

# THE FIRST WORD

April, 2014

## Hearing the Resurrection Story Again by Pastor Ian Reid

One of the things that happens to us as Christians is that in time we become easily jaded to the impact of what Jesus truly did for us and how He transformed the world as we know it. The stories of the Bible instead of being “words of eternal life” as the Gospel writer John states, become stories that we gloss over and treat as tales of a somewhat glorious past. The great stories of Jesus and His amazing ministry of teaching, healing and sharing love and grace to the poor, outcasts and needy get relegated to virtues for which we can strive if we are so inclined. When we do this the church becomes less about a body of people who are in awe of God, and more like a club you can join that teaches good morals with hopeful endings.

So what can we Christians do about this problem of complacency that creeps in slowly and starts by dulling our senses so we are satisfied with the way things seem? I believe the answer is by taking a new and earnest look at what scriptures tell us about the resurrection experience. I know that the Bible is a lot more than just the Easter message, but at the same time I cannot think of any greater story to truly transform a person

from an onlooker of Christ to a believer.

The disciples who had been devoted to following Jesus around Galilee and Judea for three years as well as several women woke up Easter morning expecting nothing new to happen. Yes, they had heard Jesus explicitly say that He would die and on the third day rise again, (Matthew 16:21) but really who could understand what that truly meant? It was not as if people died and rose every day or even on rare occasions. This idea that you would come back from the dead even if you could do miracles and speak about God with great authority was ludicrous.

On the day of Jesus’ resurrection one would have thought that Peter, James and John would have been right down by the tomb so they could have had front row seats. Instead they were hiding out wondering about their next move. Even the faithful women who were going to tend to Jesus’ body were more worried about rolling back the cover of the tomb than they were dealing with the consequences of a resurrected Lord who could not be contained by the grave. Truly, I believe the disciples were a lot like us. They knew the stories well

but when it came time to apply them they struggled do so because until we experience resurrection it is hard to grasp its fullness.

The Easter story is simply not just about Jesus rising from the dead but it also has the implication that death has been conquered and we are now set free. The disciples whose great fear of death, which led them to leave Jesus’ side when He needed them most, have fled. They will now travel around the known world and share the Good News of Christ’s death and resurrection that brings about new life in us. The women who came to place spices on a corpse will leave a tomb that is empty with the knowledge that God is not there because He will go before them along their journey just as He had promised before. Even the guards of the tomb who mocked and jeered Him left the tomb in shock and amazement.

Therefore during this Easter season we have a choice; we can go into the season not expecting anything new to change and it will come and pass as usual, or we can open our eyes to the promises of God and be changed by the risen Lord.

**The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Combined Service April 20th at 10:30 am**

## From Your Church Council

It's spring ... at least according to the calendar, but, in spite of the persistent cool days and nights and the threat of more flurries, we know warmer days are on their way ... and we have much to do! We are still in the season of Lent and the joyous celebration of Easter will soon be upon us.

Work is progressing on all of the electrical projects – please be sure to read the update from Dale in this newsletter.

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er projects as well ... the new website will be 'going live' any day and we will tell you how you can sign on. It is a work-in-progress and we will continually be adding new content and updating regularly. Remember, your input is welcome!

Also – have you noticed that work has already started in the garden? The gardeners are expanding their efforts by adding a new garden on Rt. 68 north, just north of the city. We are told it will have veggies that

won't require quite as much attention as the garden adjacent to the church.

The world comes alive when spring is in the air ... and our Church is certainly a good example of that. We are a vibrant and active community of faith, growing as we do the Lord's work here at First Lutheran. Thank you for your involvement and support of our Church!

