

First Reformed Church
April 5, 2020

HALLELUJAH,
He is
Risen!

*As Christ was raised up from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
even so we also should walk
in newness of life. ROMANS 6:4*

First Reformed Church

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

Easter is Every Day

This Easter will be different for us.

We might not celebrate what Easter has become in that there may be no new clothes bought for that Sunday.

We might not hide and hunt eggs in mass quantities.

We may not travel home to attend church with our family.

We might not attend worship services in our church building but we are going to Celebrate Easter.

As a matter of fact, every Sunday is Easter Sunday.

Every time we assemble for worship we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pilate couldn't kill Him and the grave couldn't hold Him.

You think the Coronavirus is going to stop Easter?

With social media, more people will hear the gospel than any other Easter before.

Easter is not just about special programs.

It's not about the trumpet call or the mass crowds.

It's the fact that we serve a living Savior who is still transforming lives today.

Easter is not only about His resurrection, but our ability to rise with Him.

Easter is about the hope of tomorrow and the gift of everlasting life.

Yes indeed, we will celebrate.

We'll celebrate what God did for all of us at Calvary.

How?

By remembering Him - By loving Him - By worshipping Him
By praising Him!

Easter for us is every day!

Consistory Updates from the April 7, 2020 Meeting

- ◆ Even though we are under a stay-at-home order, we were able to meet via conference call. It went pretty well but did have some glitches. We will continue to watch and wait to see when we can start meeting together in person again.
- ◆ Mike Graves shared 1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
- ◆ On Sunday, at 7:00 am, the church bell will ring 33 times, for all of the years of Jesus' life, as an Easter encouragement to the community.
- ◆ Talked about future needs of our members who are struggling. If you are in need of assistance, call the office, Pastor Barry or talk to an Elder or a Deacon.
- ◆ Talked about incorporating worship music into the online services. If you have any ideas, let Pastor Barry or Steve Perry know. Music will be incorporated into the worship service on Easter.

Congregational Care and News

Sermons/Bulletins: Sermon CDs and bulletins are available on our website and Facebook page and will also be emailed to the congregation. These items are also available in the “Bulletins” box on the bench outside the church entrance. If you would like to receive them in the mail, please contact the church office.

Focus Newsletter: For the upcoming Focus, we would like to include some scripture passages, quotes, readings and inspirational stories that have given you faith, strength, or reassurance in these difficult times. If you have something you would like to share in the Focus, please send it by mail, email or messenger to the church office by Wednesday, April 22nd.

Upper Room: The Upper Room devotionals for May/June have arrived. They are available in the “Bulletin” box on the bench outside the church entrance. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the office and indicate if you would like a regular print or large print devotional sent to you.

Fear Not Yard Signs: It is easy for us to be afraid during these difficult times. Even though we are capable of many things, there is much that we do not control. Yet, God often tells us to fear not. The answer to fear comes through understanding God’s victory. It is comforting to know that God has won the victory and one day we will see the fulfillment of the renewal He is bringing. To be a witness to this Good News, we are asking Christians in our community to display a yard sign in their front yards. The text on these signs read “FEAR NOT...We know how the story ends”. To request your free sign, please go to www.how-it-ends.com. Our goal is to share the gospel message with those in our community that are not currently Christ followers and to encourage Christians in our community to remember how the story ends.