

Church of the Savior
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Easter Laugh

It was Easter Saturday, and FMC member Joanne Hinch of Woodland Hills, California, was sitting at the kitchen table coloring Easter eggs with her son, Dan, 3, and her daughter, Debby, 2. She told her children about the true meaning of Easter, and taught them the traditional Easter morning greeting, "He is risen!" and the reply, "He is risen, indeed!"

The children planned to surprise their father, a Presbyterian minister, with this greeting on Easter Sunday by saying "He is risen !" as soon as he awoke. The next morning, bright and early, little Dan heard his father arising in the bedroom, and raced down the hallway shouting, "Daddy, God's back!"

More Holy Humor

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Church of the Savior Messenger



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March 4, 2003

Pastor's Letter

Exciting things are happening here at Church of the Savior. We are getting ready to break ground on our new building expansion, we have been blessed with new members and lots of visitors, and we will be one of the sponsoring churches for the upcoming Billy Graham Mission here in OKC. This is an exciting opportunity for us to reach out in our community. Any one that we bring to the Mission who does not have a church family, will be referred back to COTS for follow-up. Please pray about the way that God can use you in this wonderful journey of faith and commitment. Please contact David Gandall if you feel that God is calling you to help COTS in our effort to reach our neighbors through the Billy Graham Mission. We are busy and we're just gettin' started. God is SO GOOD!!

On another note, this week Lent begins. We will be having our Lenten Dinners, followed by short meditations. This week is Ash Wednesday. Our time together will be a time of reflection, meditation and rededication of ourselves to God. Then, on the 19th of March the choir from Lyons College will present a concert following our dinner. We still need to have people host members of the choir. A bed to sleep on and a place to get ready. Or, if you'd rather, you may "Host" a student at the Catholic Center. The cost is 17.50 per person.

During Holy Week, the sanctuary will be open every day from 6 AM-6PM. Each day there will be a different meditation, music, and communion by intiction. There will also be a Maundy Thursday Service, when we will recall the last supper and the sacrifice of our Lord. We will be reminded that life is always darkest before the dawn; our dawn will begin with an Easter "Son-rise" service at the Martindale's compound. There will be breakfast following. Then our Easter celebration resumes during our regular 10:50 service.

There is a lot going on here at COTS. Make sure you note your palm pilots and calendars. You don't want to miss any of the opportunities to join in worship, service and in praising our God.

Pastor Thea

YOUTH TRUTH



I am so proud of all of you guys and your participation in the Youth Service. I will continue to always give you that gentle and yet strong nudge to know God, love God, and live for Him and take part in our denomination! Looking ahead:

March 9th—Youth Group and kids we're going to visit some of our shut-in's and then come back to the church for fun.

March 16th—No Youth Group

March 18—Come spend the day with Deb at church. We're going to work on Activity Center, eat together, and then go see a movie and enjoy a great Spring Break day together.

March 19th—You can come help me get ready for visiting choir.

Kids Korner—See you great kids on March 9th, 5 p.m. Join us to go and visit shut-in's and then come back and play games.

Joyful Noises—Thank you choir for your hard work on our Lenten and Easter music ahead. I believe the season promises to be very special musically. My challenge to each of you is to not only work on each note but take time to read the text and allow God to make the season a more enriching experience. You make my job very special!

The Group—Ok guys...please join us from 5 to 7 on Sunday night for great video, food, and fellowship.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Helen Hanselman Fritz Kate
If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or Pastor, please contact the church office.

PUM's Breakfast

Presbyterian Urban Mission invites you to have breakfast at the mission, 3737 N. Portland, on Saturday, March 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$4 for adults (all you can eat) and \$2 for children. Come and learn about PUM's exciting plans for spring. Ruth Murray and Carol Welsh have tickets or you can buy them at the door.

50 Plus Group Tour

The 50 Plus will be traveling to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art for a tour and lunch in the museum café on Friday, March 28th. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Following lunch, we will go to the 46th Infantry Armory and then on to the State Capitol to view the new dome from the inside. Also, we will have a guided tour of the Capitol. The cost for the trip will be \$7 including the art museum, parking, and gas. Lunch will be \$5 plus on your own at the museum café. Sign up as soon as possible! More details later.

Update Your Pledge

The Treasurer's office would like to remind the members to get their pledges up-to-date so that we may keep our budget current.

NO 8:30 SERVICE

There will be no 8:30 a.m. service during Lent and Easter starting March 2 through April 20. The 8:30 a.m. service will resume on May 4.

Computers Needed

The Child Care Center is still in need of computers old or new. Please contact Rachel Brand at 721.7070 if you can help.

LENTEN DINNER SCHEDULE

Theme: Where Does God Want Us To Go?

Cost: \$5.00—Children 10 and under free

Time: 6:00 p.m.

When: Wednesday evenings

Commission

Adult
Caring
Support
Worship
Child Care, Christian Ed, Youth
Mission, New Member

Date

3/5
3/12
3/19
3/26
4/2
4/9

Menu

Soup and Salad
Baked Potato
Lasagna
Fried Chicken
Taco Salad
Taco Soup

Each commission will be responsible for set up, clean up, dinner, and speaker.

Coming Our Way

Lyons College Choir will be with us as part of our Lenten celebration March 19th. There are 34 students as well as director and wife and the choirs' accompanist that will need housing for 1 night only.

You don't need to worry about a morning meal on March 20th because I will be fixing breakfast for everyone here at church.

So...if you could give this wonderful choir and their leaders a place to rest their heads for one night and get cleaned up...I'll take care of the rest.

It's an opportunity for us to minister to a great group of college kids.

Sincerely,

Deb

*Please call me if you can keep 2 or 4 in your home. Thanks!

The Women of the Church

WOC will meet Tuesday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited.