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We all know the story and hopefully we personally all know the implications of Easter. In the account of Jesus' death and resurrection we see our own life story; the past, present and future of our own mortality and resurrection. I have spoken to this in numerous newsletters.



This month, I would like to highlight how rural people historically have had insights into the Easter that those raised in cities have not had because of their lack of dependency on nature for provision and their distance from the cycles of death and birth in crops and livestock in general. I will be succinct for the sake of brevity: the arrival of seed catalogues, the arrival of chicks to the small town post office, the birth of livestock in the spring particularly the arrival of lambs.

When archeologists thought they'd discovered Saint Peter's home, confirmation of the veracity of their conclusions was the presence of a large number of egg shells found on the property indicative of the meeting of the first Christians for worship at his house and the tradition of eating eggs symbolizing the weekly tradition of celebrating Christ's resurrection (the chick breaking out of the tomb of a seemingly dead egg). God uses nature to as a metaphor/reminder of deeper spiritual truths. I pass on the following excellent summary of the symbolism and significance of lambs from Wikipedia:

Easter is linked to the Passover and Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last supper, sufferings and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the matzah and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed"; this refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb. One interpretation of the Gospel of John is that Jesus, as the Passover lamb, was crucified at roughly the same time as the Passover lambs were being slain in the temple, on the afternoon of Nisan 14. The scriptural instructions specify that the lamb is to be slain "between the two evenings", that is, at twilight. By the Roman period, however, the sacrifices were performed in the mid-afternoon. Josephus, *Jewish War* 6.10.1/423 ("They sacrifice from the ninth to the eleventh hour"). Philo, *Special Laws* 2.27/145 ("Many myriads of victims from noon till eventide are offered by the whole people")."

Christ was the lamb of God, the paschal lamb, the unblemished one given for the remission of your sins, my sins and for the sins of the world.

As you think back to your story or even perhaps to the stories your parents and grandparents told of growing up on a farm, collecting eggs from the hen house, watching new life spring up from well tilled earth and seeing woolly lambs jumping in the pasture you have experiential insights that can deepen the spiritual significance of Easter day, the season of Easter and indeed every Sunday, which according to Martin Luther, is a little Easter.

I leave you with a poem by Anne Campbell (Detroit News, March 26, 1948):

The world is ready for the Spring,
The winter has been long and cold.
The birds will soon fly home to sing
Of April glories they behold.
The world has need of Eastertide.
It has been plunged in Lenten gloom.
But now upon the countryside,
The bashful crocuses will bloom.

May you and your have a blessed Easter season,

Pastor Bruce



Coffee and Cookie Servers



April 3	Mavis Wang	May 1	Orpha Hoelstad
April 10	Lloyd Gunderson	May 8	Polly Hanson
April 17	Sue Kassenborg	May 15	Barb Grover
April 24	Myron Hagene	May 22	Kathy Krogstad
		May 29	Becky Jegtvig



BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, April 6

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Ladies



Date: Tuesday, April 12

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fryn' Pan

Join the ROMEOS!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m. Friday, April 29 - Fryn' Pan





If you know of someone who is in the hospital or would like a home visit please let me know. I can be reached at 218-329-2245.

Thank you! *Pastor Bruce*

Please email information for the weekly bulletin or prayer list by Wednesday of that week to mgrover1424@gmail.com



Thank you, *Barb Grover*



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“Jesus Appears to His Disciples” is featured on Kids Corner this month.



Are you interested in purchasing and/or contributing to a Concordia cookbook?

Talk to Barb Grover or email her at

mgrover1424@gmail.com

If there is sufficient interest, look for more information in upcoming newsletters!

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

~Mark Twain



How it works: If you have a prayer request you wish to share, call the Prayer Chain. Start by calling the first person on the list below. If there is no answer, try the second name, and so on. Give your message and ask that

it be shared. That person will pass the message on to the next person on the list.

1. Ella – 233-4154
2. Barb – 233-5906
3. Regina – 233-8443
4. Doris K. – 233-7238
5. Harold/Sally-233-7201
6. Mavis – 233-5463
7. Polly – 233-8622
8. Orpha – 287-3774
9. Sylvia – 236-6693
10. Kathy – 329-2246
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Lemon Bars

Ingredients

Crust

1 ½ cup flour 2/3 cup confectioner's sugar
¾ cup butter, softened

Filling

3 eggs 1 ½ cup sugar
3 TB flour ¼ cup lemon juice

Topping

1/3 cup confectioner's sugar

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- Grease 13 X 9 pan
- Combine flour, sugar and butter and pat into bottom of pan
- Bake for 20 minutes until golden brown
- While crust is baking, combine other ingredients. Whisk until frothy.
- Pour over the hot crust.
- Bake for 20-25 minutes
- Cool on a wire rack
- Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar



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Ardoth Kragnes

Thank You Clinton!



