
Agapegram

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Easter Hope. Easter Joy



Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 15:13 EHV

It's nice that in our half of the world, Easter corresponds to the arrival of spring. The brightening sun, increasing daylight hours, greening lawns & bushes, flowering plants, milder weather for time outdoors are all signs that stir hope and add to joy in our lives. (If only we could eliminate the pollen and seasonal allergies!) This year, many are finding a parallel spurring of hope and joy at the availability of multiple vaccines for Covid-19 that offer a reduction in risks and the promise of returning to a more normal routine.

All of these hopeful, joyful moments serve as reminders or symbols of our risen Lord who rose from the dead and brought life and light to his people. Our celebrations of angels announcing an empty tomb and Jesus Christ appearing to disciples alive and well are accentuated when our setting and circumstances are marked with their own signs of hope and moments of joy. The fact that our Savior lives, our sins are forgiven, and eternal life is secured and confirmed are rightly highlighted in the beauty of blooming flowers and gentle breezes in the warm sun.

And, yet, in a fallen world, new trials will come. Dark days and rain storms will still threaten. If it isn't the current virus giving us further problems, it will be the next one. Even when our health improves, illness or suffering strikes one we love or vice versa. Pain and depression, fear and financial failings, sin and doubt. These things remain the ever-present enemies of humanity and the stumbling blocks that threaten our walk of faith.

In these trials, however, is where Easter hope and Easter Joy actually do their best work. Where they shine the brightest! Our hope is not rooted in the beauties of spring or the blessings of medical science as wonderful as those gifts may be. Our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness" (LSB #575) which was offered up on the cross to cover our sins. Our joy is found in Jesus conquering the very power of death clothing us in his righteousness. "Oh the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!" (LSB #461)

So, whether the sun shines on your circumstances this spring or those April Showers predominate in your life, look again to the risen Lord Jesus Christ and know that your hope is sure and your joy will be eternal!

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"Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! Mark 16:6 EHV

~Pastor David



"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15:20-22



But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:5-6



Deaconess' Musings

Death is Trampled. Life is Restored.

I hate death.

Death is not something I like. Death makes me angry. Death tears apart things that should remain together. Death has seemed like our constant companion this past year.

It's easy to get caught up in, this overwhelming feeling of loss, anger, and emptiness. We see death and decay permeate this world and its creatures, and cry out, "Why?!" We see all of it and know that this is not natural. It was never supposed to be like this, a once perfect creation rotted away by death.

Once, at the very beginning, there was no death. No brokenness. No imperfection. God, our Creator, walked with Man, and Man talked with God. All was well.

But then, humanity listened to a lie and bought it, no questions asked. Trust in the perfect, all-loving God was broken, and thus sin, decay, and death became our prize. Separated from the Creator God, Man was forced out of perfection and into a world now saturated with disease, to face death. Hope seemed forever lost. Death came forward to claim its throne.

Even while carrying out justice against His beloved creation, God loved them, us, more. Promising a future Redeemer that would one day carry upon Himself the sin of all people, becoming the sacrifice of sacrifices with enough blood to cover all sins and wash them away, God promised His Christ, the Messiah – His own Son, Jesus.

Death now had an enemy. This future Promised One soon came, and our Savior appeared. That perfect life of obedience you could not, cannot, keep – He did. That perfect life of love toward others that you cannot dream of ever fully acting out – He did. The perfect, all-loving God did what was (is) unthinkable – He paid the price for our salvation. He exchanged His very life, perfect, spotless, and sinless, for our deaths.

He died so that we might live. Shocking, yes. Unbelievable, yes. Truth? Yes.

Death, thinking he had won, yelled victory. Our Lord, however, holds the final word. Raising from the dead, Christ Jesus accomplished for us sinners what no sacrifice had fully done – completely and wholly removing the stain of sin upon our lives. Now restored to our Father God, Death cannot have sway over us. No longer does it define us. Found in Christ, we are in return granted life that knows no end.

While the Lord tarries, we will one day die. And while I'm still not the biggest fan of death, I know that because of Christ's death and resurrection it is sanctified. I, and all believers, will be brought through to everlasting, perfected life with the One who loved so much to die for His Creation and to win for them His own perfection. No more to ever face Death alone.

