church

Bring: 1 tray of finger foods

This Lent we will celebrate an ancient Christian custom. All are welcome to gather together for music, fellowship, worship, and a light supper. Hosted by our Elders and Deacons, the evening promises to be a fun and inspiring gathering!

In the first years of Christianity Christians gathered to worship God, to praise Jesus Christ, to enjoy their fellowship, and share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They called their gatherings "Agape Meals" from the Greek word for supreme, perfect love. (Continued on page 5...)

March Birthdays

1st: Lucille Fredericksen, Jeanne Hane	13th: Mary Barraclough	30th: Brendan Griffin, Vera Van Dyke
4th: Barbarajean Hartos-Hord	15th: John Silliman, Jr.	31st: John Kachel
5th: Crystal Barnes	17th: Robbie Williams	
6th: Wilder Hubbell	19th: Kimberly Benson-Johnson, Natalie Drake, Rick Green, Lois Morstad, Logan Combs	
7th: Don Liebenstein	20th: Justin Miller	
8th: Nora Buckley	23rd: Renisha Prakasim	
10th: Riz Prakasim	28th: Kaelan Lucas, Daley Tubbs	
11th: Rita Amey, Mark Rust		



If your March birthday is missing from this list, our apologies. Please let Roshelle in the church office know so we can include you next time. (rmountain@newlifechurchroseville.org or 651-488-5581 ext. 210)

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Tread Lightly for Lent 2024

The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate,

which translates to warmer temperatures, rising sea-levels, and severe storms, just to name a few. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth. In Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>Read and Reflect on Genesis 1:29.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pray: "Creator of the rivers and oceans, who washes us clean and refreshes us daily, help us to be like a cup of cold water to others in your name: refreshing, cleansing and relieving. Amen."</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pick up as many pieces of litter as you can and challenge a friend to do the same.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Unplug the chargers for your cellphone and laptop when you leave your home or office today to minimize the energy many electronics and appliances continue to draw even when they are off.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Take a walk to appreciate the Earth's natural beauty. Remember why preserving the Earth is crucial for the health of future generations.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>For Easter baskets, buy fair trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee or small gifts made by women's cooperatives! Fair trade helps farmers and workers around the world: pcusa.org/fairtrade.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Download <i>Considering Our Treasure</i> from PHP and take one of the action steps listed in the study: tinyurl.com/y27sz3zr.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Read and Reflect on Luke 12:48.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pray: "In the rising and setting of the sun and the cycles of the seasons, in the patterns of the shining stars, may we remember the goodness of God. Amen."</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure means high energy/fuel consumption.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Storytelling is a powerful tool to inspire and engage people. Consider what your climate story is and download this canvas to help you strategize telling it: digitalstorytellers.com.au/the-story-canvas.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Consider a donation to the Presbyterian Tree Fund to offset your carbon use. Visit pcusa.org/trees.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Download <i>ecoAmerica/ Blessed Tomorrow's</i> info sheets on various climate topics at ecoamerica.org/research.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Read and Reflect on Psalm 130. Consider our responsibility to be part of God's redemption in Creation.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Use the map at bit.ly/3FwvpJY to find the closest Earth Care Congregation to you and say a prayer for them.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Download a prayer at faithclimateactionweek.org so you can be prepared for the National Climate Prayer on Earth Day (April 22) at noon local time.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Explore and consider joining the One Home, One Future campaign: onehomeonefuture.org.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Celebrate the animal kingdom by watching fb.watch/oS-VmyyYM6 and consider planning an animal blessing.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Download the <i>Holy Discontentment: Lifting Your Voice for Effective Advocacy</i> resource from the Office of Public Witness to learn more about how to use your voice to create change: presbyterianmission.org/resource/holy-discontentment-advocacy-resource.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Download <i>Blessed Tomorrow's Let's Talk</i> resource to craft your own message to be able to speak with friends and family about reducing carbon use: presbyterianmission.org/resource/lets-talk-faith-and-climate.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Participate in Earth Hour by switching off all electricity at 8:30 p.m. local time in solidarity with global efforts to secure nature and our home: earthhour.org.</p>

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(Continued from page 3)...Dress comfortably and bring a tray of “finger food” to share. Our Elders and Deacons will circulate around the room as they did long ago making sure everyone has enough to eat. Table service and beverage will be provided.

We will glorify God through our singing, listen to special music, read scripture, share prayers and the Lord's Supper at our dinner tables, just like the early Christians did long ago in Jerusalem. It'll be an evening to re-

Agape Celebration



The Lord's Supper at the Table of Christian Fellowship

member!

Weds, March 6, 6 PM, North Presbyterian Church—Meisenheimer Hall
(bring 1 tray of finger foods.)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Passion/Palm Sunday HOLY WEEK

As we think about Christ's journey this Holy Week, take space to acknowledge that while it is easy to be overwhelmed with climate injustice, we do not travel alone.



