

Calendar

† = meets at Easter by the Lake

Sunday, January 29
 11:10a Choristers
 11:10a Cherub Choir
 11:30a Youth Choir Rehearsal
 2:00p Winter FunFest †
 5:00p Tintinnabula
 5:30p Divorce Care
 6:00p Global Mission Envelope Stuffing
 6:00p Strikepoint
 6:00p High School Youth Group
 6:30p Early First Communion

Monday, January 30
 9:30a Encore! Simples Steps - offsite
 9:30a Quilting
 7:00p Boy Scouts †
 7:00p Chick Talk

Tuesday, January 31
 6:45a Bible Study
 7:30a Job Transitions Group
 6:00p Small Group Team Meeting
 6:00p Band Rehearsal †
 6:30p Yogadevotion - Levels 1 & 2 †
 7:00p Building Committee †
 7:00p The Question of God: Bible Study
 7:30p Godspell Production Meeting

Wednesday, February 1
 9:00a Encore! Serves Easter (ESET)
 11:00a Great Stories
 4:15p Music Explorers
 5:15p Music Explorers
 5:30p Youth Band Rehearsal †
 5:40p Choir Chimes
 6:30p 9th Grade Confirmation †
 7:00p Senior Choir

Thursday, February 2
 9:30a Morning Chick Talk †
 1:00p Encore! Three Persons, One God: The Trinity †
 7:00p Big Story Weekly Bible Study †
 7:00p Jubilate
 8:00p Recorder Ensemble
 8:15p Exultate

Friday, February 3
 8:30a Men's Ministry Launch - offsite
 9:30A Pray & Play †
 6:30p Volleyball †

Saturday, February 4
 Women's Retreat - offsite
 9:00a Prayer Team Meeting

Worship

WORSHIP TIMES

Easter on the Hill:
 Sat. 5 p.m. (Holy Communion follows 1st & 3rd Sunday schedule)
 Sun. 8:30 & 10 a.m. (Holy Communion each week)
 Benediction: Sun. 5 p.m. (Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)
 Easter by the Lake:
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. (Holy Communion each week)
 Sun. 11 a.m. (Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Preaching This Weekend

The Big Story: Cleansing of the Temple

On the Hill –
 Pastor Kevin Olson



By the Lake –
 Pastor Paul Harris



Benediction –
 Pastor Paul Harris



Lenten Wednesday Worship

Beginning Feb. 29

Easter on the Hill:
 12-12:30 p.m. - Worship
 12:40 p.m. - Soup lunch and fellowship
 7-7:40 p.m. - Holden Evening Prayer service

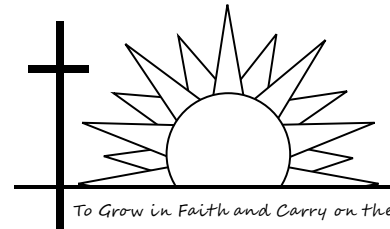
Easter by the Lake:
 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Prayer Corner

*The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
 Psalm 121:5-6*

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority. Jude 24-25

Dear Lord and Savior, thank you for keeping us safe. We are surrounded by so many enticements to go the way of the crowd. As you keep us in your love, keep us from falling into temptation. Keep us from taking your mercy for granted, and let us stand and rejoice in the presence of your glory. Amen.



To Grow in Faith and Carry on the Work of Jesus Christ

Announcements

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Welcome to Easter Church!

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2012

Pastor Luhwano Mwafute Arrives February 1

Pastor Mwafute, from our companion congregation in Nyanzwa, will be in Minnesota February 1-22. He has been a faithful, often heroic, pastor in Tanzania, and we are honored and blessed by his coming to be with us.



During his visit, he will be experiencing the life of Easter Lutheran Church and its ministries as well as getting a crash course in Minnesota culture. We want him to have as rich of an experience as is possible in three weeks. If you would like to serve as a cultural tour guide to help him experience the best of your community, or if you are interested in hosting Pastor Mwafute for a night or two, please contact Pastor Paul at paulharris@aol.com.

Winter Fun Festival - Today!

Celebrating the Gifts God Gives Us!
Nature - Relationships - Faith
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2-4 p.m.
Easter by the Lake



Weather permitting, outdoor games and activities will include: sliding, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, broom ball, skating, bonfire, and medallion hunt, where you can join others to follow clues and discover hidden prizes.

Indoor games and activities will include: Board games, puzzles, tricycle races, bean bag toss, indoor bowling, food & beverages, and many more! There will also be a Chili or Soup Cook-off, so bring a pot of your favorite chili or soup to share. Prizes will be awarded!

Questions? Contact Pastor Kevin at 651-452-3680 or revkev@easter.org.

February is Global Mission Emphasis - Tanzania and Guatemala

God So Loves the World.... That is the theme for this year's global mission emphasis in February. Through partnerships in Guatemala and Tanzania, Easter shows love for the world. Watch your mailbox to learn more about how you can connect with our partners in Guatemala and Tanzania financially, as an ambassador, and in prayer.

Feb. 4-5: Information will be available at all services about the work being done in Tanzania and Guatemala.

Feb. 5: Luncheon to welcome Pastor Mwafute at Easter on the Hill, beginning at 12 p.m.

Feb. 11-12: Guatemala emphasis – Pastor Amanda preaching via pre-recorded video

Feb. 19-20: Tanzania emphasis – Pastor Mwafute preaching, Dr. Ilomo translating.

Throughout February: Global Mission Photo Exhibit in the Fireside Commons featuring photos from Easter Ambassadors.

This is an exciting time at Easter. Please prayerfully consider how you can make a real difference.



