

Calendar

† = meets at Easter by the Lake

- Sunday, February 19**
 11:10a Cherub Choir
 11:10a Choristers
 11:30a Youth Choir Rehearsal
 5:30p Divorce Care
 6:00p High School Youth Group
- Monday, February 20**
 9:30a Encore! Simple Steps in Winter
 9:30a Quilting
 10:00a Encore! Dakota Woodlands
 6:00p Godspell Auditions
 7:00p Boy Scouts †
 7:00p Cub Scouts †
- Tuesday, February 21**
 6:45a Bible Study
 7:30a Job Transitions Group
 9:00a Lent Book Study
 6:00p Godspell Auditions
 6:00p Band Rehearsal †
 6:30p Yogadevotion - Levels 1 & 2 †
 6:45p Church Council †
 7:00p The Question of God: Sigmund Freud & CS Lewis
- Wednesday, February 22**
 7:00a Ash Wednesday service
 9:00a Mail Help
 11:00a Great Stories
 12:15p Pastor Mwafute Prayer Service & Farewell
 5:00p Ash Wed. service w/ Holy Comm
 5:30p Ash Wednesday Soup Supper †
 5:30p Youth Band Rehearsal †
 6:00p Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
 6:30p Ash Wednesday service w/ Holy Communion †
 7:00p Ash Wed. service w/ Holy Comm
 8:00p Senior Choir
 8:00p Youth Mission Trip Sponsorship Meeting †
- Thursday, February 23**
 9:30a Morning Chick Talk †
 10:00a Encore! ERC - offsite
 12:30p Encore! ERC - offsite
 1:00p Encore!: The Trinity †
 7:00p Jubilate
 7:00p Big Story Weekly Bible Study †
 8:00p Recorder Ensemble
 8:15p Exultate
- Friday, February 24**
 9:30a Pray & Play †
 6:30p Volleyball †
- Saturday, February 25**
 6:00p Family Faith Night - Kindergarten

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: Healing the Official's Son

On the Hill –
 Pastor Luhwano
 Mwafute



By the Lake –
 Pastor Luhwano
 Mwafute



Benediction–
 Pastor Sarah
 Clark



Lenten Wednesday Worship, Lunch & Class

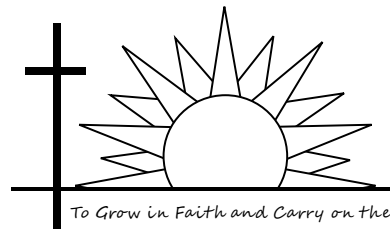
Wed., Feb. 29 - March 28, Easter on the Hill, Worship at noon, soup lunch 12:30 p.m. (freewill donation), class 12:50-1:50 p.m.
 On Wednesdays during Lent, there will be a noon worship service at Easter on the Hill, followed by a soup lunch and class led by Pastor Paul. The class will be using Ruth Haley Barton's book, "Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation." The class will help participants more deeply connect with God through simple, usable spiritual practices.

Prayer Corner

The Lord is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word.
 Lamentations 1:18

The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son."
 Luke 15:21

Compassionate Lord, you know my grief and my suffering. You have carried your cross through the crowds to Calvary and there experienced death by crucifixion. I am unworthy to be called by your name. I even continue to rebel against your Word. Forgive me. Heal me and help me to release my shame and sorrows to you. Amen.



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

Welcome to Easter Church!

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 19, 2012

Announcements

Easter Lutheran Church

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Ash Wednesday Worship - February 22

Easter on the Hill:

7 a.m. – Brief Order for Forgiveness and Absolution; Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist.
 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. – Worship with Holy Communion; Imposition of Ashes. Burning of Palms after each worship service. Bring your palm from last year's Palm Sunday.

Easter by the Lake:

6:30 p.m. – The Meaning of Ash Wednesday. Worship with Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes, and Burning of Palms. Bring your palm from last year's Palm Sunday.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Lake, 6-7 p.m. on the Hill

Come for soup and fellowship; freewill donations accepted.

Easter New Member Process

Easter's vision is "transforming hearts and lives for Christ." We think about that vision in everything we do, and the new member process is no exception to that. We want to ensure that you have the information you need to determine whether Easter is the right church home for you. Once you have decided you want to join, we want to get you connected to the church in ways that are meaningful to you.

A New Member Team representative will mentor you through this process by providing you with information and getting you connected to the opportunities and programs at Easter that speak to your gifts and passions. If you are considering becoming a member of Easter, sign up on the pink Response Sheet, complete the online form (About/New Member), or contact Mary Kay DuChene at 651-452-3680 or marykay@easter.org.

GODSPELL Open Auditions This Week!!

February 20 and 21, 6 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Be a part of Easter Community Theatre's first production, directed by an incredible production team including Jason Hansen and Kathryn Kidwell. Auditions are open to adults and high school ages to fill 11 roles and a large ensemble. The cast list will be posted Feb. 27 on the Easter website.

Rehearsals begin March 5 and will be held most weekday nights. Performances will be April 19-22 at Easter on the Hill.

For full details and a list of parts, visit easter.org/Godspell, or check out and share Easter Community Theatre on Facebook. Questions? Contact Jason Hansen at 651-452-3680 or jason@easter.org.



GODSPELL is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4884 Fax: 212-547-4884 www.MTIShows.com

Ways to Serve Generously

Easter Serves!

Sunday, March 11, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Jesus calls us to serve others and Easter is offering an opportunity to do just that. Gather together for a sloppy joe lunch and then join others from Easter as we assemble fleece blankets for homeless youth, care packages for overseas military personnel and health kits for new mothers/infants in foreign countries. We will also make sandwiches for the hungry and homeless in the metro area.

