



THE CONNECTION

April 2009

HALLELUIAH! HE IS RISEN!

Easter Sunday ~ April 12

Join us as we celebrate this Resurrection Sunday starting with a breakfast buffet for congregation and visitors, hosted by our deacons. This morning meal will be available from 8:30-9:30am.

One Worship Service @ 10am

Please Note: There will be no Sunday School, Children's Church or Junior Church this Sunday.

Community Good Friday Service – April 10,

ACC will be uniting with other churches in the com-

munity to experience and celebrate Good Friday together as one body.

John will be just one of the several ministers participating in the services. It will be a special gathering and time to remember the crucifixion of our Lord together. Please join us for one of two services, Friday April 10 at the First Baptist Church.

Service times are 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

Local Seder Services

* April 1, Wed. @ 6:30pm - there will be a Seder service held at the First Assembly of God church. No meal. Rabbi presiding over service.

* April 3, Fri. @ 6:00pm - Mount Vernon CTK (2111 Riverside Dr.) has a full Seder service and meal planned. This will be led by the Cantrells. No charge, but donations will be taken and admission is by ticket only. Call 424-5660 for reservations.

* April 5, Sun. @ 6:00pm - First Baptist & Anacortes Christian Reformed Churches are hosting a Seder at FBC in Anacortes. It will be a full meal that you help provide. If you wish to attend, you need to sign up on the sheet in the FBC foyer or call Fran the church secretary at 293-5300 to sign up and get a list of items to bring for the meal.

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Special Points

- * Several Seder services available locally
- * Soccer Camp help needed still
- * Dana McCoy concert @ Lutheran Church
- * Service Opportunity - Baking Cookies for upcoming Bake Sale

A NOTE FROM JOHN

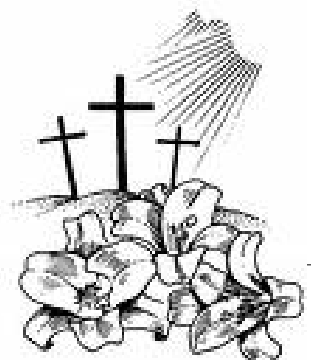
It's a Matter of Death and Life!

We are mere days away from Easter, the annual celebration of Christ rising from the dead. We typically take a day to celebrate this event, some more clued in than others about the significance of this event. To many, it's just another holiday. A time to help greet a change in the weather, sunshine after flower-killing snows and icy mornings. Kids from college come home from school and help the family eat mom's cooking. It's a time for new dresses that mimic the beauty of new flowers rising from dormant hiding through the winter. For some, it is that time of the year when

mom insists, "Everyone is going to church on Sunday, whether you like it or not!" But if you have taken the time to follow the unfolding story of the Creator, this is a time to rearrange our lives to accommodate the hope of life beyond death. It is a call to bask in the grace of a God willing to go to any lengths to restore eternal life to all of dying humanity. His hopes and dreams for our eternal future are wrapped up in the story of His Son, Jesus Christ. As we have been "Pursuing Christlikeness" over the past year, we are learning that life is more certain than death, that love and compassion are richer than greed and power. There is more here than can be fit into one Sunday of celebration and thanksgiving.

So, we are introducing a series of worship experiences on Sunday mornings starting March 29 through April 26 focused on capturing the greater implications of Christ's death and resurrection. Five weeks of gathering insights. Five weeks of Celebration! Five weeks of new dresses! Five weeks of mom gathering her flock at church!

I'm excited about the extended journey learning to apply Resurrection to our daily experience. Be sure to attend the Resurrection Story opportunities this month: Community Good Friday Service, 5pm and 7pm at the First Baptist Church, and our (*revised schedule*) Easter Sunday... breakfast from 8:30am-9:30am, followed by one



A MINUTE WITH MISSIONS - FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

We had a wonderful weekend with Joe and Carole Hoover. We appreciated everyone who attended and was involved and we hope that you were blessed by our times together.

So far, we have \$31,940 committed to missions, with 24 cards turned in to date. Please pray and turn your card in during the next couple of weeks if at all possible. Thanks for supporting our missionaries.

Eph. 3:20 ~ "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (ESV)

"Are you expecting God to do more than you can think or imagine?"



