



Acts of Faith

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Christ's Resurrection: Do Christians gather every Easter simply to commemorate a historical event that took place nearly 2,000 years ago? Jesus promised, *"I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live"* (John 11:25). Many people simply cannot believe in the resurrection or any miracle for that matter. Dead people do not come back to life, not today or in the past. Therefore, Jesus could not have risen from the dead. The reason for this is that nothing so contradicts our natural experience as this does. Our eyes see that everything in this world is swept away by death and dies. Even the temple Jewish sect, the Sadducees, believed that there was neither an afterlife nor a resurrection of the dead.



Christ is Risen! Jesus' disciples experienced a life-altering moment that shattered their sense of control and security, leaving them vulnerable and afraid. Jesus appeared to them after He was crucified, died, and was buried. They thought He was a ghost! Jesus offered comfort, inviting them to touch his Hands and feet, to see and believe in His bodily resurrection. The bodily resurrection of Jesus is not merely a historical fact, but a cornerstone of faith with far-reaching implications. It validates Jesus' identity and mission, demonstrating His victory over death and fulfilling ancient prophecies about the Messiah. The risen Christ is a preview of what is to come for all who have been baptized into His death and live in faith. Paul told the Romans, *"For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His"* (Rom. 6:5).

Each time we recite the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed we profess a belief in a resurrection body. Have you ever taken time to bear in mind what this means? Someday, the resurrected you will be imperishable because Jesus will destroy sin and death forever. Our resurrected body will be raised in glory and power because we will then participate in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). Christ's resurrection teaches us that He has destroyed death by death and has removed the debt of sin which we owe. You will possess a spiritual body, one suitable for life in the new heaven and earth. Soul and body are united once again. In the resurrection of the body, there will be no more forgiveness because there will be no more sin.

As we navigate life's uncertainties, let's depend on the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Let's make decisions rooted in trust, build relationships based on love and forgiveness, and cultivate inner dialogues filled with faith and as much love for others as God has for us. The resurrection of Jesus isn't just a past event; it's a present reality that empowers us to live with joy and peace, no matter what challenges may come our way. He is Risen indeed!

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Graduations: If you or your son, daughter, or grandchild is a member, or is known to us at Faith and has/is graduating from high school, college, or trade school this spring, please notify us of their name, graduation date, and future plans by Sunday, May 18th, to be recognized in our June newsletter. E-mail hahn.gary@comcast.net or leave a note with Pastor.

Worship Schedule
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service
 Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.



May 04	Carol Cook	White
May 11	Leah Weber	White
May 18	Marilyn Sturtevant	White
May 25	Mary Hahn	White
May 29	Mary Hahn	White

Elders List:

Gary Hahn	309-854-2203
Kevin Hull:	309-852-0801
Ron Larson:	309-853-5111
Ted Sturtevant:	309-853-8203

USHER'S LIST

1st Sunday:	Ted Sturtevant
2nd Sunday:	Nick Phillips
3rd Sunday:	Gary Hahn
4th Sunday:	Kevin Hull
5th Sunday:	Jim Cook

May's Calendar

May 01	National Day of Prayer
May 04	2nd Sunday after Easter with Holy Communion Mite box collection
May 05	LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 pm
May 08	WOF mtg. 10:00 AM
May 10	Letter Carriers Food Drive
May 11	3rd Sunday after Easter with Holy Communion Mother's Day Observance
May 12	LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 pm
May 15	Elders & Council Mtg. (6:30/7:00PM)
May 18	4th Sunday after Easter with Holy Communion
May 19	LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 pm
May 25	5th Sunday after Easter with Holy Communion
May 26	LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 pm Memorial Day Observance
May 29	Ascension Day Service 6:30 pm

Those For Whom We Pray: Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Bonnie Nuding, Nancy Gillespie, Melissa Newman, and Vanda Hallock.

Friends: Lacey Hammons, Jim Tudder, Steve Faber, Art Rosencarter, and all military personnel and first responders.

CID: Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.

Inactive Members: Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

Our World: Citizens of and those in Ukraine and Israel that peace may come to these lands.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy





Birthdays

Mary Hahn	5/01
Jenny Cole	5/01
Nancy Gillespie	5/21
Louis "Chip" Wager	5/31

Baptism Dates

Melisa Carper	05/27
Eric Cervantez	05/28
Sophie Cervantez	05/29
Ethan Cole	05/26
Cindy Ganschow	05/09
Mary Hahn	05/22
Cheryl Snyder	05/30
Heather Weber	05/10
Rev. Paul Weber	05/16



*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come.
1 Corinthians 5:17*

Wedding Anniversaries

LaJean and William Breedlove	5/02
Dawn and Kevin Hull	5/23
Katy and Eric Cervantez	5/23
Mary and Gary Hahn	5/24

Women of Faith: The Women of Faith will meet on May 8th at 10:00 AM. Marilyn Sturtevant is the hostess for the month. Please bring a can of non-cream soup for Hobo stew. Part 2 of the Bible study "Share the Joy" will be the program. All the ladies in the congregation are welcome to join with the WOF.