25

Challenge yourself to drink only water. It takes 600 cups of water to produce a single cup of coffee, and 125 cups of water to produce a cup of tea.



26

Give a gift of encouragement today and use recycled paper or make a card from reusable sources to give to someone who inspires you.



27

Sometimes in our abundance we neglect to consider what our actual needs are. Consider creating a budget today if you don't have one already. <http://tinyurl.com/ymbwtmrt>.



28

Mundy Thursday
Remind yourself of the PC(USA)'s policy on engaging with issues of climate change by visiting presbyterianmission.org/lordearthpolicy.



29

Good Friday
Speak to the powerful. Urge elected officials to support legislation making justice and Creation-care a priority. Visit votervoice.net/PCUSA/home to reach out to your representative.



30

Great Vigil of Easter
Read John 13:1–17, 31b–35. How can we love one another — and God's whole world — as Christ has loved us? Write down your commitment to show love to a part of Creation today.



31

Easter
Read Matthew 28:1–10. Give with joy to One Great Hour of Sharing.



For further learning and action

- Support the sustainable living work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program through gifts to the Hunger Fund H999999.
- Celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering that strengthens Earth-care ministries, disaster response, and hunger and poverty alleviation: pcusa.org/oghs.
- Become a Climate Change Ambassador: bit.ly/3B769D1.
- Sign up for the Presbyterian Justice and Peace e-newsletter: share.hsforms.com/1xPXwVpbaRUiahH1NWcCOKwdf5ts.
- Lead your church in a study on the biblical and theological basis for eco-justice using resources from pcusa.org/environment.
- Find a more complete list of ideas for congregational Earth-care activities in the Earth Care Congregations guide: pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.
- Become a member of the grassroots organization Presbyterians for Earth Care: presbyearthcare.org.
- Read our blog, Eco-Justice Journey: presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey.
- Download Earth Day Sunday materials: creationjustice.org.
- Stay up to date on public policy concerns through the Office of Public Witness: pcusa.org/washington.
- Lead a study group with the Lent 4.5 materials. Email php@pcusa.org for copies.

Please visit us at pcusa.org/hunger to learn more about ongoing opportunities for simple living, environmental justice, alleviating poverty and eliminating root causes of hunger.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Logan vac back 3/4 12p Sunday Worship Prep 1p North Suburban Chorus rehearsal	2 Logan vac back 3/4 6p Youth JFC
3 Logan vac back 3/4 9:30a PCG Worship 10a NLPC Worship 10:30a KCOC Worship 10:30a GFANC Prayer Mtg. 11a Fellowship 11:30a GFANC Worship 1:30p JFC Worship 5p AA Firing Line	4 12p E-NOTES items due 7p Mission & Outreach Mtg.	5 9:15a TOPS 1p Staff Mtg. 6:30p Membership & Growth	6 9a Quilters 6p Sanctuary Choir 6p Agape Meal @ North Church 7:15p Prime Chimers	7 E-NOTES DAY 6p GFANC Prayer Mtg. 6:10p AA Big Book	8 12p NSC Board Mtg. 1p North Suburban Chorus	9 11:30a David King Conference in GR 2p GFANC Board Mtg. 6p Youth JFC
10 9:30a PCG Worship 10a NLPC Worship 10:30a KCOC Worship 10:30a GFANC Prayer Mtg. 11a Fellowship 11:30a CRTF Mtg. 11:30a GFANC Worship 1:30p JFC Worship 5p AA Firing Line	11 9:30a Care Coordinators	12 9:15a TOPS 1p Former Dementia Caregivers 1p Staff Mtg. 6:30p Esther Circle 6:30p Faith Formations	13 9a Quilters 9a Men's Breakfast 11a Meals on Wheels 6p Sanctuary Choir 7p Personnel 7:15p Prime Chimers	14 5p Celebration & Worship 5:30p Buildings & Grounds 6p GFANC Prayer Mtg. 6:10p AA Big Book	15 12p Sunday Worship Prep 12p New Life News items due to Roshelle 1p North Suburban Chorus	16 6p Youth JFC
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24 9:30a PCG Worship 10a NLPC Worship 10:30a KCOC Worship 10:30a GFANC Prayer Mtg. 11a Fellowship 11:30a CRTF Mtg. 11:30a GFANC Worship 1:30p JFC Worship 5p AA Firing Line	25	26 9:15a TOPS 1p Former Dementia Caregivers 6:30p Session	27 9a Quilters 9a Men's Breakfast 6p Sanctuary Choir 7:15p Prime Chimers	28 7p Maundy Thursday Service at NLPC 6p GFANC Prayer Mtg. 6:10p AA Big Book	29 Good Friday 12p Sunday Worship Prep 1p North Suburban Chorus	30 6p Youth JFC
31 Easter 9:30a PCG 10a NLPC 10:30a KCOC 10:30a GFANC Prayer Mtg. 11a Fellowship 11:30a GFANC 1:30p JFC 5p AA Firing Line						