



Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

April 20, 2014

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!!

Very rarely is emptiness seen as a positive attribute. An empty bank account, an empty gas tank, an empty cradle, an empty seat at the table – they're all reminders of our limitations and the losses we are doomed to experience. An unexpected emptiness is often even worse. The women who came to prepare Jesus' body that Easter Sunday had experienced such a sudden loss: their Jesus, who had seemed so beloved by everyone just a week earlier, had suffered



such a humiliating, public death. They and the disciples found themselves practicing a type of stewardship they had never expected: collecting their Messiah's body and preparing it for burial.

They had experienced so much emptiness already that they were shocked to experience a sudden, different, positive emptiness: He had risen, indeed! The emptiness of the tomb replaced their empty hopes with hopefulness and their empty works with the fulfilling task of telling everyone that he has risen! When we see that empty tomb, we no longer see a great loss, but a great gain: salvation has been won, and we have been made right with God!

Congregational Meeting

We are planning to have our next Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, May 4th**, at 11:45 a.m. Come and be a part of shaping your church and our ministries.



Spring Cleanup Day



It's time to beautify our church property! Our Spring Cleanup work day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.**

If you cannot attend, but would like to help, a list of tasks will be available in the entryway. King's Daughters will be providing lunch for the workers that day.

Lawn Mowing Needs

If you are willing to help with lawn mowing and weeding this year (training is available if needed), please talk to Sean Hogan or sign up in the entryway.



Kraft Korner

King's Daughters will be hosting a "Kraft Korner" with items up for silent auction on Sundays in **May - 4th, 11th, & 18th**. Items up for bid will be some homemade dolls and some original paintings by Dick Hefflefinger (Jill Kacer's dad). Anyone wishing to donate any craft items you have made, please speak to Gwynn.

Confirmation Day May 18th

Sunday, May 18th, in our 10:30 a.m. service, Anna Hogan, Cameron Kacer, Sam Kalenowski, and Alyssa Smith will be confirmed in the Lutheran faith.



Share your "Treasures"

Kings Daughters will be having a Garage Sale **May 16th - 17th** this year with set up on Thursday, May 15th. If you would like to donate things for the sale, please price the items and place them in the church garage. Questions? Call Tammy Kammerer or Fran Fry.



Planting Time

You may have noticed that the farmers have tilled the field next to church already. Nancy Baird, Dale Manzel, and Tammy Kammerer will be planting some of their own produce as well. There will be no Community Garden available this season due to lack of interest.



Vacation Bible School Ahead



We have set the date of this year's VBS for the week of **July 7 - 11!** Mark your calendars & plan to attend *Weird Animals*.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to applaud what a wonderful blessings mothers are.

We invite moms, grandmas, and the whole family to join us for breakfast on **Mother's Day, May 11th**, at 9:15 a.m.



Birthday Greetings

This week, birthday greetings go to Jeff Bruemmer (April 20), Becky Miller (April 20), Kelsey Miller (April 23), and Eric Smith (April 26). Enjoy your special days!



Service to Our Lord

	Apr. 14 - Apr. 20	Apr. 21 - Apr. 27
Sun. - Pianists	Becky Miller	Becky Miller
Midweek Pianist	Dave Frick	Dave Frick
Midweek Usher	TBD	TBD
Ushers - 8:00	Mark Kreklow Dale Manzel	Jeff Bruemmer Zac Bruemmer
Ushers - 10:30	Doug Salzwedel Howard Smith Bob Fry	Trent Whitney Amy Whitney Doug Salzwedel
Refreshments	EASTER BREAKFAST	Manzel McCormack
Cleaning	Free Henningsen	Schubring Christiansen

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance: 76
Bible Study Attendance: 28
Sunday School Attendance: 13