

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **CMU Spring Concert, Sat. April 26, 7:30 p.m., Loewen Athletic Center** - featuring CMU Choirs and Ensembles. Free, all are welcome.
- **SBC Spring Intensive Course, April 28-May 2.** "Parables of Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" with Dr. Arley Loewen. For more information call 204-326-6451.
- **L'Arche Walk, Sun. May 4** – Please join us for the 10th Annual walk with L'Arche at Oxford Heights Community Club, 359 Dowling Ave. E. Transcona. Registration from 12:30 to 1:45. For information, ask Jim.
- **Recycled Orchestra Concert, Sun. May 4, 7:00 p.m., North Kildonan MB Church.** An orchestra from the slums of Paraguay will join MBCI Concert Band. Freewill offering. See poster for more info.
- **Eastman Male Choir Spring Concert, Sun. May 4, 7:00 p.m., Grace Mennonite Church, Steinbach.** Proceeds go to a new initiative of MCC Manitoba to help provide housing for vulnerable people.
- **MCC's Families Walking for Families Walkathon, May 24.** Support education programs in Uganda. Pledge forms are available at MCC office or online at mccmanitoba.ca/walkathon.

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Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Worship Service for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014

Focus Statement: We encounter God's triumphant power in Jesus' empty - news with the disciples. We who God chooses to be witnesses are raised with Christ to the miracle of new life. We rejoice in glad song!

Encountering

Welcome

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

HWB 280 Christ the Lord is risen today

HWB 274 O sons and daughters, let us sing

Colossians 3:1-4

Old Testament Reading

Liturgy of Confession

Congregational Sharing

Prayer

Witnessing

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Congregational Singing

HWB 283 Christ who left his home in glory

HWB 273 Low in the grave he lay

Sunnie

Sermon

Congregational Singing

HWB 269 Thine is the glory

Reflections on Theme

Offering

Announcements

Closing Song

HWB 279 I know that my Redeemer lives

Sending

Worship Leader: Heather

Song Leader: Darlene

Pianist: Esther

HWB – blue “Hymnal”, STJ – green “Sing the Journey”, STS – purple “Sing the Story”

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - Next meets on May 3 and May 17
- **July 4-6, 2014** - EMC Convention in Winnipeg



Birthday This Week Alice April 23

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Youth event, this afternoon** – contact Tonya for details
- **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, April 27**
- **Adult Sunday School, May 4** – Brad Wassink from Citizens for Public Justice will lead a talk on ecological justice. CPJ is an ecumenical advocacy think tank based in Ottawa. Our connection to Brad is through Carol Thiessen who is on the CPJ board.
- **2014 EMC Convention poster** is now up on the bulletin board. Check the website www.emconference.ca for updated convention information. This year's speaker is Richard Showalter, author of *On the Way with Jesus: A Passion for Mission* and *A Silk Road Pilgrimage: Discovering the Church of the East*.
- **Reminder** - Please use the doors at the back of the sanctuary if you need to leave during the church service.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Jim and Deb and Brad, Allison and Lindsay as they miss their loved ones this Easter season.
- The nominating committee is wanting your help in filling positions for the fall. They invite your prayers as we all consider our involvements this coming year.



Coffee for next week April 27 – Peter and Leona
Upcoming coffee for May 4 – Murray and Marg

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

We thought you were dead.
We thought the cross was the end.
We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb,
that was it.

But this is it:

**the dead are living;
the cross is empty;
the stone is rolled,
and one word describes it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**

We thought you had said your final word.
We thought those with the power had won.
We thought that when you cried out,
that was it.

But this is it:

**the word breathes;
the powers are defeated;
the final cry was only the beginning,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**

We thought the story was finished.
We thought the hope had ended.
We thought that when the tomb was sealed,
that was it.

But this is it:

**the story has just begun;
the hope is newly born;
the tomb is empty,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**

This is the news:
Jesus is risen!
This is the moment
Jesus is alive!
This is the gospel
Jesus is with us!

We thought that when they crucified you,
death had defeated life,
and that was it.
But this is it:

**Love is stronger than death,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!**