SMALL GROUP/CONNEXION GROUP UPDATE

We hope you enjoyed and were informed at the Small Group Fair that we held on Sunday, March 28.

Be encouraged in your quest for seeking more in-depth study and fellowship in the Body of Christ. Don't forget the help and growth that being in a small group can provide in your life.

If you missed the fair, and still want to know what ACC has to offer, look at our small group and ConneXtion group offerings listed next.

Who: Everyone
When: 1st & 3rd Thurs, 7pm
Contact: Art Kendall

Who: Everyone
When: 1st & 3rd Weds, 6:45pm
Contact: Kirk Ruddell

Who: Women's Bible Study
When: Thurs, 6:30pm
Contact: Penny Rustad

Who: Women's Bible Study
When: Tuesdays, 6:30pm
Contact: Dolly Mooney

Who: Women's Bible Study
When: Wednesdays, 10:00am
Contact: Arlene French

Who: Everyone
When: 2nd and 4th Tuesday
Contact: Jeff & Kathy Lofgren

Who: Couples
When: Mondays, 7pm
Contact: Aaron Bryant

Who: Men's Bible Study
When: Mondays, 7pm
Contact: Steve McLean

Who: JOLT (Youth Group)
When: Wednesdays, 7pm
Contact: Teresa Goldstein

Who: Girls, 6th – 8th Grade
When: Tuesdays, 4:30pm
Contact: Teresa Goldstein

Who: Girls, 9th – 12th Grade
When: Mondays, 6:30pm
Contact: Gretchen Hanson

Who: Guys, 7th – 12th Grade
When: Wednesdays, 6pm
Contact: Nate Hanson

Who: Quilting Group
When: Monthly, 3rd Saturday
Contact: Anne Kendall; Kathy Wenke

Who: Motorcycle Ministry
When: No official time
Contact: Cathy Pitts, Mark Vance, Chris Goldstein

Who: Photography Group (*Coming Soon*)
When: TBA
Contact: Lynn Karns (*currently out of town*)

The following are groups that people have expressed an interest in. You could be the one to set things in motion!

See Mike for details.

Songwriter's Group – Mike Rauwolf; Mark Vance

Outdoors/Rowing Group – Steve McLean

Home Repair Ministry – Dale Clark

Theology/Book Club

AMBASSADORS IN SPORTS (AIS) SOCCER CAMP

The Ball is Rolling!! Planning for the camp has been fun and rewarding, join the team!

Here's more on how you can help to make the AIS Soccer Camp a success!

People needed during the day to help:

- organize the camp by making phone calls,
- reaching out to Non-Christians (advertising),
- fellowship with people from around

the world (transportation aid, hosting a coach)

People

- advocating for the poor (fundraising -- for both young and old and anyone in between)
- advocating to bring children to Christ (fundraising --Yes we have some great ideas that are going to be very, very fun!!)

Priority needs:

- Portable canopies/awnings

- A boat for an evening to hold at least 9 (hoping for 15)
- People with knowledge to provide first aid
- Volunteers to host a coach
- 3/4" dowel sticks 6' or taller.

Thank you so much for those of you who have spent so much of your time and effort so far getting the camp running. ~ Reiko



NOMINATIONS

Thank you to all who submitted names for our leadership nominations. We couldn't do this without you. We ask you to continue to pray for this process. There is still much more to do, but we are on task and will keep you informed along the way.



GIRLY EVENT

April 24 ~ Girls 6th-12th grade
Come to experience pampering and more here at ACC on Friday, April 24th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. You can stay overnight too!

Talk to Teresa for more info.
(Cost = \$5)

NEW WEBSITE

Hey Everyone...check it out! We have a new website up and running. It has a great new look with some new features. Be sure to take a look next time you are online. Go to www.accweb.net

Our great appreciation goes out to Mike Rauwolf...our 'in house' photographer and designer!

WOMEN

Northwest Christian Women's Conference at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood is April 17-19. There is still time for you to register to attend if you don't delay! For more information, check out the brochures in the foyer kiosk and also under the community bulletin board. These packets list all the different workshops that will be presented at this year's conference.

