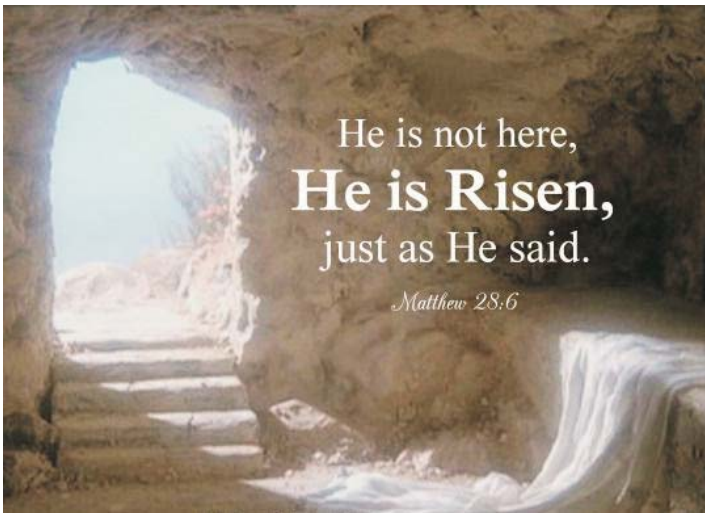




CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

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WELCOME TO THE CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER!

Here you will find news of events inside and outside of the church, articles, opinions, testimonies and other interesting tidbits to inspire and amuse.

If you would like to contribute a short article, testimony, encouraging word or quote, or an interesting or funny church sign, please speak to or send to Rose Beaudry. Submissions due at least 3 days before the end of the month for next newsletter. Contact info on back page of newsletter.

From the Pastor . . .

In one of his classic Easter sermons, Martin Luther described the Resurrection not just as a miracle, but as a hostile takeover of the grave. He wrote: 'Before Christ was risen, Death was a mighty monarch... but now he is a captive, a slave, a condemned criminal. For Christ has broken his head and taken away his power. He has crushed the head of the serpent.

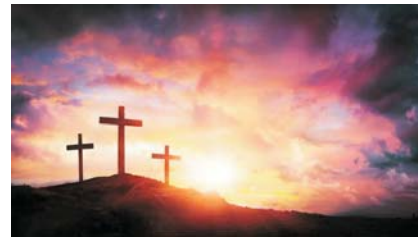
As we approach Easter Sunday on April 5th, keep in mind that we aren't just looking back at a historical event. We're celebrating the fact that the 'Monarch of Death' has been demoted...conquered...by the Lamb of God who was slain for our sin. We know and believe that Jesus victoriously walked out of that tomb and ascended into glory a few weeks later. And as faithful saints, devoted disciples, and children of the living God, we too have the assurance of resurrection life in the eternal glories with Him. This is indeed the foundation of the Resurrection Sunday service.

Allow the joy of your salvation wash over you this Easter season. There may be many things that have

hijacked that joy from your life. Or you might be in your own season of trials and struggles. Set your eyes upon the cross upon which your Savior died. Keep your eyes fixed on Him, the author and perfecter of your faith. Ask Him to fill re-ignite your faith so that you can walk in the Spirit and fellowship with Him.



Rest in the fact that they found an empty tomb. And they saw Him. And they talked with Him. And they ate with Him. And they watched Him ascend. Jesus has conquered death. And He is your Lord, your Savior, your King. May you be richly blessed during this season!