Andrea Brock,  
Council President

### **EARLY COMMUNION CLASS WITH PASTOR APRIL 5TH, 9:00-11:00 A.M.**

THOSE PARTICIPATING WILL TAKE FIRST COMMUNION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY,  
APRIL 17TH AT 7:00 P.M.  
RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW SERVICE

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR ... A TREASURER FOR FIRST LUTHERAN**

IF YOU HAVE FINANCIAL/ACCOUNTING EXPERIENCE AND FEEL CALLED TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH BY SHARING YOUR TALENTS IN THIS WAY, PLEASE TALK WITH PASTOR, ANDREA, DALE, OR ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL, TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED. A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF *QUICK BOOKS* AND DATABASE PROGRAMS A DEFINITE PLUS.

## Lenten / Holy Week Schedule

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT**  
 11:30 – LUNCH AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 12:30 – SERVICE  
 6:00 PM – DINNER AT  
 CHRIST LUTHERAN  
 7:00 PM – SERVICE AT  
 CHRIST LUTHERAN

**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT**  
 ALL AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 11:30 – LUNCH  
 12:30 – SERVICE  
 6:00 PM – DINNER (WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)

7:00 PM –SERVICE  
**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
 FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL 10 AM

**HOLY WEEK**  
**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
 12:30 SERVICE  
 7:00 PM SERVICE  
 FIRST COMMUNION GIVEN DURING  
 SERVICE  
 RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

**APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
 7:00 PM

**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
 FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL 10 AM  
 EGG HUNT 10 AM  
 SATURDAY VIGIL 7:00 PM

**APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**YOUTH BREAKFAST 9 AM**  
**RESURRECTION**  
**OF OUR LORD 10:30 AM**



**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 A.M.**



## First Lutheran Upgrades

We will be seeing a lot of activity around our church very soon. Our loan was finalized on March 6<sup>th</sup> and we signed the contract with McHenry Electric on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Sanctuary hearing assistance loop agreement was approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> and is being scheduled for installation. We are reviewing the bell tower roof upgrade and will be scheduling the replacement when the

weather permits. The engineering of the Sanctuary lighting upgrades is nearing completion.

McHenry Electric has ordered the initial equipment needed and will be starting from the power inlet to our church in the basement of the education building and will replace six circuit breaker boxes and the cloth backed wiring throughout our church. The final phase

will be replacing the chandelier wiring and installing additional lights for our choir and altar areas.

We have received \$25,101 so far! This is a tremendous start! As we discussed, every dollar we donate till September 6<sup>th</sup> we will not have to borrow. Let's all pitch in and help!

Dale VanDeVelde  
 Council Vice President



**FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS**  
**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00 AM**



## New Website Coming

We are working on an exciting new website for First Lutheran Church. Our fingers are crossed that it will go 'live' in the next 30 days or so. It will be a 'living' site and constantly changing with worship times, news, views, coming events, etc., along with many of our current site contents like worship and music downloads ... and much, much more!

We will be including photographs of people and events at our church, activities, etc. However, we do not want to include photographs of you or your family if that is your desire. So, please tell us if you do NOT want us to use your family's photographs by signing and dropping this form in the offering plate or at the church office.

If you have ideas or suggestions anytime for the FLC website - please let us know by jotting your idea on the attendance sheet on Sundays, calling the church office, or talking with any member of Council.

Please sign below if you do NOT want your family's photographs to be used on the First Lutheran Church website:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks and stay tuned...we will let you know as soon as we go live!!!

**YOUTH EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**  
**9:00 AM–10:00 AM**  
**SUPPORTS THE NYC MISSION TRIP**

## Sunday School Information

I would like to thank Jen White and Christine Curry for stepping up and helping to teach the Children's class. They are sharing the duty of teaching the Crafts.

**April 19th - Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00**

*\*Here is a list of what we need for the Easter Egg Hunt:*

- filled plastic eggs (we have eggs if you need

some....you provide the candy)

- cookies for the reception
- people to help hide the eggs...be here at the church at 9:00.

We will be taking the summer off from Sunday school for the Confirmation, Senior High and Children's classes.