... for taking charge of the Palm Sunday dinner. **Thank you to everyone** who helped make it a success. This annual event has been a real crowd pleaser for decades and this year was no exception!

With Our Thanks



Bits and Pieces



April Fool's Day is celebrated throughout the Western World. How it began is the subject of many interesting theories, but it is indeed a happy day of fun that was well established and celebrated throughout Europe centuries ago.

The first record of this silly celebration may be found in the *Canterbury Tales*, written by Geoffrey Chaucer in 1392. Some scholars dispute this. However there is no doubt about a poem written in 1591 by Dutch writer about a landowner who sent his servant on a set of crazy errands on April 1st.

What is certain is that April Fool's Day falls at the time of year when many ancient cultures, including the Romans, celebrated spring with light-hearted festivals, full of spoofs and jokes that reflected the joy of a new year.

In 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII replaced the Julian calendar with his new and improved Gregorian version. The Gregorian calendar declared that New Year's Day would be on January 1st. Under the Julian calendar, the new year began around the time of the spring equinox in late March. Many traditionalists refused to accept the change, celebrating New Year's on April 1. Those who embraced the new calendar saw April 1st as a day of foolishness.

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Another theory is that the Emperor Constantine allowed his court jester to “rule” for one day a year as a joke, giving birth to a day of practical jokes and silliness.

In France and other French-speaking areas the day is “April Fish.” Children are encouraged to try to attach a picture of a paper fish to the back of their friends without being caught.

News outlets work to present the best “news story” on this day of fools. Back in 1962, Swedish television announced that viewers could see broadcasts in color if they cut up a pair of tights and taped them on the screen. The tights supposedly bent light to extract the colors from the signal. Thousands of Swedes gave it a try. In 1980, the BBC reported that the historic clock face on Big Ben would be replaced with a digital display. They even announced a contest to win the old clock hands that received a few bids!

Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever.

~*Charles Lamb*



When I was about ten years old, I gave my teacher an April Fool's sandwich, which had a dead goldfish in it.

~*Alan Alda*



From The Moorhead Daily News

April 23, 1940

“Gordon K Juve Weds Miss Mildred Morken”

Miss Mildred E. Morken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Morken, and Gordon K. Juve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Juve, all of near Glyndon, were married Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. C. B. Runsvold, 523 Seventh Avenue South, who officiated.

They will make their home on the Juve farm near Glyndon.

April 13, 1935

“A L Kassenborg of Oakport Dies”

Funeral Arrangements Not Made for Lifetime Resident of Clay

Alvin Leonard Kassenborg, 42, died at his home in Oakport Township today at 6 a.m.

Born in Kragnes Township, Clay County, November 26, 1892, he married Lena Brendemuhl November 19, 1922. He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kassenborg, Glyndon; six children, Edwin Charles, 12; Helen Elaine,

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10; Dorothy Virginia, 8; Allen Gene, 6; Glen Lyle, 3, and an infant daughter; four brothers: Elmer and Bennie, Glyndon; Gilbert and Ernest, at home and six sisters: Mrs. Martin Jenson, Sarona, WI; Mrs. Thomas Olson, Glyndon; Miss Louise Kassenborg, Minneapolis; Miss Selvina Kassenborg, at home; Mrs. Fred Lee, Glyndon; Miss Edna Kassenborg, at home.

The body is at Wright Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are not complete.

April 20, 1935 “Card of Thanks”

We are deeply grateful to all neighbors and friends for beautiful flowers and for so many acts of kindness so thoughtfully extended during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father, and son. Especially we are indebted to our pastor, C. B. Runsvold, for his spiritual help and uplifting words.

Mrs. Alvin L. Kassenborg and family

Mr and Mrs. Ed L. Kassenborg and family

Take care of all your memories. You cannot relive them.

~Bob Dylan

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Bible Study 5:30 p.m., Wednesday April 6

Concordia Ladies 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12

ROMEOS 7:30 a.m., Friday, April 29

Birthdays

April 10 Regina Hanson

April 14 Lee Eidem

April 16 Kjell Hoelstad

Anniversaries

April 2 Gordon & Sue Kassenborg



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