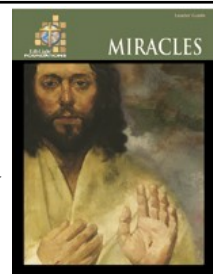
The LWML focus this month is on the Mission Grant No. 31- Camp Restore Detroit fills the Children's Outreach House, Adult Outreach House, and the land surrounding it with programs and ministry aimed at sharing God's love as they work together to restore hope, support health and wellness, raise the educational levels of children and adults, and support vocational skill building in a Christ-centered environment. This grant will fund furnishings for both houses, tools for learning including Bibles, smartboards, computers and a Storybook Learning and Reading Garden for community members and their children will be created.



The LWML ladies thank the congregation for the generous support for ingathering gifts taken to the CID LWML convention. Mary, and Cheryl attended the event on April 25-26 in Lincoln, IL.

The Monday LifeLight Bible Study continues with an analysis of Biblical miracles. *Miracles* explores the miracles Jesus performed during His ministry on earth and studies His miraculous power over sickness, Satan, creation, and more. Also, *Miracles* covers miracles from the Old Testament and questions about miracles today.

The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join in, even if you decline to do the home study.



**THANK YOU FOR THE
EASTER LILIES THAT ADORNED
OUR SANCTUARY**



Sue Cervantez	In Honor of Loved Ones
Mike and Paula Leezer	In Honor of Loved Ones
Jim and Carol Cook	In Memory of Parents
Nick and Sandy Phillips	36th Wedding Anniversary & Family
Mary and Gary Hahn	In Honor of Loved Ones
Sandy Heinrich	In Honor of Loved Ones
Kari Tavares	In Honor of Loved Ones

Thank You for everyone who donated food and attended our Palm Sunday congregational breakfast. Special blessings on Leah Weber, Kari Tavares, and Sue Cervantez for organizing and serving the meal. Monetary donations went to help cover medical expenses for Allison Leezer. There was ample food and it was delicious.

Council News: The treasurer's April report indicated the general fund has \$51,132.30, the memorial fund has \$15,691.04 for a total of \$66,823.34. The CEF rebate check for \$1,614.69 was deposited and applied to the mortgage principle. The church extension fund balance is \$109,943.30.

Pastor Weber informed that he has received confirmation of registration to the CID Convention in July. An ascension evening service has been set for Thursday, May 29th at 6:30pm.

Electrician, Ken Westefer, has installed the interior LED lights, EXIT signs, Outside Parking lamps, and our emergency lighting. Emergency lighting had to be replaced at a cost to the church of approximately \$200.

The church's mower will be taken in for blade sharpening and maintenance for the growing season. Sue and Joe Cervantez have done some tree pruning, and Marilyn Sturtevant cleaned out the front landscaping areas.

Council continues to correct necessary elevator inspection items. The pit sump pump was replaced. Council is working with the Kewanee Fire Department to correct items from their inspection in hopes they will provide us a wavier from the expensive work required by the State of Illinois in the shaft area. Our fire suppression system was inspected and some corrective work remain to be done. Otis Elevator will be contracted to repair the telephone in the elevator.

We thank Cheryl Snyder for making four new banners that hang on the north wall during the Easter season depicting the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Christ is Risen!
He is risen Indeed.
Alleluia!"



Q: What are the differences in the five Divine Settings in the Lutheran Service Book?

A: The Lutheran Service Book has five settings so that every Lutheran would have a setting that felt familiar to them and provide a rich variety of ways to celebrate in our worship life together each week! Both the sacramental and sacrificial parts are beautifully interwoven melody that runs throughout the Divine Service basic pattern of worship.

Settings 1 and 2 are based on the ancient liturgy of the Church, similar to the Roman Catholic Mass. The tones for much of the service are from Gregorian chant. The settings include new canticles ("This Is the Feast," "Thank the Lord") and an expanded version of the Kyrie. Setting 2 is the same liturgy but with a different musical setting. DS II is stronger in musical presentation.

Setting 3 is also known as "Page 15" from The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH). It has its roots in Anglican worship and may have been adapted for Lutheran use when the change to English language worship was made. The music is a mix of old German Lutheran tunes with roots in the Middle Ages and four-part Anglican chant tones.

Setting 4 is a simpler setting of the service, originally prepared for Hymnal Supplement 98. As in Setting 5, there is no chant music provided for dialogue between pastor and people.

Setting 5 is based on Luther's German Mass (1526), using classic Lutheran hymns in place of the canticles. The order of service is filled out so that it more closely resembles the other settings in LSB. The hymns that replace the canticle parts of the liturgy are not commonly known by many parishioners

On Saturday, May 10, letter carriers in Kewanee and across the country will head out on their routes to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. Simply leave your donation of non-perishable food in a bag near your mailbox on the second Saturday in May, and your letter carrier will do the rest.