



Symbols of Easter

Spring-Easter and spring go together. As the snow melts, buds appear on trees and seeds send their shoots up toward the sunlight as the deadened world of winter awakens with newness of life. Christians celebrate the new life that is available to them because Jesus rose from the dead.

Baby bunnies, chicks, and birds-Newborn animals remind us of the new and eternal life available to us because Jesus defeated death and rose from the grave. Also, because of that triumph, we can become new creatures in Him.

Green, yellow, pink, and purple-The colors of the Easter season are the colors of springtime flowers: New life appears where there once was death! Green specifically stands for new life, and purple, the color of royalty, reminds us that Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords.

New clothes-A new Easter outfit symbolizes putting away winter and can remind us that God dresses up the earth in the lovely colors of spring. Also, because Christ rose from the tomb, we may live a new life.

Eggs-In eggs, like in Jesus' tomb, life is sealed away for a time. But then that life bursts forth just as Jesus burst forth from the grave! In Jewish tradition, eggs also symbolize a free-will offering, the giving of more than is demanded. Jesus is God's free-will offering; God gives us far beyond what we deserve or even dare to ask Him for. Jesus is the gift not only of life, but of eternal life!

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1 Peter 3:18


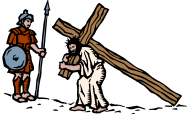





For Christ died for sins once for

ALL

the righteous for the unrighteous
to bring you to God.



April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Service	2  Service	3  9-10am  Family Easter Event 10am-1pm
4 	5 	6	7  Confirmation 6pm	8 BoY Mtg. 7:15 pm	9  Softball 9pm	10  9-10am
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Christ's Kids

Christ's Kids is a new program for elementary aged children (K-5). It will be every first Saturday of the month from 10am-12:30pm. The events will usually include play time (free play and organized), a craft, chapel time, lunch, and a short video. Some dates will be set aside for family events and outings. We will let you know when these events are going to happen as we will need help with transportation. If you would like to be involved in this new ministry please speak with Erin Rustan, Eileen Busbice, or Vanessa Wilson.



The next event will be: Saturday, April 3rd!

There will be a Family Easter Celebration in place of our normal Christ's Kids event this month. We will be making an edible craft that will take us through the Lenten Season and into Easter. The kids will have the chance to hunt for hidden Easter eggs and we will all enjoy a cookout in the backyard! Sign-up in the Narthex so that we may have enough craft supplies for everyone interested in making a project (one per family). Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy the fun and celebrate Easter with us!

STEP OFF

If you are in 6-12th grade join us every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am in the Youth Room where we will be taking the challenge to walk up to the edge and step off in faith. You will be asked to take a look at your life and make some hard decisions. Are you ready for the challenge?





On May 22nd
from 10am-4pm
@
**200 N. CENTRAL DRIVE
BEDFORD, TX 76021**



the Youth will be serving up food as a fundraiser for events! Come out and support our kids and enjoy some good food in the process!



kourtney Garcia will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd! Congratulations Kourtney!

WE WILL HONOR OUR FOUR GRADUATES AT THE YOUTH SERVICE ON MAY 30TH WITH A POTLUCK AND RECEPTION TO FOLLOW! JOIN US IN CELEBRATING!

✎ JOHNATHAN LUCKENBILL ✎

✎ TUMI MANALA ✎

✎ KALEI MASALOSALO ✎

✎ SETH SCHELLHORN ✎





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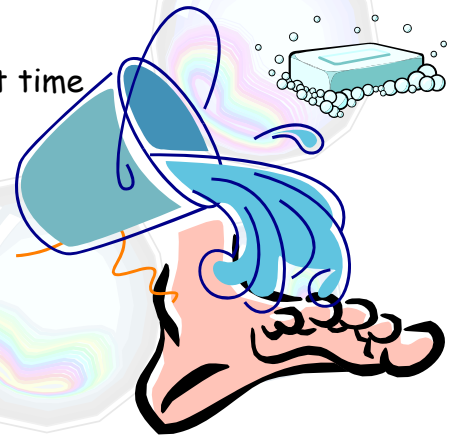
OUR GREEN BARK



Maundy Thursday Foot-Washing

The dry desert sand and the open sandals worn in Jesus' day did not make for clean feet. That's why the household's lowest-ranking servant would wash the feet of his master's guests when they came to visit. So get a basin of warm water and several dry hand towels and let God's Spirit bring to life an amazing moment from Jesus' last days.

