

## The Ballad of the Judas Tree

By D. Ruth Etchells

In Hell there grew a Judas Tree  
Where Judas hanged and died  
Because he could not bear to see  
His master crucified

Our Lord descended into Hell  
And found his Judas there  
For ever hanging on the tree  
Grown from his own despair

So Jesus cut his Judas down  
And took him in his arms  
"It was for this I came" he said  
"And not to do you harm

My Father gave me twelve good men  
And all of them I kept  
Though one betrayed and one denied  
Some fled and others slept

In three days' time I must return  
To make the others glad  
But first I had to come to Hell  
And share the death you had

My tree will grow in place of yours  
Its roots lie here as well  
There is no final victory  
Without this soul from Hell"

So when we all condemned him  
As of every traitor worst  
Remember that of all his men  
Our Lord forgave him first

## Message from the Pastor

**“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.”(John 14:27)**

We face numerous “now what” moments throughout our life. The day after graduating from high school or college. Maybe the day after the wedding. Maybe it was the day after the first child entered the family. Sometimes it’s the day a new job begins or the day after a job unexpectedly ends. Also there’s the day after retirement, the day after a family member dies, the day after a personal or natural disaster. There are more to name, I’m sure, but they have one thing in common. All these days fundamentally change our circumstance. Our reality has been turned upside down in some radically life altering way. Something different has entered and we now must figure out what to do.

Easter is a “now what” moment.

Easter is not a Sunday on a calendar. It is the eternal promise from God, fully revealed in Jesus the Christ. Easter is not a new promise but an old one, a “radical one.” The word “radical” literally means ‘to the roots.’ Easter is a return to our roots made from the moment God wished life to come forth from nothing ... “And God said, Let there be...” As a liturgical church, Easter is a season of 50 days in which we wrestle with the “now what.” What does it mean to be an Easter person? How does this affect you ... our homes ... our lives ... our community and our world? For over 2000 years the church (the followers of Jesus) has proclaimed this Gospel. Sometimes we have done this well and at other times ... not so much. Sometimes the church and its followers are actually afraid of the ramification of Easter. No wonder Jesus’ first words to His disciples when locked in a room were, “Peace be with you.”

I know, and have personally experienced, how the church has used the life giving words of Holy Scripture and the Sacraments as Good Friday nails. I know that “the resurrected and the redeemed” at times look and act much the same as everyone else. And yet, in spite of everything, perhaps because of everything, Almighty God continues to proclaim through our Lord that, “Nothing will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” We preach Christ crucified ... risen from the dead ... in order to be, sing, proclaim

**This is my Father’s world  
Oh let me not forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world  
Why should my heart be sad  
The Lord is King, let heaven ring  
God reigns, let the earth be glad.**

He has us (all of us).  
He holds us.  
And promises ... never ... to let us go. Amen.



*Pastor Matt Goodrich*

## Ministering

*Volunteers who share their gifts*



### May 7, 2017

Greeters: Tom & Hazel Bauer  
Ushers: Aaron & Stacy Zabriskie  
Reader: Robert Balow  
Counters: Rita Crisp & Robin Balow  
Coffee Hour: Katie Kersting's Group

### May 14, 2017

Greeters: Sip & Bonnie Crotteau  
Ushers: John Gertenbach & Sheryl Kearns  
Reader: Eloise Opp  
Counters: Rita Crisp & Robin Balow  
Coffee Hour: Scone Bender's Group

### May 21, 2017

Greeters: Steve & Sharon Bateman  
Ushers: Kelly Alliger & Jonathan Goodman  
Reader: Larry Sauer  
Counters: Rita Crisp & Robin Balow  
Coffee Hour: Peggy Smith's Group

### May 28, 2017

Greeters: Mark & Scone Bender  
Ushers: Val Samson  
Reader: Steve Cawelti  
Counters: Rita Crisp & Robin Balow  
Coffee Hour: Vickie Richter's Group

