



Hosanna Herald

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Hosanna Lutheran Church

Easter is Friendship Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



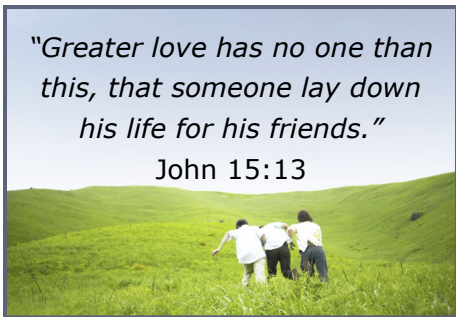
The Easter Gospel says that the woman ran away from the tomb and didn't tell anyone anything. Just think if that was the way the story of Easter Day had ended. There would be no believers. There would be no church. There would be no New Testament to tell the story of Jesus. What if we allow Easter to "come and go" without sharing the

wonderful and exciting news with anyone? We would be the last generation of Christians.

This Easter Sunday, April 8th, is dedicated as *FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY*. Please begin to make preparations to invite and bring a friend or a family to church with you on Easter Day. We are planning activities to make this a special day for you and your guests.

BE A FRIEND...BRING A FRIEND.
What a great way to be a living example of the angel's Easter message.

Faithfully,
Pastor Greg



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MARK THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDARI

- Sunday, February 12 - Valentine's Potluck at 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Evenings - Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m.
- Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 3 - Spaghetti Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 5 - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 6 - Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 8 - Easter is Friendship Sunday





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OUR MISSION:

"To initiate, nurture and empower Spirit-filled relationships with God and God's people."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday

Traditional Service
6:00 p.m.

Sunday

Traditional Service
8:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Adult Bible Study
9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Praise Service
10:30 a.m.

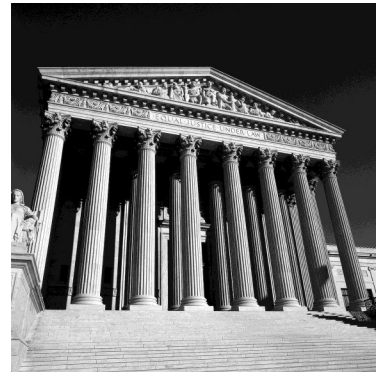
**Lenten Series:
The Court is in Session**

Ash Wednesday is just weeks away - February 22nd. Join us each Wednesday night during Lent when court will be in session. Our Lenten series for 2012 is titled "***Trials of Jesus: Voices of the Prosecution.***" Like a courtroom drama, a series of witnesses comes forward to testify about their experiences with the accused - Jesus Christ.

Through eyewitness accounts we learn the truth, that Jesus came to take our place in the defendant's chair. You have been summoned to appear in court as a co-defendant. Lives hang in the balance - including yours! You have a vested interest in the outcome of these proceedings. Don't miss a single courtroom drama.

THE COURT IS IN SESSION!

- FEBRUARY 22, Ash Wednesday - "*The Voice of Satan:*" Jesus faces the tempter.
- Week 1 - "*The Voice of Judas:*" Jesus' betrayer defends his actions.
- Week 2 - "*The Voice of Annas:*" The chief priest discusses Jesus' arrest.
- Week 3 - "*The Voice of Caiaphas:*" The high priest faces off with the Son of God.
- Week 4 - "*The Voice of Peter:*" Jesus' bold disciple speaks of his weak faith.
- Week 5 - "*The Voice of Herod:*" One king testifies against another.



**Expanding One's
Quality of Life**

A one-day seminar will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood on Saturday, February 11th.

There will be four presentations: "Pain Management," by Alan R. Brewer, M.D.; "Miraculous Events on the Day of the Crucifixion," by Robert Werth; "Insights into the Muslim World," by Rev. George Naeem; and "What We are Fighting For" - Eleanor Roosevelt During WWII, by Susan Marie Fronczak. The cost of the seminar is \$10/person. See www.ignitingchurchandcultureforchrist.org/messenger/districtnews.

Living the Grand Life

Mark your new calendars for the 2012 convention of the Rocky Mountain District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). It will be held in El Paso, Texas from June 22 to 24. More information is at www.rmdlwml.org.

God's Love and Sports Talk

A new devotional written by James Robinson, retired Teacher and DCE of Arvada, CO, is now available from concordiawriters.com of Concordia Publishing House.

These devotions have a sports theme taken from most of the sports that are popular in the U.S. and the world. Christ-centered devotions related to a particular facet of sports, based on a well-selected Scripture verse touches, encourages, and shows the love of Christ to the reader. Look for it at <https://concordiawriters.com/jim-robinson/gods-love-and-sports-talk>.

The Origin of Easter,
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In 325 AD, the Council of Nicea decided Easter would be observed the first Sunday after the full moon following vernal equinox (the time the sun crosses the equator - roughly March 21). This remains our method for determining the date of Easter and it always falls between March 22 and April 25.

But more important than when Easter is celebrated is how it is celebrated. Do we allow Easter to confirm and deepen our faith? Are we living our faith daily? If we say we believe, do our lives show it?





Lenten Soup Suppers!