- ✚ Read together John 13:1-17 and talk about what Jesus did and why He did it. What did He want to teach His disciples?
- ✚ Take off your shoes and socks. Then take turns washing each other's feet. Imagine what it would be like if your favorite Bible-study leader, your pastor, or your Lord Himself was on His knees before you washing your feet.
- ✚ Once everyone's feet have been washed and everyone has washed someone's feet, talk about some of the feelings you had. Was it easier to wash feet or have them washed? Why?
- ✚ Think about people in your life. Whose feet, figuratively speaking, need to be washed? Which of the ideas you came up with earlier will you do-and for whom-this week?
- ✚ What kinds of things can we do today for one another that would be similar to washing someone's feet in Jesus' day?
 - 🔗 Taking a meal to someone going through a difficult time
 - 🔗 Mowing the lawn for someone who can't
 - 🔗 Grocery shopping for an elderly person or shut-in
 - 🔗 Taking someone's car in for an oil change
 - 🔗 Doing repair work on someone's house
 - 🔗 Giving someone a pedicure or shoulder massage
 - 🔗 Getting someone a cup of coffee or tea



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MY GRACE
IS
SUFFICIENT
FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT
IN WEAKNESS.
2 Corinthians 12:9

Family Devotion:

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-46; Mark 14:12-42; Luke 22:7-46; John 14:2-3

The people who lived in Jesus' country used to have a feast for a special reason. They had this feast once a year; in fact, Jewish people still have this feast. It is called the feast of the Passover.

Jesus and His disciples wanted to eat a feast of the Passover together. But they did not have a place to have the feast. Jesus told the disciples to go into town and ask where they could hold their feast.

The disciples did exactly what Jesus told them to do. A man showed them a room to use. So the disciples prepared the feast.

That evening around suppertime, Jesus told the disciples this would be the last time He would eat the Passover feast with them. He knew that He would die soon.

Jesus told the disciples that He was going to get heaven ready for them. Later He would come back to take them to Heaven. Jesus meant that He would come back and get all the people who love Him when He comes at the Second Coming.

After they had eaten, they sang a song together. Then they went to a garden. Jesus went off by Himself to pray.

Jesus knew that some men were going to take Him that night and kill Him. He told God, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." He didn't want to die, but He knew that was the only way we could have our sins forgiven and go to heaven.

- ☞ What was the name of the feast that was celebrated by Jesus and His disciples?
- ☞ What did Jesus tell the disciples as they were eating?
- ☞ Is Jesus going to come back and take all those who love Him to heaven?
- ☞ What did Jesus do in the garden?
- ☞ Why was Jesus willing to die?
- ☞ What kind of place do you think heaven will be?

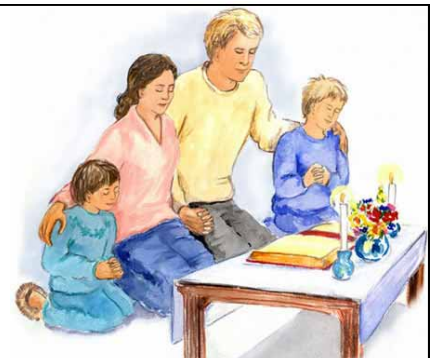
Memory Verse:

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." -Hebrews 11:1



Other Resources:

- ☑ www.soulthirst4youth.net
- ☑ dailydevos.org (free devotions for youth)
- ☑ www.happymeal.com
- ☑ www.lifekids.tv
- ☑ tuitionfundingsources.com



Ways You Can Serve:

Activity: This would be a Habitat for Humanity-type of project. It would be hard for children to help build a home. Why not purchase a playhouse for children, or even a dollhouse and paint it as a family, then donate it to a homeless shelter or an orphanage?

Contact your local lumber yard and craft store, and explain to them what you and your family are doing. They may give you a discount, or they may even donate the house or the paint to paint the house. Be bold in asking; you would be surprised at what businesses will do to help others.

Read: Matthew 25:34-40.

- ▶ Look around your bedroom. Pick one toy that is your absolute favorite.
- ▶ If you had to leave your house right now and could never come back to it, what toy would you bring along with you?
- ▶ What toy or toys would you miss the most?
- ▶ Most of the children living in homeless shelters or in an orphanage are left without a home for many reasons. Many times the children could only take one toy with them when they left. It is good to help these children and their families feel loved while they are living in these shelters. Collect and deliver toys in good condition.
- ▶ What can you talk to God about concerning these children and their families?

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ACTION
SPRINGS NOT FROM
THOUGHT,
BUT FROM READINESS
FOR RESPONSIBILITY.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PARENTS DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

MONDAY

Ask the Lord to completely surround your children with emotional, physical, and spiritual protection.

TUESDAY

Pray that the Lord will strengthen your children's faith and will fill them with a passionate desire to want to seek and know Him, His word and His will.

WEDNESDAY

Ask the Lord to give your children godly wisdom to choose their friends and peers, and to give them strength and courage to boldly take a stand for what is right.

THURSDAY

Pray that the Lord would renew your children's mind, helping them to remain pure in their thoughts and deeds.

FRIDAY

Ask the Lord to extend His blessing over the activities of your children, both academic and extracurricular, giving them alertness and clarity of mind. Pray also for encouragement in their defeats and humility in their victories.

SATURDAY

Pray that your children will be sensitive and compassionate to the needs of others, and that the Lord will help them act in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

SUNDAY

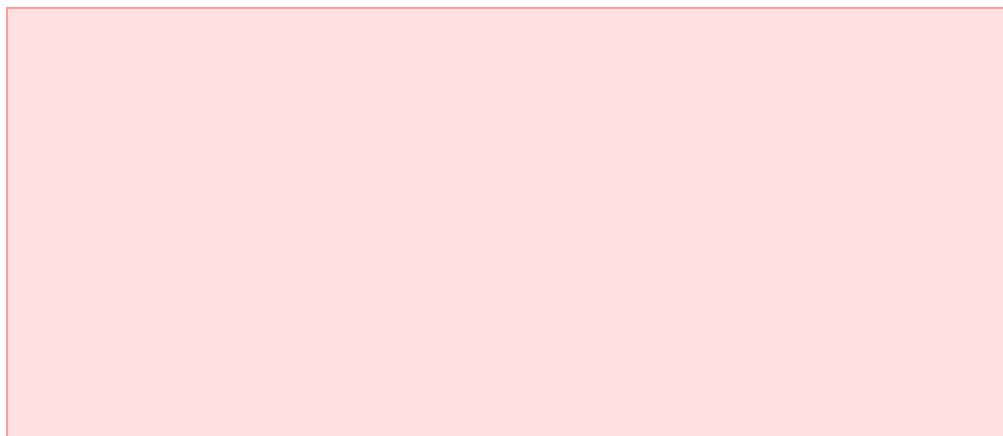
Pray for, and seek blessings, for those who are in authority over your children, asking the Lord to give them wisdom and understanding as they instruct your children.

"Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it."

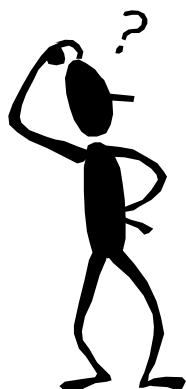
Proverbs 22:6



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What's this?



I'm glad you asked!

This is your way of knowing what in the world is going on with the Youth and Children's Ministry at Concordia Lutheran Church.

If you have any of your own announcements or comments that you would like to see in this newsletter please let me know!