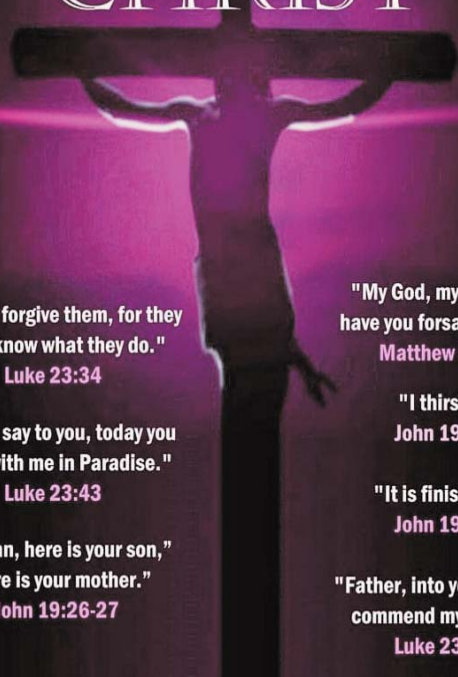


GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

A Tenebrae service will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, April 4 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Several Readers are still needed. Please contact Pastor Chris if interested in being a Reader.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST



"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34	"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43	"I thirst." John 19:28
"Woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27	"It is finished;" John 19:30
	"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 3-22
(Some items covered separately in this newsletter.)

- NOTE: Weather cancellations of Sunday services affected the offerings.

- Meeting with investment advisors last week: CCC is still positioned OK.

♦ **SIGN-UP SHEETS:** Flowers for Easter, Children's Church, Coffee Volunteers, all in Collins Hall.

♦ **EASTER:**

- Need readers for Tenebrae Service. See Pastor Chris. Anyone involved in the service should arrive at 6:00 PM for a service run-through and Q & A.

- Passion week readings will be available to take.

- Kevin Salch will be preaching Sunday, April 12.

♦ **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Friday, April 3: Tenebrae Service - 7:00 PM.

- Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

♦ **EXALT TEAM:** - On April 12, we will examine the results of the congregational survey of our worship service. The results will be compiled and will be presented at the April Roundtable.

- The team usually meets on the first Sunday of the month, in the Conference Room. When the first Sunday has a special celebration or event (e.g., Easter, monthly roundtable), Exalt meets on the second Sunday.

- As always, both members and prospective members are welcome to attend and participate in the session.

♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM:** - Thanks to all who participated in the Soup-A-Thon. We collected \$305.00 for the Canton Food Bank.

- If anyone has any ideas for community outreach, please let us know. We usually meet on the third Sunday of the month, in Room 4.

♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM:** - Bob Dubois thanked us for prayers for his cousin Dave, who has passed on. Bob gave a eulogy at his funeral, and was able to pray and present the Gospel, which was heard by many people.

- We are always called to make disciples.

- We have giveaway booklets and books, on the bookshelf and in the Narthex. All are free. Take advantage of them!

♦ **TEMPORARY HOUSING NEEDED:** - Victoria DuBois shared that two people need temporary housing for a month. Please let the deacons know of any leads.

♦ **DEACONS TEAM:** -

Thanks have been received for meeting so many needs. Deacons have served 5 different families recently. (See page 4.)

- The Care and Share ministry is always on call. (See page 5.)

- Debbie's More Than Weeds class will have a special mid-April class for Hunters, in addition to her regular

April 25 class for everyone. (See page 5.)

♦ **MISSIONS TEAM:** - Rachel said they sent out the first quarter checks.

- Our friend Rosie Dennerlein, who started and led Shakan Global Missions in Uganda, passed on in a car crash in February. (See page 6.)

- Eve Droma, a missionary, visited our church last September. She and her husband Ciprian are excited to be returning to the mission field in Iraq. They will be flying to Romania on May 4 and have tickets to return to Iraq on August 11. They will be monitoring the situation in Iraq to see when it is wise to return. Eve will be leading a Down Syndrome support group and Cyprian will be translating scripture. Please pray that all goes smoothly and in God's timing. A large gift came in for the church down there.

♦ **PASTOR CHRIS NOW HAS EAGLE EYES:** Joe D'Amico shared that Pastor Chris was able to read really tiny print during the men's bible fellowship, after his eye surgery!

♦ **PASTOR CHUCK UPDATE:** - He's out of Cherry Brook and continuing his post surgery rehab at home!

♦ **ANDREW PAPACODA SURGERY:** - He had shoulder surgery on March 27. Please pray for quick recovery.

