Seems odd to be writing about the resurrection when we’ve barely begun our Lenten journey. Easter Sunday is April 21; perhaps the latest Easter celebration we’ve had in many, many years. But who needs Easter Sunday in order to talk about the hope of the Resurrection? It is a hope we are blessed with each and every day of our lives.

J.I. Packer, Retired Professor of Theology for Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia once wrote: “Optimism is a wish without warrant; Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God himself. Optimism reflects ignorance as to whether good things will ever actually come. Christian hope expresses knowledge that every day of his/her life, and every moment beyond it, the believer can say with truth, on the basis of God’s own commitment, that the best is yet to come.” Not all optimists are hopeful. And not all hopeful people can be optimists. But what a hopeful, Christian person has that a pure optimist does not is, the truth of the resurrection and the power of Jesus risen from the dead!

Even in our darkest hours, we can trust the certainty of the resurrection. At Pat Walke’s memorial…at Sig Brekke’s memorial…at Bob Kennedy’s memorial…I read or referenced Revelation 21 which suggests that: “God will wipe every tear from our eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” That’s not optimism, my friends. That is pure hope! And that is God’s commitment to God’s people.

This Good Friday we discover once again God’s amazing love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Occasionally, the Psalmist reminds us, there may be weeping that may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. Indeed, through the night from Good Friday until Easter Eve, we are thrust into darkness, but we are told not to cry and not to despair. Because God raised Jesus from the dead. There isn’t another story or event in all of history that has had such a profound impact on the world’s ability to hope. Politicians let us down. Our families let us down. Sometimes our church lets us down and yes, sometimes your Pastor lets you down. But, not the story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In it we have hope that indeed, the best is yet to come.

I invite you to participate in all the activities of Holy Week. Beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday and Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the Seder meal that evening; then Maundy Thursday when we observe Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus washing the disciples’ feet and our children participating in Holy Communion for the first time; Good Friday when we witness Christ’s last breath and his dying on the cross; the Easter Vigil Saturday evening which is the first service of the resurrection and then the glorious resurrection of the Promise of God. Missing any of it is like reading a book leaving full chapters out. Take it all in and participate in the full story of our reason for hope.

Between now and then trust that I will pray for you. My prayers will be what Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome: “I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” Optimism is a good thing. Hope is even better. Blessed Lent and a hope-filled Holy Week my brothers and sisters in Christ.
Challenging Ourselves

Empower me to be a bold participant, rather than a timid saint in waiting, in the difficult ordinariness of now; to exercise the authority of honesty; rather than to defer to power, or deceive to get it; to influence someone for justice, rather than impress anyone for gain; and, by grace, to find treasures of joy, of friendship, of peace hidden in the fields of the daily you give me to plow. Amen.

I stumbled across this prayer by Ted Loder while preparing our Lenten evening worship services and have been using it in my daily devotions almost every day since.

Lent, as it was described to me as a child, is a season in which we challenge ourselves. Every other season in the church year is about celebrating something—the birth of Christ, various moments in his ministry, his resurrection, or even simply celebrating the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit in the ordinary. But Lent is a time when we push ourselves, when we grow, when we feel empowered by the Spirit to face our own death as we contemplate Christ’s. For many generations of Christians, this season means putting something aside, preferably something enjoyable, to show devotion to Christ. For every Lent that I can remember, my Catholic grandmother has given up chocolate (which means Easter is twice as exciting for her!).

For some younger generations, including my own, there is great interest in taking something on rather than giving something up. In the past, I or others I’ve known have renewed their personal devotions or recommitted themselves to a journaling or taken the first steps towards something they wish was a habit, like working out every week or volunteering more. Perhaps you, like I, find something in Loder’s prayer that you would like to be better at. Perhaps there is something in your life that, if added, wouldn’t be another burden on already chaotic schedules, but could be the opportunity to breathe new life into your world. After all, Jesus died not so that we may have a different death, but so that we may have a different life.

Whatever you are doing to mark this season, I hope that it blesses you with increased and bold participation, empowers you to an even higher level of honesty, brings you to a renewed commitment to justice-seeking and opens your eyes and heart ever more fully to the treasures of joy in our lives.

Blessings to you in the midst of your Lenten adventure.

Rachel Swenson
Intern Pastor

Seminarian Support Fund

We are asking you to pledge just $1 per week to support a seminary student in need. One semester of tuition costs $2,000. Having met Rachel, our new pastoral intern, you can fully understand the importance and power of supporting students/seminarians who are studying to fulfill their calling to Word and Sacrament ministry.

You can donate via check (write “Seminary Fund” on memo) or on our website: www.evergreenlutheran.org/donate.

Please, in this time of declining numbers of pastors, let us pledge ELC’s support of a needy student who has been called by God to spread God’s Word.

For your information, we almost reached our 2018 goal of $5,200 by collecting $4,803.

Wednesdays in Lent + Journey from Service to Advocacy

6:00pm—Soup Supper
Bring soup, salad, or dessert to share. Sign-up here to bring food, help with set-up and/or clean-up: tinyurl.com/yaerdude

7:00pm—Lenten Eucharistic Worship

7:30pm—Advocacy Bible Study

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Lenten Journey

We are half way through our Lenten Journey. The dusty cross on our forehead is rubbed off. Have you found the time or made the time to focus on this holy season, to feel the dust beneath your feet and the mounting urgency, yet reluctance to get to Jerusalem? I came across this poem that may be written by Macrina Wiederkehr. May it give you focus for the rest of your Lenten journey.

Fasting & Feasting

Lent is more than a time of fasting, it can also be a joyous season of feasting.

Fast from judging others
- Fast from the Christ dwelling in them
- Fast from emphasis on differences
- Fast from the unity of life
- Fast from apparent darkness
- Fast on the reality of light
- Fast from thoughts of illness
- Fast from the healing power of God
- Fast from words that pollute
- Fast from words that purify
- Fast from discontent
- Fast on gratitude

Fast from anger
- Fast on patience
- Fast from pessimism
- Fast on optimism
- Fast from worry
- Fast on Divine Providence

Fast from complaining
- Fast on appreciation
- Fast from negatives
- Fast on affirmatives
- Fast from unrelenting pleasures
- Fast on unceasing prayer

Fast from hostility
- Fast on peace
- Fast from bitterness
- Fast on forgiveness
- Fast from self-concern
- Fast on compassion for others

Fast from personal anxiety
- Fast on trust
- Fast from discouragement
- Fast on hope
- Fast from acts that tear down
- Fast on acts which build up

Adult Faith Formation

Mid-Week Offerings

+ **Tuesday Afternoon:** Sacred Scripture 101 led by Pastor Vera resumes Tuesday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

+ **Wednesday Night:** Mountain Men Bible Study returns after Easter in Conference Room #2 downstairs at 6:15 p.m. Led by Connell O’Brien.

+ **Thursday Night:** Faith and Culture, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

+ **Thursday Mornings:** Java and Jesus, Women’s Bible Study 9:30-11:00 a.m. We are studying “Finding I Am; How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Our Heart.” We will be looking at the Gospel of John and the “I Am” sayings of Jesus. Come and join us. If you need a ride or you need child care for Thursday morning please let Kim know by calling the church office.

+ **Lunch Bunch** will gather Thursday, April 18 at Saigon Landing off of main street Evergreen, at noon. This is a no host lunch. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can let the restaurant know we are coming.

**Fasting & Feasting**

Adult Faith Formation

- **Stephen Ministry** will meet Wednesday, April 17 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday Morning Offerings, 9:15am**

- **Fellowship Hall:**
  - April 7, no Adult Faith Formation—One Worship at 9:00 a.m.; Congregational Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
  - April 14, no Adult Faith Formation in Fellowship Hall. This is Fellowship Sunday—visit with one another over coffee and goodies.
  - April 21 No Adult Faith Formation—enjoy Easter Breakfast served by our Youth
  - April 28 Faith and Culture: How to respond to our culture and the events of the world through the lens of faith.

