



# More Good News

**April 2018**  
**Volume 19, #4**

## April at a Glance

### April 1 Easter

9:30 AM Bell Practice & Play  
10:30 AM Worship  
w/ Communion

April 5, 12, 19 and 26  
Bell Choir Practice 6 PM

April 8  
10:30 AM Worship

April 10  
Session 6:30 PM

April 15  
9:30 AM Bell Practice  
10:30 AM Worship  
Newsletter Deadline

April 22  
10:30 AM Worship

April 29  
9:30 AM Bell Practice & Play  
10:30 AM Worship

## From the Pastor's Desk

Movies, reality television and soap operas make dramatic use of secrets long buried coming back to life and rendering the living shocked, distressed or utterly amazed. The long-lost heir to the fortune who was thought dead, crashes the family reunion. It turns out that the man he knew as dad was not his biological father. The reason the family immigrated involved fleeing from the law. The results from the DNA kit reveal an entirely unexpected family heritage.

Grave secrets from one generation come back to life in the next, no matter how silent the witnesses to them remain. Secrets people take to the grave don't necessarily stay there. They have a life of their own in family lore. Future generations will surely inquire as to the facts.

Grave secrets have a way of coming back to life. And when they do those who discover them often have to re-frame their whole entire lives because all they thought was true wasn't really true after all. That's what Easter does. It reframes absolutely everything when the grave secret comes out.

Thanks be to God that the truth of the resurrection that reframes everything for us is not dependent upon us. No matter what we say, or don't say, this grave secret is no secret at all. This exposed grave secret, in fact, means we no longer need to be afraid of our own secrets, the things we want no one to know, the dead places, pre-dawn worries, shocking, distressing ideas, actions or attitudes

can be buried, dead with Jesus because he has taken our sin to the grave with him. All the burdens and beliefs that have limited the frames of our imaginations and expectations are no match for the truth that Jesus Christ is risen. Death has lost its sting; the redemption of the world has been won and through our Risen Lord and all things are possible.

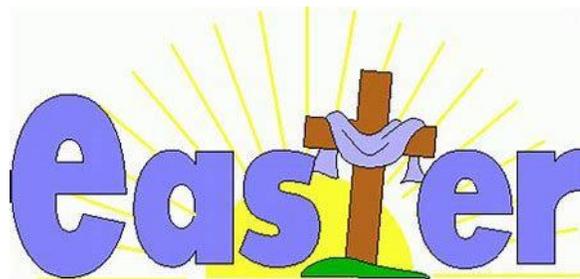
Perhaps that good news is a truth than our current frame can handle. Jesus still lives. Grave secrets don't stay in the grave and when we are ready to hear them, they will reframe everything, and we will no longer be terrified. We will be free. Thanks be to God!

I look forward to seeing you in church,

Steve



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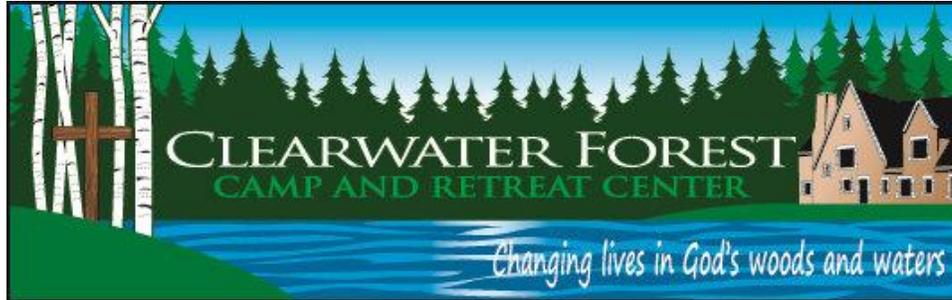


**April 1st**

- Continental Breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 am
- Worship service with communion at 10:30 am
- Special music will include trumpets and the Hastings Bell Choir

# GAME NIGHT

Middle and High School youth will gather on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:45 pm for their monthly game night at Park Ridge Apartments. Meet at St. Luke's Episcopal Church to carpool together. Contact Pastor Steve with questions.



Summer is coming, and so are summer camps and other programs at Clearwater Forest, the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Deerwood, MN. This year's camp theme is "Light the Fire – Changing the World with the light of Christ!" Registration is now open for the summer camps and family conferences. Look for more information on the kiosk at church, or go to [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) for more information or to register.



April 3 - (5:30pm-8pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church)

The MN FoodShare month will culminate in the annual Hastings Tastings event for MN FoodShare! Come and enjoy samplings of food and drink from area restaurants, a silent auction, raffles, and entertainment. Your \$35 ticket will help feed a family of 3 for a week! Contact Hastings Family Services at 651-437-7134 or go to the website at [www.hastingsfamilyservice.org](http://www.hastingsfamilyservice.org) for more information, locations locally to buy tickets, or to buy them online.



**IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME!!!!**

**Garage Sale ~ May 4th and 5th**

**Garage Sale Time is HERE!** You can bring items to the church NOW. Put them in the old youth room. Let your friends and neighbors know that have if they have things they'd like to move, we'll happily sell their stuff, too!

We will set up the room after worship on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are part of the City Wide Sale that will occur on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sign-up sheets will be on the kiosk. We need your help as well as your stuff! We especially need help pricing things on Wednesday and Thursday. Hours are 4-8, Wednesday; 1-4, 4-8 on Thursday. Sale hours are 8-5 on Friday, and 8-close on Saturday.

Bring baked goods on the day of the sale. Breads, cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie and other bars are our best sellers. If you feel the need to bring a layer cake or a pie, we'll sell that, too. Last year we AGAIN did ***\$500 in bakery items alone***, so this is an important income producing area for us.

We need mugs to sell with coffee, as well as plastic and paper bags for bagging purchased items and for the bag sale. Tools and jewelry have been good for us, but so have books, toys and CD's. If it's clean and in good condition, we'll put it up for sale.

We know many of you have supplied us with lots of goodies in previous years. If you are cleaned out at your house, check with others you know who may have an item or two they're looking to get rid of. We have become known for the variety, quality and quantity of our merchandise, so we really need a good supply. We're depending on everyone to make this our best garage sale ever!



## THE RECIPE CORNER

In the Recipe Corner, we will be sharing our favorite recipes, but I need your recipes in order to continue this feature. Please send your recipes to Becky Tiefenbruck at [mrsbect@gmail.com](mailto:mrsbect@gmail.com) or put them in the newsletter box in the office.

### Carmel'n Chocolate Pecan Bars

*submitted by Margaret Brown*

#### **Ingredients:**

##### **Crust**

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup softened salted butter
- 1 cup pecan halves

