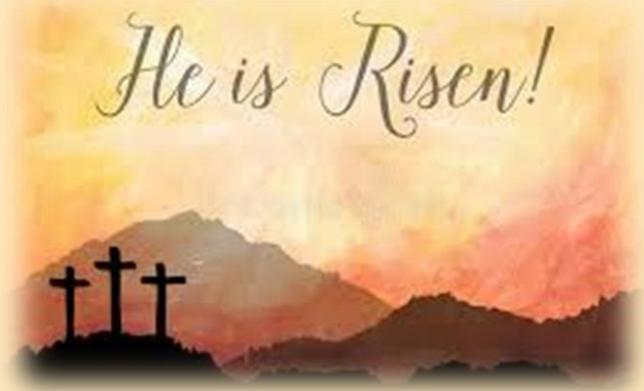


March 28, 2018

Easter Message



Dear Friends in Christ,
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

We are Easter people! Because we live with the promise of Easter in our hearts. Jesus won the battle over death and sin. This was not a partial victory but a total victory. Thus, we need no longer despair—but we live with hope and with the promise of Christ's resurrection in our hearts.

Eugene Peterson writes, "It is interesting that the world has had very little success in commercializing Easter—turning it into a commodity—as it has Christmas. If we can't 'get a handle on it' or use it for our own personal gain, we soon lose interest. But resurrection is not available for our use. It's exclusively God's operation."

We can gift ourselves and others with many things—but we cannot gift ourselves with eternal life—that will *always* be a gift we receive from God through Jesus Christ's suffering and death on the cross. Paul says in **Ephesians 2:6-8**, "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show us the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—."

Easter people, live now in the power of His resurrection—Christ lives in us. We frame everything in life, everything that happens to us (both the good and the bad) through the joy and awesome mystery of Christ's resurrection. And this joy is not shallow or fleeting but is long lasting. This joy permeates everything we do!

And so, we rejoice in the gift of Christ's resurrection, we rejoice in the gift of His Church it's proclamation and we rejoice in the love that abounds in Christian fellowship at Christ the King! In Easter joy, thanking God for our mutual ministry in the Gospel,

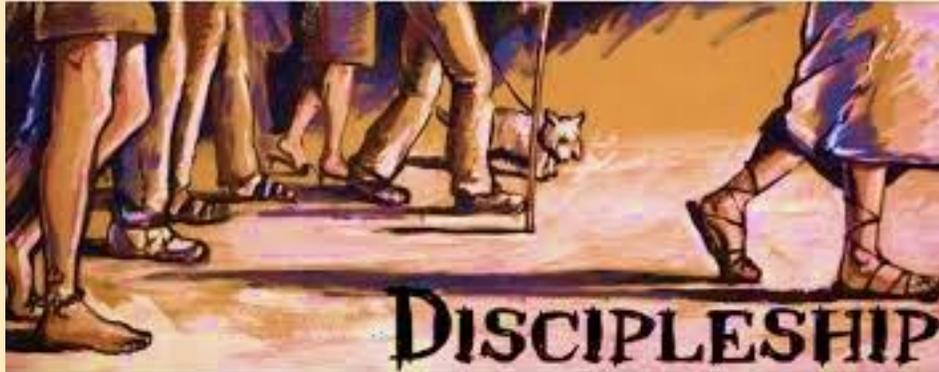
Pastor Dona

Our Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Mar 29 **Maundy Thursday** 7:00 pm
Mar 30 **Good Friday** 7:00 pm
April 01 **Easter Sunday** 10:00 am / Breakfast 8:45 am (come when you can)

Building a Culture of Discipleship

Growing disciples life to life



On **Tuesday April 17th from 10:00 am – 12 noon**, we will begin our journey in becoming a true discipleship congregation.

Discipleship is about developing a new lifestyle in response to the gospel. In which you offer people love, comfort and encouragement where they live, work and play.

- † **It's not a scheduled program but living a lifestyle.**
- † **Spiritual change—God mixes certain elements together to create a climate for change.**
- † **Build deeper relationships centered in His Word.**
- † **Grow in faith through accountability and application.**

Date and Time: Building A Culture of Discipleship will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month—from 10 am – 12 noon.

Who should participate: Council leadership, leaders of ministry, those who attended the Discipleship retreat with Patti Damiani and anyone interested in committing to CTK's vision of becoming a discipleship community!

You will need your Bible.

You will need to purchase the book *The Way of The Alongsider* by Bill Mowry. I will have the books for you on Tues April 17. Cost is \$16.