♦ **ROSE DOESN'T NEED A NEW LAPTOP!:** Her formerly "fried" Windows 10 laptop was miraculously resurrected with replacement parts from Amazon... at no charge thanks to credit card rewards! And her trusty 20 year old Freehand program that produces the CCC newsletter was successfully installed! So the \$2,000 that CCC was planning to spend to replace her dying Windows 7 laptop (many thanks for the offer!) can now be spent on other church needs. Thanks to all who prayed for her ongoing laptop saga.

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**EASTER FLOWERS**

You are invited to bring colorful flowering plants to decorate the Platform for Easter service. Multiple plants of various kinds are more than welcome. We're dispensing with the sign up/dedication sheet this year. Just label your plants (labels and markers will be on the platform) and place them on the platform before the service. We will return them to you after Easter. Thank you!



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**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Hope Pregnancy Center will be at the church on Sunday, April 19, to kick off the Baby Bottle Drive that will go to Mother's Day (May 10). They will be bringing in bottles we can take to fill with change, cash, checks to help with the Hope Pregnancy Center. Please pray about how you can help this center and its precious life saving ministry.



**COFFEE HOUR**

We're looking for friendly faces to help with Coffee Hour!! Sign up sheet is in Collins Hall. Volunteers will be responsible for:



- Bringing a snack or 2 (there will still be donuts)
- Set the table before service & plug in the coffee pot

- Bring out creamer and snacks from the fridge
- Cleanup on Weeks 1 & 3 of the month

It's easier if you sign-up with a partner. Questions, please see Patty!! Thanks!

IF bringing in snacks isn't your thing, remember there is also a coffee donation basket to purchase coffee, creamer and paper products - you can help that way too!!!  
~ Patty Bauer

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YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



Andrew and Victoria Papacoda are leading this group, which will meet one Sunday a month at 3:00 PM at CCC. The next meeting will be on April 19. All young adults are welcome!

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**MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**



This group meets on Saturdays at 9:00 AM in Collins Hall. **They have completed their current book and will resume meeting with a new book on April 18** All guys are welcome. Bring a friend! Heck, bring two!

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MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

At Good Friends Restaurant on Main Street (Rt. 44) New Hartford, CT 06057. (Near the mini mall; formerly Portobello's.) We usually meet the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!



Men's Fellowship

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**CANTON FOOD BANK NEEDS**

For those that don't know - on the 3rd week of each month we ask that you bring in donations for the Canton Food Bank - to help those in need. Patty has been checking in with them periodically to see what they need, and the flyer in the bulletin has been updated. Going forward, we are going to ask for specific items to help stock up on those items. Thank you for your generosity each month!



FEED THE HUNGRY

**For April, we are asking for:**

- ◆ Canned Tuna ◆ Canned Meat ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Marinara Sauce ◆ Canned Chili
- ◆ 100% Juice ◆ Coffee

**WEEKLY HOUR OF PRAYER**

There is a Prayer Hour at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings at CCC. We will meet in the Prayer Room until we outgrow it and move into the Sanctuary. The focus will be prayer for our congregation, its leaders, its ministries, and its mission. Please join us on Tuesday evenings. You may pray silently with us if you don't choose to pray out loud.



meantime, if you need healing prayer, it's always available at the end of Sunday services. You may also call the church office to schedule a time of individual prayer ministry from the prayer team.

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MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Saturday, April 18
at 10:00 AM in Collins Hall

CCC has a Monthly Prayer Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. We will also prayer walk the church pews after the meeting. All are welcome!

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**SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP**

The sermon discussion group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Room 4. If you cannot make it to the church, we can set up a Zoom Meeting for you to call in and join us! Just contact the church office to let us know by noon on Wednesday. All are very welcome!



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The **last meeting** of the women's study of the Gospel of Luke has been postponed to Friday, April 10 at 1:00 PM in Room 4. Please join us if you are able!

