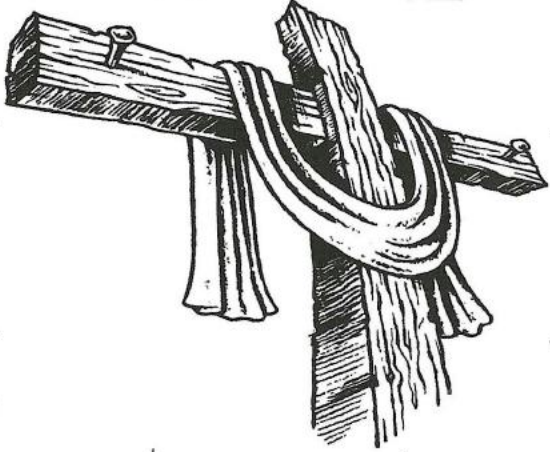


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 6 PM worship service	7			10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	14			17 6 PM Sedar meal	18	19
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	28	29	30			

Altar Guild- volunteer
 Cleaning- Bolstad's
 Potluck- JoAnn Lodahl
 RaNae Lodahl, Kris Fredrickson

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Up Coming Events

1st Sunday of the month

Worship with Communion at 6 PM

Other Sunday's

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Services at 10:30 AM

April 6

Worship at 6 PM

April 13

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Services at 10:30 AM

April 17

Seder Meal 6 PM

April 20

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Services at 10:30 AM

April 27

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Services at 10:30 AM

Shut In's

Please remember our shut-in's in your prayers with a note or visit. Days are long for them, they love to hear from you. Those that are shut-ins: Tom Lechleitner, Laura Weber-Meyers (Howard & Bonnie's daughter), Gary Weber (Howard & Bonnie's Son) Pete Skille, Jacob Skille, Carol Bolstad, Al Meyer, Todd Benkowski. If I have forgotten or missed someone please let me know.

Finances

In order to keep the congregation better informed the council decided to publish the finances each month. We need \$314 per Sunday to meet our budget. This figure is arrived at by dividing the budget by 52 Sundays. Income for January (Last Month Available to be Published)

January 5 \$260.00 January 19 \$236.00

January 12 \$75.00 January 26 \$86.00

Communion

We will have communion on the Sunday's/Other Services when we have an ordained minister with us. On other Sunday's Jason Meyer or Richard Pulcher will be serving us, no communion on these Sunday's. Those serving us and communion dates are Subject to change.

Visitation

At this time we do not have a full time pastor. If you would like a visit from a pastor or are in need of other services, Jason Meyer has agreed to be the primary contact at this time. His home phone is 715-644-0382, cell 715-703-9071. He will make arrangements for you.

Newsletter

Please make sure your mailing address and e-mail address are up to date so you keep getting the newsletter. If you get your newsletter by mail and would like to get it by e-mail send a e-mail to aslowia@gmail.com

Seder Meal

The Seder meal will be held April 17 at 6pm. If you plan to attend please sign up at Church or let the Bolstad's know at 715-447-5428

Why do Christians Celebrate Easter?

Easter marks the triumphant victory of Jesus Christ over death and the grave, demonstrating His power to conquer sin and offer eternal life to all who believe in Him. We celebrate Easter because not only did our Lord conquer death, but without the Resurrection, we have no foundation for our faith.

1 Corinthians 15:13-15 says, *"If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised."*

In other words, Christianity has no point if the Resurrection didn't happen. Christians would've been martyred for nothing and placed their faith in false hope.

Thankfully, the Resurrection did occur, and for those reasons, we have immense hope and assurance. It is through the Resurrection that we find assurance of our redemption and the promise of new life in Christ. Furthermore, the Resurrection validates Jesus' identity as the Son of God and confirms His authority to grant forgiveness of sins and reconcile humanity with God. Therefore, Easter is not merely a celebration of an event in history, but a proclamation of the foundational truth that shapes our entire faith journey and offers hope for the future.

The History of Easter

Some people have suggested that Easter has some pagan origins. It gets muddled depending on which theologian you ask. Some have said that the pagan roots of the holiday date back to Babylon:

"According to an ancient "Sumerian legend of Damuzi (Tammuz) and his wife Inanna (Ishtar), [...] Tammuz dies, Ishtar is grief-stricken and follows him to the underworld." Here, "'naked and bowed low' she is judged, killed, and then hung on display. In her absence, the earth loses its fertility, crops cease to grow, and animals stop reproducing. Unless something is done, all life on earth will end." —Candice Lucey

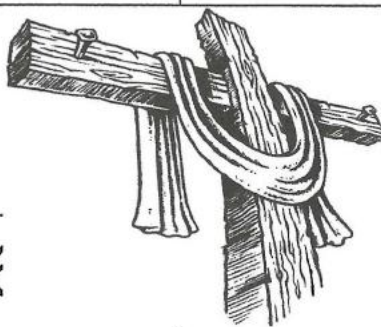
Others have said that the church, wanting to win the trust of their pagan neighbors still, created a holiday that happened to fall around the time of a similar pagan festival (one that perhaps involved a certain bunny).

Christians cannot deny that, at the very least, pagan practices have infiltrated the holiday, from dyeing eggs to tales about the Easter bunny.

Nevertheless, when we celebrate what some believers like to call Resurrection Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Anniversary's Birthday's, Baptism's Confirmation's

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Birthday Brandon Lodahl Baptism Joel Alcantara Jr.	2	3	4 Birthday Joel KulesA	5
6 Baptism Patrica Ehlert	7 Anniversary David & LaVonne	8 Baptism Brian Bolstad	9		11 Birthday Joel Kulesa Jr.	12
13	14	15 Anniversary Chris & Leon Peetz	16		18 Birthday Carol Bolstad	19
20	21	22	23	24 Birthday Mariah Stanek confirmation Tom Lechleitner	25 Baptism Courtney Myren	26 Birthday Carmen Alcantara confirmation Gregory Meyer
27	28 confirmation Joel Kulesa	29 Anniversary Brenda & Joel Alcantara	30	Baptism Blaine Hulle Scott Lodahl		