

Attention all ladies and couples: We are looking for several ladies and/or couples to prepare the altar. Currently, three ladies take turns preparing the altar. The First, Third and Fifth Sunday's require Communion set up. Other times of the year require the paraments to be changed to the color of the season. Free training is provided. You only serve for one or two months out of the year. Please see Cindy Genz if interested.

BTW, Altar aftercare is supremely covered by Jim & Annette Hastings and Lanny & Denise Reeves

Our mid-week Lenten Vespers services are held on Wednesdays at 7:00PM. As you may know the theme of this year's mid-week Lent sermon series' is "*The Mountains of Lent*" Each sermon will examine a mountain story. **The season of Lent is a time to pause and reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for us when he died on the cross.** It is a time to reflect on how Jesus took our punishment so we wouldn't have to, and how he made a way for us to be restored to a right relationship with the heavenly Father who loves us. **Have you been struggling to make God the priority that you know you should lately?** If so, the season of Lent season is a good time to get back on track.

Our mid-week Lent Vespers in March are as follows:

(Sermon titles are in italics)

Wednesday, March 6, *The Mount of Loyalty*

Wednesday, March 13, *The Mount of Sacrifice*

Wednesday, March 20, *The Mount of Triumph*

also **Holy Week:**

March 24 Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion – *Palm Sunday Joy*

March 28, Maundy Thursday – *The Lord's Supper*

March 29, Good Friday – *The Death of Jesus*

March 31, Easter Sunday – *He is Risen*

Blessings

Pastor

Bible Quiz

“Aye, Aye, Sir”

Who received the following commands from God?
You may find the answer bank that follows to be helpful

1. “You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.”
2. “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”
3. "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.”
4. "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."
5. “Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.”
6. "The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' shall not go."
7. "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau."
8. “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
9. "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.”
10. "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

Answer Bank: Elijah, Elisha, Samson, Adam, Eve,
Samuel, Noah, Boaz, Ruth, Aram, Joshua, Methuselah,
Gideon, Isaac, Ishmael, Jacob, Esther, Joseph, Moses,
Aaron, Abraham, Naomi, Jehosaphat



EASTER STORY COOKIES RECIPE WITH BIBLE VERSES

PREP TIME: 30 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 30 MINUTES SERVINGS: 12

INGREDIENTS

COOKIES:

- 1 cup pecans or 1 cup oreos
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 3 egg whites use large eggs
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup sugar

SUPPLIES:

- resealable bag
- wooden spoon or rolling pin
- tape
- Bible
- 2 cookie sheets
- parchment paper
- teaspoon
- mixer and bowl

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 300°F/150°C.

Place pecans or oreos in bag and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break them into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 teaspoon vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing, are they? Now add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts or cookies. Drop by teaspoons onto lined cookie sheets. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the cookies in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. (If you have a gas oven leave on for 8-10 min, then turn off.) Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door closed. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66.

Go to bed! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight, however, Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 & 22.

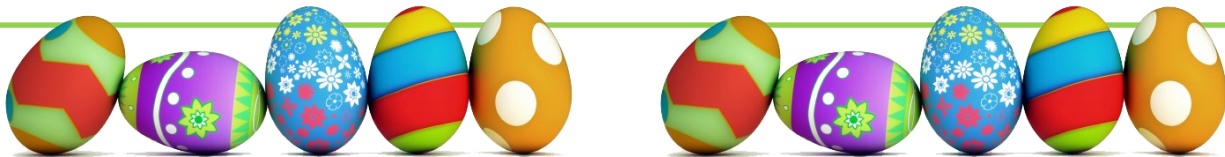
On Easter morning open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.

NUTRITION

Calories: 125kcal | Carbohydrates: 18g | Protein: 2g | Fat: 6g | Sodium: 13mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 17g

Note: The recipe that was given to me used 1 cup Oreos in place of the pecans. A great idea for kids that may not like pecans. Either option will work great.

Thank you, Cindy Furrow for sharing this recipe with us.



Welcome New Members on February 18th, 2024

Front roll Shawn Shepard, second roll Nana Kostecke and Hubert Jáundoo, back roll David Thomson





**Baptism for
Caylan Faith Richey
February 18, 2024**



Lots of fun at the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction! Checkout FB to see all the action!



