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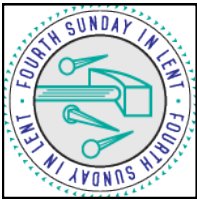
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MARCH IN MARK “The Perilous Plot”



During Lent, we’ve been focusing on the events that took place in the life of Jesus during Holy Week. As we’ve said each Sunday (and as we say every year during this time), we so often overlook the events of Holy Week because we move too easily from the “Hosannas” of Palm Sunday to the “He is risen” of Easter.

As a way of correcting that, we’re spending MARCH IN MARK because the gospel of Mark, more than the other three gospels, gives us a fairly clear indication of the events that take place on each of the days of Holy Week. He does so with statements such as, “*on the following day...*” or “*as soon as it was morning.*”

We began three weeks ago on Monday of Holy Week, then looked at Tuesday the following Sunday and took a break this past week for our C.S. Lewis emphasis. That brings us now to Wednesday of Holy Week. The first two days after Jesus entered Jerusalem found him in several different confrontations with religious leaders. Those leaders were concerned about the powerful impact Jesus had upon the enormous number of people who were gathered in the city for the Passover observance. They felt threatened by the message he was proclaiming and were searching for ways to arrest him.

All of that led to the emergence of Judas and the prominent role he played in the final days of Holy Week. Judas is one of the most fascinating individuals, not only in the Bible, but in all of human history. Over the years, various conclusions have been reached about Judas but I think it’s fairly safe to say that those conclusions are pure conjecture because, this side of eternity, none of us really knows what drove him to act as he did.

That shouldn’t, however, prevent us from an attempt to discern what lessons can be learned from Judas. Read Mark 14:1-11 as we continue our MARCH IN MARK by looking at “The Perilous Plot.”

Lenten Blessings,
Dennis

In Loving Memory of Helen Skuggedal Reed

We were all shocked and saddened at the sudden passing of Helen Skuggedal Reed. Helen served as our organist for nearly 30 years. She was not only an institution here at Eastminster but throughout our entire community. Helen’s life had an impact on virtually every music circle in Evansville and because of that, her death will have such an impact as well.

At Eastminster, Helen alternated Sundays with Bret Rauscher for all but the past year. On many of the Sundays when she wasn’t playing here, she was providing music elsewhere in our community. She was never one to turn down requests for musical assistance if it was at all possible to fit into her very busy schedule.

Even though she worked full-time as director of the Evansville Law Library, Helen always managed to arrange her schedule to play at Eastminster for Services of Witness to the Resurrection that were held here. Obviously, such services were never scheduled far in advance and yet not once did Helen turn down such a request.

In our experience of worship, it is the organist who is more responsible for the flow of a service than anyone else and no one managed that worship flow better than Helen Reed. She was meticulously well-prepared each and every Sunday and she made our worship a vitally meaningful experience. Whether you are aware of it or not, more than anyone else, it was Helen Reed who created a worship environment that was both dignified and joyful as well as challenging and uplifting.

If you have the occasion to worship elsewhere, you know that, by comparison, Eastminster is a congregation that sings with enthusiasm. Again, it is Helen who taught us how to sing. She did so in the manner in which she played. Contrary to what we so often find in the church, Helen’s accompaniment was always done to enhance our singing and not focus on her playing. She took the spotlight off of herself and always put it on us to enable us to fully worship God with our very best.

For nearly three decades, that’s what we received from Helen and her music will live inside of us for many more decades to come. We give thanks for her life and for the promise that she now experiences eternal life, accompanying the heavenly choir of angels. Thanks be to God!



Sunday March 26, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **USHER**
Vickie Rauch Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **HEAD USHER**
Vickie Rauch Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

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Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE
Chloe Webb

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER
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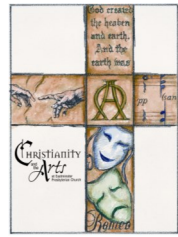
Anna Cantrell - Housekeeper
Kayla Cantrell - Nursery Worker
Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth Director
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music

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M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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Christianity & the Arts “A Visit from C. S. Lewis”

What a tremendously successful event we had on Sunday afternoon with Dr. Kevin Radaker of Anderson University as he transported us back in time to 1963 and enabled us to experience a visit with C.S. Lewis, arguably the most influential Christian apologist of the 20th century. The audience consisted of a wonderful blend of Eastminster members as well as those outside of this congregation.

