



Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

April 15, 2014

Weekly Devotion: 'Maundy Thursday'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

A person's obituary can be written in vivid detail or written rather sparsely, depending on the circumstances. Paul writes that as often as we eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord's Supper, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes. But the kind of proclamation Paul encourages is not the sort of death notice we'd find in a newspaper. Those who participate in the Lord's Supper walk away with more than the simple news that "Christ died." Rather, in this meal, we are reminded that Christ died to give his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

It is no coincidence that in many celebrations of the Eucharist, worshipers respond: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." This memorial acclamation reminds us that Christ's death is but one part of the larger story; the Father raised Jesus, and Christ himself has promised to return in glory. The One who poured out his flesh and blood for us gives us this promise to hold onto always— we have forgiveness of sins and eternal life in his name.

O Lord Jesus Christ, may the good news of your salvation always be upon my lips. Amen.

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Holy Week at St. James

Maundy Thursday April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 18, 7:00 p.m. *A joint Bonfire service at House of Hope (48th & Boone)*

Easter Sunday April 20, 8:45 & 10:00 a.m.



Kid Pack Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to the St. James community for giving so generously to the Kid Pack fundraiser. We have nearly doubled the goal of \$1250 by April 15th. Way to go! There is now enough to cover the May Kid Pack distribution.

God's Amazing Race

A new summer event is being planned for all ages of children to learn, grow and have fun! There will be three race nights: June 11, July 9 and August 13, 6:30—8:00 p.m. On a race night, there will be games/challenges, Bible study/devotions, crafts/art, music, snacks and plenty of fun. Cost is \$15 and includes three nights of fun this summer and a sweet t-shirt. If a parent signs up to volunteer, their child's entry fee will be waived. Registration forms are available on the children's bulletin board.

Mark your Calendar

4-17 *Maundy Thursday Worship, 7pm*

4-18 *Good Friday Worship, 7pm
(at House of Hope Lutheran)*

4-20 *Easter Worship, 8:45 & 10:00*

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Mon., Apr. 21 for Easter Monday. Please contact Pastor Dave Valen in case of an emergency.

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