

GLORIA DEI NEWSLETTER



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Living the Joy of Easter

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! With those ancient and joyful words, we entered into the celebration of Easter—but the good news is this: Easter is not just a day; it is a season. For fifty days, the Church lingers in the light of the resurrection, inviting us not only to remember what God has done in Christ, but to live in its power.

The resurrection of Jesus is not simply an event of the past; it is a present reality that reshapes our lives. The empty tomb proclaims that sin does not have the final word, that death is not the end, and that hope is not in vain. In a world often marked by uncertainty, fear, and weariness, Easter speaks a better word: life, renewal, and promise.

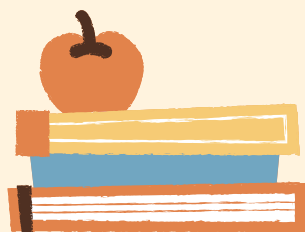
During this Easter season, we are invited to notice where resurrection is already unfolding around us. It may be found in acts of kindness, in restored relationships, in moments of unexpected peace, or in the quiet assurance that God is at work even when we cannot see the whole picture. The risen Christ still comes among His people—bringing peace, calling us by name, and sending us out with purpose.

Easter also calls us to be people of the resurrection. This means living with hope when others despair, offering grace where there is brokenness, and bearing witness to the life we have received in Christ. We are not merely observers of the resurrection; we are participants in it.

So as we continue through these weeks of Easter, may we not rush past the wonder of it. May we carry the joy of the empty tomb into our homes, our work, and our community. And may the promise of new life in Christ shape all that we say and do.

He is risen indeed—alleluia!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Edd



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Applying Bible Principles

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. “Jumbo shrimp” is an oxymoron. “Ferocious lamb” is another. “Dumb scholar” is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, “Stingy Christian.” Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

Think about some of God’s good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).

God gives the rain (Job 5:10).

God gives health (Jer. 30:17).

God gives life (Acts 17:25).

God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).

God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).

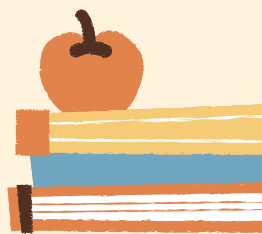
God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).

God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

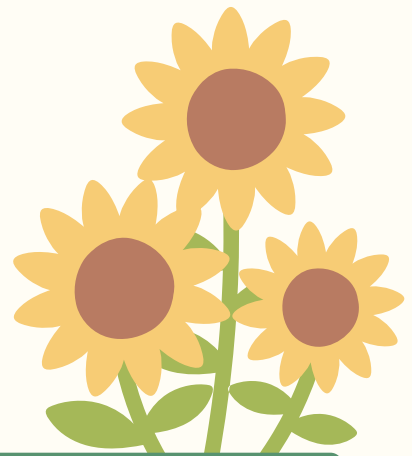
And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God’s gifts to people. The purpose for which he gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to him.

That’s why of all the oxymorons in existence, “Stingy Christian” is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.



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Post Easter Sermon Series

April 12---Acts 2:14, 22-23

Christ's resurrection: the fulfilment of God's promise to David

April 19th---Acts 2: 14,36-41

Receiving God's promise through baptism

April 26th----Acts 2: 42-47

The believer's common life

May 3rd-----Acts 7: 55-60

The martyrdom of Stephen

May 10th—Acts 17: 22-31

Paul's message to the Athenians

May 17th-----Acts 1: 6-14

Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure



Sunday school for PreK -5

April 12 & 26

May 3

If you would like to teach one of the classes, the sign-up sheet is on the table next to the sanctuary entrance, or you can contact me directly at

toniswenson01@gmail.com or
912-320-9345.

Thank you!
Toni Swenson

Life Line Screening

Friday, April 10th

- Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings.

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What Happened...