##### **Caramel Layer**

- 2/3 cup salted butter
- 1/2 cup firm packed brown sugar

##### **Later**

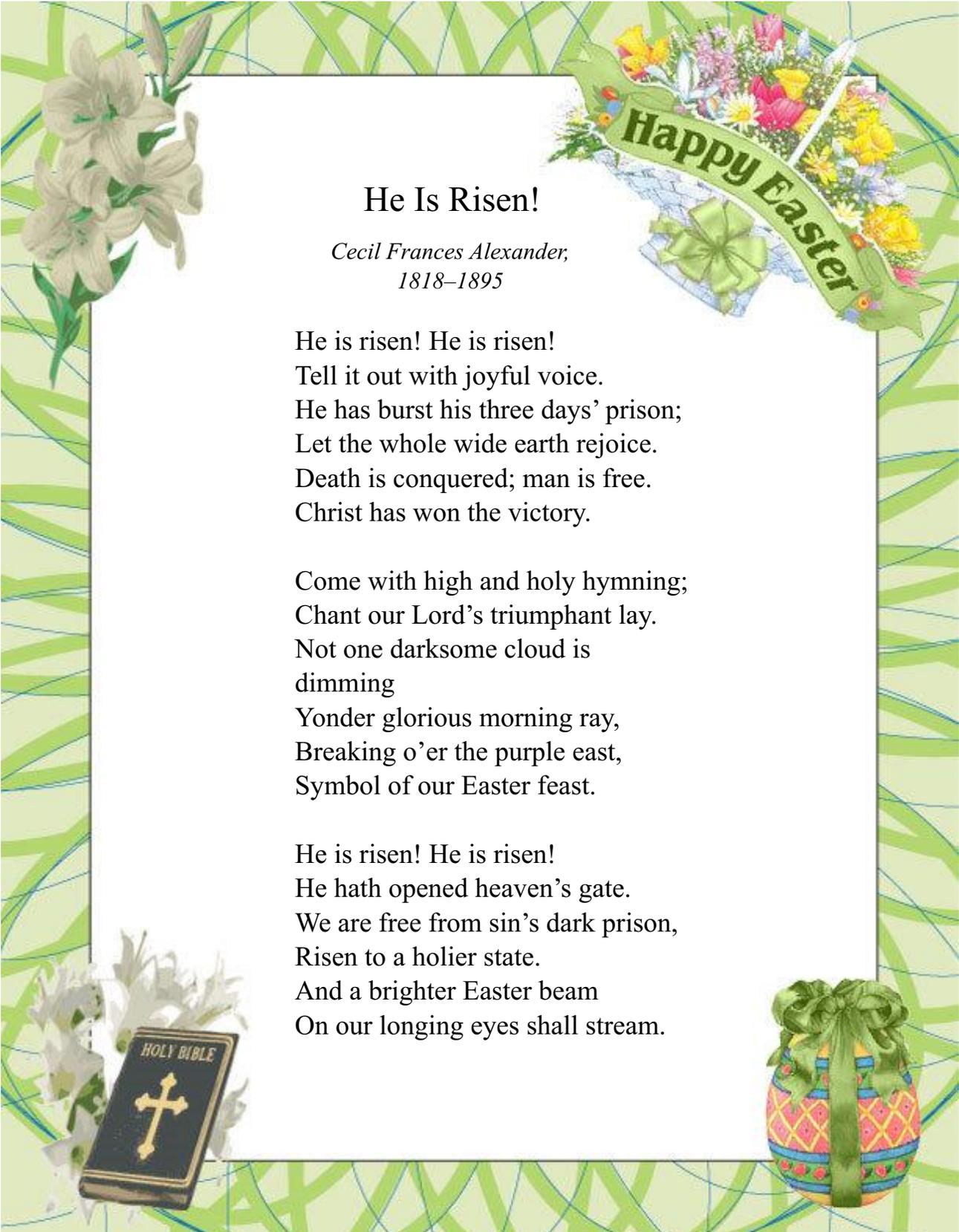
- 1 cup real semi-sweet chocolate chips



#### **Directions:**

1. Combine first 3 ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Beat on medium speed until fine crumbs.
3. Press into an ungreased 13 x 9 pan.
4. Place pecans evenly on the unbaked crust.
5. Combine the butter and brown sugar in a 1 quart pan.
6. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the entire surface of the mix begins to boil.
7. Continue cooking, stirring constantly, for 1 minute.
8. Pour the mix evenly over pecans and crust.
9. Bake 18 to 22 minutes until the entire caramel mix is bubbly. ( Do Not Overbake)
10. Sprinkle chocolate chips over the bars.
11. Swirl the melted chips over the bars. Leave some whole for marbled effect.
12. Cool completely before cutting.

**Makes 36 bars**



## He Is Risen!

*Cecil Frances Alexander,  
1818–1895*

He is risen! He is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice.  
He has burst his three days' prison;  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice.  
Death is conquered; man is free.  
Christ has won the victory.

Come with high and holy hymning;  
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay.  
Not one darksome cloud is  
dimming  
Yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple east,  
Symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen! He is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate.  
We are free from sin's dark prison,  
Risen to a holier state.  
And a brighter Easter beam  
On our longing eyes shall stream.

# Easter Word Search

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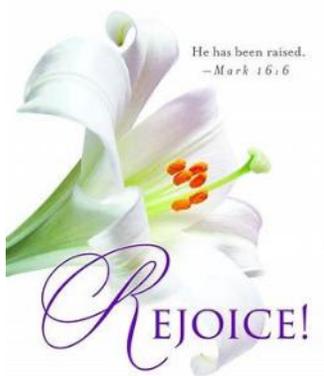
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- SIMON OF CYRENE
- SOLDIERS
- SON OF GOD
- SPEAR
- STONE
- TEMPLE
- THIEVES
- THREE DAYS
- TOMB

## Bible Readings This Month

### April 16

#### Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 or  
 Isa. 25: 6-9  
 Ps. 118: 1-2, 14-24  
 1Cor. 15: 1-11 or  
 Acts 10: 34-43  
 John 20: 1-18 or  
 Mark 16: 1-8



### April 8

Acts 4: 32-35  
 Ps. 133  
 1 John 1: 1-2:2  
 John 20: 19-31

### April 15

Acts 3: 12-19  
 Ps. 4  
 1 John 3: 1-7  
 Luke 24: 36b-48

### April 22

Acts 4: 5-12  
 Ps. 23  
 1 John 3: 16-24  
 John 10: 11-18

### April 29

Acts 8: 26-40  
 Ps. 22: 25-31  
 1 John 4: 7-21  
 John 15: 1-8

## April 2018 Servers

	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Leaders
<b>April 1</b>	Carlotta Mullins	Tiefenbrucks	Dave Hume
<b>April 8</b>	Brenda Reiter	Judy Becker	Marcia Caneff
<b>April 15</b>	Mary Crawmer	Christians	Marcia Rash
<b>April 22</b>	Rashes	Browns	Becky Tiefenbruck
<b>April 29</b>	Tayson/Wittkopf	Tiefenbrucks	Kristin Blevins

Communion Preparers: April 1 (Easter): Margaret Brown and Shannon Stenzel  
 Communion Server: April 1 (Easter): Mary Crawmer

# APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>  9:30 AM Bell Choir Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  David Berger	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bell Choir 6:00 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30 AM Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Session 6:30 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bell Choir 6:00 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Bell Choir 10:30 AM Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Jason Whipple	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bell Choir 6:00 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Corrine Lewis
<b>22</b> 10:30 AM Worship 	<b>23</b>  Carlotta Mullins	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Becky Tiefenbruck	<b>26</b> Bell Choir 6:00 PM	<b>27</b>  Ric Most	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Bell Choir 10:30 AM Worship	<b>30</b>					



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