Happy Birthday

March Birthday

5th Tristan Byers
9th Garrett Hamrick
11th John Troncale
15th Julianne Gayda
16th Conner Gayda
16th Fred Blumenthal
19th Linda Carlisle
20th Annette Hastings
24th Betty Thompson
24th Charlie Troncale
26th Finn Grant
27th Claudia Jermyn
27th Mark Lancaster

Happy Anniversary

March Anniversary

6th Brandon & Claire Hicks
18th Conner & Julianne Gayda

March Worship Service Helpers

Date	Elder	Usher
March 3rd	Kelly Stephens	John Dexter Wayne Murphy
March 10th	Darren Genz	Chuck Baldwin Jim Hastings
March 17th	Dennis Davis	Dean Hakim Greg Solt
March 24th	John Hooker	Chuck Baldwin John Dexter
March 31st	Grant Bissey	Jim Hastings Dean Hakim



The next Ladies Guild meeting will be March 10th, 2024

Bible Quiz Answers

1. Joshua, Joshua 6:3-4
2. Moses, Exodus 3:5
3. Elijah, 1 Kings 17:3
4. Samuel, 1 Samuel 16:7, 12
5. Noah, Genesis 6:21
6. Gideon, Judges 7:4
7. Jacob, Genesis 35:1
8. Adam, Genesis 2:17
9. Isaac, Genesis 26:2-3
10. Abraham, Genesis 22:12



See You in Sunday School, 9:30a.m.

Do Not Be Afraid!

“A young man dressed in a white robe . . . said, ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, Who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter . . .’” (Mark 16:5-7).

“Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:8).

Who wouldn’t tremble and be afraid! You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn’t there because it is no longer dead but alive. Who could take it in? “Don’t be alarmed” the man in white said. Yeah, right!

Yet, looking back, perhaps the women remembered the thousands He had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21).

Maybe they thought again about the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, He was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell His disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshipped Him. “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers . . .’” (Matthew 28:9-10).

Jesus’ last command is the same as this one: Don’t be afraid. Go and tell. We can understand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us” (Romans 8:35, 37). We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn’t fathom the outcome, but we have God’s Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have His promise, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). So don’t be afraid! Go and tell!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



The Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone that supported this year's Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction!

March 2024 Altar Flowers

3rd Altar Flowers are given by Janet & Jim Tysse.

3rd Altar Flowers are given in memory of Evenly Genz by Armin Genz

10th Altar Flowers are given by Mary & John Dexter.

10th Altar Flowers are given by .

17th Altar Flowers are given by Dave Tumlin.

17th Altar Flowers are given by Linda Guetschoff.

24th Altar Flowers are given by Teri & Mark Lancaster.

24th Altar flowers are given in celebration of Charlie Troncale's birthday.

31st Altar Flowers are given by Annette & Jim Hastings.

31st Altar Flowers are given by James Saye.

Thank You for your support in making the Altar beautiful on Sundays!

(If anyone would like their flower announcement to reflect a special day or person please let Cindy Genz know by email; tlcgadsden@gmail.com or on the Sunday before).

2024 Church Council Meetings and Church Voters Meetings



April 21st, 2024, Church Council

May 12th, 2024, Voters Meeting

August 18th, 2024, Church Council

October 20th, 2024, Church Council

November 3rd, 2024, Voters Meeting

In the event there is a need for a special meeting, Dave Tumlin, President, will announce.



**Our next Monthly Mite collection is March 10th, 2024
Don't forget to fill your Mite Box and bring it in!**

See you in Church on Sunday

March 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 The 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Communion 1:00p Youth Confirmation		5 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	6 7:00p Lent Service	7 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary. 6:00p Chuck has meeting	8 Int'l. Women's Day	9
10 Daylight Saving Begins The 10th Sunday in Lent 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Worship 1:00P Youth Confirmation		12 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	13 7:00p Lent Service	14 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary.		16
17 The 17th Sunday in Lent 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Communion 1:00p Youth Confirmation		19 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox) 7:00p Lent Service	21 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary.		23 Earth Hour
24 Palm Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Worship 1:00P Youth Confirmation		26 8:30a Laura's Latte Ladies Bible Study at Union Jack 11:00a Men's Bible Study	27	28 11:00a Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship with Mary. 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	29 7:00p Good Friday Service	30
31 Easter Sunday 8:30a Choir Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:40a Communion						

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