- **Damascus Room (downstairs):**
  - “Holiness” or “Righteousness”: A biblical look at these two traditions in the history and life of the people of God. We ask the two important questions of ourselves, “Who are we as the people of God? And “How shall we live?” Historically, there have been some very different answers to these questions revolving around whether our communities have focused on holiness, or righteousness. How have the prophets addressed these questions? How did Jesus talk about these issues? How did Paul? Join us through Lent and Easter seasons as we look at these traditions, and how they are reflected in our own expressions of faith and life.
  - Led by Tom McEwen.

- **Memorial Hall:** Parenting by Faith led by Terry and Jim Ritter.
Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, April 14
Worship + 8:00 a.m. + 10:30 a.m.
Seder Meal + 5:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18
Worship and First Communion + 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19
Worship + 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 20
Worship + 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21
The Resurrection of Our Lord
Worship + 7:00 a.m. + 8:30 a.m. + 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast served from 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Please contact the church office, office@evergreenlutheran.org or Pastor Vera if you are interested.

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Time & Talent Survey
The Time & Talent survey identifies the needs and gifts of our members and gives everyone a place to grow, connect, and serve at Evergreen Lutheran Church. Your Stewardship for All Season Team asks everyone to complete the survey to establish our database for Each One In One.
https://tinyurl.com/y8snmltu

Printed surveys are on the table in the narthex.
Agenda – Congregational Meeting
April 7, 2019 + 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Order – Jon Johnson
Opening Prayer – Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of December 2, 2018 Congregational Meeting Minutes
3. 2018 Annual Treasurer’s Report – David Hood
4. Ratification of ELC Constitution – Larry Patella
5. 2019 Nominating Committee Report – David Kirberg
7. Quick Updates
   a. 2019-2020 Pastoral Intern Update – Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward
   b. Stewardship for All Seasons Update – Larry Patella
   c. Board of Christian Outreach Vision Update – Dave Kirberg
8. Other New Business
9. Adjournment
Closing Prayer – Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward

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One Worship Service
Sunday, April 7
9:00 a.m.

There will be one worship service on Sunday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m. so that everyone may attend the Congregational Meeting.
Worship & Music

When Words Fail, Music Speaks

This morning I went out to check on the road to see if the plow had come yet, and found a package on the bench on our porch. It was from our daughter-in-law. She said she saw it and had to get it for us. It was a lovely framed glass piece that says, “When Words Fail, Music Speaks.” It is a quote by Hans Christian Andersen.

I know all of us have special music that when we hear it, draws us back to a person, time, or event and we feel the same emotions that stirred us then. One of the pieces the choir and brass are doing for Easter is called “Rejoice This Day!” It is arranged by Douglas E. Wagner; text by Pamela Stewart; based on the hymn tune Finlandia by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957). Through the years, there have been numerous texts written to this music. The text I knew as a child was “Be Still My Soul” written by Katharina von Schlegel, b. 1697. This was my beloved Grandad’s favorite hymn and what we sang at his funeral.

Whenever I hear this melody, I think of my Grandad Oscar, and what a powerful influence he was on my life. He was a quiet, strong Norwegian man who had a great sense of humor and could do anything. He lived out his faith in how he cared for others and the earth every day.

The text we are singing for Easter is very different but is still that word of hope and faith in the resurrection.

Rejoice this day! The risen King of glory lives once again and from the tomb is free! The prison doors of death cannot contain Him, for in His hand alone He holds the key. Alleluia! Triumphant, He has risen, and He will reign for all eternity.

Rejoice this day! The risen King of glory calls us from death to everlasting life! Rise from the grave of everything that binds you, Come forth from sin and darkness into light. Alleluia!

Rejoice, one day we too will rise in glory! In triumph we will join the risen King! With trumpet sound, together we will praise Him, Who was and is, and evermore shall be. Alleluia! The Lamb alone is worthy. Death is no more, forever we will sing.

So this Easter, I will be singing with my saints in heaven and here, rejoicing in the promise we have been given to dwell in the house of the Lord for eternity.

Peggy Fetchenhier, Minister of Worship and Music
Easter and Lent Books and DVDs

Here is a list of Lent and Easter related materials that are available in ELC's library. All materials are on display on the table in the library through Easter Sunday. If you can't find your selection, it means that it has been checked out or borrowed. The letter "M" next to the book or DVD title indicates that it has been borrowed at some point and not returned. Please remember to sign out your selection on a sign-out slip located on the table next to the display and on the counter.