### June 4, 2017

Greeters: Bill & Liessa Thorsen  
Ushers: Glen & Mary Bug Smith  
Reader: Elaine Petersen  
Counters: Lynda Heckman & ?  
Coffee Hour: Gail Johnson's Group

### June 11, 2017

Greeters: Sandy Ellersick & Dick Bockemuehl  
Ushers: Geoff Jones & Shannon Radke  
Reader: Carol Bourassa  
Counters: Lynda Heckman & ?  
Coffee Hour: Val Samson's Group

### June 18, 2017

Greeters: Carol Bourassa  
Ushers: Sip & Bonnie Crotteau  
Reader: Bonnie Crotteau  
Counters: Lynda Heckman & ?  
Coffee Hour: Sandy Ellersick's Group

### June 25, 2017

Greeters: LeRoy & Emmie Leland  
Ushers: Jeff & Kristy Bell  
Reader: Kristi Bell  
Counters: Lynda Heckman & ?  
Coffee Hour: Jean Oxrieder's Group



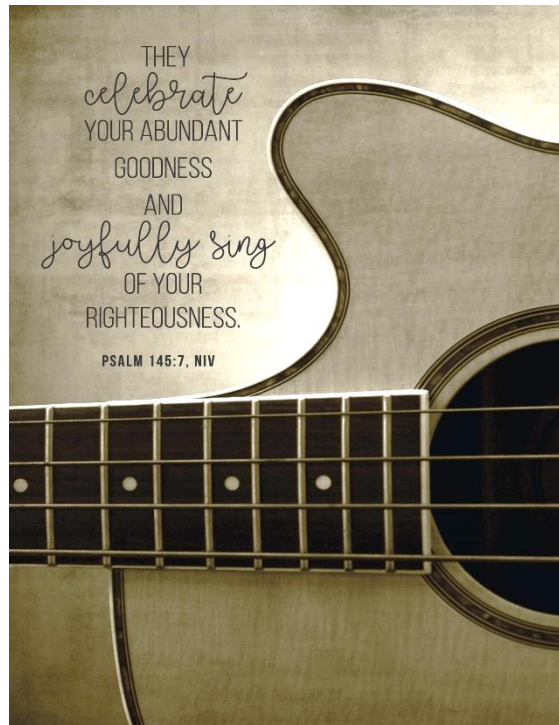
*I am a child of the Divine, I am part of the earth, and I am loved.”  
--Carol Olson, Lincoln, Nebraska*

## Birthdays

### Celebrate their Birth

#### MAY

Betty Rail	05-04
Sage Davis	05-05
Nancy Sauer	05-05
Bev Gabbert	05-11
Al Haser	05-11
Kevin Hansen	05-14
LeRoy Bishop	05-16
Pam Thompson	05-16
Kim Bishop	05-18
Ashley Scribner	05-19
Rita Crisp	05-20
Kelly Urdahl	05-21
Brian Hood	05-24
Faola Grant	05-27
Mark Thompson	05-27
Tanner Hughes	05-29
Darlene Evans	05-30
Owen Morey	05-30
Kathy Smith	05-31
Cheri Litowitz	05-31



#### JUNE

Chris Wyrobek	06-02
Marri Hinchliff	06-03
Patty Leiser	06-08
Aaron Zabriskie	06-11
Geoff Jones	06-12
Mary Wilson	06-19
Brock Hastings	06-20
Myrtle Haikkila	06-20
Mary Louise Comins	06-22
P.J. Hillestad	06-25
Cheryl Lanegan	06-26
Cyril "Sip" Crotteau	06-23

## Special Thanks

### Appreciation for God's blessings in action

WELCOME to all our new members and friends! Please add these folks to your Church Directory:

#### Miller Griffith & Cheri Litowitz

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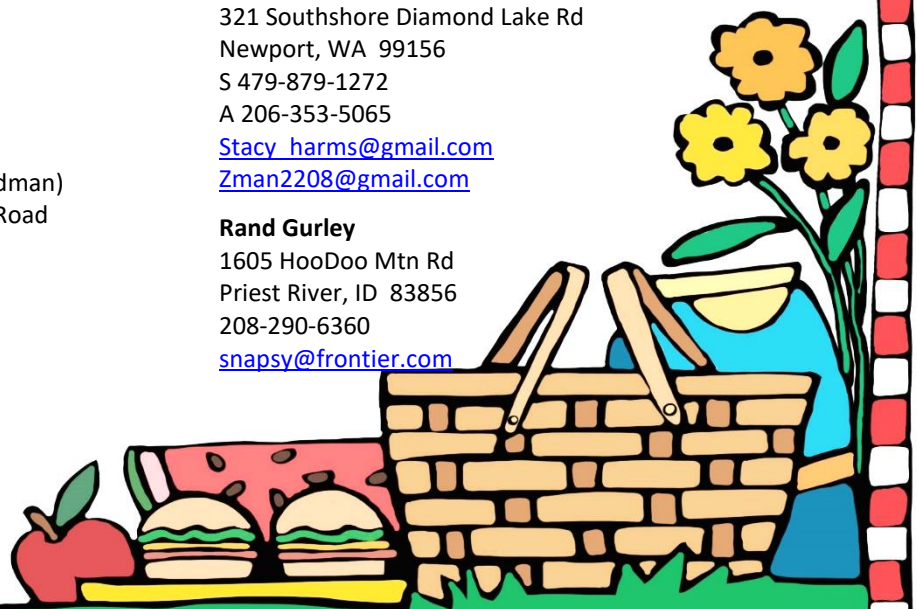
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## Special Events and Dates

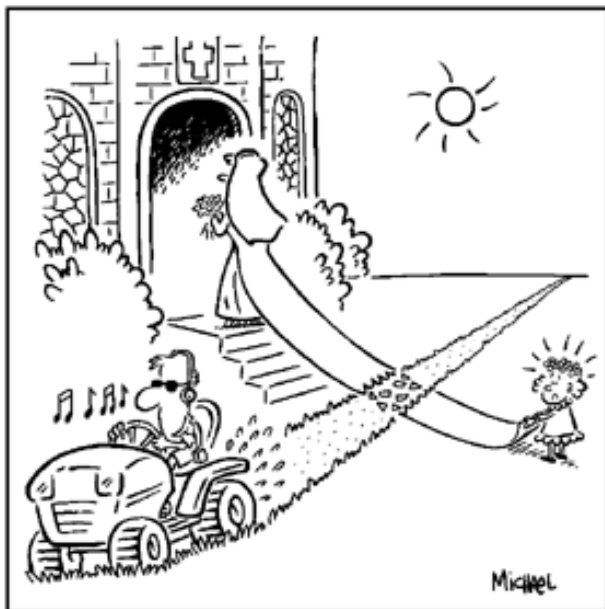
*Mark your calendar*

**Note the change of dates for WWW, BBB and FFF** these next two months.

-WWW will be on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>,

-there will be NO BBB in May, and in June we will meet on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>, and

-our last FFF for the year will be on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.



### Share your Spares - YARD SALE Friday, June 9th!

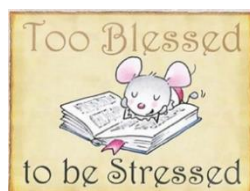
Here is our chance to share with others in our community and re-purpose some of our unused possessions. Please gather up and bring all your clean and sell-able items that you would like to contribute to our Church Yard Sale. The garage out back will be open on Sundays after worship. You may need to bring larger items on the day before the sale. Please be selective and don't bring anything too worn to re-sell. Also, mark your calendar and think about volunteering to help set up, sell, and cleanup afterwards. The money from the sale contribute to a number of our church service functions. And it's a lot of fun!

**Please sign up for Lawn Mowing** in the narthex. We welcome anyone who wants to drive our sweet power mower around the grounds, we'll train you!

