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April Welcomes Easter

By Frances Cooney

In a very short time we will welcome Easter. We will celebrate our Lord's being risen after a solemn Good Friday. We are taught that if there were only one person on earth, He would have died to save that one. Precious! Beautiful Savior! Proverbs 17:8 tells us that we are the apple of the His eye. Thank you Father.

We welcome April which welcomes Easter. It was a mild winter this year but it was still winter. Winter has a unique cold beauty and there are those who favor it. Ecclesiastes tells us "there is a season for all under the heavens." It soon will be a "time to plant." It would be nice if we could have home grown Easter lilies on the alter Easter Sunday.

This season can be served by our taking the time to examine ourselves. Unlike God we are not perfect beings. To name a few strongholds we can mention insecurity, selfishness, self pity, anger and more. These are feelings that threaten our joy. This is joy that God wants us to have.

Psalms are much loved, as is all scripture. David experiences a wide range of human emotions. He experienced joy, excitement, compassion and love. But, he also experienced grief, anger and depression. David was a much loved child of God through all.

Anger is a culprit to our well being. In a reading (not Biblical) it is explained that if a rattlesnake is angered and can not reach out, he will bite himself. Point made, anger can turn inward. So good God's help is available.

God speaks of anger in a different way. Not all anger is wrong. Righteous anger can help if expressed

properly. We remember reading how Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought within. He overturned the tables and Doves flew about to escape. Jesus said, "My house shall be called a House of Prayer and you have made it into a den of thieves." He was reacting to sin in a sacred place. Rightfully so.

So much for anger. What about love. When Jesus was near death on the cross He spoke words to Mary saying "Behold your son." And to John, He said 'Behold your mother.' And John took her to his home. There seemed nothing about this day that could be good, but in Jesus' pain, He wanted to take care of two people He loved.

We will celebrate Easter. We will celebrate the fact that He is Risen! Everything else seems trivial.

"Then came the morning, the stone was rolled away."
"HE IS RISEN INDEED."

Easter Blessings!

Happy Spring!



Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or
[www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church](https://www.youtube.com/ParksideNazareneChurch)

Wednesday Prayer Meetings at 3:00 p.m.

(in person only)

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SIGNIFICANT APRIL DATES :

02: Palm Sunday/Communion

07: Good Friday Service



08: Easter Egg Hunt

09: Easter Sunday Celebration



16: Finance Committee Meeting

17: Gals with Grace



18: Church Board Meeting

22: NYI/Young Adult Game Night

PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER



April, you make all things new.

We have lots of new things going on in the Preschool & Child Care Center this month! Miss Marcella re-signed, in March, as the Assistant Director. We wish her all the best on her new path. With this news, we moved forward with making decisions on next steps. Miss Nancy will be hanging up her apron and becoming the Administrative Assistant within the program! And Miss Joanne has accepted new responsibilities as well! We are grateful for such dedication to Parkside! Now, the search has begun for a new Cook. If you know anyone interested, please contact Cheryl at administrator@westlakenaz.org.

The classrooms have taken advantage of the warmer weather! We were all ready for some fresh air! Let's go outside and PLAY!!!



April Birthdays

Sierra Long	8
Rev. David Flack	8
Emily Laker	10
Isaac Szczepanski	16
Lily Szczepanski	16
Debby Kimmey	16
Barb Coon	18
Jylian Purtee	24

EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS



Sunday April 2 at 10:00 a.m.: Palm Sunday
(Communion)

Friday April 7 at 6:30 p.m.: Good Friday Communion Service

Saturday April 8 at 11:00 a.m.: Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 9 at 9:00 a.m.: Easter Breakfast in the Lounge

Sunday April 9 at 10:00 a.m.: Easter Sunday Celebration Service

GALS WITH GRACE



Ladies, join us on Monday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m. for a time of Devotion and Fellowship . Please see Joanne Murphy or Pat Whitney with any questions.

Mark your calendars for a Mothers & Daughters Tea on Saturday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. More details to come..



Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 11 am. We hope to be both inside and outside, so dress accordingly. Bring your basket, or use the bag provided to collect Easter Eggs and take home other prizes/treats. Contact the Church Office with questions.

NYI/YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT



Please join our teens for a fun game night on Saturday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. The teens will bring games they enjoy and are happy to teach you. Please come if you are young and/or young at heart and like to learn new games! Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. Please see Joanne Murphy with questions or one of the Murphy boys if you'd like to learn more about the games they enjoy!