The last day will be June 8th.  
 Kid's Club - If you are

interested in helping please let me know. Julie Davis has offered to help with the food...a big thank-you to Julie for doing this. My plan is to begin the Wednesday evening Kid's Club on June 25th and run through August 6th.

Thank-you,  
 Lori

## Annual Lutheran Golf League

A spring dinner and organizational meeting will be held on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm (dinner starts at 6:15 pm). The event will be held at the home of Jim and Margie Hamric, 201 Woodridge Drive, Mineral Wells.

All league members and spouses are invited. If you know someone who would like to play golf with us they are invited to attend the meeting as well.

If you are planning to play in the league but unable to attend the meeting on April

28<sup>th</sup>, please contact Pastor Ian Reid, or the church office. We will be sure to get you any information from the meeting. Golf league officially begins on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

## D.U.N. Committee

- **Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>** – Golf Meeting at the Hamrics (see article on this page)
- **May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Blennerhassett Brunch
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Annual picnic

The Restaurant Rovers are going to the Blennerhassett for their wonderful Sunday brunch. Please drop a note in the offering plate or call the church office by May 14<sup>th</sup> if planning to attend.

Our annual picnic will be held at the City Park and it will held following the 10:45 service in shelters 1A & 1B. Bring a covered dish and the DUN committee will provide everything else!

**SPRING CLEANING  
APRIL 12TH, 9:00-12:00 NOON**

**“Did you know”** that the bishop of our Synod, The Rev. Ralph Dunkin, is a pastor of your congregation? He serves as the pastor to your pastor and to your congregation. Bishop Dunkin is now in his seventeenth year of service as your pastor.

## Lay Readers for Sunday Worship

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:30 service</b>	<b>10:45 Service</b>
April 6	Bob Friend	Julie Davis
April 13	Sue Lamp	Tim Archer
April 20	Barbara McDowell (10:30 service only)	
April 27th	Jerry Harman	Cheryl Hasbargen

### Lay Readers for Lenten Services

<b>Date</b>	<b>12:30 service</b>	<b>7:00 Service</b>
April 2	Marcia VanDeVelde	Service at Christ Lutheran
April 9	Betsy Ehret	Bill Kohler

We will be needing readers for the "Passion of According to Matthew" on Palm Sunday. If you are interested in being a reader please notify the church office or drop a note in the offering plate. We will need readers for both services.

## Communion Bearers for Sunday Worship

April 6	Chip and Barb Rodgers
April 13	Brian and Penny Green
April 20	Ashley Wiltsey and Carole Carter
April 27	Lewis and Karen Creel
May 4	Betsy Ehret and Barb McDowell

## Door Greeters for Sunday Worship

April 6	Philip Cross and Tina Schott
April 13	Brian and Penny Green
April 20	Jane Nancarrow and Jean Riggs (only one service starting at 10:30)
April 27	Lindel Lantz and Jayne Gillespie

## CPR/ AED TRAINING



First Lutheran Church has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). It is located on the wall in the hallway between the educational building and sanctuary. It sits in a red wooden rack. We need to have members

trained periodically to use the equipment. The training will also include CPR. We will be offering such a training in May. We are looking at an evening session going from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The possible dates are May 1st, 14th, or

15th. We need a minimum of six people for a class. If there is enough interest we could offer a morning session as well. Contact the church office if you are interested in the training for more details.

## Youth Events for April

4/6 (Pastor Ian's birthday!)-  
grades 3-12- Egg Splatter Craft-  
Join us for an EGG-cellent  
painting!

4/18- Good Friday Service- be  
at the church at 4 pm to practice  
the drama. Dinner will be pro-  
vided!

4/27- Grades 6-12- Clothespin  
Catapults- We'll get creative and  
test our medieval skills when we  
make catapults.

4/13- grades 3-12- Practicing for  
Good Friday Service, Easter ac-  
tivities!

4/20- EASTER- NO YOUTH

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 11th,  
we would like to recognize  
all graduates. Please submit  
4 to 5 photos of your high  
school senior to the church  
office or to Lori Butler  
through her email.  
(mlbutler@access.k12.wv.us)

College graduates please  
submit a recent photo of  
yourself, your degree, and  
where you completed your  
college education to the  
church office or to Lori But-  
ler. Any actual photos will  
be returned after May 11th.



**YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST**  
**CASSEROLES NEEDED EASTER MORNING**  
**CONTACT BECCA (304-966-6430), CHURCH OFFICE-**  
**OR DROP A NOTE IN THE OFFERING PLATE IF YOU**  
**WISH TO CONTRIBUTE**



## Rummage Sale

We will have a rummage  
sale on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Bring your used treasures to  
the fellowship hall starting  
May 5<sup>th</sup>. Need all items by  
WEDNESDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup>,  
so we can get everything set  
up! If you need things

picked up, contact the  
church office and we can  
arrange it.

THEN! Come and shop for  
more things to take home.  
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### RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 16

4-7 pm

Saturday, May 17

8 am-12 pm

# MATINEE MONDAYS

**2:00-4:00 P.M.**

WE WILL ALSO HAVE GAME DAYS AND  
MAYBE A SING-ALONG!  
MOVIES AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED WEEKLY IN THE CHURCH  
BULLETIN.

# Thank You

*I want to thank the church for sending me  
a meal from the Lenten lunch on March  
19th. I really appreciated the thoughtfulness  
and it was delicious.*

*God Bless, Flo Kreaps*

# EASTER LILIES



Orders are now being taken for Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary on Easter. They are \$9.00 each. After the Easter Service, you may take your Easter lilies home. To order, fill out this form and drop it into the offering plate. Please include payment with your form, place in one of the offering envelopes, and mark it "Easter Lilies".

**All orders must be in the church office by April 9, 2014.**

## EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Easter Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_



# APRIL, 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	O	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <b>FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT</b> 11:30 – LUNCH AT FIRST LUTHERAN 12:30 – SERVICE 6:00 PM – DINNER AT CHRIST LUTHERAN 7:00 PM – SERVICE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN Handbells 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm Bereavement 7:00 pm	3	4	5 Early Communion Class with Pastor 9:00-11:00  Installation of the "Get Looped " System 10 AM
6 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Youth (grades 3-12) 5:00 Evening Service 6:30	7 Matinee Monday 2:00-4:00 Praise Team At Church 7:00 p.m.	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00  Al-Anon 6:30 pm	9 <b>SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT</b> ALL AT FIRST LUTHERAN  Pastor's Class 10:00 am 11:30 – LUNCH 12:30 – SERVICE Handbells 6:00 pm 6:00 PM – DINNER (WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY) 7:00 PM –SERVICE Senior Choir 7:30 pm	10  Church Council 6:00pm	11	12 Spring Cleaning 9:00-12:00 noon  Festival Choir Rehearsal 10 AM
13 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 Praise Team at Worthington 2:00 p.m. Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Youth (grades 3-12) 5:00 Evening Service 6:30	14 Matinee Monday 2:00-4:00 Praise Team Eagle Pointe 7:00 pm	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Al-Anon 6:30 pm	16 Handbells 6:30 pm Bereavement 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	17 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 12:30 SERVICE 7:00 PM SERVICE FIRST COMMUNION GIVEN DURING SERVICE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW	18  <b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b> 7:00 PM	19 EGG HUNT 10 AM  Festival Choir Rehearsal 10 AM  SATURDAY VIGIL 7:00 PM
20 <b>RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD</b> Breakfast 9:00 am <u>One Worship Service 10:30</u> Invitation to Prayer 5:00 NO Youth NO Evening Service	21 Matinee Monday 2:00-4:00 Praise Team At Church @ 7pm	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Al-Anon 6:30 pm	23 Handbells 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	24	25	26 First Word Articles Due
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## OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Invitation to Prayer Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

## HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED:

All Sunday Services

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