



He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!!

From Pastor's desk...

April 2023


Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

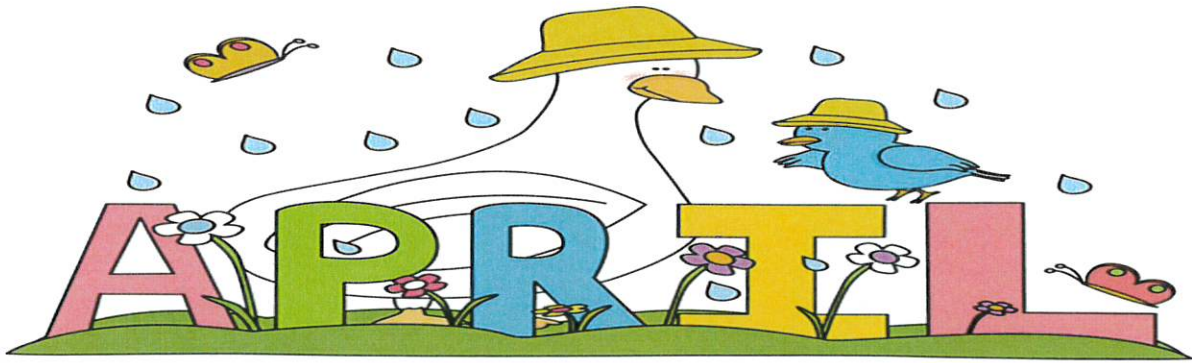
It is finally upon us! After a long trek through the wilderness of our sin, we are now on the threshold of the resurrection Of Jesus! While it is surely a joyous time for Christians, it is especially comforting for all of our folks who have bid farewell to loved ones, family, members, and friends. Why? Because having died in faith, they are now with the risen Lord in heaven with all the saints! They are no longer suffering the effects of illness, accident, or age. They no longer grieve the passing of loved ones and friends, even as we now grieve their passing.

Yet, we know where they are. Their bodies may rest in the bosom of the earth for the time being, and that is ok, because it gives us a focus for our grief work and a reminder that "because we are dust, to dust we shall also return."

But that is not the end! It is only the beginning! We wait this side of the grave, they wait in heaven, and we all wait for that glorious day when the trumpets of heaven sound, the lightning flashes from east to west, and the thunder announces the return of Jesus Christ to declare the end of the age, and of sin, and of the devil, to await the rising from death to the new life in the new earth, made perfect by the Creator of all things. Now that is surely worthy of rejoicing over!

Blessed Easter!

Pastor P. 



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 P.M.

Good Friday Service 6:30 P.M.

Easter Divine Service 9:00 A.M.

Easter Breakfast Returns!!

Egg Casseroles, Biscuits & Gravy and assortment of sweet treats will be served following our Easter service. Donations of sweet treats are welcomed!! The youth of our faith family are being encouraged to volunteer and assist with the decorating, prep and serving of our breakfast.

Plan to attend Easter Divine Service, beginning at 9:00 A.M. and stay for a fellowship breakfast!

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Voter's Assembly Meeting

The Spring Quarterly meeting of the Voter's Assembly will be held immediately following the Divine Service on April 30. All voter's are encourage to attend. New voter's are needed and welcomed! Simply attend the meeting.

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Altar Guild Members

A small, but mighty, group of members have comprised our Altar Guild for the last few years. We are in the process of recruiting new members so the responsibilities can be shared. What are the Altar Guild responsibilities???? Making sure there is oil in the candles, changing the Altar Paraments when needed, hanging the banners, preparing the Communion ware are just a sampling of the duties that go on 'behind the scenes'. If you are interested in learning more about the Altar Guild or would like to help out, plan to attend the meeting on April 16 immediately following the Divine Service.