Baptism

Blakely Culey



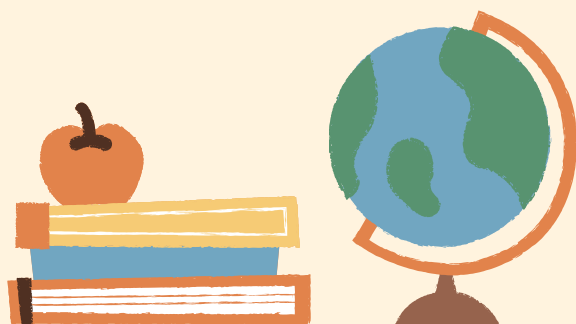
1st Communion

Simon Guy

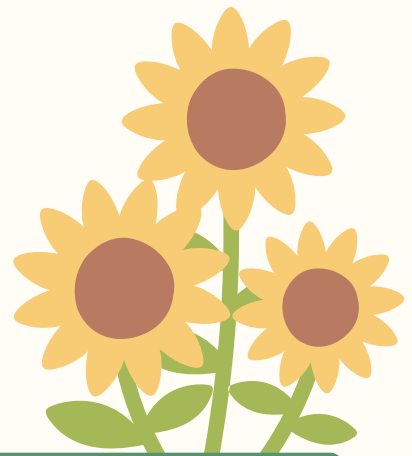


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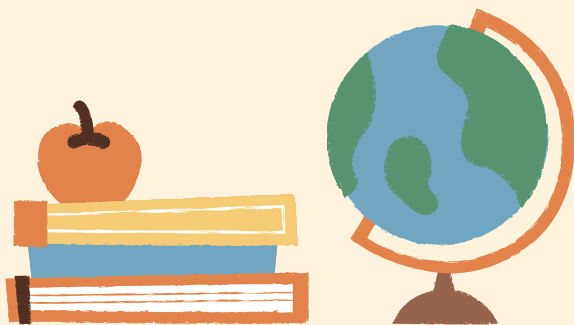
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You Are Invited!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kansas State University

You are invited to attend a Campus Ministry Celebration and Trivia Challenge on Sunday, April 19th, at Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kansas State University. The celebration includes tours at 2:30 pm, Trivia Challenge at 3 pm, a Taco Bar at 5 pm, and Worship with students at 6 pm. Please consider bringing a Trivia Team of 3-5 persons to compete. Entry is free to all, with lots of great prizes for the top teams!

Contact Pastor Kevin Clark with questions: THEREVKEV@ATT.NET.



Bellus Music Studio

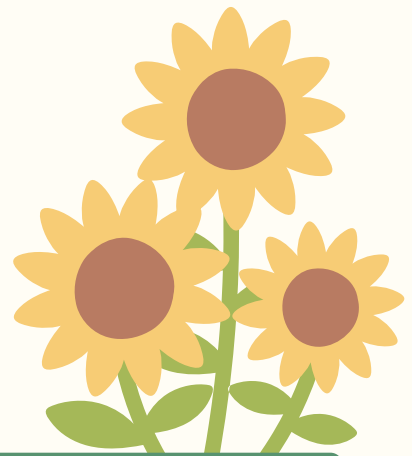
Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 pm

Our *Annual Spring Recital* is a joyful celebration of that progress—an encouraging afternoon where each student shares their music, from first notes to more advanced pieces—and we warmly invite members of our church community to join us for an uplifting time of music and fellowship at Gloria Dei: Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 pm.

Bellus Music Studio, founded by Eva Peng, offers piano and voice lessons for students of all ages, starting as young as four or five. Throughout the year, the studio hosts recitals, including outreach performances at senior centers and seasonal concerts around holidays such as Christmas and Halloween, while students also participate in festivals and competitions that support their musical growth.

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Thank you!

Blood Drive Results

30 Lives impacted. Thank you so much for your efforts in making the blood drive a success.

Because of partners like you, the Red Cross can provide life-saving blood to those in need. I truly appreciate your commitment by hosting this blood drive!

Invitational Ministry

Welcome from the Invitational Ministry Team

The Invitational Ministry team extends warm wishes for a blessed Easter and Spring Season to you and your loved ones.

Invitation to Join

As we embrace the spirit of new beginnings during this special time of year, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining our team.

Although our group is small, we are excited to plan new and meaningful events designed to enrich and inform both our church community and our Gloria Dei neighbors.

Looking Ahead

Stay tuned for further updates as our plans take shape. We look forward to sharing more information with you soon!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm GS Mass 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	Holy Maundy Thursday 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm St James on Vivion Road	Good Friday 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 7:00 pm The Passion Story	Easter Vigil 7:00 - 8:30 am Harvesters Pantry 5:00 pm Easter Vigil Worship
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter 7:00 am Daybreak 8:15-11:15 am Breakfast 9:00 am Festival of the Resurrection Worship 11 am GS Mass	9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	7 am - 7 pm Election 6:45 am NorQuest 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm GS Mass 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	8a - 5p Life Line Screening 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	12-4 pm Eagle Court of Honor 5:00 pm Worship
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 am Worship Child Sun sch 10:15 am Confirmation Class 11 am GS Mass	9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	6:45 am Men Bible 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 10:00 am The Chosen	9:30 am Women's Fellowship 9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care 6:30 pm GS Mass 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care	7:00 - 8:30 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Worship
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COMMUNION SERVERS

Apr 5 The Fox family
Apr 12 Jennifer Shireman & Carol Kuhr
Apr 19 Jim & Jackie Finnegan
Apr 26 Dean & Joan Dark

ASSISTING MINISTER

Apr 5 Payten Davis: Easter (Lector: Jennifer Shireman)
Apr 12 *Jennifer Williams (Lector: Jo Ellen Witt)
Apr 19 Brian Ericksen (Lector: Jodi Fox)
Apr 26 *Steve Fogt (Lector: Kurt Sortland)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Apr 5 In loving memory of Celso DeLeon ~ Ricardo, Treva, & Tillie DeLeon
Apr 12 None ~
Apr 19 In honor of Saylor's 29th & Brad's 60th Birthdays ~ Kelley Grau
Apr 26 To the glory of God ~ Keith & Judy Vore