



Abiding's Tidings

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Calendar

May

8th Sunday
Mother's Day

26th Thursday
Ascension of Our Lord

June

5th Sunday
Day of Pentecost

10-11th Fri. and Sat.
Synod Assembly

12th Sunday
The Holy Trinity/First
Sunday after Pentecost

19th Sunday
Father's Day

July

4th Monday
Independence Day

Empty Tomb

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body." (Luke 24:2)

The Gospels are silent about the events that take place between the burial of the body of Jesus in the late afternoon of Good Friday and the visit of the women to the tomb early Easter Sunday morning. The silence is only broken as we begin to hear from Luke about the women's walk to the place where Jesus was laid. When they arrive to see that the stone at the opening is rolled back, we see the emptiness of the tomb with them.

Now, the meaning of empty tomb is spoken by the mouths of the two angelic beings. They say to the women, "Remember how he told you that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again" (v. 7). This memory connects the empty tomb with the very human Jesus who ate, talked, suffered and died. It is reminding both them and us what Jesus had done and what he had taught. Remember the meals in Jesus's fellowship, his healings, and his parables. Do you understand the meaning of the empty tomb? Remember Galilee?

This means that the boundless gift pointed at by the empty tomb cannot be separated from the words and actions of Jesus. Resurrection, after all, is not some buoyant ideal, unconnected to the real world. It is an invitation to live as Jesus lived, a doorway to a life in which meals are shared with enemies, healing is offered to the hopeless, prophetic challenges are issued to the powerful. Only now, it is not Jesus who takes up the mantle of these things – it is we ourselves, who see at last, the subversive power of the resurrection in order to live it in reality.

On that first dim Easter morning, when women cowered in the dust and angels picked them back up by pointing out to them the door of a tomb into the full light of morning, the power of God was no longer

unspoken. The silence was broken, and the women rushed back to tell the others about what they had seen. It did not matter that the others did not believe them at first. It did not matter that Peter had to test the women's story by running to the tomb and seeing it for himself. The women knew. The women remembered. The women believed. The women responded by breaking their own silence to speak their own truth, which is, after all, exactly what God asks of us. Amen.

Pastor Jongkil Na

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Message from the President

I am living a life filled with thankfulness. I am thankful for a new beginning with Christ, who lived and died for us. As Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians 2:4–5, "My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." in whom all things are possible. God loves us and forgives our sins.

We are still not completely in the clear with Covid-19. However, the pandemic has been declared to be over. Most businesses are open for normal business, and for that I am thankful. Our own church has increasing on-site attendance. Our Easter service had the largest attendance in the last 2 years. We even had a full choir, which not only included Steve McKisson and Rich Moore, but also all of the Kalshoven children, Julia, Josie, Lydia, and Jason, plus Julia's husband, Nick. It was so nice to have them all sing for us, and the musical sound was wonderful! Bette Deller and I played hand bells along with the choir during their anthem, so that added a little something extra, too.

As much we miss being together for in-person fellowship hour and other celebrations, for now our hybrid service will continue as long as it takes for our congregation to be comfortable about returning in person. In the meantime let us all try to stay safe and healthy as we look forward to the spring and summer seasons ahead and as we go about our everyday life.

Thank you all for your continued support with your generous contribution of either your talents or a monetary contribution...or both. May God Bless you all and also continue to bless Abiding Presence Lutheran Church.

Peace,

Annie Gajadhar, President



In Our Prayers: Angela, Anna, Bette, Betty, Bobbie, Chris, Debra, Julia, Ken, Lisa, Martha, Meghan, Pat, Ramesh, Steve, Wol-Mak Park, and Zally

Happy Birthday to: Billy Clark(5/12), Steve McKisson(5/27), Joyce Das(6/11), Anna Graeber(6/13), Bette Deller(6/18), Jerome Gajadhar(7/4), Soomin Na(7/10), Rich Moore(7/15), Nathan Na(7/18), Lydia Kalshoven(7/31), Laura Kalshoven(8/13), Ken Ryland(8/14)

Benevolence/Outreach



Our members continue to share their bounty. The Maryland Foodbank web site shows that members donated \$700 between Thanksgiving 2021 and this Easter. Also, the money given for "Lenten Flowers, a total of \$182, will be forwarded to the Food Bank .

The *Synods Gifts of Hope* recently reported that during the Christmas season there were three gifts from our congregation totaling \$580.

Remember that our church budget is not very generous in the benevolence category. If you wish to give additional support through APLC to *American Wheat Mission*, *Congregations United for Compassion and Empowerment (CUCE)*, *Lutheran Immigration Services*, or *Michael's House* you can write a check payable to APLC. On the check memo line and on the envelope indicate that you wish this amount to be given as an additional amount to the agency you selected. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer will work together to periodically forward the funds to the selected benevolence.

Anna Graeber

Music Ministry



In September, our faithful choir of two (Rich Moore and Steve McKisson) resumed singing in person for our worship services. Words cannot adequately convey the joy I feel through their musical offerings! Each week, they bring their patience and expertise to our rehearsals as we prepare the weekly choir selection.

This past Easter Sunday (4/17/22), Rich and Steve were joined by Bette Deller and Annie Gajadhar playing the bells. My dear children, Josephine, Julia, Jason, and Lydia as well as my son-in-law, Nick Hajek, added their voices to the jubilant choir. The full robust sound, which these nine generous souls created, just made my whole Easter! We are truly blessed!

Laura Kalshoven, Choir Director/Pianist

Bible Study Notes



We do not know when the end time will be. But the Bible Study group is close to the end of the book of Revelation; we have a bit less than two chapters to consider. We look forward to finishing those chapters this fall.

John of Patmos wrote the book to encourage his audience to keep faith in the promise of Christ and to resist pagan, Roman influences. The text raised many questions for the group to ponder.

Paul seems to emphasize the role of personal, moral behavior as criteria for salvation, while John emphasizes faith in Christ. Luther's by "faith alone" seems to resonate with John's emphasis. How do we view these two notions?

John and other sources suggest that before the end time, evil is first contained but then "released" for some time by God. Why this-in-between time and what might it reflect about our notions of time or of God's omnipotence?

John gives various descriptions of the time after Christ's return, and he suggests that there will be a transformation of the current creation. In the past how did we, in the present how do we and in the future how will we experience the Kingdom of God in our church community?

Despite all the questions, John makes clear that enduring in the faith in Christ despite all tribulations is the way for the children of God.

SALUTE TO OUR MEMBERS

In this issue, we introduce you to **Ken Christie**, mainly back in Maryland now after spending time to help raise his grandchildren in California.

Ken was born in Illinois in a suburb of Chicago, and was one of three brothers. However, one brother died at the age of 5 in a fire, and his other older brother died from a heart attack.

Ken left college to join the Marines and unfortunately served in Vietnam, but only for a year. When he got back to the states, he started working for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company (later, part of Bell Telephone). This was where he and Lyn met. Katie and Kelly were born, and the Christies found Abiding Presence. Ken was originally Lutheran, and Lyn was Roman Catholic, but we're happy they compromised on us.

The kids grew up. Katie married and started a family but moved to California, where Ken eventually spent lots of time helping to raise her children. Since those grandchildren are now old enough to be on their own, and deeply involved in soccer, Ken will be spending more time in Maryland. While in California though, he traveled with Katie's family to many parts of the world. They like to travel with friends to Boone, NC and other parts of the US.

Ken and Lyn like the National Parks all over the states, especially for hiking, and Ken likes to keep in shape with yoga and working out. He likes to watch pro football (the Commanders) and pro basketball (the Wizards), even though both have been lost causes lately.



We'll enjoy seeing more of Ken, Lyn and Kelly both at the church or on Zoom as they have been long time members of our congregation.

WHERE DID THAT PHRASE COME FROM?

Where did the idea of a "double cross" come from? We see that term used in detective stories, spy novels, even in the game of golf where it means your intent is for the ball to go one way, and it goes the opposite way. In a detective or spy story, it's one who fools you by pretending to be on one side but is actually on the other side.

The root word, "cross" has a multitude of meanings...as a verb, adjective, or a noun. The original word comes from the Latin, "crux", but almost all uses portray two lines crossing, whether literally or figuratively. There are so many ways to use the word 'cross', but one of the prime examples of the use of the double cross goes back to when you were a kid. (remember that?) If you were supposed to be telling the truth about something but crossed your fingers behind your back, you didn't mean what you were saying. We never did that, did we?

Another term we hear is "over a barrel." Interestingly enough, this is a coined in America expression. In the early 19th century, one was placed over a barrel to empty the lungs of a drowning person, or, to give a flogging. Soon after that the expression figuratively became used to mean trouble, without any hope of deliverance. If someone has you over a barrel, they can say.....gotcha! (Another newly coined American expression!)

Congregational Meeting



On January 30th we held our annual meeting of the congregation with participants both in person and on Zoom.

After devotions, the Annual Report was reviewed, with those who had submitted articles to it commenting on them. In addition, Pastor expressed his appreciation for the support of the congregation, especially during this trying pandemic year and also after the death of his father. Annie Gajadhar also added her thanks to the choir and congregation for their service this past year.

Anna Graeber, our treasurer, presented the budget Council proposed for 2022. There were only two changes to it from the 2021 budget: Pastor's salary was increased and the amount budgeted for flowers was eliminated as we have not had flowers on the altar since the start of the pandemic. Members were encouraged, however, to continue donating for flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. The budget was approved by the congregation.

In other business, the Church Council was then installed: Annie Gajadhar, Billy Clark, Bette Deller, Ann LaVigna, Anna Graeber, Chris Ham, Eugene Lehr, Pat Thornberg and Ramesh Das.

Billy Clark, our vice president, then presented monetary gifts from the congregation to Pastor Na and Laura Kalshoven.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.



Lenten Season



We began our observance of Lent with the traditional Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 on March 2nd this year. Pastor Na held the service both on Zoom and with in-person worship. He also prepared ashes and placed them in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of those who wished to receive them. Bible study classes were canceled for that evening and resumed during the rest of the Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:30 pm.

Sunday of the Passion & Palm Sunday



On Palm Sunday, April 10th, we began Holy Week with the service in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Palms were available for members who planned to tune in on Zoom to pick up and take home to wave as those who worshiped in person in the sanctuary waved theirs.



For the Sunday of the Passion, the First Lesson was from Isaiah 50: 4-9a read by Billy Clark as the lector. It was followed by Psalm 31:9-16 sung in unison. The second lesson was from Philippians 2:5-11 also read by Billy Clark. The Gospel Lesson was from Luke 22:14-21 and 56. It began with Jesus and his disciples preparing for Passover and told of the events leading up to His crucifixion and the removal of Christ's body from the cross. The Passion Story was very long so there were four lectors used as readers: Jan Kalshoven, Jean Opeka, Ramesh Das, and Zally Thurairatnam. Pastor Na's sermon was entitled "The Passion of Christ" and was followed by the singing of "On My Heart Imprint Your Image." Following the hymn was the reciting of the Nicene Creed in unison, and The Prayers of Intercession led by Richard Moore. After the prayers came the Giving of the Peace, the Offertory and Offertory Prayer, The Great Thanksgiving. The Lord's Prayer, and Communion. Annie Gajadhar served as the communion assistant. Communion was followed by the Post Communion Blessing, Canticle, and Prayer. The service ended with the singing of the Sending Hymn, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and the Dismissal.



Maundy Thursday was observed on April 14th this year, and services were held both on Zoom and in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm. The first lesson that night was from Exodus 12:1-4 and was read by Richard Moore as lector. It told the story of the LORD telling Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt that each family was to take a lamb, slaughter it, roast it and put its blood on the doorposts and lintel of the houses in which it was eaten. They were told how to eat it and urged to eat hurriedly because this was the Passover of the LORD, and He will pass through Egypt and strike down the firstborn in every house not marked with blood as judgment, and will skip over those homes marked with blood.

The second lesson was from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 also read by Richard Moore. It told of how the LORD Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed conducted the last supper and told those who received it to eat of the bread and drink of the cup in remembrance of Him, proclaiming the LORD's death until he comes.

The Gospel lesson for Maundy Thursday was from John 13:1-17, 31b-35. It told the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples during the Last Supper and his conversation with Peter, who did not want Jesus to wash his feet. Jesus told his disciples that servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them and



gave them a new commandment to do as he has done: wash one another's feet and love one another. Pastor Na's sermon was entitled "The Presence of Christ Jesus." The sermon was followed with the Prayers, led by Steve McKisson as Assisting Minister. Then came the Peace, the Lord's Prayer, communion, the Post Communion Blessing and Prayer, and the stripping of the altar.



Good Friday was observed on April 15th this year. The First Lesson was from Isaiah 52:13- 53:1-12 read by Ramesh Das as Lector. Following these two lessons was the Gospel reading of THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, from John 18:1—19:42. The Gospel Lectors were: Annie Gajadhar, Bette Deller, Jean Opeka, Steve McKisson, and Pastor Na. Pastor Na's sermon followed the Gospel readings and was entitled "The Mystery of God, the Crucified." After the sermon, Richard Moore acted as Assisting Minister and led us in a responsive prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer said in unison and the Procession and Conclusion.

Easter Sunday



Easter fell on April 17th this year, and worship services were held with Zoom and in person within the Sanctuary at 10:00 am. We put four lilies behind the altar, two in front of the altar, and two in the narthex to decorate for this special occasion. The opening hymn was "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today."

Annie Gajadhar served as Lector, reading the first lesson from Acts 10:34-43. It told of Peter speaking to the people and telling them that anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to Him and that Jesus is LORD of all and judge of the living and the dead. Peter also told of how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to go about doing good and healing. The second lesson was from 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 and told of how all would be made alive in Christ each in his own order when Jesus comes again and destroys every ruler, handing the kingdom over to God the Father, and destroying His last enemy... death.

The Gospel was taken from Luke 24:1-12 which told of how the women came to the tomb taking spices for Christ's body and found the stone rolled away and the body of Jesus gone. They met two men in dazzling clothes who told them that He had risen. They went out and told the eleven and spread the word. Pastor Na's sermon followed the Gospel reading and was entitled "Faith in Resurrection." It was followed by the singing of "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done." The Nicene Creed was recited in unison and the Prayers of Intercession were led by Anna Graeber, who was acting as Assisting Minister.

After saying the Peace, the choir sang "Rejoice This Easter Day" as their anthem accompanied by Director, Laura Kalshoven. Annie Gajadhar and Bette Deller played handbells intermittently throughout the anthem as an extra flourish. Following the anthem was the Offertory and Offertory Prayer, the Great Thanksgiving, the Sanctus, and the Lord's Prayer followed by communion and the Pastor's blessing. Bette Deller served as communion assistant. The service ended with the recessional hymn entitled "Thine is the Glory."

It was an inspiring service and a happy day for all. We enjoyed the Kalshoven adult children and one spouse, joining our two-man choir on this very special day and filling the sanctuary with their joyous singing. We also loved Laura Kalshoven's splendid music that was played for us on the piano and the organ. We are truly blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter to everyone!



Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022



Palm Sunday Communion – The 1st Communion in 2 Years!



Good Friday Rehearsal for Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday Service



Easter Sunday Communion

Birthday Celebration

We usually sing Happy Birthday to members who show up at church on a Sunday near their birthday. Then each honoree blows out a candle in whatever dessert is available that Sunday. We could not do that this year because the church was still essentially closed due to the pandemic. Here are the members who celebrated birthdays between January and May. Happy birthday, everyone!



Jan Kalshoven – Jan. 1



Pastor Na – Jan. 20



Marlon Gajadhar – Feb. 10



Sherlon Gajadhar – Feb. 10



Josie Kalshoven – Feb. 25



Stephanie Gajadhar – Mar. 1



Chris Ham – Mar. 18



Joshua Ham – Mar. 19



Pat Thornberg – March 20



Ramesh Das – April 20



Council Report



January – Pastor Na thanked Anna Graeber and Bette Deller for handling the holiday benevolence drives in December and all members who participated in them. He also thanked the fellowship committee for the greening and un-greening of the church for Christmas, Bette Deller for the gift of poinsettias, Jean Opeka, Anna Graeber, and Bette Deller for their work on the last newsletter, Anna Graeber, and the budget committee for their work on the new budget, and Billy Clark for changing light bulbs and continuing to monitor our lighting. Pastor Na announced that the due date for annual meeting reports was January 19, and that there were not going to be any special events in February for Epiphany. Annie Gajadhar said that she would send letters announcing the annual meeting out by email on January 16. We had the usual reports from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer along with graphs and charts. Anna Graeber reported on the Verizon conversion to VOIP and submitted a copy of the proposed 2022 budget that will be presented. Council approved the budget for proposal to the congregation on January 30th. There was no new business.

February – Pastor Na reported that he presided over a memorial service for Tom Loomis on January 29, 2022. Tom's wife, Joy, was a longtime organist for our church. He thanked council members for submitting their reports for the annual meeting to him on time. He commented that the meeting was flawless, and he thanked everyone for their attendance, commitment, and devotion. There was no Old Business and only two items of New Business: the election of council officers and the Synod Conference meeting in June. All officers agreed to remain in their current positions. The Synod conference will be held in person on June 10-11 at the College Park Marriott. Payment is due by April 1st. Worship services will continue to be hybrid during Lent. Bible study will continue via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 except for Ash Wednesday, which falls on Wednesday, March 2nd. Ashes will be offered for those who attend in person on Ash Wednesday. Members are asked to notify Pastor if they plan to attend in person.

March – Pastor reported that Billy Clark had the HVAC vendor service our A/C for the summer earlier in March. Pastor Na also announced that he would attend the Synod Conference in College Park alone this year in view of the continuing concerns about a new virus variant coming out soon. There will be 200 or more attendees at the Synod Conference, and he wanted to be cautious on our behalf rather than ask for two volunteers to accompany him as was the usual practice. The only item of New Business was a discussion about when to fully reopen the church. Pastor Na announced that he would continue a hybrid format through April and asked that people let him know ahead of time if they plan to attend in person. This includes Palm Sunday is on April 10th, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm on April 14th, Good Friday at 7:00 pm on April 15th and Easter on April 17th. He also announced that he will take off on Sunday, April 24th, and Pastor Reichard will preside in his absence. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30. Our newsletter, "Abiding's Tidings," will come out during the first week of May

April – There was no meeting in April. The next council meeting was scheduled for May 1, 2022.

Bette Deller, Council Secretary

News from the Pews



- **Anna Graeber** – Some of you have heard that I recently resigned as Treasurer, leaving that work in the good hands of Laura. Why? We never know what the future will bring, but sometimes we know the outline. After a routine procedure, I had a CT scan that found cysts and lesions on my pancreas. I don't yet know what is to happen, but I will have a diagnostic test and then likely some type of treatment -- hopefully at Johns Hopkins. Not wanting to leave the church in a lurch, I felt it was best to turn things over to someone else – hoping for as smooth a transition as possible. Laura served as Treasurer about 5 years ago when I was recuperating from a serious surgery, so she is familiar with the ropes. She has already showed her tenacity in clearing up the snafus with our Quickbooks software.

- **Bette Deller** – Bette's real estate office in Burtonsville was closed at the end of December and they merged with the Greater Silver Spring Office, which is located at the back of Calverton on Prosperity Drive in a business complex off of Cherry Hill Road. Bette spent a lot of time typing labels with the change of address to paste onto stationery, envelopes, and marketing postcards she had on hand, which now had the wrong address on them. In one way, this was a good move for Bette because her drive to the office is now closer to home.... only 4.3 miles away!

Bette's granddaughter, Brooke, who is a junior in high school was inducted into the National Honor Society in January. Bette is very proud of her for that. Bette, her two sisters, her daughter-in-law, and her grandson were all inducted into the NHS during their school years as well. Bette's grandson, Mitchell, who is now a junior in college at Virginia Tech is very excited because his senior ring just arrived. He was on the Dean's list in both of his first two years of college, and Bette is very proud of him, too.



