

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. -1 Peter 1:3

Easter season is finally upon us, and with it will (hopefully) come warmer weather and a bit more sunshine! The benefit of Easter falling later in the year is that nature reflects theology—green grass, flowering plants, and animals coming out of hiding all put us in the mindset of new life. And the Easter season is all about the celebration of new life—new life in Christ’s resurrection, new life in our baptisms, new life in the world to come. We Christians are a people of life and light and hope, and there is no season that embodies that fact more than Easter.

In what ways can we welcome this new life into our own lives? What aspects of our faith have become stale and in need of refreshing? What opportunities are there around us to give new life to others in need? What activity could we take part in that would refresh and invigorate us? These are all questions that it would be helpful to ask ourselves during the Easter season. Easter is not only an opportunity to add life and energy in explicitly faithful ways, but also in physical, mental, or emotional ways. Take on a new prayer practice, start volunteering with a new organization, begin reading a new book just for fun. Think about the ways you can embody life and light and hope in your life this Easter season, and then go forth and do just that!

Happy Easter!

Megan

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5—Arlene Hathaway

27—Julianna Price

Coming up:

Sunday, April 1—Easter Service & Sunday School & Children’s Church

Thurs., April 5—Dinner Out—Sophia’s—6:00pm

Tues., April 24—Food Pantry Distribution

April 1—Easter

Sunday School—9:00am

Children’s Church

9:30am

Reader.....Evans Goodling
Chalice.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
Ushers.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen
Refreshments.....Cook/McEwen
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Sally Stalnaker/Jen Cunningham

April 8

9:30am

Reader.....Amy Smith
Intercessor.....Barbara Goodling
Chalice.....Jackie Laverty/Pat Mast
Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway
Refreshments.....Goodling/McCord
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen

April 15

9:30am

Reader.....Pat Mast
Intercessor.....Jackie Laverty
Chalice.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
Refreshments.....Moore/Stillman
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Bob & Peg Cook

April 22

9:30am

Reader.....Barbara Goodling
Intercessor.....Pat Mast
Chalice.....Stan Stalnaker/D.D. Krawlzik
Ushers.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Goodlings

April 29

9:30am

Reader.....Jackie Laverty
Intercessor.....D.D. Krawlzik
Chalice.....Jackie Laverty/Pat Mast
Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
Refreshments.....Cook/McEwen
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen

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