

# Easter Sunday

# April 5, 2015

## PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

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<b>Mon</b>	<b>Office is Closed</b>	
	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
<b>Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
	Scouts	6:30-7:30pm
<b>Wed</b>	WOW	3:30-4:30pm
	Confirmation	5:45/6:30-7:30pm
<b>Sat</b>	Bridal Shower, B Thiesse	9:00-1:00pm
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 and 10:30am</b>
	Sunday School	9:30am

## VOLUNTEERS for April

**Communion** 8:30—E Skeie 10:30—M Jensen

**Ushers** 8:30 —R&L Fahse, C Mallak, E Skeie  
10:30— C Weis, J Weis, E Weis

**Altar Guild** C Weis, J Weis, E Weis

**Acolytes** C Morse, H Garcia

thank  
YOU!

APRIL 20, 2014

# taking GOD'S STORY home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. She also told them what he had said to her. – John 20:18 (CEV)

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Teacher, you spoke to Mary and called her by name, and she recognized you and believed. We thank and praise you that in the waters of baptism you call each of us by name. Help us to recognize you in our daily lives and to believe. Amen.

## A BLESSING TO SHARE

*Mark another person's forehead with the sign of the cross as you say this Easter blessing:*

Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and that life has been promised to you. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Jesus' resurrection from the dead seems almost too good to be true, but God has been preparing for this through the entire story of God's people in Scripture. Pause after you read each Bible passage and think about this: *How is this story like Jesus being raised from the dead?*

If your household includes younger children, you might want to use a child-friendly Bible like the *Spark! Picture Bible* (Augsburg Fortress) or *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (Zondervan; available from the Vibrant Faith Ministries online store, [www.vibrantfaith.org](http://www.vibrantfaith.org)).

Sunday	John 20:1-18	Jesus' resurrection
Monday	Genesis 8:1-19	The flood waters recede
Tuesday	Genesis 22:1-19	Abraham is tested
Wednesday	Exodus 14:5-31	Crossing the Red Sea
Thursday	1 Kings 17:7-24	Elijah revives a widow's son
Friday	Daniel 3:1-30	The fiery furnace
Saturday	Daniel 6:1-23	Daniel and the lion's den
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Doubting Thomas

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

When we celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter, we celebrate new life. This new life is promised to us in the resurrection of the dead. God gives us this new life today—in Baptism, we have been “made new” to live each day as God's children. Each day we die to sin and are raised to new life in God's kingdom. Think about your own experiences of new life. For example, perhaps you experienced the joy of new life when you were forgiven by someone. Tell one another about times when you felt as though you had been raised from the dead.

## DEVOTIONS

Continue your Easter worship by gathering everyone in your household for devotions. The following basic pattern can be your guide:

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of the risen Christ. Pray the “Prayer for the Week.”
- **Caring Conversations.** Take a moment to discuss the ideas in “Caring Conversations.”
- **Daily Bible Reading.** Read aloud the Bible passage suggested for the day. *What do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless another person, using “A Blessing to Share.”

Try having devotions at different times, perhaps after supper or right before bedtime. If you are alone, how might you include other people in your time of devotions?

## SERVICE

As you celebrate Easter, look around your community for something in need of “new life.” Is there a city hiking trail that could use some care or an elderly person's home that could use a fresh coat of paint? In some places at this time of year, the winter's garbage that was plowed into the snow banks needs to be picked up. Choose a project to give your community a touch of new life.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

One of the oldest Easter traditions is for Christians to exchange this greeting by alternating lines: *Jesus Christ is risen today! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* Create your own tradition by greeting worshipers in church with this greeting.

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## *Bridal Shower*

Please join us for a come and go shower for Rebecca Thiesse, bride of Mark Revier. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. until noon at Cross of Calvary.

# Membership Update

Please offer a small amount of your time to save the staff HOURS AND HOURS of reviewing data and updating information for over 900 members!

## **ELECTRONIC submission is ongoing.**

If you did not receive the link to the online registration, please email [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com), and Laurie will get it to you.

## **PAPER submission**

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, you may submit a paper form.

These are available in the Narthex. Please put your completed form in the mailbox by the office door.

Remember:

- Data from the old program will NOT be transferred in order to insure that we will have your most current information.
- All communication will be sent out using the new program.
- Remember, if we hold the church records for your *adult children*, their information needs to be included also.

## *125th Anniversary Celebration!*

*November 1, 2015*

**Special Worship Service!** What might we include in worship to make this thanksgiving celebration special? Pastor would LOVE your ideas.

*Planning:* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Catered Meal!!** Wow, how easy is the planning for this going to be? Get together with a couple friends/family and jump into this project. Give Pastor or Laurie a call.

*Planning:* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_



You are invited to worship  
and to celebrate and to bless  
the commissioning of

*Sarah L. Hausken*

into the ministry of Word and Service  
as an Associate in Ministry of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 4:30 pm  
Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church  
1103 W. Chestnut. Ave.  
Olivia, Minnesota

Please join us for a meal and reception following  
the service. Rostered persons are invited to vest.  
The color of the day is red.

**"The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." John 4:14**

### What is an Associate in Ministry?

Associates in Ministry serve, lead and equip the whole people of God in service to God's world.

Many people have asked me if this means I'll be an assistant pastor. No, I will not be a pastor, but having completed specific educational requirements and a church endorsement process, I will be recognized as a rostered leader of the ELCA for Word and Service.

No, I will not preside at communion or do baptisms, weddings or funerals.

Yes, I may lead worship, just as other non-pastors may lead worship.

This call is specifically to share God's word through unconditional service to all people.

The SW MN Synod has called me to serve as an Associate in Ministry as Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator. This is the same role I've been serving for nearly 15 years. While my job description does not change, becoming an Associate in Ministry affirms my life's calling of serving others through the church and strengthens my commitment to the church and the church's commitment to me.

You have been significant in my life and I thank you for your presence and prayers as I undertake this new stage of ministry and service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## *Easter - Good Gifts*



Edith Vogt  
Chet & Angie Boen

Rosalie Sheggeby

Doug & Kristi O'Neill

Stacey & Keith Larson

George Tesch

David Torgelson

Joanne Balgaard

Stan & Sue Malecek

Stacey & Keith Larson

Paul & Carole Buhr

Gordy & Lynnette Blem

Tim and Bobbi Kopel

In memory of loved ones

In memory of Jean Stadther,  
Evelyn & Art Gusey, Marnold Ostby

In memory of Gordon, Daniel and  
Rosalind Sheggeby

In memory of Ed & Doris O'Neill and  
Dorothy Neuman

In memory of Paul & Mark Vogt and  
Millie Larson

In memory of Beverly Tesch

In memory of John Torgelson

In memory of Denny Balgaard

In honor of our five grandchildren

In honor of Eva, Hanna and Cam Larson

In honor of the hungry

In honor of Sylvia Blem & Luella Norberg