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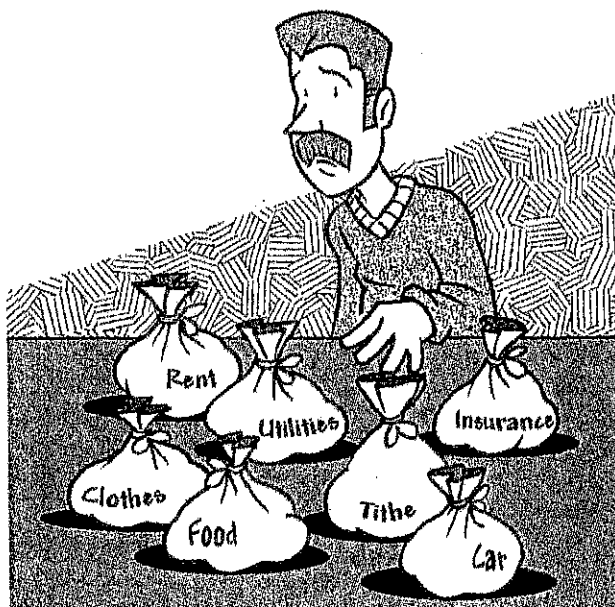
Mary Martha Guild Project

The Mary Martha Guild is undertaking a project in which they could use your old greeting cards. There will be a box in the Parish Hall by the mailboxes for you to bring us your old greeting cards!

Is Money a Blessing?

It is "God Who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" (1 Timothy 6:17). Certainly, money and possessions are some of the gifts which God gives us. They continue to be a blessing, unless...

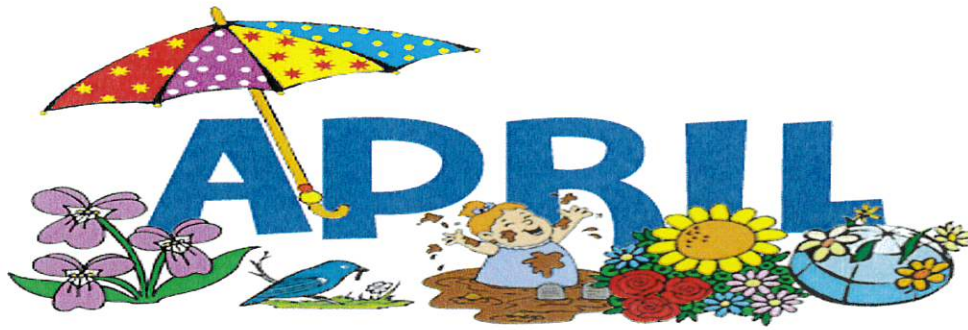
- money and things related to it are your greatest priority, causing you to place God second.
- money and things related to it keep you from regular worship of God.
- money and things related to it keep you from generously giving for God's work.
- money and things related to it offer you false security and keep you from relying on God alone.



On the other hand, money is a blessing when...

- it's returned to God in thanksgiving for all His benefits to you.
- it's used to care for the destitute.
- it's used to bring the Gospel to all people.
- it's viewed not as your own, but as a loan from God.

Let us keep money in perspective. It is a blessing from God to be used as a tool according to His plan. Chief among our blessings is our salvation won for us by Christ as He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Realizing this, we can then count money as a blessing.



Birthday's

Rileigh Rennecker	4/5
Shirley Hagen	4/14
Crystal Schneider	4/15
Lloyd Fraase	4/20
Rev. Don Pritchard	4/20
Jeanette Ealey	4/22
Blake Hermes	4/23
Abby Bruce	4/27
Henry Edwards	4/27
Aimee Pritchard	4/27



Baptism Birthday's

Dale Dobbe	4/1
Dennis Boesdorfer	4/10
Madyson Carter	4/11
Andrea Marvel	4/12
Addison VanZeLe	4/13
Blayke Strubbe	4/14
Rev. Don Pritchard	4/20
Janet Parkes	4/22
Nancie Klein	4/27



Wedding Anniversaries

Allan & Christina Gleason	4/3
David & Donna Clark	4/12
Kevin & Laura Hecht	4/13

68TH REGULAR CONVENTION



**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CANDIDATES
FOR PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS**

MARCH 13, 2023

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Official Notice: 2023 President and Vice-President Nominations Results

The 2023 nominations process for the offices of President, First Vice-President, and regional vice-presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod closed on [February 28, 2023](#), with 1,826 congregations having participated in Internet balloting facilitated by election contractor YesElections (formerly, Election-America) on behalf of the Office of the Secretary.

