

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we draw closer to the month of April, our thoughts turn to Palm Sunday, Resurrection Sunday (Easter), and perhaps Easter-themed activities. I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming services! The Palm Sunday Drive-In Service this weekend (March 28) will be at 9:00 a.m.. It will include the children's walk/procession with palms. It will also include an interactive reading of "The Passion According to Mark," complete with a narrator, readers, and all of you serving as the crowd! Our Resurrection Sunday Drive-In Worship Service on April 4 at 9:00 a.m., will be a very special day, as we celebrate and give thanks for our Risen Lord!

In addition to these services at St. Paul's, I would like to tell you about an event taking place the day before Easter. Sugar Creek Bible Camp, a ministry of the La Crosse Area Synod, is offering an Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt, and you are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for you to enjoy an Easter Devotion, fresh air, exercise and activities (if you wish), social time, and good food.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 3, at the camp in Ferryville, WI. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. There will be a staff-led hike and Easter Devotion at 9:30 a.m., followed by a brunch served from 10:30 a.m.- Noon (outdoors, or indoors following COVID safety guidelines). At 11:00 a.m., there will be open activities including egg painting, bracelet making, pony and wagon rides, and more. At 12:15 p.m., the Easter Egg Hunt begins! At 1:00 p.m., open activities will be offered, until the event ends at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online through the Sugar Creek Bible Camp website--sugarcreekbiblecamp.org The cost is \$5.00 per child for the egg hunt/activities, and \$10.00 per person for brunch, with children 4 and under eating free.

Do you have family or friends living in southwestern Wisconsin, southeastern Minnesota, northeastern Iowa, or northwestern Illinois? Perhaps you could each drive part-way, and meet them at the camp for this event. What a fun way to gather together with loved ones in a COVID safe way.

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey and look forward with joy to Resurrection Sunday, may these worship services and other opportunities draw us closer to Jesus. Let us hear and experience Jesus' passion at the Palm Sunday service this weekend. Let us celebrate Easter and spring next weekend in some traditional and familiar ways, as well as in some new and different ways. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

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