Bette's New Office



Brooke



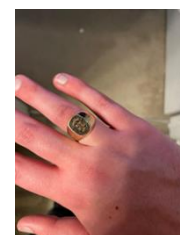
NHS Award



Mitchell



Mitchell's College Ring



- **Ramesh Das:** After many years of working as a teacher, I was concerned that, as everywhere, teachers were not appreciated, and I looked for a better opportunity for my wife and child. After 3 months of training, I began work as a Chemist/Shift Manager in a sugar factory in the Enmore area of Guyana.

Although the work was very demanding it was one of the best jobs I ever had. It was a 24/7 job divided into 3 shifts on a rotational basis. In my shift I was in charge of the operation of the entire factory having a staff of about 100 workers. I walked the entire factory constantly to ensure the smooth running of the operation. Having the designation of Chemist meant I had to program the sugar processing component to keep the factory



grinding. I was also expected to know the mechanical part of the operation as well. The lab was part of my portfolio too where sugar quality was determined.

Working in the sugar factory as a manager had its perks. The managers lived in a gated community and were given free housing with free electricity and water. You were given permission to use the factory vehicles when needed. A bus was provided for the children of managers to go to school. My daughter was happy about that because her school was located in Georgetown the capital quite some distance away. A medical facility was located just outside the gated compound where all service was free.

We had a club in the compound where you can play games or take friends for a drink. We also had movie night where we were treated to oldies as well as new movies. I had huge land space where I enjoyed gardening planting a large variety of vegetables. As you can see living and working there was not all that bad.

- **Pat Thornberg:** Since Christmas, lots of things have happened. I had planned to retire in December, but as usual things don't go the way you want. In early fall, my brother-in-law decided to sell his home. It was time for him to downsize to a condo and move to Florida for his health. It was a challenge for me as I was attached to it, and my sister loved this house, and they raised 5 children and a few grandchildren. They moved in 1964 to Calverton, and were one of the first families to move-in. My parents moved in shortly after that a few blocks away.

Kenny and Karen and their spouses worked on the house and performed miracles. The house sold quickly. Everything went well, the buyers wanted most things in the house but not the bedroom furniture. We had garage sales and sold or gave some to charity. Ken and I had to go to Rockville for settlement. We thought it was strange that the buyers were not present, but we were told to go ahead and sign the paperwork, and the buyers would come in the next morning. Buyers never showed up. The buyers had cold feet. In my 40 years in real estate, this has never happened to me. The good news is we sold the house for more money, and we were able to keep the first buyers' earnest money deposit. So, sellers be aware nothing is final until you get check in hand.

After the second settlement, Karen and I went back to the house and took photos of each room. It finally hit me, that my family would no longer be there. I couldn't count how many times I spent there with my sister and her family. They were very loving and very active in church and the community. They started the Calverton pool, swim teams, sports and activities in Calverton. Ken served as President for both pool and Citizens association for many years. He and Barbara raised their family at Abiding Presence. He served as president of the council, a member of the board, and in the choir. Both were Sunday school teachers and Barbara helped setup the nursery. I left the house feeling empty and sad. As I closed the doors, I said my goodbyes to the house and hoped the next family will enjoy this home as much as the Rylands. Ken has moved to Florida, he just lost his friend, Julie, of twenty years, but he is doing okay. We wish you well and good luck Ken. You all will be missed.

In February, I decided not to completely retire and go into the referral system. So I am still in real estate, but just help people to find a good agent to handle their real estate transactions. Now I have more time to work on my health and many projects that I have neglected over the years.