I am reminded of the story of a world-famous violinist and his two-centuries old violin that was worth several hundred thousands dollars. The interesting thing I remember about the story was the way the violinist viewed himself as the steward of the instrument. He knew that many great musicians had played the instrument before he was even born. He was also not naive to think that he would not be the last to play the fine instrument. He understood that it was just temporarily passing through his hands. The violinist's outlook on this violin helped him get a better understanding of the role of possessions should have in his life.

The members of the Library Committee all wish you a very blessed Easter season.

God's peace,
Lloyd Peltzer,
ELC Librarian

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“Pray thee, take care that tak’st my book in hand, To read it well; that is to understand.”

~ Ben Jonson, Grandpa Lee's Gems for the Fireside

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At the Mountain Backpack Program, we have been counting our blessings all fall. Members of our community generously supported the program and helped keep kids full and focused. As we head into 2019, we continue to provide food for 170 children each week and are grateful for your incredible support. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you. Over the past few newsletters, we highlighted some of the things we’ve been up to for the last few months. Here are a few more big things!

- Tracy Denver, MBP volunteer, organized our first holiday wish list giving drive for MBP kids. Wanting to meet each child’s wants, as well as needs for Christmas, Tracy organized a community gift drive that received gifts for 60 children. Thank you to Tracy and all the generous members of our community who made these kids’ dreams come true!
- Dan Halama of Evergreen generously donated 13 cases of backpacks to the program; ensuring kids have a discreet and sturdy way to get food home from school each Friday. Thank you so much for your support, Mr. Halama!
- Evergreen Christian Outreach partnered with MBP for the Thanksgiving and Winter Break food boxes to provide a box for each family that was filled with perishable food items for a holiday meal – turkey, potatoes, vegetables, etc. We look forward to continuing to work with EChO to keep these families full over long school breaks!!
- Clear Creek and the Georgetown community contributed mightily over the fall to support the 42 children from those areas enrolled in the program. From financial donations to delivery of backpacks and food boxes, Clear Creek residents are generous, kind, and AWESOME! We are very grateful to have the opportunity to work with all of you! Most especially, we are grateful to Dr. Mark Goosman, Dr. Doug Hesbol, and Natalie Winkler who have made the MBP a success in the Clear Creek/Georgetown community.
- The MBP is working with Jeffco Eats, a similar food supplementation program, to provide food for more than 100 children who attend Emory Elementary School in Lakewood. We love helping our friends in Lakewood and look forward to enhancing what we do with Jeffco Eats! Thank you to Barbara Moore of Jeffco Eats.
- Hearthfire Books, as they do every year, donated a free book for every child enrolled in the MBP for the holidays. Katty matches up an appropriate reading level and subject for every child. Additionally, Hearthfire Books serve as a drop-off location for food and gift donations for the Thanksgiving and Winter Break food boxes. Thank you so much, Katty, for all you do to support the program!
- Anne Stylianou, Parmalee Elementary School’s Librarian, collected donations at the fall book fair at Parmalee (and supplemented her own financial donations) to purchase a brand new book for every Parmalee student enrolled in the MBP. Thank you so much for all you do to support these kids, Mrs. Stylianou!
- The Marshdale Elementary community created beautiful gift stockings filled with fun and functional items for each child in the MBP this Christmas. Thank you so much, Marshdale!
- Volunteers with the MBP are partnering with other groups in Jefferson County to support Emory Elementary School in Lakewood. From Jeffco Eats to the Lakewood Faith Coalition, this support team will continue to find ways to enhance the learning opportunities of students at Emory. Also, working closely with staff at Emory, such as the fantastic Andrea Syko. The MBP is honored and proud to be a member of this support team in finding ways to keep Emory kids full and focused!
- Ted Simms of Georgetown generously donated $5,000 to the MBP. That buys a lot of food!! We appreciate your support, Mr. Simms, for the kids in Clear Creek, Evergreen, and Lakewood!

