



April showers bring May flowers. In Colorado, those April showers are likely to be snow showers, but the end result is the same. Flowers are beginning to bud and soon Spring will pop up all around and the church will continue to sing ALLELUIA! Throughout the Easter season.

For the next five weeks Easter continues and in our Sunday texts we hear familiar Gospel stories: Jesus shows his wounds to his fearful disciples and then eats with them; Jesus identifies himself as the vine on which new life grows; we hear again that the greatest commandment is to love one another, and then we are instructed to be in mission throughout the world, sharing the Good News.

During these same weeks, we celebrate Earth Day, plant our gardens and plan for coming graduations and other celebrations. As people of faith, we consider how these relate to one another. We

We consider questions such as:

How is our faith nurtured and fed?

What is our role in preserving and protecting creation?

How do we practice loving one another even the ones who are hardest to love?

How is faith sustained in difficulties and celebrated in our joys?

These two worlds in which we live, our faith and our culture, are not separate. They are of one thing, speaking to and for one another each and every day. We make choices every day about how to live our lives and how to live our faith.

As Easter people, we know that life triumphs over death and that there is a bright day to come after every dark night. We come together in community to learn and grow together to strengthen and care for one another and to join our voices together in prayer and praise to our loving God.

Let your lips continue to proclaim the Easter victory.

Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Sunday School Service Project.
Congregation filling care bags to give to a homeless person or anyone in need.

Their message: Compassion



Looking Ahead!

The Colfax Marathon is May 19/20. Messiah will have a festive Pentecost service at 5:30 p.m.
Put it on your calendar today.

Celebrate Earth Day - April 22

We are again celebrating God's wonderful world and would like your help. If you have a memory of the first or anytime that you felt a connection to God and God's creation and would like to share it, please let Denise Larson know. We will be compiling these memories and thoughts into our sermon. So also, let us know if you would like to present these thoughts or would like to have someone else say them. These memories can be very brief, just a sentence or two, up to a minute.



Birthdays For the Month of April

Mary Ann Weber	April 6
Brian Dennis Mast	April 8
Scott Anderson	April 12
Rae J. Graham	April 12
Jay Karkula	April 14
Braden John Anderson	April 17
Miles Gill	April 21
Barbara Johnson	April 22
Teresa G. Stenwall	April 23
Betty S. Harbaugh McClain	April 27
Crystal Campbell	April 30

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, AND CHOCOLATES

Thanks to all of our loyal customers and donors! We appreciate your purchases and donations. Because you have supported the sales, and made generous donations (both in the big cup on the shelf and at the table or cart), we are able to benefit small farmer co-ops, strengthen equitable trade systems, and provide Fair Trade Coffee after church services every Sunday.

Thanks to all who made Easter such a wonderful day: especially Eric French, our Bell Choir and Vocal Choir, the Capitol Brass and the quartet of singers; Adrienne and the Easter Egg hunting children, Leah, and all who made Easter breakfast a wonderful feast and all who raised their voices to restore the Alleluias that were put away for Lent. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Our Lenten Prayers

During Wednesday night Lenten services we wove together our prayers on a loom. Together, our prayers form the fabric of our community.



March Donations to "Gifts of Beauty" for Worship

Bonnie Short

In Memory of Parents and loved ones.

Adams Family

In memory of the girls' great grandparents and Wolfgang Stahlberg.

Marcia and Dick Chuvarsky

In honor of our children, Matthew and Camilla.

Patty Cordova

In memory of Don Cordova.

Barbara Ritche

In memory of Art and Phyllis Schricker (my parents).

Denise Larson

In memory of Fred Wollerman.

Frances Sitone

In memory of Rocky and Rose Sitone.

Ed and Karen Knoblock

In honor of parents, children, and grandchildren.

Kathleen M. Hazen

In honor of Luke Kasey O'Gorman.

Kristen, Laurel and Harper Jocelyn Karabatsos

In honor of our parents, Shirley and Nick Karabatsos.

Deborah and James Bonham

In memory of our parents Bea and Bob Bonham and Mattie and Henry Stevens.

Duane Larson

In memory of Stephanie.

Sue Wainess

Dave and Tammy Heid

In honor of our grandchildren.

Your donations allow enhancements for worship such as Easter lilies and extra musicians to support our choir. Thank you!



Did you know that many people in the Pak Hill neighborhood face food insecurity and hunger? Please consider supporting our neighbors in need by bringing in items that will be delivered to the Park Hill Food Bank.

High priority foods include:

- * canned fruit*
- * fruit in jars*
- * canned meats, especially tuna*
- * canned corn*
- * black eyed peas*
- * wrapped cereal bars*
- * instant oatmeal cups*
- * individual cereal bowls*
- * regular sized boxes of "child friendly" cereal*

Many of the clients at Park Hill Food Bank have pets. Please feel free to donate dry dog food or wet/dry cat food to help out their furry friends.

Patty Cordova and Adrienne Adams deliver your donations to the Food Bank and would be happy to have enough donations for extra trips! God's Work, Our Hands.

Easter Sunday Singers





Spring is here and so is the annual Spring Cleanup day at Messiah Mountain.

Set aside Sunday, April 22 on your calendar for the day to help get the place ready for the upcoming 'guest' season. We have had a few groups already but Jen and Matt, our site managers, need your help to fully get the place up to snuff.

