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When I first tried to find the date for Easter this year, and looked at the calendar on my iPhone, I couldn't find it. It wasn't there! By looking elsewhere, I discovered Easter would be on April 1st. When I looked again on my phone, all it listed for April 1st was April Fool's Day. I couldn't believe it. Was it an oversight, or intentional?

I found it hard to believe that anyone would intentionally leave the greatest event in history off the calendars, but then I started seeing reports that that was indeed the case. Then I heard that there was quite an uproar about it. I really don't know what caused it, or what fixed it, but Easter did eventually appear on the calendar.

I guess it shouldn't have surprised me to discover that there might be forces in the world that want news about the resurrection withheld. The first time it was reported, the soldiers were paid to lie about it. And, of course, we have a spiritual enemy who wants the truth about the resurrection withheld.

In spite of all attempts to erase the resurrection from history, the Good News of a Risen Christ has survived. And with it comes the promise that we too will rise from the dead. The Apostle Paul beautifully tied them together in I Cor.15.

"Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection from the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain...your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming."

The message from the empty tomb is still declared loud and clear. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! God Bless, Rick



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Worship 107
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY-4/1/18

Greeters Lee & Schar Zimmerman
Visitors' Stand Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
Communion Meditation Kirk Polley
Chris Luzio
Ushers Will Bartels
Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
Paul Hunley
Otto Huber
Chuck McLaughlin
WORSHIP NURSERY
Toddlers Rhonda Luzio
Jake Divjak
Infants Julie & Lily Divjak
Jamella Reese

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
ON EASTER SUNDAY

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-4/8/18

Greeters Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand Chris & Rhonda Luzio
Communion Meditation Kirk Polley
Chris Luzio
Ushers Will Bartels
Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
Paul Hunley
Otto Huber
Chuck McLaughlin
WORSHIP NURSERY
Toddlers Janet Polley
Kate Sperry
Infants Nikki & Grace Hunley
Rebecca Smith
Sunday School
Toddlers Rhonda Luzio
Infants Kristin Polley
Bonnie Ruebush

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

APRIL SERVERS

4/15 & 4/22: Mark Huber, Chris Luzio
4/29: Rick Polley, Chris Luzio

APRIL PROJECTIONIST

Kirk Polley

APRIL GREETERS

4/15 Chuck & Janice McLaughlin
4/22 Rhonda Luzio
4/29 Rick & Janet Polley

APRIL VISITORS' STAND

4/15 Rich & Karen Mann
4/22 Judy Marlow
4/29 Beryl & Jamella Reese

APRIL NURSERY

Worship - 4/15

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg
Anna Hunley
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Janice McLaughlin
Courtney Bales
Sunday School

Infants: Karen Mann
Julie Divjak

Worship - 4/22

Toddlers: Kristin Polley
Cooper Formea
Infants: Shannon Higgins
Madison Bales
Vicki Small
Sunday School

Infants: Jeni Sperry
Kileen Huber

Worship - 4/29

Toddlers: Karen Mann
Emily Hughes
Infants: Erica Blakley
Lucy McKnight
Abbie Divjak
Sunday School

Infants: Dixie Williamson
Vicki Small

You Are Invited To:

Christian Student Fellowship's
24th Annual Fundraising Banquet

Impacting Students | Changing Lives

..... Saturday

April 14, 2018 at 6:30pm

Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
1674 Lake Creek Rd Chatham, IL



LSCA is organizing a trail race to raise funds for Cypress Cove. For participants who run the 2.5 course, the entry fee will be \$25 which includes a shirt. For those wanting a larger challenge, the entry fee for the 5.0 mile course will be \$40 which also includes a shirt. There is a free run scheduled for kids 12 and under.

This event is not until June 2nd, so there is plenty of time to train and work up to a 2.5 mile run/walk. If you are like me, I need an event to work towards or my exercise routine slowly deteriorates. Even if you are not a runner, there will be plenty of people walking and attending to support LSCA. There is an informational flyer posted in the hallway and please see me if you have any questions.



Junior High Boys

A few of us are going fishing the same day as the pageant and you are welcome to join us! We'll also be shooting some bows, not at the fish, at some targets along the way. Please be here at 1pm on Monday, April 2nd so we can head out to Lake Sangchris. I am really not sure when we will be done, but I'm sure we will be starving, so plan on stopping at Krekel's on the way home for a burger or two.



Junior High Girls

Don't forget your pageant is next week on Monday, April 2nd! Tina has been busy getting the dresses organized and recruiting volunteers to help with the evening. As a reminder, if you are in High School and had fun with this evening in the past, you are welcome to come and help out with the make up process that occurs before the pageant.

For the participants, please arrive at 6:00pm to begin the evening. Pizza will be provided as you begin finding your dress, getting your nails done, doing your hair and preparing for the talent portion of the pageant.

You will be spending the night at our house so bring all necessary items for an overnight. After a breakfast and some lesson time on Tuesday, parents can pick you up at our house around 11am. I'm looking forward to hearing all about it!



In addition to collecting #10 cans (those are the 6 lb cans) of diced tomatoes for the summer camping season, LSCA asks supporting churches to provide a few volunteers to help in the kitchen allowing them to keep staffing costs to a minimum. Our day to provide two workers is Wednesday, June 13th from 10:30-12:30. Please let me know if you are available and interested in serving LSCA that day.