Christ died for sinners to take their death. Christ rose to life to grant sinners life eternal.

Christ is Risen! (For you!) He is Risen, Indeed! (For you!) Alleluia!

~Deaconess Holly



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 Peter 1:3-5

Happy Easter!

ESLC Holy Week & Easter Services

In house services are held on a limited attendance basis. Please watch for service attendance information emails or call the church office.



Maundy Thursday Service April 1st - 7 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 2nd - 7 pm

Easter Sunday April 4th
8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm Communion All Services

ESLC EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

Whether you pray aloud or silently, using the provided materials and prayers or your own personal petitions, or simply sit and contemplate the great sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prayer Vigil provides you opportunity for reflection and an additional enrichment of your Lenten devotional life.

The Vigil begins following the Good Friday evening service and continues without interruption until 7:00 am on Easter Morning inside the Sanctuary.

For health concerns, there will be two separate stations that will rotate every hour and be sanitized afterwards by each attendee. To keep from reusing material throughout the Vigil, participants will be provided individual, preprinted prayer & devotion packets. Only those who are slotted for each hour may be inside the Sanctuary.



A Sign Up Genius link, with one hour time slots, will be sent out weekly and you may sign-up as individuals, couples, or a limit of three (3) in a group. If you would like petitions to be offered confidentially on your behalf, please submit your requests to Deaconess Holly via email prior to the Maundy Thursday evening service. Time slots fill up quickly, so reserve your preferred time slot as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Holly.



*He is
Risen!*

Death could not
hold him.

Rejoice in the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 28



YOUTH EASTER GIFT

In lieu of our normal Easter Breakfast put on by our Youth, the Youth have put together a small gift for everyone in the congregation. We are thankful for your continued prayers and support! Make sure to see a ESLC Youth on your way out of church Easter Sunday for your Easter gift! We'll be at all three services!

~ESLC Middle & High School Youth

EASTER LILIES

The Easter Lily sign-up sheet is on display in the Narthex. Please take a moment to fill it in remembering to fill out an individual line for each plant. Please sign up by **Sunday, March 28th**. The price remains at \$15.00 per plant. *Thank you!*



Return to Me

Return to me is a romantic comedy movie that came out in 2000 starring Minnie Driver, David Duchovny, and Carroll O'Connor. The central theme involved the loss of a loved one, coping with this loss, and a longing for that loved one's return.

Throughout this Lenten season our central theme has also been return to me. It is based on Joel chapter 2. "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; (Joel 2:12-13). It is difficult for us mortals to grasp the love that God has for each of us. Sin places a wedge between us and God. Not only does God long for us to return to Him, he also provides a way to do so through the perfect sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ.

I gained a new appreciation of the end of Jesus life in the 2004 film by Mel Gibson, the Passion of the Christ. The movie showed in gruesome detail what death by crucifixion must have been like. It was difficult to observe what Jesus went through because of my sins. Jesus endured so much pain and suffering and yet he did so willingly because of His love for me.

In JAMA (the Journal of the American Medical Association) March 21, 1988 there was an article published on the physical death of Jesus Christ. Reviewing this article during the Lenten season reminds me of the personal price Jesus paid for our sins and shortcomings. The authors examined historical evidence and findings from the time Christ was on the earth and used twentieth century medical knowledge to evaluate the suffering and death of Jesus. Following are some observations made in this article.

The scourging was carried out with a whip made of leather thongs with small iron balls and sharp pieces of sheep bones attached to them. The iron balls would cause deep contusions and the leather thongs and sheep bones would cut into the skin and subcutaneous tissues. As the flogging continued the lacerations would tear into the underlying skeletal muscles and produce quivering ribbons of bleeding flesh. Pain and blood loss generally set the stage for circulatory shock. According to the authors, the beating of Jesus was quite severe and his physical condition before the actual crucifixion was at least serious and possibly critical.

The prisoner was typically forced to carry the horizontal portion of the cross weighing 75 – 125 pounds. Because the severity of the scourging left Jesus in a weakened state he was unable to carry the cross the entire way. Simon of Cyrene was summoned to carry the cross to Calvary. At the site of crucifixion Jesus was thrown down upon the rough wooden cross most likely tearing open the wounds on his back and legs. Seven inch iron nails were used to attach his wrists and feet to the wooden structure. With each respiration the wounds on Jesus back would be scraped against the rough wood of the cross. Blood loss likely continued throughout crucifixion. The nails likely damaged the median nerve in the wrist causing excruciating bolts of fiery pain in both arms. Nerves in His feet would also be compromised causing intense pain in his lower body too.

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The major effect of crucifixion, beyond the excruciating pain, was a marked interference with normal breathing, particularly exhalation. The weight of the body, pulling down on the outstretched arms and shoulders, would tend to fix the intercostal muscles used for breathing in an inhalation state and thereby hinder exhalation. The onset of muscle cramps due to fatigue and the buildup of carbon dioxide would hinder respiration even further. An attempt to raise the body to assist with breathing by pressing down on the nails

holding the feet to the cross resulted in severe pain.

The two most prominent causes of death by crucifixion probably were shock and exhaustion asphyxia caused by impaired breathing. Other contributing factors included dehydration, stress-induced cardiac arrhythmias and congestive heart failure with the rapid accumulation of fluid around the heart and lungs. The time to death by crucifixion had a wide range from a few hours to a few days depending on the severity of the scourging preceding it.

Passion week and Easter are so significant in our Christian faith. I urge you to focus on the price Jesus paid for you and for me. No matter how big or small our sins are, Jesus forgives us. The sacrifice of our Savior has wiped away our sin. Our sins are forgiven and heavenly eternity assured. During this Holy time, examine your personal relationship with Jesus. Reflect on the words of Joel as he implores, "Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (Joel 2:12)

*Dan Arkfeld
Head Elder*



Comfort Dog News

We will be hosting a mobile blood drive in the parking lot at Eternal Shepherd on April 10 from 10am-2pm. As of this writing we have 25 donors signed up! Thank you to all! *The Blood Connection (TBC)* is in dire need of blood products so this mobile blood drive will be a blessing for many people. Since one unit of blood can save up to three lives with 25 donors willing to give, 75 people will benefit!



Seth and his team are starting to get more opportunities to share Christ's love with our community. Assisted Living facilities have begun to open up; in fact, Seth and his handler Diane were allowed to visit the residents in person at Foothills Assisted Living recently. Sue, a sweet lady who works at Foothills even invited Seth and Diane to her wedding on April 10!

We have also been greeting staff at the hospital's courtyard every Friday and continue to visit a wonderful lady who is in hospice care. One interesting invitation came from an accounting firm in Anderson. Due to tax season, the employees at this firm have been under a lot of stress. The lady that invited us to come and offer a little stress relief to the staff, remembered Seth from Northside Elementary when he offered comfort to the kindergarten class who lost their classmates in a car accident two years ago. We never know where our invitations come from but when they do, we are ready to go!

Seth also does several Zoom visits with supporters and other groups across the country. Recently, he visited with a kindergarten class from Immanuel Lutheran School in Giddings, TX. In April, he will visit with a special needs class in Pontiac, IL. He even made a cameo appearance at the recent LWML Carolina District Meeting on March 20.

Lastly, Seth's team will participate in a virtual Special Olympics Run for Respect walk in Seneca in April in conjunction with 53 Comfort Dog Teams from 21 states to benefit the Special Olympics program in Pontiac, IL. Does it get any more interesting?!

We are blessed with a great dog and a great team of members who are willing to serve our Lord and neighbor wherever He sends us! If anyone is interested in learning more about the ministry and/or willing to be part of the team, please don't hesitate to ask me or a team member what it is all about.

