



LATHROP UMC

NEWSLETTER



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Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11, 12

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

Richard's Raps



The joy of Easter and the excitement of spring is filling the air. As the world continues to turn green, wild-life babies and farm animals being born, and the fields being prepared to grow grain life seems to be breaking out all around us. This year Easter is to be celebrated on April 1st. Many of the professional advertisers are playing on the fact that Easter happens on "April fools" day. However, there is no foolin' about the fact that Christ was raised from the dead. Christ's resurrection has become the firm expectation in our hearts that like Christ we too shall live beyond the event we refer to as death. Carlo Carretto writes, "What is it, this famous 'eternal life'? He Himself defined it in the Gospel: 'And eternal life is this: to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.'" (John 17.3) Rejoice! Because, Christ lives we live also!

THE RESURRECTION WAS VERY REAL

Dear Billy Graham: Once again my wife dragged me to church on Easter this year. I don't want to offend you, but how can anyone believe that Jesus died and then came back to life again? I'm a doctor, and believe me-one a person is dead, it's all over.--J.K.

Dear J.K.: People 2000 years ago knew that death was final, just as you do—if not more so, since death in those days wasn't hidden behind hospital doors. Job's question still echoes across the century: (Job 14:14).

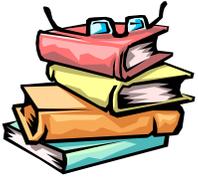
But that's why the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so important—because nothing like it ever happened before, or will ever happen again until the end of time. Christ's resurrection from the dead sets him apart from every person who ever lived - and it could only have happened if God intervened and made it happen. And that's precisely what took place@ The Bible says that Christ "was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

Did it happen? It may interest you to know that one of the Gospels that tells us about Jesus' resurrection was written by a man named Luke - who was a doctor. If anyone knew that dead people don't come back to life it was Luke- but he had weighed the evidence and he knew Jesus Christ was alive. And so can you.

Why is Jesus' resurrection important? It is important because it gives us hope - hope that sin's power has been erased and death and hell and Satan have been conquered. Don't turn your back on Christ any longer, but open your heart and life to his transforming power.

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THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS FROM ITS PAGES



UNGLUED

By Lysa TerKeurst

The cover page of this book gives you a clue to the writing style of Lysa TerKeurst. Ladies, “Have you ever become ‘unglued’?” It seems that for no reason or maybe many reasons your emotions seem to well, have a life of their own. Lysa TerKeurst shares her experiences (many will make you smile or even laugh) as she faces her everyday challenges. “Avoiding reality never changes reality.” Ladies, “You may just find a bit of yourself in this book and with it find a bit of wisdom to help you manage your emotions, not be ruled by them.”

UNSPOKEN

By Dee Henderson

Set in Chicago...centered around a kidnapping...Dee Henderson weaves another novel that you won't want to put down. The kidnapping ended with Charlotte Graham being found and rescued. Her two abductors were located and killed. It took four years...four long years. Happy Ending? Maybe, it's not an ending at all. Now a reporter is writing a book about the kidnapping. Will he discover what really happened?

OUR BLESSINGS



Did you look for Psalms 96:9 in our sanctuary? Did you find it? It is in every pew...on red, blue, yellow or green. It's not on though. Are those clues enough to find...our new pencils? Check them out near the offering envelopes.

I can't wait! It's coming soon: in fact the official date is April 1st. It will be so much fun and there's learning too! Will there be music? Will there be art? I'm sure there will be a lot of smiling. I wonder what they'll name it and who will be there. What am I talking about? Find out in “OUR BLESSINGS” next month. There might even be pictures.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWING



We're growing up. Our pre-school class has grown in size and age. Some of them are in kindergarten and first grade!! Soooo we are adding a new classroom and calling it PROMISES. Trish Martin is moving with the students to teach and learn with these dear ones. They are excited to move UP. They will have their own space and literature for their age level. Congratulations to all and cheers for growing our Sunday School classes.

DATES TO REMEMBER



April 2018

1 EASTER

Community Sunrise Service will be held at the First Baptist Church

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| 1 April Fool's Day | |
| 8 April Birthday Breakfast | 10:30 pm |
| 8 Fellowship Dinner following Worship Service | 12:00 |
| 9 Trustee's Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 9 Administration Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 19 Revolutionary War Began 1775 | |
| .28 Annual Spring Steak/Chicken Dinner | 5:00- 7:30 p.m. |

USHERS FOR MARCH

Donald Griffin and Gerald Snodgrass



APRIL 2018

BIRTHDAYS

- 6...Rev. Ted Hepner
- 12...Kathy Mydland
- 19 Terri Stark
- 23...Callie Justus
- 24...Candy Fugett
- 25...Norella Beane
- 27...Shannin Mydland



ANNIVERSARY

- 22 Lary & Kathy Mydland
- 29...Steve & Donna Jelinek

CARES AND CONCERNS



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| Jack Day | Wilma Tippet |
| Jon Carter | Heather Carter |
| Mike Dickerson | Billy Webster |
| Larry Payne | Dylan Gowin |
| Carmen Stone | Marguerite Pulliam |
| Robert Ewens | Shelby Ewens |
| Brittany Kistner | Cheryl Snodgrass |
| Lilly Harrell | Keeton Webster |

People of Puerto Rico

The Children and Youth of our Church

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| Our Military | Our Community |
| Our Church | Our Pastors |

If you have prayer concerns, please email lathropumc.newsletter@live.com or contact: Kathy Mydland 528-3780; Brenda Bonar 528-3004; or Norella Beane 740-4419.

