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The Second Sunday of Easter April 23, 2017



PRAY FOR We remember in our prayers this morning and ask for God's continued comfort, strength and healing: Jackie Dubois, Barb Fuhr, Janet Hill, Donna Huber, Dorothy Keller, Cathy Ongpin, Wanda Rosenzweig, Marian Schuk, Carol Sullivan.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Scott Stout and family in loving remembrance of his mother, Betty and "Grams", Betty Schermer.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Please remember our "Peace Family" and send a card or give a call to wish them blessings on their special day

Apr. 24 Tom Booher	May 3 Jessie and Julie Koelling
Apr. 26 Hunter Keller	May 7 Garry Laaker
Apr. 26 Pat Laaker	

The LWML Spring Rally is "going to the dogs!" Comfort Dogs, that is! The program will be presented by dog handlers from Atonement Lutheran Church in Columbus, OH. Their first dog, a soft, fuzzy, friendly English Cream Golden Retriever is kept very busy traveling to stressful situations where people need the unconditional love, comfort, and compassion only our God can provide. After the program and light refreshments, the yearly business meeting of the Cincinnati Zone will follow. The Rally will be Sunday April 30th at 2:00 p.m. (1:45 registration starts). It will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran and all women and their guests are welcome.

FEDERATION AUXILLARY will be making "COMFORT PILLOWS" for the Ohio District LCMS Disaster Relief on Wednesday, April 26 at St. Paul Lutheran, Madisonville beginning at 10:00. Bring pillow stuffing, needs, and white thread

FINANCES AT A GLANCE January – March

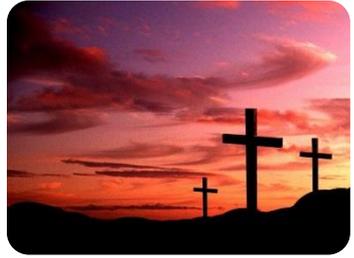
Offerings received	\$43,219.05
Expenses	\$46,944.87
Total....	\$-3,725.82

(please note March expenses includes a yearly \$5,000 property insurance)

Stewardship Thought

Scripture Reading *“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again”* (2 Corinthians 5:15).

Not for Ourselves On Easter Sunday, we celebrated and rejoiced in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On our behalf, Jesus willingly went to the cross to redeem us from sin and death. *“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends”* (John 15:13). With the suffering and agony of the crucifixion, Jesus has *“destroy[ed] the devil’s work”* (1 John 3:8). In his resurrection, he has given us victory over sin and death. Alleluia, he is risen!



As we consider all that the Lord Jesus Christ did for us on the cross of Calvary and in his resurrection, we are **compelled** to love, honor, and serve him. Christ has redeemed us from sin, death, and the power of the devil in order that we might be his own and serve him.” As stewards, we respond to the love shown on Calvary because “love so amazing, so divine ... demands my soul, my life, my all.”

When we give faithfully of our time, talents, and treasures, we respond to the love our heavenly Father has shown. *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8).

Although we speak of Easter Sunday as one particular holy day in the life of the Church, each Sunday is a “little Easter” and each day we live with the true confidence that, just as Christ has risen from the dead, so will he raise us. For that we praise Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Alleluia, he is risen indeed!

Discussion/Thoughts:

✠ Each morning when you rise from sleep, remind yourself of the life you have today because of what Jesus did that first Easter. What difference do you think that will have on your day?

Prayer Dear Father in Heaven, how quick we are to take for granted, even to forget, the blessings You have given us in your son, our Savior from sin, death, and Satan. Forgive us our ingratitude and give us minds, hearts, and bodies willing to put aside selfish interests and eager to live for you. Through Jesus we pray. **Amen.**