Handlers: Ginger Barthel, Sue Blount, Rudy Carbone, Jean Dombi, Carrie Haenggi, Bob Massa, Diane Williams

Ministry Partners: Kerry Blount, Julie Gambrell, Sami Johnson, Frank Kieninger, Pastor Ray Ramsburg, Berniece Richards, Joyce Thompson, Skip and Colleen Wakeman, Craig and Kate Wells, Jeff Williams

To God be the Glory,
Kyra Carbone, Top Dog
topdogeslc@outlook.com, 864-932-8308

Little Lambs Preschool Spaghetti Supper

(Take out style)



Friday, April 16th from 4pm to 6pm
at
Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church
(Pick-up dinners under the portico)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will not be having the silent auction part this year. Instead, we will continue the tradition with a new twist. **The Little Lambs preschool staff and board will provide a take-out spaghetti supper on Friday April 16th from 4pm to 6pm at Eternal Shepherd. Order forms are in your church mailboxes and on the ESLC website.**

This fundraiser is especially needed this year and any monetary contributions above your dinner price would be greatly appreciated. **Please return order forms anytime before April 9th, by mailing to Little Lambs Preschool 220 Carson Rd., Seneca, SC, 29678 or drop off in church office Spaghetti Supper box.**



*~Thank you so much for your support.
The Preschool Board*

***All proceeds help support
our littlest lambs.***

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS: God made a way!

As we look back on 2020, we praise God that over 1.3 million decisions for Christ were made, over 3.5 million children were discipled, and over 9 million gifts were packed, collected, and processed! And although many training sessions had to be conducted online, it actually brought teams closer together as they shared burdens and challenges, and fervently prayed for one another. As one leader said, "God used this year to strengthen His church and lay a strong foundation for future ministry. Although we were apart, we were more unified than ever."

With lockdowns, quarantines, and store closings across the U.S. and other countries, the question arose whether or not people would pack shoeboxes last year. We needn't have been concerned. God purposefully moved upon the hearts of His people, and they responded with great passion. Local guidelines were followed and over 51,000 people volunteered to inspect shoeboxes at eight different processing centers across the country last year,

Though COVID-19 presented many challenges, Samaritan's Purse National Leadership Teams around the world prayed and found creative solutions to bring hope to children! Shoebox distributions may have looked a little different last year, but the same powerful message of the Gospel was shared.

In Thailand, there was a mandatory lockdown, and it looked like shoeboxes weren't going to be delivered. But over 4,000 of God's people in that country prayed for doors to be opened for Operation Christmas Child. And they were! Circumstances changed and the government was able to cancel the lockdown so that outreach events could be held. The result? Over 8,000 children responded to the Gospel and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior!

In other places, like Paraguay, where large gatherings weren't permitted, the national leadership teams and volunteers found creative ways to minister, including wearing masks and going door-to-door to share the Gospel and hand out shoeboxes in a safe way. In one difficult-to-access country, a large outreach event was planned, but it was canceled when the government restricted public gatherings. "I was so disappointed," a ministry partner said. "But God had a better plan, because we now had a chance to have socially distanced visits with the children right in their homes, tell them the Good News, get to know them better, and talk with their parents."

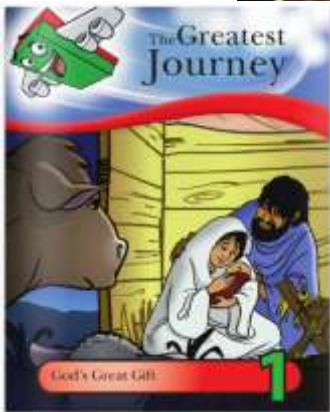
The pandemic didn't impede our efforts to disciple children in 2020. In all, over 3.5 million children participated in The Greatest Journey in 2020 and over 1.3 million came to faith in Jesus!

Eternal Shepherd packed over 200 shoeboxes last year, and this year we're planning to pack 300.

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Watch future editions of the Agapegram for more stories of God's continued faithfulness to this ministry during a very difficult 2020. And watch for updates about our own Packing Party that will take place in November!

~ Blessings, Terri Baumann



DISASTER RESPONSE



Help those in need

We have registered with the NC Baptist rebuild group in Lumberton for the week of April 18th. We have also reserved 3 rooms with the Holliday inn. We can add to this as people sign up for the trip. At our last mission committee meeting we agreed to supplement the cost of housing for up to \$75- per night per person. If two people stay in a room the full

cost will be covered. The cost of food will be covered by dedicated funds from the district. **To sign-up to help or if you have any questions please contact Deek Decker at (864) 356-2135 or email docdeek0@yahoo.com**



"Go and do likewise."
LUKE 10:37

Thank you



A SPECIAL THANK YOU: *Sue Watson and the Watson family* with to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls on behalf of Henry. They are so appreciated and welcome. He has been in Roger C. Peace Rehab hospital in Greenville for the last 6 weeks and will be moving, if all goes well, to a skilled nursing facility in Anderson very soon for additional therapy.