We will begin at 9 a.m. with the window cleaning, spiffing up the kitchen (come see the new gas stoves), bathrooms in both the Bock Lodge and cabin and general grounds maintenance. All skill levels are welcome so come up to Indian Hills and see the wonderful retreat center of Messiah Mountain.

League of Hope

School is in full session in our adopted community of Boca de Cantaro, Chacraseca, Nicaragua. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$2340 making it possible for 48 of the 56 registered students in the area to attend elementary school. Just as we all realize how education can make such a difference in a person's life, the parents of the children in Boca de Cantaro value education for their children and their community.

Thanks to your support over the last eight years, two more women from Boca de Cantaro are attending college. This would not have been possible were it not for your support of their elementary and secondary education. We will keep you posted on Scarlett's and Urania's continued success.

Thank you from the women and children of Boca de Cantaro and from the women of League of Hope

Messiah Women

April 14, 1:00 Messiah Women will meet for their monthly meeting at Susie Anderson's home. Once a quarter, we bake (or buy) and bag cookies for the "Give a Jam" project and it is that time again. For those of you who may not be familiar with the project, "Give a Jam" supplies sack lunches for day laborers. With warmer weather coming, the need for these lunches will increase. We are all encouraged to bring four dozen cookies to the meeting so that we can bag two cookies for each lunch that will be prepared by "Give a Jam". Even if you are unable to join Messiah Women, we would greatly appreciate your cookie contributions.



Psalms 115:16

The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to human beings.



THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

TOP 10 MARINE DEBRIS ITEMS

SCIENTISTS FOUND PLASTIC IN 9% OF GARBAGE PATCH FISH

THE GREAT GARBAGE PATCH IS A HAZARDOUS GARBAGE SOUP FLOATING IN THE OCEAN

SCIENTISTS HAVE COLLECTED UP TO 1.5 MILLION BITS OF PLASTIC PER SQUARE MILE OF THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH IS LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF THE UNITED STATES

THERE IS 6 TIMES MORE PLASTIC THAN PLANKTON

5 YEARS AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES GARBAGE FROM NORTH AMERICA TO REACH THE GARBAGE PATCH

1 YEAR AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES GARBAGE FROM ASIA TO REACH THE GARBAGE PATCH

267 DIFFERENT SPECIES ARE KNOWN TO HAVE EATEN THIS GARBAGE PATCH OR A PORTION OF OCEAN GARBAGE

35 BILLION NUMBER OF PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES WASH AWAY EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.

80% COMES FROM LAND

20% COMES FROM SHIPS

THE PACIFIC OCEAN COVERS 30% OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE

HOW LONG UNTIL IT'S GONE?

MILK CARTON	3 MONTHS
CHARIETTE FILTER	5 YEARS
PLASTIC BAG	20 YEARS
TIN CAN	50 YEARS
RUBBER BOOT	10 YEARS
ALUMINUM CAN	200 YEARS
DISPOSABLE SHAPERS	450 YEARS
PLASTIC BOTTLES	450 YEARS
FISHING LINE	600 YEARS
GLASS BOTTLE	1,000,000+ YEARS

WHAT CAN YOU DO? REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

BY CITY VIEW CHARTER SECOND GRADE CLASS OF 2013-2014





In Our Prayers

We pray for: Betty Berridge, John Cain, Pam Farar, Winnie Jergensen, Mira Larson, Eleanor Miller, Susan Porter, Sue Ricci, Karen Rose, Vera Thorne, Jackie West, and Ron White, Sherrill Morris.

Church Staff

Interim Pastor + Rev. Beverly Piro
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Sunday Worship and Sunday School

9:30 A.M.

No Happy Hour this month due to Easter and birthdays. There will be a new restaurant selected for the May Happy Hour.

April 1

Assisting Minister: Roger Miller
 Lector: Sue Edwards
 Laity Prayer: n/a
 Greeter(s): Anderson family
 Communion Server: Leah Peden and Suzanne Miller
 Altar Guild: Leah Peden
 Closer(s): tbd
 Counters: Edwards

April 8

Assisting Minister: Sue Edwards
 Lector: Carolyn Smith
 Laity Prayer: n/a
 Greeter(s): Myrna Francey
 Communion Server: Dick Chuvarsky
 Altar Guild: Sue Bishop
 Closer(s): Adams Family
 Counters: Dave and Sue Edwards

April 15

Assisting Minister: Frances Sitone
 Lector: Karen Schimke
 Laity Prayer: Bill Dillon
 Greeter(s): Susie Anderson
 Communion Server: Sharon Lipsey
 Altar Guild: Sue Bishop
 Closer(s): Heids
 Counters: tbd

April 22

Assisting Minister: Teresa Stenwall
 Lector: Marcia Chuvarsky
 Laity Prayer: n/a
 Greeter(s): Myrna Francey
 Communion Server: Dick Chuvarsky
 Altar Guild: Sue Bishop
 Closer(s): tbd
 Counters: Heids

April 29

Assisting Minister: Denise Larson
 Lector: Deborah Bonham
 Laity Prayer: n/a
 Greeter(s): Irene Brock
 Communion Server: Frances Sitone
 Altar Guild: Leah Peden
 Closer(s): Sue Wainess
 Counters: Dave and Sue Edwards

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