Ways to Serve Generously

Lunch with Pastor Mwafute

Sunday, February 5, beginning at noon
Karibu! ("Welcome" in Kiswahili.)

In Tanzania, when visitors come to a village there is often a crowd of people gathered; singing and dancing to welcome their guests. We have the pastor of our companion congregation in Nyanzwa, Tanzania coming to our village and though there may not be multitudes of people singing and dancing to greet him, we want to welcome him in a way consistent with our culture. You're invited to enjoy good food and warmly welcome Pastor Mwafute to Easter. He will speak briefly, answer questions and linger for conversation. The Global Missions Committee is providing the food, so just bring a very good attitude.



Encore! Happenings

A ministry with and through adults age 50 plus

Encore! Greets at Worship

Sunday, February 12, both services at both locations

Encore! will be on hand to greet worshippers. Extend a warm welcome before and after worship. Contact Joy Korte at kortes2@q.com if you are willing to serve.

Eagan Resource Center (ERC)

There are openings for Encore! to help on the following days:
Thurs., Feb. 2 & 16, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 12:30-3 p.m.
Mondays, March 5 & March 19, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please contact Diane Aga to volunteer or for more information at dianeaga@charter.net or 952-255-8040.

Encore! Serving Easter Team (ESET)

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, Easter on the Hill

Contact Dave Woodward at 651-681-1578 or c_woodward@q.com for more information.

Three Persons, One God: The Trinity

Thurs., Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 & Mar. 1, 1-3 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Led by Stephen Paulson, Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther seminary. Contact Dorie Erickson at 651-454-2250 or doriejerickson@yahoo.com for more information.

Friday Night at the Movies

Friday, Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m., Easter by the Lake

We'll watch a movie on the big screen and munch on popcorn and theater candy. Bring a lawn chair if you choose.

Contact Judy Englund at 651-687-0910 or judyke1@comcast.net for more information.

Ways to Connect

Dinner Club Small Group Forming!

Are you and your spouse interested in getting to know other Easter couples in their 40's and 50's over dinner once a month? Enjoy a good meal while connecting with new Christian friends from the congregation. The group can choose to alternate hosting duties, meet at a local restaurant, or a combination of the two. If interested, sign up on the pink Response Sheet or contact Deanna Heise in the church office at 651-452-3680.

Job Transitions Group

Tuesday mornings, 7:30-9 a.m., Easter on the Hill

Jan. 31: "Navigating Life's Crises: Understanding the Grief of Job Loss," presented by Pastor Kevin Olson.

Attention Easter Men!

Friday, February 3, 8:30-10:30 a.m., offsite

You are invited to a special breakfast to launch a new men's ministry, B.I.G. (Brothers In God). This private event for the men of Easter, and their friends, will be held at Target Field in Minneapolis and includes a hearty breakfast with Twins' President Dave St. Peter and a VIP tour of the field. Free will donations will be accepted at the event to offset the cost of the breakfast. E-mail Jack Esser at jesser@activision.com to reserve your spot and receive parking and entrance information.

Depression Support Coalition

Leading healthcare professionals and clergy who are knowledgeable about depression and the vital call for spiritual hope offer educational talks each month.

Monday, February 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

"The Whole-Person Approach to Treating Depression and Anxiety"

Kim Bushman, PhD, LP, Water's Edge Counseling & Healing Center

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd, Apple Valley

Contact: Julie Opheim, 952-432-6351

Children, Youth & Family

CHURCH SCHOOL TIMES

Easter on the Hill:

Wed. 4:30 & 6 p.m.

Sun. 8:30 & 10 a.m.

Easter by the Lake:

Sun. 9:30 and 11 a.m.

"Easter's Got Talent" Family Talent Show

Sunday, February 12, Easter by the Lake

12:30 p.m. pizza (\$5 donation suggested), 1-3 p.m. Talent Show

You are invited to show off your talents ranging from the brilliant to the wacky. We want musicians, jugglers, jokesters, magicians, tumblers, and all other talents to be represented. We will start with a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. and include a panel of judges to decide who will take home the prize!! There will also be a special performance by Easter's Children, Youth, & Family staff! Sign up prior to February 5 by contacting Jason Hansen at 651-452-3680 or jason@easter.org.

Warm, Dry and Lots of Fun!

Pray & Play - Open Gym Time for ages birth - 5 years old

Easter by the Lake, Fridays through May 11, 9:30-11 a.m.

Come play! There are balls, scooters and toys for the kids to play with....or bring toys to share. The weather is always fantastic in the Great Room for kids to run, be loud and let go of that energy!

Registration is not required, so bring your friends - it's FREE!

No Pray & Play on Feb. 10 or Mar. 9. ("No School" days for ISD 196).

Bible Studies & Prayer

What it Means to Be Lutheran in 90 Minutes or Less

Tuesday, March 27, 7-8:30 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Pastor Paul is offering an overview of the essentials of the Lutheran witness. In less than 90 minutes, he will identify the key themes of the Lutheran story and their vital contributions to the Christian faith. You're sure to learn some new things and be inspired. Mark your calendar!

Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis: The Question of God

Tuesdays, January 31, February 21 & 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Easter on the Hill

Pastor Paul is leading this class based on Dr. Armand M. Nicholi's remarkable book. Contact Pastor Paul at paulharris@aol.com for more information.

The Big Story Bible Study

Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Join Pastor Kevin for this week's study on John 3:1-21, Nicodemus. You can pick up the Bible Study Guide at either location or at easter.org (The Big Story).

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:30 a.m., on the Hill

Meets every week; led by Pastor Paul. Bibles and coffee provided.

Great Stories

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon, on the Hill

Learn about pivotal events in the history of Christianity; led by Pastor Paul.