A group of Hiwan Golf Club members are regularly donating their winnings from rounds of golf to support the MBP. Thank you so much, golfers, for all you do for kids in our community!

- The volunteer firefighters of the Evergreen Fire Protection District invited all kids enrolled in the MBP to go on a shopping adventure for the holidays with a firefighter at Walmart. By raising donations from community members and Evergreen Walmart, the firefighters were able to provide more than 60 kids with $30 in shopping funds, a firefighter friend to help pick things out, a photo with Santa, a turkey for the holidays, and a chance to climb aboard a fire engine. Thank you so much to EMS Coordinator Dave Montesi and all the incredible firefighters, who gave these kids a morning to remember – you are always our heroes!

If you are interested in volunteering with the Mountain Backpack Program, we would love for you to join us – there are many opportunities, most of which take very little time. Thank you again for considering the gift of time in keeping kids full and focused!

Janet Anderson
Women’s Retreat

We live in tumultuous times. Every day we are bombarded with news of a deepening chasm between “the left and the right.” Every day we encounter anxiety: in our personal lives, our homes, and in our country. Most of us are holding on for dear life which is all the more reason for us to gather as women of faith to share the love of God, the joy of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to come together to find hope in God’s Word, solace in the company of wise, women friends, and peace as we study, pray, sing, worship, relax, retreat, and yes, shop.

Using Ann Lamott’s latest book, *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope*, we will explore what it means to “be joyful though you have considered all the fact,” as Wendell Berry suggests. Her book is profound and funny and in it you will discover nuggets of hope and wisdom. And not only in her book, but you will discover nuggets of hope and wisdom in your female friends and family from ELC.

Transportation to the retreat site will be by passenger vans so no one has to drive the trek alone. The retreat will begin Friday evening with dinner at Woodspur Lodge and end just before lunch on Sunday. Lunch on Saturday and Sunday is on your own. Because Woodspur Lodge is approximately a mile up the hill from downtown Winter Park where there is ample shopping and coffee shops for your Saturday afternoon break, the vans will transport you from the Lodge to Winter Park.

Join us April 26-28, Woodspur Lodge in Winter Park for this year’s Women’s Retreat. Cost is $175 for multiple occupancy room (single occupancy rooms have sold out). Price includes lodging and four meals (breakfasts and dinners).

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If you’re not hungry but would like to make a direct donation to my project, you can write a check to Troop 737 with “Curran Anderson Eagle Project” in the memo line and mail it to the Troop 737 Treasurer, 29974 Paint Brush Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439.

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Boy Scouts

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April Calendar

4/3  6:00pm  Soup Supper  
     Kingdom Kids,  
     Confirmation, †ED,  
     7:00pm  Worship  

4/5-7  New Urban Plunge  
       Dates  

4/10  6:00pm  Soup Supper  
          Kingdom Kids  
          Confirmation  
          †ED  
          7:00pm  Worship  

4/17  7:00pm  Worship  

4/20  10:00am  Easter Breakfast Setup  

4/21  Easter Breakfast Fundraiser,  
       Change for Lent Jars Due  

4/28  11:45am  CYF Meeting  

Psals

If you’ve walked into Church in the last few weeks you’ve undoubtedly noticed the new artwork hanging in the Narthex. Although Gary Sohrweid’s landscapes and Scott Zbryk’s funky and cool paintings often adorn that green wall that abuts my office, it now contains the words of our young people. Our Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers wrote their own Psalms; their own expressions of faith to God in poetry form. I’ve done this several times and am floored every single time I get to see how our kids talk to God through their creativity.

Some of the Psalms are used to compare God to something in the world:
† “O God your love to me is like a chess game. I am the king The center of your attention. I am also the weakest piece on the board. You are the Grand Master.”

† “God, you are powerful. Like a river that flows through the mountains. With every ounce that chips away at the solid rock, you chip away at me.”

Other Psalms are used to ask God questions and to be honest with God about struggles:
† “I have a lot of questions. Like are there other planets with life? How about will we ever be able to time travel? I have questions!”

† “My God I am lost! I sailed off from the shore of my confirmation. I was searching for you. For some kind of enlightenment. I set out on a new adventure, but my ship has stalled.”

It is amazing how often I am re-surprised by the work of our young people. They are honest, genuine, funny, and intelligent. They look at the world through curiosity and faith. Please take some time over the upcoming days and weeks and read the words these kids have written. It will stun you just how much the words they write echo the things that we adults are feeling on our different walks of life. Open yourself up to reading some new Psalms today!

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Get hooked up with our ELC Youth News. You’ll get info for all ELC Youth events! Email danbock@evergreenlutheran.org if you want to get connected.
April Birthdays
1 Diane Sudmalis, Danielle Seaton
2 Riley Patton
3 Katie Pfarrkirchner
4 Buzz Gibson
5 Noah Wagner, William Carswell, Art Whyte
6 Blake Borns, Paul Phillipe, Karen Kady, Shelley Ekstrom
10 Ashton Berne
11 Holly Brekke, Michael Knopf
11 H advisable
14 Jean Lipson
16 Bob Terry, Cedric McPhee, Kim Lieb
17 Barbara Meier, Michael Kapner
18 Sue Petroskey
20 Carl Almquist, Doug Hahn, Janelle Bober, Michelle Foley
21 Lynn Kutalek
22 Paula Jung
24 Lisa Parker
25 Patti Vine, Maggie Bergner
26 Irmgard Graham, Cindy Gibson
27 Ava Wagner, Jamie Fuelling, Paul Thisted
28 Eric Halingstad, Okie Arnot
29 Bill Smith
30 Megan Briggs, Jen Frye

Happy Birthday

April Anniversaries
1 Hank & Inge Falvey
7 Carl & Linda Almquist, Herb & Fran Pallesen
8 Jacque & Art Whyte
9 Dave & Judy Van Auken
11 Kurt and Christa Johnson
15 Jim & Barb Barelly
20 Linda & Paul Berteau
23 Joe & Carol Brice
26 Jennifer & David Hood
28 Tom & Cheryl Foust

Church Clean Up Day
Save the Date! The Spring Clean Up day will be **Saturday, May 11** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need everyone’s help to spruce up the inside and outside of our church. Lunch will be provided!

Stone Soup
We will make 5 gallons of soup for EChO clients **Sunday, April 7, 7:30 a.m.** Memorial Hall. Email Dale Knochenmus if you can help with this ministry. mdaleknochenmus@gmail.com.

Hard-to-Recycle Day
EAS+Y will host another Hard-to-Recycle Event for the community on **Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** in the north parking lot of ELC. Donations are appreciated to help support EAS+Y and the cost of recycling these items.

Also, Evergreen’s first Zero Waste Refill Pop-up Store, where you can fill your own container with fragrance-free laundry and dishwashing detergent, dish soap, and general cleaner for a fee.

These items will be recycled:
- Large pieces of Styrofoam
- Baby food pouches, emptied
- Used/unused candle wax, no glass
- Used beauty products bottles/ tubes and caps, emptied and rinsed: shampoo & conditioner; hair gel; hair spray; hair paste; lip balm; lotion; shaving foam (no cans); lip gloss; mascara; eye liner pencils and cases; eye shadow tubes; concealer tubes and sticks
- Toothpaste tubes & toothbrushes
- Nail polish and nail polish remover
- Mascara wands (separated from tubes)
- CD/DVDs
- Used markers and crayons
- Eye glasses
- Plastic bags, film, & envelopes
- Household batteries—alkaline & rechargeable

More information: easy4you.org/easy-earth-action-month-hard-to-recycle-day/

Curried Rice Salad
From Harriet Sear

- 2 1/2 c cooked brown rice
- 1/2 c raisins or craisins
- 1 red apple, diced, skin on
- 1/3 c unsalted cashews
- 1 c sugar snap peas, cut in thirds
- 1/4 c diced red onion

Dressing:
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp minced ginger
- 2 min aside garlic cloves
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1/2 c olive oil

Mix salad ingredients. In a separate bowl mix dressing ingredients. Top salad with dressing and mix completely. Keeps well.

Can add cooked chicken or shrimp if you like.

