**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER** 

# HE IS RISEN!



Easter Sunday, 17 April Beach Sunrise Service @ 6:00 AM at Beasley Park, Okaloosa Island Worship @ 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM - Sanctuary Puppet Show @ 9:30 AM – Fellowship Hall Pancake Breakfast @ 7:00 – 11:00 AM – Fellowship Hall

### **A Seminar on Heaven**



Ever wonder what Heaven will be like? Sunday April 24th 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM FREE ADMISSION Question and Answer Session

Hosted by Pastor Ray Angerman Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall 1 Meigs Drive Shalimar, FL For More Information call (850) 651-1022



Sunday School Study of the Book of Revelations starts Sunday April 24, 2022 @ 9:30 AM in the Library.

#### Deacon's Digest,

This column is the sixth in a continuing series of commentaries on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Life Together." Again, we are concentrating on chapter <u>Ministry</u>. Bonhoeffer is telling the reader what we must do individually to uplift the Christian Community. Last month we discussed the ministry of "Bearing", which means finding opportunities help one another bear the burdens in their everyday lives. To do this regularly we need to be able to put our needs and plans behind the simple needs of others. It is God's plan that we help others so really this means putting God's plan in front of our plans. You will be surprised at people's reactions when you offer comforting strength to get through stressful times.

Today we will talk about the ministry of "Proclaiming". Bonhoeffer describes this as the free communication of the word of God from person to person. The concept is that in our daily lives there are times when worldly problems intrude, and we need some reminders that we are being challenged by sin and that there is divine guidance in His Word. What better way to help a fellow Christian than to remind that person that he is loved unconditionally by God and there is guidance about our challenges available in the Bible. Bonhoeffer points out that our called and ordained Pastors do this regularly at Worship but that we may have more opportunity to do this in our daily living. He reminds that we should not be judgmental, and he recognizes that some folks lack the confidence to think they can come up with the right words to help our friends. He reminds us that we are to follow God's command to love one another and a good way to show love is to remind our friends that God loves them and wants them to conquer the challenges that sin brings. Let us further examine our responsibilities by reading James 5:20 [ESV]: " let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.". Please see the notes in the Lutheran Study Bible on Page 2145: "...sin and its consequences pervade every aspect of our lives. Left on our own, we would perish but our Lord has given us a community of fellow saints to hear our confession, pray for our needs, and restore us when we err."

I pray that in this season of Easter, you will find occasion to praise our risen Lord and proclaim His Victory over sin and death. I pray that you can be the person who brings that Good News to those who need it.

Peace and blessings Deacon Joe

#### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

"Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out." (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God's promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or they're going out.

But there's a catch. He would do this for Israel only "if you obey the voice of the LORD your God." (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that "all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you." (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn't obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn't keep the commandments of the Lord and "walk in his ways" (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

- 4/1 Curtis Wiese
- 4/4 Ethan Haase
- 4/6 Nate Lepper
- 4/7 Herb Hardwick
- 4/7 Lisa Schwartz
- 4/8 Tom Foster
- 4/8 Lou Hanson
- 4/9 James Bier
- 4/9 Kelly Keller
- 4/10 Kathy Shaw
- 4/12 Allen Binkley



- 4/12 Stephanie Lawson
- 4/15 Marie Berkowitz
- 4/17 Keith Amiel
- 4/17 Mark Riggenbach
- 4/18 Noelle Mondragon
- 4/19 Cindy Riggenbach
- 4/23 Carol Franklin
- 4/24 April Adams
- 4/26 Joan Fienhold
- 4/28 Hulda Mahlum
- 4/29 Abby Riggenbach



- 4/3 Robert & Vivian Moser
- 4/4 Charles & Marion Wright
- 4/7 Don & Dolores Hudson
- 4/10 Peter & Barbara Zipfel







## Regular Sunday Worship Times Traditional Worship @ 8:00 AM Contemporary Worship @ 10:45 AM Sunday School @ 9:30 AM