If you would like to donate items to be used in the packages, here is a list of items needed: fleece for blankets (3 yards as it comes off the bolt), bath towels, wash cloths, ivory bath bars, heavy-duty kitchen gloves, infant cotton blend shirts, 36" square muslin, receiving blankets, DVD movies, baby wipes, lotion, magazines, books, jerky, coffee, pens, hard candy, nuts, and lip balm.

Candidate Selection Underway

Candidates for Church Council, committee chairs, Audit Review, Leadership Development, and Foundation committees will be elected at the annual meeting, scheduled for April 24. If you would like to submit a name for consideration for an elected position, please contact committee member Mary Kay DuChene at marykay@easter.org or 651-452-3680 by March 12.

Encore! Happenings

A ministry with and through adults age 50 plus

Eagan Resource Center (ERC)

Thurs., Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 12:30-3 p.m., offsite

There are openings for Encore! to serve ERC clients as a greeter or personal shopper. Contact Diane Aga at dianeaga@charter.net or 952-255-8040 to volunteer or for more information.

LSS Tour and Camp Noah Service Project

Wed., Feb. 29, 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., Carpool from Easter on the Hill

After the tour, we will have lunch at their café and then assemble Kids Kits for Camp Noah. Encore! is also collecting items to be used in the Kids Kits, if you would like to make a donation, the following items are needed: 8-count broad line washable markers in classic colors (Crayola or Rose Art brand), 8-count pan washable watercolor paints with brush, glue sticks, 24 count box of crayons (Crayola or Rose Art brand), kid-sized scissors, black pens, 3-ounce container of Playdoh (any color), gallon-sized plastic freezer bags to pack the supplies in. Please bring the items to Easter on the Hill and place in the box beneath the Encore! bulletin board. Contact Terolle Turnham at 651-452-4474 or t.turnham@gmail.com with questions.

Ways to Connect

Job Transitions Group

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

February 21: Alumni testimony by Mark Linden.

Depression Support Coalition

Thursday, March 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

"Bipolar Disorder: A Life of Extremes" Bob Bartlett, MA, Marriage and Family Specialty Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 13901 Fairview Drive, Burnsville
Contact: Richard Erickson, 651-788-0275.

Lent Book Study

Easter has chosen to focus on the book, "*Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation*" by Ruth Haley Barton during this season of Lent. The book is based on Gospel stories and spiritual practices of ancient Christians. It looks at such topics as longing for more, praying with Scripture, making space for God, finding God in everyday experiences, and cultivating your own sacred rhythms through the week.

The book is available for \$15 in the church office or after worship at the Welcome Centers. There will be many opportunities to meet with other Easter members to discuss this amazing book during Lent. We'd love to see you at any of the following discussions:

Mondays (starting Feb. 20): 7-8:30 p.m., Easter on the Hill during Chick Talk

Tuesdays (starting Feb. 21): 9-10 a.m., Easter on the Hill

Wednesdays (starting Feb. 29): after noon worship with soup lunch

Wednesdays (starting Feb. 29): 6-7 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Thursdays (starting Feb. 23): 9:30-11 a.m., Easter by the Lake during Chick Talk

Sundays (starting February 26): After Benediction Service with light supper

Bible Studies & Prayer

Lenten Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, February 29 - March 28, 12:50 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Pastor Paul Harris will lead this class using Ruth Haley Barton's book, "*Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation.*" The class will help participants more deeply connect with God through simple, usable spiritual practices.

The Big Story Bible Study

Thursday, February 23, 7-8:30 p.m., Easter by the Lake

Join Pastor Kevin for this week's study on John 5:1-18, Healing at Bethesda. Pick up the Bible Study Guide at either location or at easter.org (The Big Story).

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

Tuesdays, 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.

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.

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.

**No Church School on Ash Wednesday -
Wednesday, Feb. 22 - See you in Worship!**

Church School Sings in Worship Today!!

Sunday, February 19, at all services at the Hill and by the Lake

After the students sing, they may return to their classes or sit with their parents in worship.

Youth Mission Trip Sponsorship Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 8-9 p.m., Easter by the Lake

After Ash Wednesday worship

Mission trip students, this is your chance to sign up for opportunities to ask the generous members of our congregation support and sponsorship money for your mission trip this summer. PLEASE bring a calendar! Questions? Contact Pastor Sarah at 651-452-3680 or pastorsarah@easter.org.

Attention all Kindergarten Families!

Family Faith Night - Learn about the Lord's Prayer

Saturday, February 25, Easter on the Hill, 5 p.m. Family Worship

At 6 p.m. enjoy pizza with the other families, then at 6:15 p.m. find out what the Lord's Prayer says to you and make an edible treat to remind us about prayer. Childcare is provided for siblings. The cost for pizza is \$5/person the night of the event (age 3 and under are free). Please RSVP by emailing Rachele Gill at rgill@easter.org if you will be coming for pizza and if sibling care is needed.

Confirmation Students - Need Service Hours?

Saturday, February 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Serve pizza to elementary families during Family Faith Night, then help in the Nursery while siblings are doing other activities. Email Rachele Gill at rgill@easter.org if you can help.

First Communion Class

Sundays, March 4, 11 & 18, 6:30-8 p.m., Easter on the Hill

Cost: \$5/student for materials

First Communion classes are offered to students in 5th grade or 6th grade who have not yet had first communion instruction. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center and on the Easter website (Learn/Elementary). Questions? Contact Jennifer Peloquin at 651-452-3680.