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DYING AND RISING

You have probably heard me use the expression many times that 'the Christian Life is one of daily dying and rising.' That is, the Christian daily dies to sin, and daily rises to live a new life before God. Such a life is called a life of repentance.

During the season of Lent, the people of God recall that their sin is the reason Christ had to suffer and die as mankind's substitute. For this reason the season bears a somewhat subdued tone. Sin has that affect (*sic*) on the sinner.

As the weeks of lent move to Palm Sunday, the Church of Jesus Christ is prepared, through the Word and the Spirit, to see once again the suffering and death of Christ for sinners. All sinners! His death for me!

The Church does not merely remember His suffering and death on the cross, but eagerly anticipates the opportunity to rejoice in His resurrection! The month of April is a glorious month, for not only is Holy Week observed, but so also is the great high festival of the Resurrection of the Lord!

It is the Resurrection of Jesus that is the Father's guarantee that His work was sufficient to redeem all people from the ravages of sin and from eternal death!

Fortunately, the people of God need not enter Holy Week without the knowledge of the resurrection! No indeed! God's people may rejoice even in the midst of Holy Week as we recall the love that caused Him to take our place under the wrath of the Father toward sin.

But the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus have an even greater impact for the children of God. As the Apostle Paul says in Romans, Chapter Six: "**Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**" (NKJ)

Because you have been united into Christ's death in your baptism, you also die to sin. Because you have been united to the resurrection of Christ in your baptism, you also share in His resurrection!

This sharing in His resurrection is many faceted! You not only are the gifted with the forgiveness of sin in His death, or as a result of His death, but you are also given the promise of the resurrection, as an already accomplished reality.

In the resurrection of Christ, conveyed to you in your baptism, you daily die to sin and daily arise to **newness of living**.

In your Baptism you see the death and resurrection of your Savior played out in your life each and every day!

A Blessed Resurrection Life to You!

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March 15, 2017

Dear Grace Lutheran Church Member,

As was announced on Sunday, March 12 at the close of the Matins service, The Reverend Dr. Martin Noland of Trinity Lutheran Church, Evansville, IN, has confirmed he will be prayerfully considering our call as Senior Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church. His letter to the congregation follows below.

As he considers our Call, please keep Grace Lutheran Church, The Reverend Dr. Noland, his family and the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, Evansville, IN in your prayers.

Blessings in Christ our Lord and Savior,

Lance Johnson

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

It is with great joy and excitement that my family and I received your call to serve Grace Lutheran Church this week! My wife and I have read through the call documents and enclosures and everything seems to be in order. Thanks to the call committee and church officers for all their labors on this process so far!

This morning, March 12th, I will announce to my congregation that I have received your call. After prayerful deliberation, I will announce my decision to both congregations on Palm Sunday 2017, or on Easter Sunday 2017 at the latest.

My wife and I, and two of our daughters--Renee (age 18) and Heidi (age 16)--plan to visit the Bay Area, San Mateo, and Grace congregation from March 26th to April 1st, since this our daughters' Spring Break. Our other daughter Sarah (age 20) will be in school at Indiana University-Bloomington at that time. My parents live in San Jose, near Cupertino, and we will stay with them. We look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you very soon!

We ask for your prayers to our Lord, Jesus Christ, that He would give us insight into what is best for His church, our beloved synod, and both congregations in the matter of my call to Grace Lutheran Church!

Yours in Christ,
Martin R. Noland
Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Evansville, Indiana

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Grace LWML Mission Statement

"Our mission is to encourage the women Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures."



**"Serve the Lord
with Gladness"**

Upcoming Dates:

April 16, 2017 - Easter Breakfast
(See next page)

April 27, 2017 - Mission Project Work Day
12:30 pm Dolores Keim's House



2016-2018

Mission Grants

7. Bethesda Auxiliary

CNH Unit,
Cupertino, CA

\$9,000

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Easter Breakfast

Grace Congregation and School Families

Grace LWML invites you to Breakfast

Sunday, April 16, 2017

It will be served in the Parish Hall from 8:00 am to 9:30 am

A free in Christ offering will be gathered to cover
the cost of the breakfast.