"who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." Philipians 3:21
Happy Easter!



Needs Mentors!

Our mission is to empower children to reach their full God-given potential and to break generational poverty.

Mentors are needed for 3rd-12th graders. Come and share life changing skills with our children!

Visit our website at www.rippleofone.org
For more information, email Ria Dawkins at: ripple.terria@gmail.com



CHURCH VOLUNTEER APPEAL FOR BABYREAD

Volunteers Needed for BabyRead during Pandemic
*BabyRead volunteers continue to stay in touch with families by texting, phoning and dropping off books once a month. **We need volunteers more than ever** to provide our moms and babies with books and moral support during this time of isolation. **Become a BabyRead volunteer by emailing***



Greeting Cards— Birthday! Get Well! Encouragement! Praying for You! Sympathy! Thinking of You! Difficult Times! Anniversary! Baptism! Thanksgiving! Christmas! All these cards are available in the card cart located in the main Fellowship Hall. They are \$.50 a card and \$5.00 for a whole box. Take some time and check them out.

FOOD BANK NEWS: Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **April's** preferred product is "**Spaghetti Sauce**" (Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). ~*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



Hospitality Happenings for April

No in house hospitality happenings at this time due to current restrictions.

As always we thank you for your support and look forward to the day we can once again join together at ESLC in fellowship.

Thinking about joining the hospitality board? Please see myself



Happy Easter!

Scrip Cards are available and make *great gifts* as well as **earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time.** For orders please contact **Libby Dunlap** by phone (864) 944-7477 or by email at robertwd@bellsouth.net. After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser.** ~*Thank you for your support.*



April Birthdays

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| 2 - Teresa Todd | 18 - James Lusk |
| Tammy Wood | 19 - Charlotte Beyer |
| 4 - Jonette Stupke | 20 - Jim Zwahlen |
| 5 - Shannon Cox | 21 - Linda Nichelson |
| 6 - Rudy Carbone | 22 - Harold Coale |
| Leo Rebholz | 23 - Craig Bergeson |
| 7 - Capt. Bert Wise | 24 - Dan Arkfeld |
| 8 - Julia Pahl | Jim Bluhm |
| Joanne Smith | Bob Massa |
| 9 - Adam Beitz | 25 - Sherwood Drexel |
| 11 - Fred Bell | 26 - Arline Ray |
| 12 - Patsy Drexel | 27 - Jean Dombi |
| Katharine Dunlap | Kristin Morriss |
| Blake Wyatt | 28 - John Cochell |
| 15 - Sue Peterson | 29 - Rein Brueggeman |
| 16 - Suzanne Lucas | 30 - Dan Huth |
| Jim Walker | Joe Louderback |



April Anniversaries

- 6 - Rev. Ray & Alice Ramsburg
- 7 - Mike & Joyce Dittmer
- Fred & Angie Munzenmaier
- 24 - Al & Jill Roeder
- 26 - Westly & Vicki Tramble
- 29 - Harold & Shirley Coale
- 30 - Curtis & Jean Dombi



SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In February the following gifts were given:

In loving memory of *Gene Kunkel*
the Elders Fund received gifts of \$520.00,
the Memorial Fund received a gift of \$1,000.00 from Fidelity Charitable Grant,
and the Toys for God's Kids Fund received a gift of \$100.00

Other Gifts:

The Alaska Missions Fund received a gift of \$200.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$140.00

The Debt Reduction Fund received gifts of \$1,775.00,
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Grant

The Disaster Response Team Fund received a gift of \$200.00

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$48.48

The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$248.47

The General Fund received a gift of \$400.00 from AEF Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$875.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$300.00,
and a gift of \$500.00 for the Helping Hands Fund

The Lutheran Witness Magazine Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Mission Quilt Sewers received a gift of \$200.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$380.00



Little Lambs Tales

“As the earth brings forth its shoots, and a garden makes its seeds spring up, so will the Lord God make justice spring up, and praise before all nations” (Isaiah 61:11)

Spring is a wonderful season in which we celebrate birth and new life. It reminds us that winters are temporary, and that cold winds will always give way to warm air and summer breezes. Spring is a time for hope and the promise of new beginnings. All of us here at Little Lambs Preschool are ready to shed the jackets and spend much of our time outdoors celebrating God’s beautiful creation.