~ In God's peace and joy, Linda Papertarian
lrkpaper@gmail.com or 860-796-5643(cell)

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**SOUP-A-THON!**

On Sunday, March 15, we had our annual Soup-A-Thon to benefit the Canton Food Bank. We enjoyed lots of delicious food and good fellowship, and raised \$305.00 for the Canton Food Bank. Thanks to all who participated!



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LITTLE FREE PANTRY

It's wonderful that we donate to the Canton Food Bank on the 3rd Sunday of every month, but please remember our Little Free Pantry too.

Canned goods, as well as various edible or potable liquids, can freeze in cold weather. This can be a food safety hazard, making people ill under certain conditions. PLEASE limit food donations in the LFP to items that will remain safe to consume after freezing, such as dry foods. OR if you would like to buy something to keep on hand, please let Laura or Patty know, and we can put it out as needed. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need!



LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

Here are some quotes we have received (spelling/punctuation as they appeared):

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- ◆ CHUCK: Nan and Bob are doing the typing. To God be the glory.
- ◆ CHUCK: Pastor Chuck thanks everyone for their prayers and encourages you all to rest in the faith of God's power and presence in your life.

AFTER CHUCK said Hello:

- ◆ CHUCK: hi family
- ◆ MARTY: Chuck, good to hear you'll be getting out tomorrow. Hallelujah!
- ◆ CHUCK: Praise the Lord

3/8

- ◆ Good morning church! Anyone else get tripped up by Daylight Savings?
- ◆ Possibly
- ◆ Are Ashley and Brayden not there? I see Rachel is solo-ing the music today!

AFTER RACHEL READ

- ◆ Good word Rachel.
- ◆ Explained about Ashley's grandmother and where Brandon & Ashley were
- ◆ Oh goodness! I'll say a prayer for her grandmother

3/15

- ◆ BRAD: God idea Jay. Testimonies are so encouraging

3/22

AFTER BRAYDEN'S TESTIMONY:

- ◆ BRAD: Thanks for such a real and encouraging testimony. We are blessed.
- ◆ When I lived in NYC I prayed with the Jews
- ◆ Good morning from Colleen and Marty in Old Orchard Beach. Would have checked in earlier but were enthralled listening to Brayden's testimony. Praise God!



FREE SEASONAL RESOURCES

The Cross and the Empty Tomb: Meditations on Easter and the Resurrection, by Smith-Freeman Publishing, Easter themed **Gospels of John**, and Pastor Chris Bauer's book **Views on Easter** are all available in the Narthex. (Church Lobby) and Collins Hall. Use them yourself or give them away.



DEACONS & GREETERS

(Thank you for your faithful service!)

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

- Sunday April 5: Victoria DuBois
- Sunday April 12: Dorene Grace
- Sunday April 19: Caryn Turek
- Sunday April 26: Buddy & Debbie Laws



GREETERS SCHEDULE

- Sunday April 5: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich
- Sunday April 12: Dorene Grace
- Sunday April 19: Buddy & Debbie Laws
- Sunday April 26: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich

GREETERS NEEDED!

Debbie Laws is looking for Greeters to join the team. This is a crucial ministry. Greeters are the very first faces that newcomers and current attendees alike will see upon entering our church. Please speak to Debbie if you are interested.



DEACONS CORNER

Greetings from the Deacon Board.

Most of you know that the Deacons help to meet the needs of church members. But do you know that when a need arises outside of our church and we are called on to meet the needs of members of the wider community, we meet those needs as well? The Deacons have been able to reach outside of our church and into the community to meet the needs of individuals and families in Canton, Collinsville, Farmington, Unionville, Bristol, Simsbury, West Hartford as well as other towns in and outside of the valley.

Wherever and whenever there is a need to experience in a tangible way, the message of Christ's redeeming love to the hurting, the sick, the needy or to those who need to hear maybe for the first time, the message of God's redeeming love, you will find the Deacons.

Last month, the Deacons were able to meet the needs of two families, _____ from the Deacon's Fund. Praise God!

And we are well aware that it only takes a few emergencies to deplete our funds. However, God has touched your hearts, you've entrusted us with this money and the Deacons are grateful as always for all that our church family has gifted us financially. Your generous support reaches many communities surrounding our church, not just members of our church. And as always, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to spread God's love to the many people who need to see, hear and experience His loving care personally.

~Warmly in Christ, Your Deacon Board

CARE AND SHARE MINISTRY

During the month of March, the Care and Share Ministry was able to provide a total of 7 individuals with meals for 2-3 weeks. For those of you who may not have heard about the Care and Share Ministry or if you have heard about us but may not know exactly what we do or how we do it let me explain. The Care and Share Ministry is a group of interested individuals who like to cook and who like to see that people are eating well, especially during times of stress. Whether it is physical illness, financial problems, the death of a family member or a personal crisis, the Care and Share Team would like to help you. Accessing help is easy. Simply fill out a food preference form that you can get from Debbie Laws. Fill out the form return it to Debbie and you are all set! Now all you need to do is to contact Debbie or one of the team members if you want help with receiving a few prepared meals during an emergency. Meals are prepared and delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is important to us to see that our church family has help during emergencies. So please don't hesitate to contact us if you would #1, like to be a part of this vital ministry or if you would #2, like to receive help from this ministry. If so, please talk with Debbie Laws.

~ Debbie for the Care and Share Ministry
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THANKS FROM THE CHURCH IN CHILE

Esteemed brothers in Christ, of the church Christ Community Church in Collinsville:

Receive a cordial and affectionate greeting in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By means of this letter, we wish to express our most sincere and profound thanks for the generous monetary support of US \$32,000, which you have given for our community, the National Presbyterian Church the Divine Redeemer in Linares, Chile.

This significant support not only represents a material blessing, it also is a living testimony to the unity, solidarity, and mutual vows that bind us together as the body of Christ, far beyond geographical distances.

Thanks to your generosity, we can continue developing our pastoral, community, and social aid work, impacting positively the lives of many families who need it.

We pray that God may continue to bless abundantly your lives, your congregation, and each one of the ministries you develop. May He recompense you increasingly for your love, faith, and ready desire to serve.

May you accept our most profound thanks and the brotherly affection of all our congregation.

*In Christ,
Marcelo Espinosa Valdés, Secretary of the Consistory*

MORE THAN WEEDS CLASS

In the March class, Debbie taught 4 new recipes. Because people have asked for recipes that use fewer ingredients and could be more easily and cheaply made Debbie put together 4 new recipes that showed participants the diverse uses of these humble weeds. The recipes are comfrey salve, prickly wild lettuce salve, California poppy salve and valerian root salve. All useful, diverse and good additions to any herbal medicine kit.

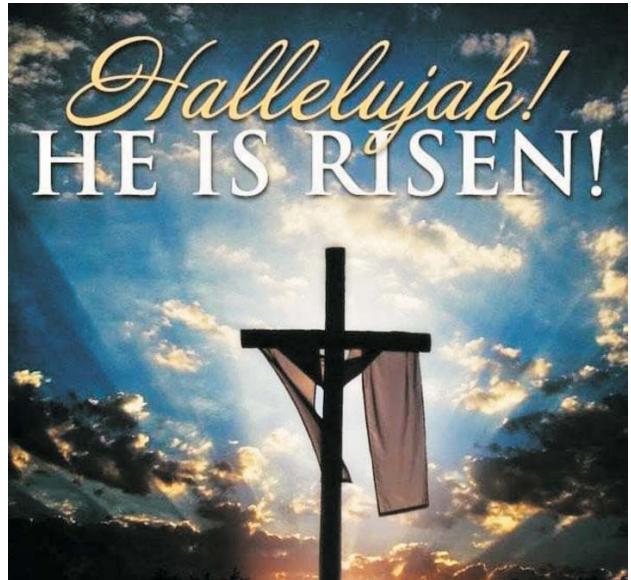
Debbie would like to invite you to come and join in our classes. You can find us, usually laughing while learning in Collins Hall the last Saturday of every month. This is your personal invitation! Come and check us out!

There will be one change to Debbie's schedule of classes in April. In April there will be a mid-month class for a group of hunters who would like to know how they can take care of themselves during short hunting trips. Debbie has put together 3-4 different recipes for hunters that should serve them well "out in the bush". The recipes taught will include a black drawing salve. Who remembers "Black Drawing Salve" from their childhood? Smelled like tar and stained everything black that it touched. Well, I remember. We use this salve for drawing out glass shards, splinters and some infections. My mom used it for abscesses. Next is a jewel weed salve for those times that you don't notice (until it's too late) that you have just walked into poison ivy! And last but certainly not least, quick stop powder that can help control a minor bleed. Debbie will also explain how you might tailor this powder to meet your specific needs. Additionally, she will introduce useful books on plants, provide you with recipes for all products made at that class, along with biological, historical, medicinal information and some interesting folk lore. At the end of class, everyone will go home with typed information from the class as well as samples of each product that was made.

The next regular More Than Weeds class which is open to everyone will be on Saturday, April 25. We hope you will be able to meet with us and learn about all the wonderful gifts that our loving Creator has given us!

~ Debbie Laws

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ROSIE'S IN HEAVEN NOW

Another precious saint recently graduated to heaven.



Rosie Dennerlein was the Co-Founder of Shakan Mission Uganda. Hers was one of the mission organizations supported by CCC, and she had visited us with a presentation fairly recently. She died as a result of injuries from a head-on collision when she lost control of her car in Harwin-

ton, CT in February.

“Empowering and transforming lives has been a passion of Rosie as a child and in her 30 year career as a Counselor for Students with Disabilities at Northwestern Connecticut Community College,” her biography states. After taking early retirement in 2014, she founded Oils of Shakan, LLC, which provided aromatherapy products she formulated, as well as aromatherapy education from a biblical perspective.

“Rosie founded Shakan Global Mission LLC in February 2022 in the USA as an exciting opportunity to connect people of different cultures to foster spiritual growth, education, economic empowerment and overall health,” her biography says.

Most would be winding down in life, but not Rosie. She sold everything and without the funds or expertise she leaped into her vision/mission to cultivate spiritual, physical, economic and social transformation of families in Jinja, Uganda.

Her Vision was Big, really Big, just like her Spirit.

From the Shakan website:

Roseann “Rosie” Dennerlein

Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer

During Rosie’s first trip to Jinja, Uganda in 2019, she trained over 100 women from the local community savings groups in how to make a mosquito repellent to prevent malaria. During this trip, she was instrumental in the birthing of AWEC (Arise Women Empowerment Center-Africa).

Rosie witnessed the self-sacrifice and hunger for the women to have a better life, which fueled her desire to empower women and families to overcome poverty. The Lord called her to move to Uganda, and she purchased land for what is now called the Shakan Global Mission Center.

In August 2022 she became the Co-Founder of Shakan Mission Uganda as an avenue to respond to the needs of the vulnerable communities and run the programs indigenously.

Rosie witnessed many miraculous acts of God during and after her trips to Uganda since 2019. It is hoped that her mission of igniting hope for healthy transformed families will continue, not only in Uganda, but as people come to serve from all over the world.

<https://shakanglobal.org/>

Shakan Global Mission, Inc. is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization. Shakan Global Mission, Inc. is part-nering with Shakan Mission Uganda, Ltd, which is in the process of becoming a registered NGO (Non-

Government Organization). Both organizations work together to cultivate spiritual, physical, economic and social transformation of families in Uganda.

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“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store.” ~ N.T. Wright

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### PLAN AHEAD FOR GOOD FRIDAY

I had done an online Bible Study on John that ran till Good Friday. On Good Friday we were asked to fast if we could, and read chapters of Luke. Especially to remember these times and what happened at that point. I ask that you do the same this Good Friday (April 3) - remember all that Jesus Christ went through for you.

~ Patty Bauer

### Read Luke Chapters 22:66 - Luke 23:54

♦ 6:00 AM - As the sun rises, innocent Jesus is declared guilty of claiming to be God and stands before Pilate. Later Jesus is sent to Herod, then returned back to Pilate. The shouts of “crucify Him” ring in the air.

♦ 9:00 AM - (Mark 15:25 says the “third hour”, which is 9:00 AM Roman Time, our time). The rough nails pierce Jesus’ feet and hands as He is hung suspended in air, nailed to a cross between 2 thieves for all to see.

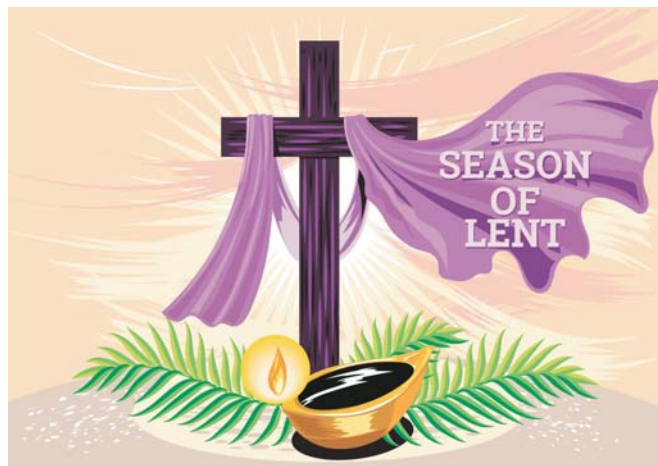
♦ 12:00 PM - Lunch time. Jesus has been hanging on the cross for 3 hours already. The earth was filled with darkness, and the sun no longer shone.

♦ 3:00 PM - (the “ninth hour”) Jesus has been on the cross 6 hours. Sometime around 3:00 PM the Lord Jesus Christ breathed His last after He said “It is finished.” Mission accomplished.

♦ Before sundown, Joseph of Arimathea is granted Jesus’ body. Joseph wraps Jesus in linen and places Him in the tomb as Roman guards stand watch.

\*As you go through your day try to reflect on these specific times and consider what Jesus did for you.

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THE SOLDIERS

We had done this before.

That is probably the worst part of the whole story, if I am being honest with you. Not the noise. Not the blood. Not even the way the sky started acting strange like it knew something we didn't. It was the normalcy of it. The routine.



Crucifixions were not rare. They were not shocking to us anymore. They were a job. Orders handed down, carried out, dust brushed off our hands when it was done. You learn, if you want to survive that kind of work, how to narrow your world down to the small things. The practical things. Don't think too hard about the man on the cross. Think about your shift. Think about when you'll eat next. Think about what you might get out of it.

Like the clothes.

That part was standard too. The condemned didn't need them anymore, and a man's garments were worth something. Fabric was not cheap. So we did what soldiers do when there's something to divide and no clear way to split it cleanly.

We gambled.

Sat there at the foot of a dying man, watching Him pull Himself up for each breath, and argued over who got what like it was market day instead of an execution. One of the men shook the dice in his hand, grinning like this was the best part of his afternoon. Another leaned back on his elbows, already claiming the outer garment in his head before the roll even landed. Someone made a joke. I laughed. I remember that. I wish I didn't, but I do.

It was easier that way.

His tunic, though...that one gave us pause. Woven in one piece, no seams. You don't tear something like that without ruining it. Even we knew that. So we said, fine. No cutting. We'll cast lots for it. Winner takes the whole thing.

Practical. Efficient. Almost respectful, if you squint hard enough and ignore everything else happening five feet above us.

I remember looking up once.

Just once.

You tell yourself not to. You tell yourself it's just another condemned man, just another shift to get through. But something in the air made it harder to keep your eyes down. Maybe it was the way the crowd had changed. Less shouting. More watching. Or maybe it was the darkness rolling in at an hour it had no business being there.