SAFE SANCUTARY

Safe Sanctuary provides an environment in which all children, youth and vulnerable adults are safe from neglect or abuse. Many of you have taken the online course. If you would like to help with projects that involve the children of our church and aren't safe sanctuary approved yet you make get more information about this from Kathy Mydland.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year the UMC will team with the First Christian Church for the 2018 Vacation Bible School, and will be held at the At their church. The date for the 2018 Vacation Bible School has been set. The dates are July 29-31 Aug1 and 3 and will be held in the evenings 5:30-8:00. This year's theme is Crocodile Dock. *Mark your calendars to save the date...* planners, teachers, and helpers and others, will be needed to make this a fun and memorable.. More information will be available in following issues of this newsletter.

BACKPACK BUDDIES FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser was held February 3rd at the Lathrop United Methodist Church co-sponsored with the Lathrop Masonic Lodge #506. The Soup/Chili Supper was well supported by other Lathrop churches and local citizens. Lathrop R-II Schools Backpack Buddies Program provides meals to 99 students to take home over the weekends. The Mason's matched money collected at the door bringing the total donation to \$4000. Pictured are (l-r) LeAnna Wilcox, Mary Jo Brown, and Barbara Hardin.



Pastor Richard and Mary celebrating their Irish!

GENERAL RULES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

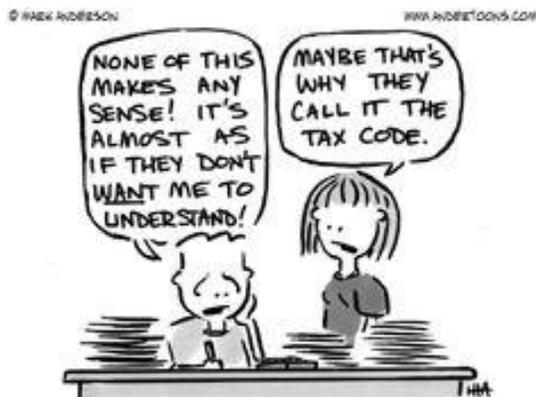
- First:** Do no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind.
- Second:** Do good, by being merciful and kind at every opportunity.
- Third:** Attend upon all the ordinances of God; such are: The public worship of God - The reading of scripture - Receiving Communion - Family and private prayer - Public Bible study - Fasting

The Shadow of the Cross

At the drowsy dusk when the shadows creep
From the golden west, where the sunbeams sleep,
An angel mused: "Is there good or ill
In the mad world's heart, since on Calvary's hill
'Round the cross a mid-day twilight fell
That darkened earth and o'er shadowed hell?"
Through the streets of a city the angel sped;
Like an open scroll men's hearts he read.
In a monarch's ear his courtiers lied
And humble faces hid hearts of pride.
Men's hate waxed hot, and their hearts grew cold,
As they haggled and fought for the lust of gold.
Despairing, he cried, "After all these years
Is there naught but hatred and strife and tears?"
He found two waifs in an attic bare;
-- A single crust was their meagre fare --
One strove to quiet the other's cries,
And the love-light dawned in her famished eyes
As she kissed the child with a motherly air:
"I don't need mine, you can have my share."
Then the angel knew that the earthly cross
And the sorrow and shame were not wholly loss.
At dawn, when hushed was earth's busy hum
And men looked not for their Christ to come,
From the attic poor to the palace grand,
The King and the beggar went hand in hand.

~ John McCrae (1872-1918)

A Dutch pastor was explaining the red, white and blue Netherlands flag to an American pastor. The first pastor said, "Our flag is symbolic of our taxes. We get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bills, and blue after we pay them." The American nodded his understanding. "I know what you mean. It's the same in the United States, only we see stars too."



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ANNUAL SPRING STEAK/CHICKEN DINNER



Are you tired of the winter blahs? Does the spring air give you an appetite? Are you ready to get out and have some great fellowship and a good meal? If you answered 'Yes' to all of these questions, then there is good news for you. Plans for the 2018 Spring Steak/Chicken dinner are underway! The date has been set for April 28th. Serving begins at 5:00 until 7:30. On that evening you will dine on delicious, juicy strip steak for \$15 or chicken strips for \$12. Children 10 years or younger will be \$6. Dinner also includes a baked potato, salad, dinner roll, dessert and drink. Proceeds will go towards handicapped parking and a new sidewalk from the front of the church to the east door.



TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER