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Life is Good

By LaVerne Kling

March 2021 came in like a lion, dumping record weather nationwide, but it looks like March is going to go out like a lamb as it straddles winter and spring. We look forward with anticipation to April – Winter is OVER Spring is HERE! Creation will soon be exploding with color and new life. Bulbs that have stored food during plant dormancy will be bursting up out of the ground. The chickadees in my neighborhood are busy celebrating Spring by making a home in my front porch column – an amazingly symmetrically round hole they have been pecking out for the past week, no doubt to support new life. All of nature is busy getting started on a season of new life.

What Christian calendar event celebrates life as fully as Easter? “JESUS IS ALIVE!” We have all our lovely family Easter traditions, my favorite being new clothes AND accessories from top to bottom. But traditions aside, Easter is about new life – the glorious resurrection from the death of Jesus and the salvation/new life we can have in Him. *“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5:17* Jesus was resolute in his mission to save us. *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:17* And as Pastor Don noted in a Wednesday devotional, Heaven’s demand to balance love and justice was satisfied, praise God. (Isaiah 53)

As believers in Christ, we have this promise of eternal life: *“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9* When the women went to the tomb Easter morning, the angel said, *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” Luke 24:5-6* They believed and they ran to tell the others. *“Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.” Luke 24:9* There are many today who do not know Jesus, and we should tell, too. “He is

risen!” Three words that have changed millions of lives.

But even more than life, our eternal life with God, Easter is about love. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16* How to comprehend the wonder of this truth...God is Love. *“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” I John 4:10-11*

The musician Cory Asbury has expressed God’s love like this: “Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God/ Oh, it chases me down, fights ‘til I’m found, leaves the 99/ And I couldn’t earn it/ I don’t deserve it, still You give yourself away/ Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God”

And guess what? He’s coming back again! *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11*

Life is Good! God is Good! Happy Easter!

April Birthdays



Sierra Long	08 Debby Kimmey	16
Isaac Szczepanski	16 Barb Coon	18
Lily Szczepanski	16 Jylian Purtee	24

If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, please email or call the church to let us know!

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The April Messenger Continued..

NYI EVENTS

Teen BLAST: April 10 (Sports) and April 24 (Talent) at Marion First Church of the Nazarene beginning at 9:00 a.m.

For more information go to:

www.ncodistrict.org/blast

Deadline for SPORTS registration is Thursday, April 1, 2021. - Deadline for TALENT registration is Thursday, April 15, 2021 - All registration is online:- Go to nco.org/nyi to register. Cost is \$10, received at the door on the day of each event.

The April Teen Night is Saturday, April 17 at 8 pm on House Party.



EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm



Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

SIGNIFICANT DATES :

April 1: Maundy Thursday

April 2: Good Friday Tenebrae

April 4: Easter Sunday *He is Risen*

April 10: NYI Sports BLAST

April 11: Finance Com Meeting

April 13: Church Board Meeting

April 20-22: Tragedy Into Triumph
(Virtual)

April 24: NYI Talent BLAST

April 24: Aspire Women's Event

PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER

The Child Care Center will be closed on April 2, in observance of Good Friday.

The Child Care Center Ladies Brunch is Saturday, April 10 at Panera Bread in North Olmsted from 10 am– 2 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Marcella or Cheryl in the Child Care Center Office.



TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH– VIRTUAL EVENT!

Watch from home, April 20-22 at 7 pm. Contact the Church Office for the information to log in!

Email: office@parknaz.org
Between April 6 and April 15th at noon. Please contact Joanne Murphy with any questions.

TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH
REAL STORIES. REAL GOD.

April 20 Pattie Mallette Justin Bieber's Mom	April 21 Kylie Bisutti Former Victoria Secret Model	April 22 Chad Williams Navy Seal
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Joshua Brown Music
Nationwide Simulcast
7 PM Nightly
tn2tsimulcast.org

ASPIRE WOMENS CONFERENCE

It is 1 night, 3 hours. An evening just for women, full of laughter, learning, stories and music. Featuring: Mary Shannon, Sally Baucke and Jaime Jamgochian. Saturday April 24 at North Olmsted Friends Church (5665 Great Northern Blvd, 44070). There is a 1:30 p.m. show and a 6:00 p.m. show. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 480-812-1100, or online: aspirewomensevents.com

Weekly Services:

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (services are both in person and online)

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*Sunday morning services are available in person and online.

Please check with Leaders and/or the website (www.parknaz.org) before Heading to the Church for any other events.