PRESIDENT

The following five candidates received the highest number of nominating votes for the office of President and consented to serve if elected:

- Matthew C. Harrison, 1,193
- Patrick T. Ferry, 511
- Richard L. Snow, 228
- Peter K. Lange, 119
- Benjamin T. Ball, 113

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Of those receiving the highest number of nominating votes for the office of First Vice-President, the following 20 candidates have consented to serve if elected (ties being fully included where they occurred):

- Peter K. Lange, 958
 - Richard L. Snow, 137
 - Scott C. Sailer, 98
 - Jon M. Braunersreuther, 95
 - Patrick T. Ferry, 72
 - Scott R. Murray, 50
 - Christopher S. Esget, 42
 - Waldemar R. Vinovskis, 35
 - John C. Wohlrabe, Jr., 31
 - Nabil S. Nour, 24
 - Allan R. Buss, 22
 - Timothy P. Ahlman, 14
 - John A. Nunes, 8
 - Victor J. Belton, 7
 - Jeffrey J. Kloha, 7
 - Yohannes A. Mengsteab, 7
 - Jamison J. Hardy, 6
 - Jason M. Braaten, 5
 - Paul A. Linnemann, 4
 - Deric A. Taylor, 4
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Of those receiving the highest number of nominating votes for the offices of regional vice-president (second through sixth vice-presidents, as will be ranked by the convention), the following have consented to serve if elected (ties being fully included where they occurred):

EAST-SOUTHEAST REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

- Christopher S. Esget, 121
- Jeffrey J. Kloha, 27
- Luke T. Zimmerman, 20
- Victor J. Belton, 13
- Deric A. Taylor, 12

CENTRAL REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

- Benjamin T. Ball, 239
- Jason M. Braaten, 54

- Randy K. Asburry, 8
- Lawrence R. Rast, Jr., 6
- William R. Marler, 5
- William W. Schumacher, 5

GREAT LAKES REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

- John C. Wohlrabe, Jr., 196
- David P. E. Maier, 64
- David P. Ramirez, 39
- Steven G. Kline, 10
- Peter C. Bender, 5

GREAT PLAINS REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

- Nabil S. Nour, 245
- David C. Mumme, 58
- Robert R. Lessing, 15
- Byrene Keith Haney, 11
- Russell L. Sommerfeld, 11

WEST-SOUTHWEST REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

- Scott R. Murray, 134
- Timothy M. Klinkenberg, 80
- Yohannes A. Mengsteab, 48
- Alfonso O. Espinosa, 36
- Jeffery T. Schrank, 36

Except in the case of President and First Vice-President, these names will constitute the ballots for elections during the [July 29](#)–Aug. 3, 2023, 68th Regular Convention of the Synod.

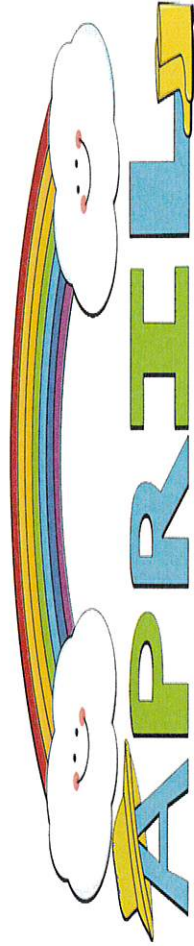
In the case of the President of the Synod, the election will take place, according to Bylaw 3.12.2.4, starting [June 17](#) (six weeks prior to the convention) via Internet balloting. The five candidates listed above constitute the ballot for election, which must be by majority vote (runoffs are possible).

