

Buffalo Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches

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Comments forwarded from Pastor Chris . . .

An Easter Message from Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel of Mark ends abruptly. The women came to the tomb to care for the body of their friend and Lord. They expected death. Seeing the stone rolled away, they entered the tomb; they entered into death. They didn't find Jesus. Instead, they saw a young man, who told them not to be amazed, that Jesus had risen. This same stranger told them to tell the disciples and then head to Galilee. Is it any wonder that terror and amazement seized them?

We are on the other side of the first Easter. We have grown used to the story of the resurrection. The good news brings hope and comfort. It brings freedom and joy. But I don't think it causes terror and amazement. Maybe we are missing something. The Greek word for amazement, "ekstasis", means "change of place." And that is what has happened to us and all of creation because of the resurrection. Before Easter, we stood in a place of sin and death. After Easter, we stand in a place of forgiveness and life. Everything has changed. We are not the same. The world is not the same. The deadly, but familiar, way of the world can no longer be counted on. This new reality of forgiveness, life and salvation is and should be unsettling. Terror and amazement indeed!

The world is turned upside down. It might look the same, but we are standing in a different place. Christ is risen. We are risen. Alleluia!

Blessed Easter,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Are you interested in "joining" our churches? If you would like to become part of one of our churches, we encourage you to talk to Pastor Chris. If you are currently a member of another Lutheran Church we can request that your records be transferred here. If you are not Lutheran Pastor Chris can share with you formal instruction. You will be recognized as an "official" member of one of our Churches. We welcome you!

Do you have a question for the Pastor? Pastor Chris can answer your questions in the newsletter so others can share those answers! Email your questions to him at cbrademeyer@gmail.com or splbl@ictc.com.

BUFFALO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Watch for the Buffalo Lutheran Church next month.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH fund

General fund balance - \$ 3807.12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Sunday Services will be held at 9:00 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in April.

Pastoral guidance and individual confession are available before Wednesday Services or by appointment with the pastor. You can contact him at 749-2309 or 701-710-0446. His e-mail address is cbrademeyer@gmail.com

† Cares and Concerns-- Remember with prayers of sympathy the family of Marlowe Monson, the brother of Corrine Erwin. Mr. Monson passed away March 28 due to natural causes where he wintered in Texas. His interment will be held Saturday, April 11, at a graveside service at St. Thomas Cemetery, Litchville, ND, at 11:00 AM.

Remember with prayers of sympathy the Rose Berg family. Formerly of Tower City, Rose passed away April 2 at Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City. Her funeral was held at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Valley City on April 8.

"Blessed Be Their Memories!"

Please take note if there are incorrect addresses on any mail that comes from the church. Let the office know about any corrections that need to be made. If you know of someone that isn't getting a newsletter but should be please let us know that at the office, also.

Everyone is invited to an Egg Bake Breakfast on Sunday, April 12, in the church basement at St. Paul's Lutheran Church after the Divine Service.

KEEP IN MIND - -

Our Eastern North Dakota Synod of the ELCA will hold its annual assembly April 18-19 in Fargo at the Holiday Inn. We are still in need of two members to attend the assembly representing St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Please talk to Pastor Chris or a Church Council member with questions or if you are interested in attending.

***Beyond Our Walls* – ELCA Good Gifts**

As you celebrate the joy of the risen Christ with those you love, share the joy with someone in need with an ELCA Good Gift. Ten chicks, for just \$10, will provide nutritious eggs to eat and sell on the market. This small gift will help a family take one giant step toward ending hunger for good. Your gifts to ELCA Good Gifts help grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives.

You can give to this cause thru your local church treasurer!

Dear Family and Friends,

Did you know that nearly 700,000 visits to the Emergency Room each year are due to Poisoning? Young people are the most likely to be poisoned with children under age six accounting for half of all poison exposures and 9 out of 10 poisoning deaths occur among people over the age of 20. **Here is the N.D. Poison Hot Line number 1-800-222-1222.**

Some items of concern to be aware of include; *Laundry and dishwasher soap pods* -they look like candy to small children. *Medications*-medications look and taste like candy. Medications are the leading cause of child poisoning. According to safedids.org in 2011 more than 67,000 children were seen for medication poisoning. Some *Household plants* can be poisonous if ingested.

Prevention is the key. Keep all medication in their original containers and keep them up high and out of sight and use only the dosing device that may come with that medication. Do NOT transfer medications into non-childhood containers or store in areas (like your purse) where children can easily get at them. Check with a floral or nursery store regarding your houseplants and verify if they are poisonous.

Grandparents, please take a moment to review where you medications are in your home. Follow the prevention ideas discussed. Remember not to store medications on your window sill or out in the open where they can be easily obtained by children and can be targeted by thieves that are trying to obtain medications to sell or use illegally.

If you are spring cleaning in your medicine cabinet, remember do NOT flush old medications. Instead, put them in a secure container with old coffee grounds or cat litter and burn them. (More about that next month.)

The North Dakota Poison Hot Line is equipped to answer numerous poisoning questions including; food, plants, medication, medication errors, bee stings, pesticides. If you need them, call **1-800-222-1222**.

Peace in Him,

Gwen Fraase RN Parish Nurse Community Health Ministry

www.nd.poison.org ,Danielle Bata, ND Poison Hot Line,

**You are invited to a workshop about
Social Security: Strategize to Maximize
When should I apply for Social Security? How can I maximize my benefits?
How will my spouse be affected?
Wednesday April 15, 2015 7:00 pm
St. Thomas Catholic Church 401 3rd St. N Buffalo, ND
Sponsored by David Bjornson from Thrivent Financial and Community Health Ministry**

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UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

APRIL DIVINE SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM. FAMILY BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY FOLLOWS DIVINE SUNDAY SERVICE.

Wednesdays in April: Confirmation classes each Wednesday at 1:41 at Maple Valley High School.

April 8: Naomi Circle meets at 1:30 PM at Bev Jager's home; Buffalo Lutheran Council meets.

April 9: Burger Bingo Night at Oriska from 5:30-7:30 PM (Maple Valley Fundraiser)

April 12: Egg Bake follows Divine Service, to be held in St. Paul's basement

April 15: Informational Social Security Workshop, see page 3

April 18-19: EaND Synod Assembly in Fargo at the Holiday Inn