As I reflect on our school year amid the past year and its craziness, I am humbled by our teachers and their commitment to Little Lambs Preschool, the children and our families. We were not sure how the school year was going to turn out and what to expect but the normalcy we experienced was a pleasant surprise. The children came each day excited for school. The teachers came each day comforted by being with one another in fellowship. Gathering in prayer each morning strengthened our faith and has drawn us closer as a staff and to our Heavenly Father. What a blessing it has been. A few weeks ago, we all received our first vaccine which gave us all hope for the future! As we have grown and changed this year, so too have our beautiful children.

Our children in the 2’s class didn’t want to share their toys or play with one another at the beginning of the school year. They were not vocal and had trouble communicating using words. Sitting on the mat to listen to a lesson was a near impossibility. Today, they not only share with one another but enjoy playing with each other and are now able to sit on the mat for an extended period listening to a story read and singing songs. They are communicative and use words to tell their teachers lots of stories. And I am sure Pastor David and Deaconess Holly appreciate the way they are now able to sit still and listen during Chapel time!

Our children in the 3’s class have grown in so many ways. From expanding their vocabulary to learning their letter sounds through zoo phonics they are more than ready to enter our prekindergarten program. They have also grown in their kindness and love for one another. They love doing crafts and sitting around the teacher table engaged in art and drawing! They may have started the school year shy and unsure but now practically run into school ready for the day.

Our pre-K class love their chapel time where they have the privilege of being the accolades. They take this job seriously showing reverence and love of God. When they started the school year they knew some letter sounds but today some of the children are already reading! Wow! Such growth!

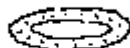
None of this would be possible without the dedication and love from all our staff. And a special thank you to Pastor David and Deaconess Holly as they support our school so lovingly day in and day out. We are very fortunate to be involved in a Christian ministry where we share God’s gifts with so many. Thank you for your continued prayers for our school and faith community. *Happy Easter!*







*Blessings in Christ,
Gina*

Easter Crosses

Make this craft to remember what Jesus did for us. Hang it in your room to look at all year long.



What you need:

- Two 8" paper plates (white)
- Scissors 
- Pencil 
- Crayons, paints or felt markers
- Stapler, glue stick or glue
- Paper punch 
- Yarn, string or ribbon (about 10" or 12") 

What you do:

1. With your pencil draw a slight curved line all the way across the center of one plate. This will be a hill.



2. Draw three crosses on the hill. Make the center one a little bigger than the others.

3. Color the hill green and the crosses brown. Or color the hill and crosses black to look like a silhouette.



4. Cut out the hill and crosses as one piece.



5. Color the top half of the other plate with red, orange and yellow to look like an evening sky.

6. Staple or glue the hill-and-crosses plate onto the sky plate. Make sure you line up the bottom edges of the plates, and staple or glue just along the curved edges where the plates meet.

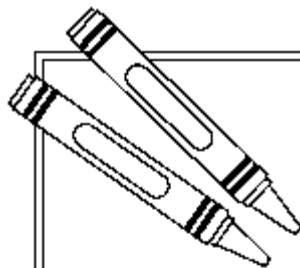
7. Punch a hole near the top of the sky plate.



8. Tie a loop of yarn, string or ribbon through the hole.



9. Hang your scene on your doorknob or on something else in your room.



Just for KIDS

Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

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1	F	U	N			
2	♥	B	♥			
3	M	V	H			
4	♥	♥	A	W	O	♥
5	♥	♥	♥	G	♥	♥
6	E	T	C			
7	L	♥	R			
8	♥	D	♥			
9	I	♥	S			

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 3c 9a 9c 4c 4b 1c 7a 4c 3b 6a 1a 4c 7c 1b 9c 9a 1c
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ANSWER:
 "BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS
 WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor: David Hammer

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*“For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Romans 6:23

Happy Easter!