National Lutheran Schools Week will be March 4 - 10, 2012.



Souper Suppers

The first soup supper will be hosted by the Elders and Board of Directors. The other groups and main contacts are: Sunday School - Lori Meidal, Women's Bible Study - Angela Riemer, Book Club - Leslie Beu, Praise Band - Lori Meidal, and ELC - Karen Howells. More details about our Souper Suppers will be announced soon.

Rainforest Rendezvous

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains has just announced that they will be at the Wildlife Experience, 10035 South Peoria in Parker, on Saturday, April 21st. Enjoy cocktails, an adventurous auction, an incredible feast and overall WILD time! Proceeds from the annual gala will benefit the programs of LFS, offering help and hope for children, families and older adults.

Faith Day at the Rockies

Plan for the game on Sunday, August 19th. Discounted group tickets include the game and post-game concert with Christian band Third Day. A flyer with information is posted in the church office, or contact Matt Haddad or Nichole Kluk at 303-312-2230, or at

Lutheran Chorale Concerts

"Hymns Triumphant" will be at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12th. "My Lord, What a Morning" will be on Sun., March 11th at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood.

Valentine's Potluck

Share the love! Enjoy food and fellowship on Sunday, February 12th after the second service. Contact Willa Bradshaw at 303-988-7466 if you have any questions.

Women's Lenten Bible Study

Angela Riemer will lead a seven-week Women's Bible Study on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 20th to run the length of Lent. This will be a companion study to the Wednesday evening Lenten worship services.

Praise the Lord!

The praise band is looking for people to help out. Sing in the car? Catch yourself humming at work? Ever played an instrument? Then this is your place to be! Come to Hosanna on Tuesday nights at 7pm to see if you would like to join the fun. Call Rob Meidal at 720-244-8425.

Silent Auction and Fiesta

SAVE THE DATE - for the Hosanna Early Learning Center Silent Auction and Fiesta, Friday, April 20th, 5 to 8 p.m.

Herald Angels

Thank you very much to the "Herald Angels" who always come in to copy, fold, staple, label, seal and mail the newsletter. We need a volunteer Post Office Liaison. Please call Gail in the church office, 303-973-1706.

The Origin of Easter

When asked how Easter originated, historians sometimes point to Acts 12:4 KJV, where the word, 'Easter' is used. This is actually a loose translation of the Greek word, 'Pascha,' which is usually translated, 'Passover.'

In the New Testament, a weekly celebration of the resurrection of Christ, but no indication of an annual celebration, is recorded. The Jewish Christians later linked it with the Passover and observed it on the 14th day of the Nisan (April) regardless of the day of the week. However, Gentile Christians later celebrated the annual resurrection of Christ on the Lord's Day.

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The Passover



Youth Minister Needed

Hosanna's Website

Stop by myhosanna.org when you get a chance! Our website manager, Rob Meidal, has created an awesome introduction to our ministry for people searching online for a church. Website visitors can look up our worship schedule, learn Hosanna's history, read our Heralds and Hotlines, and more!



Have a Passion for Youth Ministry?

We are looking for someone to work with Hosanna's young people. If you feel that you are being so led please call Pastor Greg, 303-973-1706.

Church Rummage Sale

We need volunteers for this event this summer. Lori Meidal is happy to lead, but cannot do it alone. Please consider being a part of the committee. Last time we raised over \$1,000. It is a worthwhile and fun event.

Community Garden

Members who would like to can have their own section of the garden to work. The cost is free plus TLC. Each plot will be maintained by one group or family. You can sponsor a plot for \$30 to cover the cost of seeds, plants and plant food. Last season we donated at least thirty bags of produce to the Helping Hands food Bank. Please consider grabbing a 4x4 or 4x8 plot for this summer. Store-bought tomatoes can't compare to garden-grown tomatoes. Contact Lori Meidal with any questions: 303-972-8169, or lori.meidal@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by the church on Saturday, March 3rd after worship. Bring yourselves and a smile. If you would like to help set-up, serve or cook, please contact Lori at 303-972-8169, or lori.meidal@gmail.com.

College and Sem. Scholarships

Attention Seminary and Concordia University students. Rocky Mountain District scholarship applications for the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters must be submitted by June 1st. Call Pastor Chris Matthis at (303) 688-4435 if you have questions about the application process.

Our Lutheran High Schools

CONCORDIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL (formerly Denver Lutheran High School) - 40 students from area Lutheran churches are currently attending the new school, trusting God to work for good in their circumstances and surroundings. Financial aid is available through CAHSA for students attending the Lutheran Track at FCA.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL - PARKER has a Youtube channel at www.youtube.com/user/lutheranhighschool. They want you to let them know what you think about it and what content you would like to see.

Sunday School Thanks You

Thanks to all who participated and attended the outdoor nativity performance. It was an amazing and spirit-filled event. The children should feel very proud.

The Experience

You are invited to celebrate our 10th anniversary on Tuesday night, February 21st at 6:36 PM at Peace With Christ Lutheran Church, 3290 S. Tower Road Aurora.



Scholarships Available



Concordia Academy High School



**The Experience -
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