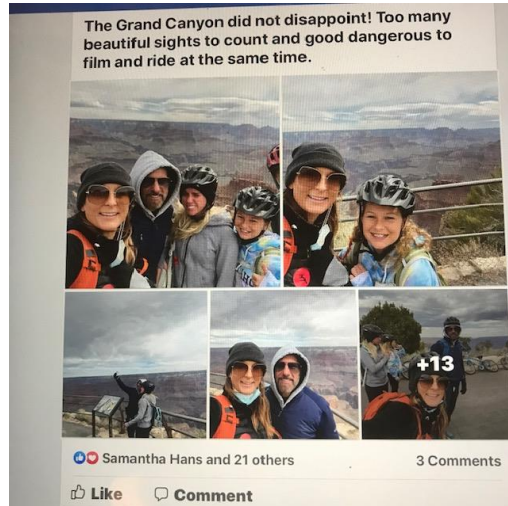
Spring has long been coming, it's been a cold winter. What a joy it was to attend church on Palm Sunday. I couldn't attend Easter service but attended in zoom. This Easter service was so special, I want to thank everyone who took part in it. Also, I want to thank everyone who took part in zoom services. Hopefully, we can get back to normal.

As I said, Easter was special. I had my friends and my son's family for a cookout and

Easter egg hunt. Even though it turned cold that day, we still had a good time. We didn't stay long outside but had lots of fun. My daughter and her family spent Easter hiking in the Grand Canyon, Colorado River, and Navajo land. My step-grandson will be graduating this year and going to college in the Fall. So, they wanted this trip to be remembered as a family.



Grandchildren & friends



Angela's (Pat's daughter) family in the Grand Canyon



Pat and her grandchildren

Trivia Corner



May – There is an old tale that says that May dew has magic properties and that anyone who washes their face in the May dew will have a beautiful complexion all through the year. This dew was supposed to be able to remove freckles and also spots and pimples.



June – The month of June has its own beetle named after it. Called the June beetle, or June bug, it's normally only found within the months of May and June in the United States of America. Most people don't mind June Bugs. They don't bite or sting or look particularly disturbing. They do, however, eat a variety of plants. The nastier-looking grubs also chew the roots of plants, destroying grasses and other plantings from beneath the soil. True to their name, they are only usually evident in the months of May and June with adults dying off in the late summer until newly hatched adults reemerge once again the following May.



July– It's time to declare your knowledge of 4th of July trivia! No pressure, but don't let your Founding Fathers down! 1. Where was the first celebration of Independence Day held? 2. Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring? 3. What was the name of the newspaper that published the Declaration of Independence? 4. Which document does the 4th of July celebrate? <https://parade.com/1206032/marynliles/4th-of-july-trivia/>



August– Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons, the month was called “Weod Monath.” Its translation of “weed month” is quite literal. In this month weeds and other plants grow the fastest in the northern hemisphere. Goosegrass was August's weed of the month in August 2021. Eleusine indica (aka goosegrass or silver crabgrass) is found in the Southeast.

Goosegrass looks a lot like crabgrass but it has flat stems, a lack of runners, loves of compacted soils, and is difficult to pull up by hand. Put on your reading glasses to learn to spot this weed at a glance.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

MAY

1ST**8TH**

A-Minister	Bette Deller	Jean Opeka
Lector	Jean Opeka	Bette Deller

15TH**22ND**

A-Minister	Ramesh Das	Steve McKisson
Lector	Steve McKisson	Ramesh Das

29TH

A-Minister	Billy Clark	
Lector	Richard Moore	

JUNE

5TH**12TH**

A-Minister	Richard Moore	Anna Graeber
Lector	Billy Clark	Annie Gajadhar

19TH**26TH**

A-Minister	Annie Gajadhar	Bette Deller
Lector	Anna Graeber	Jean Opeka

JULY

3RD**10TH**

A-Minister	Jean Opeka	Anna Graeber
Lector	Bette Deller	Annie Gajadhar

17TH**24TH**

A-Minister	Annie Gajadhar	Ramesh Das
Lector	Anna Graeber	Steve McKisson

31ST

A-Minister	Steve McKisson	
Lector	Ramesh Das	

AUGUST

7TH**14TH**

A-Minister	Billy Clark	Rich Moore
Lector	Rich Moore	Billy Clark



	21 ST	28 TH
A-Minister	Anna Graeber	Annie Gajadhar
Lector	Annie Gajadhar	Anna Graeber