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THE ROTARY



April's Fool?

*"The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day". - Luke 9:22*

On this April Fools' Day we're in the middle of Lent. This month we will recall Christ's journey to Jerusalem, where he was crucified for our sins. He trekked this hard road on God's orders, but at the time many saw it as a fool's errand. Even Peter, one of his closest followers, said, "Never, Lord! This shall never happen to you!" (Matthew 16:22). But Jesus didn't waver.

Why did God send his Son on this mission? The reason goes way back to the beginning of human history. In all creation, only humans bore God's image (Genesis 1:26-27). But they rebelled against their Maker (Genesis 3) and burdened all of the rest of us with the penalty for their disobedience (1 Corinthians 15:22). Thankfully, God had a plan, and his Son followed it through (John 3:16).

In today's verse Jesus forewarns his disciples about the end of his earthly mission. And after his resurrection he explained, "This is what I told you while I was still with you" (Luke 24:44). But his mission won't be fully complete until "repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:47).

Have we repented, and do we believe in Jesus so that we can share in his resurrection and tell others this good news?

April 2019



Saturday, April 13th  
11 a.m.

Hot Dog Lunch provided

Other Schedules

- 4/3 - Lenten Lunch
- 4/7 - Communion  
Deacon's Meeting
- 4/10 - Lenten Lunch
- 4/14 - Palm Sunday
- 4/21 - Easter (no evening activities)
- 4/22 - Office Closed
- 4/28 - Business Meeting



**Feeding the Community**

Food Give-Away  
April 14th  
11 a.m.

(Deadline for donations is April 7th)

**Without Easter**

Without Easter, there would be no hope of heaven. Without the hope of heaven, there would be no repentance, no personal transformation, no attempt to follow biblical principles. Without Easter, the world would be in chaos and darkness. Jesus' death and resurrection means we can be reborn, to live better, to do better, to shine light into the shadows. Hallelujah!  
Happy, Happy Easter.



- 4/2 - Sylvia Martin
- 4/7 - Sonia Buie
- 4/9 - McKayla Cornett
- 4/9 - Sofia Bricker
- 4/10 - Rick Adams
- 4/28 - Jimmy Ballew

April Greeter:



Taylor Maddy

Become a SPONSOR!

If you are interested in sponsoring a youth to Lookup Lodge this summer, please contact Michael or Kristie Mahan.

KBC Jolly Seniors

Thursday, April 25th at 10:30 a.m.

What's So Good About Good Friday?

Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. - John 19:30

Question - would anyone there that day have called it a "good" day? The high priest and the Pharisees got rid of a popular, influential preacher - but at what price? If the disciples called it "good," it was after encountering the risen Christ. And would Jesus say that Friday was "good"? The night before was agonizing, as Jesus begged his Father to spare him from his awful mission. Maybe later, back in heaven with God, he could finally say, "Yes, Father, that was a good day".

The term "Good Friday" first occurred in the 4th century and may have been called "God's Friday." Today we can call it "good" if we appreciate the fact that Jesus' trial, punishment, and death brought our salvation. So, in that sense it truly is "Good Friday"! Is this Friday good for you?

Beloved Konnoak,

As Easter Sunday approaches I've found myself meditating on the words of an old song: *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*. I've always loved that song as the combination of melody, rhythm, and lyric cause the hearer to imagine walking the dusty roads of Jerusalem, treading the waters of the Jordan, and climbing the hill of Calvary. It is a powerful song, composed by one who was moved with great inspiration as he traveled the Holy Land and experienced the fellowship of His Lord.

This month, I invite you join me as we too Walk Where Jesus Walked. Our Monthly book of study will be the gospel of Luke. I encourage you to place particular emphasis starting at Chapter 19, the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. As we draw close to our celebration of His victory over death, and as we meditate on scripture's account, may we draw close to Him and sense His great love over us.

Alex