Pastoral and lay voters validly registered by the congregations and parishes of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.3) before the deadline (electronic registration by [March 19](#), 2023) or their substitutes (as validly submitted before [June 9](#), 2023) will serve as the voters for this election. Results are to be announced at least two weeks prior to the convention.


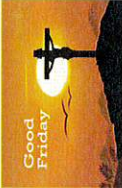
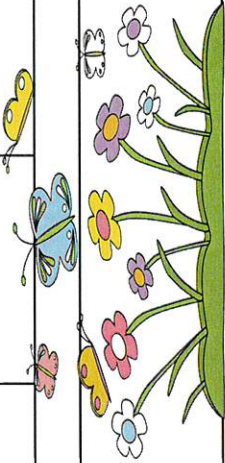
In the case of the election of the First Vice-President, the President-elect will select from the list of 20 nominees (listed above) the five candidates (at least two of which must be among the top five nominees) who will comprise the ballot for the election, which will take place early in the convention (Bylaw 3.12.2.6). Regional vice-president elections and ranking will follow the order and process required by the Bylaws of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.7).

In each of the above elections, no opportunity will be provided to add names to the slate of candidates listed above, although in the event of the death, declination, or unavailability of a candidate, the nominee(s) having the next highest number of votes shall become candidate(s).

In Christ Jesus,
Rev. Dr. John W. Sias
Secretary, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



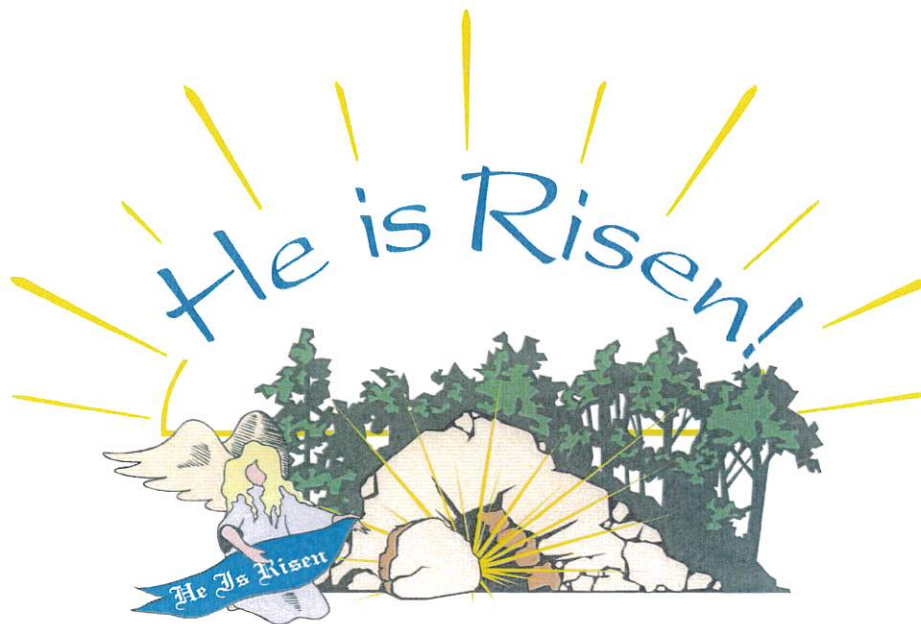
APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Palm Sunday Divine Service 10:15 A.M.				 Maundy Thursday	 Good Friday	Easter Breakfast Prep 9:00 A.M.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Easter Service with Communion 9:00 A.M. Breakfast following service	Stewardship & Outreach Committee 6:00 P.M.		Mary Martha Guild Meeting 2:00 P.M.				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Elders meet following Divine Service Altar Guild Meeting following Divine Service							
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.							
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Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Quarterly Voter's Meeting following Divine Service							

Zion's Newsletter
April, 2023

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Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

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