Dr. Radaker did a masterful job of weaving many of Lewis's writings into his presentation so that anyone – whether familiar with his works or completely new to them – would be enriched by the program.

We received the following email the day after the presentation: *“Yesterday my husband and I attended the C.S. Lewis presentation by Kevin Radaker at your beautiful church and want to thank you for making such an interesting and thought-provoking occasion available to our community. It was very generous and a great gift, and we look forward to future events at Eastminster. Thank you most sincerely.”*

As we receive such notes of appreciation, it lets us know that our Christianity & the Arts program, in all of its forms, is indeed touching people's lives in a powerful way.



The Budget Committee asks that you please remember to keep your pledge current and to remember our per capita needs. We also extend a big thank you for your commitment and generosity to Eastminster for the 2017 year.

Easter Lilies

Orders are now being taken for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$10.00 payable at the time of the order. Please fill out the form below and return to the office. All orders are due by Sunday, April 2, 2017.

Yes, I would like _____ Easter lily/lilies.

I will be taking my lily/lilies: Yes _____ No _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Name: _____

Ph: _____



Look What's Happening With Community & World Missions



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, April 23 will be a great opportunity to help our youth. A Spaghetti Luncheon will be held after church on that day with proceeds going to support our youth going to Camp Pyoca. Camp is a fantastic opportunity for our youth to not only have a great time, but also grow in spiritual development and knowledge. And it's always great spaghetti and great fellowship at lunch!

Vision 1505 is another mission opportunity for us. Cupcakes and ice cream are still needed for the rest of the year. To sign up, tell Mary Fulkerson, Jarid Shofstall, Chris Kuhs, or Donna Cooke. Thank you!



Our annual Blood Drive will be on Sunday, April 30. We would love to overwhelm the Red Cross with donors. If you would like to donate, please keep this in your calendar, and start eating your iron rich foods! (Yum!)

MISSION TRIP

We are going on a mission trip this year! We are planning to take a team to the Menaul School, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in mid-July. We welcome anyone who would like to go. Arrangements are being made (tentatively July 16-22, with probably 2 days travel time there and 2 days back. If you think this is something you would be interested in, we are going to set up an informational meeting for everyone interested soon. (We will also be having a fundraiser/s too!) Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please ask Jarid Shofstall, Chris Kuhs, or Donna Cooke. Thank you!



Trivia anyone???

The Small Group committee is hosting an afternoon of trivia on Sunday, April 2nd at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Various trivia games will be available to play as a team or individually. Please call the church office if you are intending to attend this fun afternoon of fellowship while testing your knowledge on a variety of topics.

Christian Education



Our Bible Memory Contest Is Half Over!



It is hard to believe but we are half way through our memory contest for children and youth! If you have not yet completed your memory work, don't panic! You still have plenty of time!



Nash Conen
Meredith Garcia

have completed all of the memory work assigned for their age level. Several of our children are just a few memory work pieces away. Keep up the great work!

Bible Memory Contest Trophies To be Awarded Sunday, April 23!



Thank you to all who made donations to the H2O project these past two weeks. To date we have raised \$715.30. Your support and generosity will help provide a village in Africa with a well.



The Great Egg Caper Is Palm Sunday April 9, immediately after 10:30 a.m. worship!

The more children, the happier our celebration will be Palm Sunday, April 9, immediately following our 10:30 a.m. worship service, as all children, birth through 5th grade, are invited to take part in our Great Egg Caper.

Each child is asked to bring 1 dozen plastic eggs that have been filled with candy to be used in the hunt. Anyone else wishing to do contribute filled plastic or candy eggs for the hunt may certainly do so. The more eggs the better the hunt! All eggs should be left in the narthex (lobby) of the church before the 10:30 a.m. service.

Following worship parents must accompany their children immediately following worship to the church sidewalk on the front lawn. All adults are invited to line up on the front sidewalk of the church following worship to watch our children hunt for eggs or to line the street to help provide security during the hunt.

The lawn will be divided into age groups, birth to 3 years, 4 years-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grades. As soon as the children are in place, a signal will be given and the hunt will begin.

Please go immediately to the yard for the egg hunt. You will be amazed at how quickly the children will comb the church yard to find all the treasure hidden there.

If weather should make the egg hunt impossible or uncomfortable, it will be postponed until the following Sunday, Easter, April 16. This is such a happy time for our church family. Please plan to join us and bring a friend!

Remember to bring your eggs, Easter basket, camera, a friend or several friends and a smile!