Or maybe it was Him.

He didn't sound like the others. Most men cursed us. Spit what little strength they had left into words meant to wound. I would have, in their place. But this one...He spoke like He still had authority, even nailed to wood. He asked for forgiveness for the very men dividing up His clothes. I remember that line catching somewhere I didn't have a name for at the time. It didn't make sense. It still doesn't, not in any normal way.

"Father, forgive them."

We were literally in the middle of taking His belongings while He said it.

The dice hit the ground.

I watched them roll like it mattered. Like the outcome meant anything. Like this piece of cloth was worth more than whatever was happening right in front of us. One of the men whooped when he won, clutching that tunic like he'd just struck gold. I slapped him on the back. Told him he'd better not ruin it.



Above us, the man we had stripped was holding onto life by inches.

And still...we played our game.

Looking back, that's what gets me. Not that we were cruel. Cruelty can at least see what it's doing. We were something worse. We were distracted. Busy. Focused on small gains while standing at the center of the most important moment the world has ever seen.

We were close enough to hear Him breathe.

Close enough to hear Him speak.

Close enough to watch the sky go dark and the ground begin to tremble.

And we were arguing over fabric.

I don't know what you do with that, exactly. Except maybe this.

Be careful what you're focused on.

Because it is entirely possible to be inches away from something holy...something life-changing... something that splits history in two...and still be so caught up in your own little game that you miss it.

We thought we were winning that day.

Turns out, we were just rolling dice at the foot of a cross, while the world was being saved right over our heads.

~ Farmer Girl on Facebook.

Her name is Erica DeWaard. She's a young woman who works with calves on a dairy farm in Washington State.



She alternates inspiring spiritual posts with posts about caring for the calves, and other topics. She has a maturity way beyond her years, as well as a delightful sense of humor. She has an entire Easter series going back to late February. It would be worth

joining Facebook just to read her posts! (Many of her non-calf posts, including the spiritual ones, feature landscape photos taken by herself and her father.)

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May you and your loved ones have a Blessed Easter.  
He is risen!  
He is risen indeed!  
Hallelujah!

**EVENTS**

*(NOTE: Please see weekly bulletins and church emails for cancellations or updates to date, time, and/or location.)*

**HOOR OF PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING**

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM at CCC. See pg. 3.

**SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP**

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM in Room 4. See pg. 3.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**LAST SESSION** Friday, April 10, 1:00 PM in Room 4. See pg. 3.

**MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

**RESUMES** Saturday, April 18 9:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.



**PASSOVER**



Wednesday, April 1. Begins at sundown

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**



Friday, April 3, at 7:00 PM, in Sanctuary. See pg. 1.

**EASTER - HE IS RISEN!**



Sunday, April 5, ALL DAY!

**EXALT TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, April 12, after the Service, in Conference Room.

**DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, April 12, after the Service, in Pastor's office.

**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

Saturday, April 18  
10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

**PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING  
MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, April 19, after the Service, in Room 4.

**YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**

Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 PM at CCC. See pg. 3.

**PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE**



Sunday, April 26, after the service, in Collins Hall.

**MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP**



Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 PM. See pg. 3.

*Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!*

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- Annie Lord, April 4
- Andrew Papacoda, April 10
- Margaret Lavoie, April 16
- Rex Manensmith, April 26
- Jennifer Hanley, April 27
- John Kulick, April 29
- Maureen Sand, April 29



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- Shirley Zimmerman, May 1
- Buddy Laws, May 2
- Laurie Crowley, May 5
- Marylou Dickinson, May 6
- Victoria Dubois, May 16
- Ray VanVleit, May 18
- Bob Dubois, May 19
- Diana Appleton, May 23
- Joe D'Amico, May 26

Birthday blessings to everyone!

Please let me know if your birthday is not on this list or is incorrect and I'll fix it. You don't need to be a CCC member to be celebrated! ~ Rose



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