**Deadline for the SUMMER July / August Newsletter is June 25th.**

Please email all calendar items, service group schedules, announcements, and thank you notes to [Alc.churchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:Alc.churchoffice@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU!**



**Day Camp is the week of June 19-23** here at American Lutheran. Mark your calendars to reserve that time AND invite all your neighbors and friends who may have pre-school/kindergarten through 6th graders to have fun learning around the theme of MASTERPIECE. Teens and adults are needed to assist. Host families are needed for evening meal for Lutherhaven counselors. Questions? ...talk to Carol Bourassa.



**Items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits are now being collected. A Baby Care Kit from LWR is like a promise. It says to that baby, your needs will not be neglected by this world. You matter to us.** When you send Baby Care Kits, you provide encouragement by welcoming these little ones into an international community that cares. Baby Care Kits are distributed as part of emergency and relief efforts, to be sure, but they are also given out as part of LWR health initiatives to encourage women to seek prenatal care. One such initiative in Mali provided training for local prenatal health care workers, who were given Baby Care Kits to distribute when they assisted with births. These kinds of programs help more babies in rural, poor areas receive a healthy start in life. We hope you will join us in this effort.

**Please bring any of these items:**

- bath size bars of Ivory Soap
- diaper pins
- receiving blankets
- pairs of socks
- sweaters or hoodies
- caps
- hand towels (in dark colors)
- lightweight cotton T shirts
- sleepers or gowns (No "onesies", gowns without feet)

**Contact Trish Akre if you have any questions.**



**DeColores Handbell Choir Director, Blanche Kangas Retires** On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> the DeColores Bell Choir performed their last concert. After 49 years conducting the handbell choir, 27 of those ministering to the Spokane and surrounding communities, Blanche Kangas retired. All of the beautiful bells, equipment, and music library have been given to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where they will continue to ring. If you care to email a note to welcome Blanche to her retirement, she can be reached at [bellbuggyx@aol.com](mailto:bellbuggyx@aol.com). I think I can still hear the bells ringing softly in the sanctuary just now. We thank her for bringing such a beautiful concert to our church at Christmas time for so many years!



**The Church Cookbook** We are continuing to gather recipes for the cookbook. We will be putting together a 'Meals and Memories' cookbook and hope to get many more recipes. The recipes can be family recipes or a favorite that you would like to share. Perhaps, it was a recipe that you made to take to a church potluck in past years. If possible, please add a memory and/or background of the recipe. We would like everyone to be part of this . . . family members, too! Please write or type your recipes and put them in the Memory Recipe Trunk in the Narthex or give them to Mary Louise Comins, Sandy Ellersick, or Patty Leiser. Be sure to include your name and a story! Thank you!



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 ..... Elaine Petersen  
 ..... Shannon Hurd  
 ..... Greg Seeber

### Church Council 2017

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 ..... Mark Bender  
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May



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 12 n AlAnon	4	5	6
7 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship – Missions! Youth Sunday School & Coffee Hour	8	9 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Anna Circle 7 pm Church Council	10 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Youth Sunday School & Coffee Hour	15	16 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors'	17 12 n AlAnon 7pm Last Choir Practice	18	19 Synod Assembly in Spokane →	20 Synod Assembly in Spokane →
21 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Last Sunday School & Coffee Hour	22	23 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Quilters	24 12 n AlAnon 6:30 pm WWW	25	26	27
28 10am Worship Coffee Hour	29	30 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters	31 12 n AlAnon 6 pm FFF			



June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost Sunday <b>Wear Red!</b> 10am Worship Coffee Hour	5	6 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Quilters	7 12 n AlAnon	8 Set up for Yard Sale	9 <b>Church Yard Sale!!!</b>	10
11 10am Worship Coffee Hour	12	13 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 10-12 Second Harvest 7 pm Church Council	14 12 n AlAnon 5:30 pm BBB	15	16	17
18 10am Worship Coffee Hour	19	20	21 6:30 pm WWW	22	23	24
ALC Church Day Camp MASTERPIECE						
25 10am Worship Coffee Hour Newsletter Deadline	26	27 9:30 am Quilters	28 12 n AlAnon	29	30	

