



## *From the Pastor*

As we find ourselves in the middle of Holy Week, we oscillate between moments of meditative thoughts and bursts of busyness preparing travel plans or making sure we have a large enough ham for dinner. Easter comes with its share of distractions. But this year, whatever you do, make it a celebration! Rejoice in the hope and glory of the victory of our risen King!

We will always have trials and problems that try to creep into our line of sight and steal away our joy. Don't let it happen to you!

Look to our Lord Jesus and enjoy his gift of salvation.

The empty tomb is the linchpin of our faith. The apostle Paul admits, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). Our faith then is not in a myth or even in something coming in the future, but we stake our claim on a real and true historical event that sent shock waves throughout all creation: the Son of God was killed on the cross, died, was buried, and rose again! It is not a spiritualized story, it is not wishful thinking, it is a matter of fact. And because of it, we can be saved.

Just as the bible has recounted for us the incredible story of Easter, we see that all of scripture actually lays out a complete, consistent and coherent worldview that we are called to adopt and enjoy.

There are many ways in which to perceive reality, many theories put forth, many cultures and religions that have taken a stab at answering all of humanity's basic questions. But they have all fallen short. Though these perspectives have certain glimpses of truth, they all lack a fidelity to the bible.

Our next series is called "New Inventions: Tinkering with Worldviews", and through it we will clarify what a biblical worldview is and how our culture has tweaked and tampered with it to the point that it has become some sort of new invention.

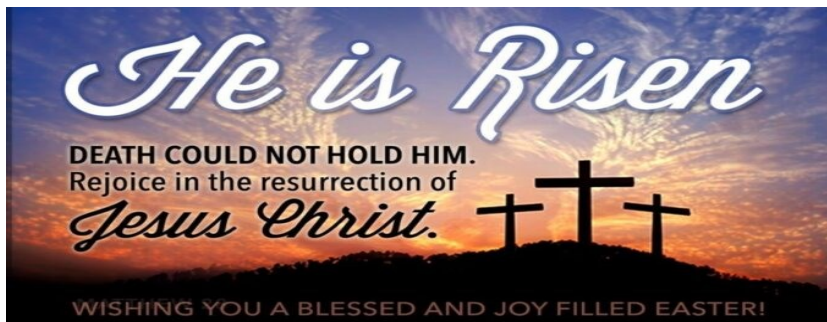
## Monthly Church Events

<b>Apr 1</b>	9:00am - United Methodist Men
<b>Apr 2</b>	PALM SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION 10:00am - Worship 2:00pm - Easter Hop
<b>Apr 3</b>	6:45am - Breakfast Club 8:00am - Monday Morning Men - Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy Hansen
<b>Apr 5</b>	4:00pm - Confirmation 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Apr 6</b>	10:00am - PAX - Sue 10:30am - Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle 7:00pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)
<b>Apr 7</b>	8:00am - Grow Group 7:00pm - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
<b>Apr 8</b>	5:30pm - Adult Fellowship
<b>Apr 9</b>	EASTER SUNDAY 10:00am - Worship
<b>Apr 10</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men - Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy Hansen
<b>Apr 12</b>	11:30am - Romeos & Juliets 4:00pm - Confirmation 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal

Many Christians adhere to a worldview that is not thoroughly biblical. We live in a world that has cast a long shadow of doubt on God’s word. We are taught to question its viability and applicability. This series will help us see that the bible does stand up to scrutiny, that it should be trusted and that it provides the only worldview that connects all the dots.

The Easter event, as I said, is the linchpin, it’s the basis for everything else that follows. So we begin with a risen Savoir and allow him to define for us reality.

For the King!  
Pastor Andrew



**Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with Easter Hop.**

**We had 74 people from the community come and hear the story of Jesus.**

## ECHO UPDATE

Well March is over and along with the end of March I’m looking forward to an end of bad weather. In ECHO we have been gearing up for spring by digging into the stories around Lent.

It’s been fun bringing these stories to life with snacks like naan bread and games that teach us about having a servant heart.

From ECHO Happy Easter.

**Miss Sue**

Director of Children’s Ministries

<b>Apr 13</b>	1:00pm - UWF Executive Board 7:00pm - PAX - Julie
<b>Apr 14</b>	8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
<b>Apr 15</b>	6:00am - Set Up 7:00am - Food Distribution
<b>Apr 16</b>	10:00am - Worship
<b>Apr 17</b>	6:45am - Breakfast Club 8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast @ PERKINS 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy Hansen
<b>Apr 18</b>	10:00am - Rebecca Circle
<b>Apr 19</b>	4:00pm - Confirmation 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Apr 20</b>	10:00am - PAX - Sue 7:00pm - PAX - Julie (remote)
<b>Apr 21</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>Apr 23</b>	10:00am - Worship
<b>Apr 24</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men - Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy Hansen
<b>Apr 26</b>	4:00pm - Confirmation 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Apr 27</b>	7:00pm - PAX - Julie (Remote) 8:00am - Rummage Sale
<b>Apr 28</b>	8:00am - Grow Group 8:00am - Rummage Sale 5:00pm - Rummage Sale Teardown
<b>Apr 30</b>	10:00am - Worship

# Youth at Forest Hills

## Youth Group and Confirmation update:

Confirmation is in their last month of classes! We are excited to see how far each of them have come these last two years. **Confirmation Sunday will be May 7th.**

After Easter, Youth Group will be talking through the series Hymnology. This is a four-week series that takes a deep dive into 4 hymns of the past that still have truths we should hold onto today. This series is full of stories about the history of the hymn, the history of the author, and the specific Scriptures backing them. Students will get an appreciation of these hymns while also learning practical applications to apply to their faith!

Week 1: Doxology

Key Point: All praise and thankfulness go to God.

Key Text: Psalms 96:11-12a, 150:6

Week 2: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Key Point: We keep our trust in Jesus always.

Key Text: Habakkuk 3

Week 3: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Key Point: The resurrection and ascension show the cross has the final word.

Key Text: Luke 24:35-53

Week 4: Blessed Assurance

Key Point: Our story is the assurance that Jesus is everything.

Key Text: Hebrews 10:22, Romans 8:17, Proverbs 19:23

## Blessings

Pastor Cassi



## April Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy! If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Andrea Hendrickson 4/16/60  
Lois Werhan 4/17/42  
Jennifer Berglund 4/18/79

Marlin Bergerson 4/26  
Dona Yetter 4/27

# SUMMER MISSION TRIP

**JULY 16<sup>th</sup> (leaving after church) - 20<sup>th</sup> (returning 5pm)**

**We will be stopping for lunch on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**We will be staying and eating at Evangel UMC the rest of the week.**

**Cost \$150**

Mega Kids Camp will be held this year on July 17-20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Mega Kids Camp is held at the National Volleyball Center at Rochester Century High School. We are a faith-based camp whose purpose is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the kids of Rochester and the surrounding communities. The camp has grown exponentially over the past years, and we expect 500 campers this summer, a new record! Campers age range is Pre. K – Grade 6.

Children who attend camp can choose from One of the following tracks as their choice for the week.

- Pre.K. Track: will offer age-appropriate activities, sports, and arts for preschoolers in 3 gyms just for them.
- Adventure Track 1 &2: will include laser tag, large inflatables, soccer “boppers”, archery and more.
- Horse Track: will engage kids in Horse basics, grooming and a trail ride out in the county near St. Charles on the last day of camp.
- Soccer, Basketball and Cheerleading Tracks: will offer kids sports basics, training and game play taught by local coaches and athletes.
- Creative Arts Track: will provide children professional art instruction and lots of creative time.
- Dog Track: will provide teaching sessions from members of the Rochester MN Kennel Club.

In addition to the tracks, we hold 3 rallies every day to teach Faith and Jesus to the kids through pulse pounding energetic music, multimedia, skits, sports testimonials, and comedy featuring our lovable camp mascot Mega. A total of 12 rallies are held throughout the week.

## **A typical day in Mission at Mega Kids Camp could look like this:**

7:45 Breakfast at Evangel

8:30 Mega Camp Meeting (National /volleyball center)

8:45 Kids Arrive

9:00- 12; 30 Mega Kids Camp

12:45- 1:00 Arrive back at Evangel

Lunch & Break

Afternoon: Mission sites and/or activities around Rochester

Dinner

Worship

Evening attractions in Rochester. There's lots to do - from local camps with BIG equipment, Bowling and Laser Tag (right across the street) and so very much more!!

Late evening free time

Let Pastor Cassi know if you are interested in coming with this summer!

Thank you

Pastor Cassi Betker