Christ’s Body Ministry
This ministry blesses all involved, the recipients of the meals as well as the many volunteers who have purchased food, made the hot meals, and served on a Saturday.

Join us to make and/or serve a meal for people who are homeless in Denver with Christ’s Body Ministries. We head to Denver at **12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 6** to serve the food and return to church at 4:00 p.m. for a Kitchen Party to clean up. Sign-up here: https://tinyurl.com/yamp6cuq

Cook’s Corner
Christ’s Body Ministry
**April Worship Participants**

**APRIL LAY MINISTER:** Mark Bly—early service / Riley Hanback—late service

**APRIL 7 (9:00 a.m.)** One service only—Congregational Meeting follows worship

**Assisting Minister:** George Hellmuth  
**Co-President:** Tom McEwen

**Reader:** Jackie Lanning  
**Greeter:** Bette Warn

**Communion Servers:** Carolynn & Scott Bergner, Sheryl Fick, Kristi Kohnke

**Ushers:** Paul Berteau, Isaac vanWestrienen, Matt Harker, Jonathan Harker

**APRIL 14 (8:00 a.m.)—Palm Sunday**

**Assisting Minister:** Art Whyte  
**Greeter:** vanWestrienen Family

**Reader:** Chris Enebo  
**Crucifer:** Jonathan Harker

**Communion Servers:** Lynne Theiss, Pat Breuer, Jan & Dave Blumenstein

**Ushers:** Janet Anderson, Mary Noonan, Jim Tellman, Lyn Lewis

**APRIL 18 (7:00 p.m.)—Maundy Thursday**

**Assisting Minister:** none  
**Co-President:** PI Rachel Swenson

**Reader:** Joe Gerlach

**Greeter:** Sharon & Art Onweller

**Communion Servers:** Joanne Miller, Carol Riscoe, Joe Harker, Jonathan Harker

**Ushers:** George & Phyllis Wittenberg, Beth Feldkamp, Dave Kirberg

**APRIL 19 (7:00 p.m.)—Good Friday**

**Assisting Minister:** none

**Reader:** Sydney Bernard-Hogling

**Ushers:** Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca

**APRIL 20 (7:00 p.m.)—Easter Vigil**

**Reader:** Peggy & Dale Fetchenhier, Karla Briggs, Jon Johnson

**Fire Builders:** Mark Guebert-Steward, Tupper Briggs

**APRIL 21 (7:00 a.m.)—Easter Sunday**

**Assisting Minister:** Ed Furlong

**Reader:** DeNae vanWestrienen

**Ushers:** Deb Pucherelli, Isaac vanWestrienen

**8:30 a.m.**

**Assisting Minister:** Connell O’Brien

**Reader:** Bette Warn

**Communion Servers:** Sue & Gordon Queen, Art & Jacque Whyte

**Ushers:** Shirley Russell, Jackie Lanning, Jim Tellman, Eric Halingstad

**10:30 a.m.**

**Assisting Minister:** PI Rachel Swenson

**Reader:** Mark Guebert-Steward

**Greeter:** Evans Family

**Communion Servers:** Dave & Sue Plothow, Scott Moriarity, Paul Berteau

**Ushers:** Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca, Dennis Johnson, Phyllis Wittenberg

**APRIL 28 (8:00 a.m.)**

**Assisting Minister:** Okie Arnot  
**Co-Presidents:** Jon Johnson & Dan Bock

**Reader:** Dennis Johnson  
**Greeter:** Harker Family

**Communion Servers:** Jim & Barb Barclay, Pat Breuer, Mark Bly

**Ushers:** Patti Vine, Art & Jacque Whyte, Evelyn Bly

**10:30 a.m.**

**Assisting Minister:** Kelly Carswell

**Reader:** Barb Bender  
**Greeter:** Karen & Paul Phillipe

**Communion Servers:** Dave & Sue Plothow, Joanne Miller, Kristi Kohnke

**Ushers:** Scott Moriarity, Mark Guebert-Steward, Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca

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All who serve in worship, please arrive 15 minutes early and check in with the lay minister when you arrive on Sunday to let them know you are present.