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Hear God's Word

Scripture: Acts 4:32–35; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31
Text: John 20:19–31

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'll have to see it to believe it"? That is an attitude people sometimes get. We are not willing to believe something unless we can see it with our own eyes. Thomas reacted that way in the readings. He was not there when Jesus appeared to the rest of the disciples. When they told Thomas about it, he wouldn't believe it because he hadn't seen it for himself.

Let's try an experiment. Imagine objects that I am going to drop. I want you to predict what will happen when I drop them. Will they float? Rise? Fall down? Will it depend on the object? Bowling ball...Marble...Feather Why were you certain that these objects would fall to the floor when I dropped them? So you know what gravity is! Is it hard to believe something that you cannot see? Are there other things that we believe without seeing with our own eyes? Thomas had a hard time believing what he could not see. The other disciples told him they had seen Jesus, but he just couldn't believe it without seeing for himself. What changed this for Thomas? Have we physically seen Jesus with our own eyes? Do we still believe in Him? What leads us to believe even though we have not seen Him? You're right again! God works faith in us through His Word. Do we also see evidence of God in our lives and in the world around us? We are confident in believing what God tells us in His Word because of faith. In Hebrews 11:1, God tells us, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the assurance of things not seen." Even though we do not see, we can be sure of what God tells us. Most important, we believe that God sent Jesus to take away our sins and enable us to serve Him and live with Him forever.

We have not seen Jesus with our eyes, but we still believe. The Holy Spirit works this faith in our hearts through the Word. We also see evidence of God's working in our lives and in the world around us. We are included in the people Jesus talks about when He said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

LOOKING AHEAD!

Friday, March 31, 7 pm ... **All School & Church Families Talent Show**

Friday, May 12, 10 am & 7 pm ... **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Grades 5-8 Play)**

Friday, May 19, 5-7 pm ... **Academic Fair & Pre-K thru 8th Grade Open House**

Visit classrooms, meet our teachers and enjoy BBQ & international food. Fun for the whole family.

Coming This Summer @ GLS ... **Robotics Coding & Programming - Kids Learn To Make Cool Robots**
Learn to build robots that navigate obstacle courses and complete complex tasks. (June & July)



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Aquarium (3).MOV

MESSAGES FROM MATONGO

MARCH 2016

Dear Partners in the Gospel, Family and Friends. This March Newsletter will keep you informed of my activities in the month of February. As many of you know, Jan was unable to accompany me to Neema so this Semester my teaching schedule began with me in Nairobi, where I spent a few days working through the Apostles Creed with the Staff at the Nairobi field office. Below my colleague Brit Anderson Odemba and I after one of the classes. Brit and her husband Micah are expecting their second child this spring /early summer.



Following my three days in Nairobi, I traveled to Shinyanga Tanzania. For the next week I conducted another class at the Emmanuel Makala Training Center outside Shinyanga. In the picture below Bishop Makala is standing to my right. His daughter and wife were also in the class preparing to be Deaconesses. The gentlemen in the picture are being formed as theologians to serve as Pastors in the South East of Lake Victoria Diocese.



Below is the young lady who took the Group picture. Stella trained in the Deaconess program at Neema where we were privileged to be her teachers.



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Following my teaching in Tanzania, I am spending these eight remaining weeks teaching intensive courses. I teach our CD3 class of deaconesses the Deaconess Counseling course, as well as two courses for the Bachelor program. The first is the course in Evangelism and Discipleship, and the Second a course in Pastoral Ministry. Both of the latter courses have several already Ordained pastors serving in a Congregation or Parish. When I have pastors who have already served in the field in a class it is a particular joy for me for I learn much from them.



WHAT IS IT? THE FRUIT pictured to the right and the left is called Jackfruit. It was unique to me. Very savory with a caramel taste, and



quite rich, the portion edible is by the seeds. The rest is fibrous and quite sticky to the touch. Charles a

campus worker brought it as a gift. The larger portion we gave to the students.

TO SUPPORT OUR WORK IN KENYA OR THROUGHTOUT AFRICA

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OR

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

The ELCK as it prepares for elections and new leadership; Daughter Rebecca battling MS; Jan as she awaits medical test results; NLTC faculty and staff; Bd. of International Missions and staff; Faithful students. **Thanks be to God** for faithful prayer and financial partners who make our continued service in Kenya possible.

On the Home Front:

Arriving home in December we were greeted with a leaking roof and water damage to our guest room; wall, ceiling, and floor were removed and after two months we are now ready to welcome guests back to our home! Coming to the Sacramento area? Just let us know; we'd love to be your "home-away-from-home."



December-January also saw Charles preaching, teaching, doing shut-in calls as well as spending time with family and friends.



We had a short but wonderful visit from Charles's sister Marilyn and husband Terry from Australia and even though down one bedroom and bathroom, had special time with ALL of our children and grandchildren at Christmas. (The true test of family!)

Attending the Symposia at Ft. Wayne Seminary, we experienced again the humble joy of being part of God's mission in training Pastors and Deaconesses for Word and Sacrament/Word and Service ministry in other parts of His world.

Thank you for being part of our journey; your support in prayer and monetary gifts continue to strengthen, encourage, and keep us able to fulfill this calling in the latter years of our lives. Your prayers and support allow these faithful men and women to be the Lord's servants in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Zambia and the Congo. As our "congregation" we also pray for you, giving thanks and asking God to surround you with His love and that you be kept you faithful.

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He is not here; he has risen just as he said.

Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:6

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 Matthew Udisches	5	6	7 Katherine Brownlee	8
9 Darren Hayame	10 Natalie Dubbel	11	12 Martin-Michelle Semmler	13 Sue Bethke	14 Bob Emery Chad Franques	15
16	17	18	19 John-Ellen Bordy	20	21	22 Shirley Gangelhoff
23	24	25	26 Donna Menche Doris Emery	27	28 Bella Archer	29 Bernie Dille
30						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00a-Noon-Sanctuary reserved for Easter music practice
2 9:00a-Matins Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	3	4	5 10:00a-Mid-week Lent Matins 6:00p-Senior Choir 7:00p-Mid-week Lent Vespers	6	7	8
9 9:00a-Palm Sunday Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 7:00a-Easter SonRise-Matins 8:00a-Easter Breakfast 10:00a-The Resurrection of our Lord Divine Service Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20 Noonday Prayer 6:00p-Senior Choir 7:00p-Maundy Thurs. Divine Service	21 Good Friday Noonday Service GLS dismissal follows 7:00p-Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers	22 7:00p-Easter Vigil 10:30a-Gen. Society
23 9:00a-Matins Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	24 Easter Break No School/Ext. Care 8:30a-GLS resumes	25 Easter Break No School/Ext. Care 8:35a-Chapel Kids of the Kingdom 4:00p-School Board	26 Easter Break No School/Ext. Care 3:05p-Evening Prayer	27 4:00p-Senior Choir Easter Break No School/Ext. Care 12:30p-Mission Project Work Day (Keim's home) 4:00p-Senior Choir	28 Easter Break No School/Ext. Care	29 Easter Break 9:00a-Planning Coun.
30 9:00a-Matins Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study						

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¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. ~Galatians 6:10

Egon Adam	Robert Crews	Joy Hayame	Steve McLaughlin	Detlef Siarkowski
Kelly Archer	Veronica Crews	Hannah Hayame	Heather McLaughlin	Hannelore Siarkowski
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