MEN'S BEAST

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 @ 8:30am. ALL men... come...eat some great food...and enjoy a video presentation from Will Moffitt on fly fishing in some beautiful, scenic areas that he has been to over the last 30 years in his travels. It will be a great time. Contact Dale if you have any questions or would like to help out.

SENIOR SAINTS

It's time to tip-toe through the Tulips! Our annual trip to the tulip fields will be Tuesday, April 14. We will leave ACC at 10am, carpooling with use of the church van. Following this beautiful time outside with the flowers, we will head to the Royal Fork for lunch. Please sign-up on the sheet in the church foyer if you plan on attending, so that we can have a head count for lunch seating needs. Wear comfortable shoes...bring your camera...and don't forget \$\$ for lunch. Any questions, call Jean Vance or Elizabeth McLean.

DEACON CORNER

The Monthly Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday April 26, 2009 in Room #205.

The Deacons invite everyone to the Easter Morning Breakfast on Sunday April 12 at 8:30am-9:30am in the WHC. Please sign up in the foyer so we can plan for the right amount of food.

Thank you to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who do so many behind the scenes tasks to make our fellowship and service such a pleasant, joyful experience.

~ Dale, deacon chairman

MCCOY CONCERT



Dana McCoy
Concert/CD release ~

Dana McCoy, father of Leah (McCoy) Wagner, will be performing Sunday, April 19,

3pm at the Anacortes Lutheran Church (2100 O Ave.)

Dana just completed recording a CD titled "I've Got a Song to Sing", on which Leah sang two duets with her father. If you want some quality, fun and uplifting music that the whole family can enjoy...come hear Dana.

PRESCHOOL

Registrations are coming in steady, but there are still some openings for our Preschool classes.



If you are interested, or know someone who could benefit from this program, don't hesitate to check it out and register. Visit their new website: www.accpreschool.com and see what they have to offer.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Who likes to bake cookies?

We are looking for those who would be willing to bake 'BIG' (monster size) cookies. These cookies will be decorated by our ACC kids...then sold at a Bake Sale on Sunday, April 26 following our services. All the proceeds from this bake sale will go towards helping fund scholarships for our summer Soccer Camp and other ACC Jolt Youth activities. If you can help, please contact Teresa Goldstein or the church office. Cookies would need to be received by April 22.



CUMMINS MEMORIAL

All are invited to attend the memorial service honoring Elizabeth Cummins on Saturday, April 4 at 12:30pm here at ACC in the sanctuary.

This service will be followed by a reception in the WHC, where you can visit and be a comfort and support to son, Ben Cummins and the rest of the extended family.



LOAN UPDATE



To date, our balance on the loan is \$38,158. With your help, we are continuing to work steadily at this loan. Be reminded, that if every person in the church gave just \$3 a month (the cost of a latte) above their normal giving, we'd pay this loan off in 10 yrs. But, if everyone gave \$6...we'd have it paid off in 3 years! Something to think about and consider. Thank you!

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SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Submitted by Steve & Cathy Pitts ~

Our son-in-law, Paul Wolfe, from Anacortes, is stationed in Iraq with the Army National Guard until August. He has told me that in his unit, they don't want candy (*they are giving it away*), but more than anything, they want **LETTERS FROM HOME.**

When you're working long days in the desert, nothing is as refreshing as a letter from home. It doesn't have to be long or eloquent. Just a note about what's happening in your hometown and a little encouragement and appreciation for the sacrifices these men and women are making. Let them know that you are praying for them. You don't have to be a Christian to appreciate someone back home praying for your safety.

I think it is no longer allowed to send mail to 'any service member', but Paul will distribute letters to the other National Guard troops from Washington.

Send letters to:

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Another useful item is phone cards to call home. Here is a link to purchase global phone cards for soldiers: <https://thor.aafes.com/scs/default.aspx> You can have them delivered to you, for including in packages, or they will send to a specific military member or donate them for distribution where needed.

The men and women in Iraq also crave home-baked goodies. The post office has special boxes for sending to service members with APO or FPO addresses. The flat rate box is \$10.95 and holds a lot.

If you have any questions, contact Steve or Cathy Pitts.



SPRINGTIME LESSON IN NATURE

THE BUZZARD: If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

THE BAT: The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from

a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLEBEE: A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where

none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE: In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem! Just look up. Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, but faith looks up! Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.

THE EASTER STORY IN PROSE

Jesus came to compensate
For all the wrongs we do.
He came to earth to die for us,
So we'd be born anew.
"This bitter cup, let it pass from me,"
He cried, in a plaintive voice;
"Yet not My will, but Thine be done;"
He said, in His faithful choice.
The Judas kiss would seal his fate;
He faced a hostile crowd;
The governor, Pilate, saw through it all;
Jesus' guilt he disavowed.
"I wash my hands of all of this,"
Said Pilate, "Let Him be."
But the crowd yelled "Crucify him now,
And set Barabbas free!"
Pilate yielded to their wish;

And Jesus was led away.
The soldiers beat him, and mocked Him,
too, yet He continued to obey.
A crown of thorns lay on His head,
As His sentence was carried out;
His hands and feet were pierced with nails,
but He did not scream or shout.
"Father, forgive them for this crime;
They know not what they do."
He said this despite His torment,
because, He was thinking of me and you.
"It is finished," he sighed in His anguish
and pain, as His body gave up to death.
The curtain tore, and darkness fell,
After He took His last breath.

The best of the story is the very last part; it's why on Easter we're filled with pleasure:

Death could not our Savior hold;
His power is beyond all measure.
He rose from the grave,
And was seen all around;
Ever since, He's inspired devotion,
And we'll be with Him for eternity,
When we get our heavenly promotion.
That's why Easter is a major event:
He suffered and died in our place.
He rose and forgave us and loves us still,
our Savior of matchless grace.

By Joanna Fuchs

THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20 (NIV)

"After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

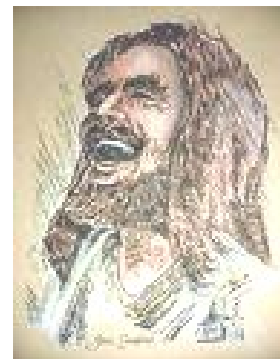
The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples;

'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." ...

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and

make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



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SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:15AM & 10:45AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30AM
JOLT WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: 7:00PM



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APRIL

ACC GENERAL INFO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a-Women'sgroup 6p - Draw Near 7p - Prayer meeting 6p - HS Boys 6:45p-Ruddell group	2 7p - Kendall group 7:30p-Band practice	3	4 12:30p - Elizabeth Cummins memorial
5 Palm Sunday <i>Reverse offering available</i>	6 6:30p - Perspectives 6:30p - HS Girls 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	7 9:30a -Moms in Touch 4:30p- 6-8gr. Girls 7p - Ladies study 7p - Elders' meet	8 10a-Women'sgroup 6p - Draw Near 7p - Prayer meeting 6p - HS Boys 7p - JOLT Youth	9 7:00p - Aktion club 7:30p-Band practice	10 5p & 7p - Good Friday Community Services (First Baptist church)	11
12 EASTER SUNDAY! 8:30 - Breakfast 10a - One Worship Service	13 6:30p - Perspectives 6:30p - HS Girls 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	14 9:30a -Moms in Touch 10:00a - Sr. Saints tulip trip 4:30p- 6-8gr. Girls 7p - Ladies study 7p - Lofgren group	15 10a-Women'sgroup 6p - Draw Near 7p - Prayer meeting 6p - HS Boys 6:45p-Ruddell group	16 7p - Kendall group 7:30p-Band practice	17 NWCWC Retreat (Stanwood) begins	18 Retreat continues
19 Retreat concludes 3p - McCoy concert (@ Lutheran church)	20 6:30p - Perspectives 6:30p - HS Girls 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	21 9:30a -Moms in Touch 4:30p- 6-8gr. Girls 7p - Ladies study 7p - Elders meet	22 10a- Women's group 6p - Draw Near 7p - Prayer meeting 6p - HS Boys 7p - JOLT Youth	23 7:00p - Aktion club 7:30p-Band practice	24 6p - Girly Night	25 8:30a - Men's Bfast
26 12p - Bake Sale 12p - Deacons meet	27 6:30p - Perspectives 6:30p - HS Girls 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	28 9:30a -Moms in Touch 4:30p- 6-8gr. Girls 7p - Lofgren group 7p - Ladies study 7p - Deaconess	29	30		

