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The Epistle

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10 a.m.

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Wednesdays 10 a.m.

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1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1 p.m.
386 Boulder Street

From Pastor Harvey:

What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ mean?

One easy response is that it means we too will one day be bodily resurrected to be with God forever. And that is a pretty good answer. It is good news. It fills us with hope and joy (for many reasons). This good news might alleviate the feelings of fear, futility and hopelessness at the thought of dying. It is good news because it means living in the eternal presence of our loving and living God. It is good news because it means the end of suffering and struggle. And it means reunion with loved ones who have already died.

That is the easy response to the question. And because it is all true, this is the most wonderful news. And I don't mean to diminish how wonderful this is, but there is a more difficult answer to the same question. How does the resurrection of Jesus change the way you approach your life now? Does knowing your ultimate destiny change how you choose to live out your life now?

I have played several computer games where the champion fights against evil. It is kind of like watching a movie where the protagonist battles evil bad guys, except on the computer game, I control my digital avatar and make choices along the way that affect the outcome of the game. One of the most important features of these games is that depending on the choices I make and how aggressively I pursue justice, because of the risks my digital avatar takes, I can be more easily killed by the bad guys. Or, if I play less aggressively, take fewer risks and play more timidly, my digital avatar might have a better chance of surviving.....

I usually choose to play somewhat aggressively because I know that when my avatar is killed, I can always go back and restart that episode from my last "saved" point in the game. When you do that, you don't have to go back to the beginning of the story in order to continue.

Now, I am not recommending that you live your real life recklessly or aggressively. Your life is not a computer game. The real consequences of living your life as if it were a computer game would be catastrophic. Your life, and every life, are precious and you ought to be careful with the gift of life. And yet, even the most careful, prudent and least thrill-seeking life still carries risk.

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Dates of Interest:

Palm Sunday- April 2

Easter—April 9

Easter Breakfast 8am

Easter Service 10am



Birthdays

1-Brenda Neilsen
 3-Guy Sheets
 6-Christal Monger, Jenifer Erickson, Denise Goolsby, Izayaha Teeters
 8-Shelby Jolly
 9-Patty Jolly
 11-Alice Teetor
 13-Craig Phipps, Larry Gardner
 14-Carolyn Gardner
 15-traci Richter, Dennis Carpenter
 19-Kelsey Jolly
 20-Gerald Yirku
 26-Joan Mitchell, Dean Babcock, Em-malynn Teetor

Baptisms

1-Joshua Brown
 6-Gail Bagenstos
 15-Gary Mitchell, Bobbie Welton
 19-Kyle Bartling, Jacob Bartling, Kathy Fredrickson
 20-Nancy Rowles
 25-Zachary Peterson

Anniversaries

2-Tiffany/Jim Buranosky
 29-Sara/Matt Rowles

Preschool News

This month preschoolers are learning the Easter Story. We will have an egg hunt to celebrate that Jesus is Risen!

Our next big plans are for preschool graduation that is only next month! Feel free to join us May 25th for this event. More details to come!

We welcome all visitors to the preschool rooms during off-class times. Thank you in advance for cleaning up your books and toys so preschool staff can focus on carrying out our classroom plans without extra work! Our last mysterious weekend visitor left our shared space in a mess.

We continue to have weekly chapel time with Pastor Harvey, where we sing with him and learn about stories from the bible. —Lindsey and Jodie

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But the resurrection.... Knowing the promise of your resurrection means you don't have to live in constant fear of death. Knowing the promise of your resurrection means you know there are some things worth standing up for and also worth standing against. And it isn't just that you might be risking death. In seeking righteousness for your self and others, means also risking your status in the community and risking your reputation. But the resurrection.... Does the resurrection give you greater assurance to do what you know is right?

Your ultimate destiny is safeguarded. The cross of Jesus Christ and his resurrection are our hope and promise. Jesus suffered the shame of being arrested because he did what was right. He suffered the shame of torture and the humiliation of the cross. He died because he was faithful to his Father's will. And then, through the resurrection of Jesus, God the Father vindicated Jesus and gave him the name above all other names.

Pastor Harvey

HOLY WEEK:

April 2: Palm Sunday 10 am
 April 5: Stations of the Cross (8-10am)
 April 6: Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
 April 7: Good Friday Service 7pm
 April 9: Easter Breakfast 8am
 April 9: Easter Service 10am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm Sunday 10am – Worship	3	4 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	5 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool Stations of the Cross 8a-10am	6 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool Maundy Thursday 7pm	7 8-12 Office 8-11 Preschool Good Friday 7pm	8
9 Easter Breakfast at 8 10am – Worship	10	11 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool 530 PS Board	12 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	13 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	14 8-12 Office 8-11 Preschool	15
16 10am – Worship	17	18 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	19 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	20 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	21 8-12 Office 8-11 Preschool	22
23 10am – Worship Council Meeting 4-H 3:30pm	24	25 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	26 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	27 8-12 Office Pastor Harvey 8-11 Preschool	28	29
30 10am – Worship Quilting 	31					
		*1st and 3rd Thursdays, 386 Boulder, 1:00PM Bible study Phyl Kauffman's house *Wednesday mornings at 10AM online Bible study with Craig *April 30 Quilting after services (snack and sew!)				

Tasks	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Altar Guild					
Asst. Minister					
Cantors					
Hospitality					
Lector	Gail B	Jeanette B.		Jody S	
Offering Counter					
Ushers			<i>You?</i>		

Calhan Lions Club Community Easter Egg Hunt



Free to children
ages 1-10

Come hunt for eggs and
get a a goodie bag of
treats.



Saturday, April 8, 2023
Egg Hunt at 1:00 pm

Calhan Town Park
and Baseball field

Parking:
8th St. and Manitou St.



Special prizes for each age
group.

We hope you can join us!!
