



March 31, 2024

Pastor Note:

Humble, devout, and widowed, Lois Day put on her nightgown and nightcap, pulled the covers back, took off her slippers, climbed into her bed, said her nightly prayers, turned off the light, closed her eyes, and didn't wake the next morning. Talk about the way to go!

She, like you and me, knew this day was coming. The good news was that she was prepared for what came next, her faith was firmly placed in the crucified, buried, and risen from the dead Lord Jesus Christ, confident that He saved her the day she confessed her sin, her need for forgiveness, and her belief that only he could save her from God's judgment and give her eternal life. Sometime during that night, after her heart had stopped and brain waves had ebbed, she opened her eyes and found herself in the presence of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).

Easter commemorates and celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead, what happened after He died, was laid to rest, and sealed in a tomb. Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, testifies to both Christ's power and the complete trustworthiness of His word, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**" ... **He was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken** (John 2:19-22 NASB).

Jesus' death, however, wasn't anything like Lois', not a single thing about it was peaceful or comforting. He was framed, brutalized, tortured, humiliated, and the centerpiece of a public execution. Down to His last breath, His enemies jeered, mocked, and continued with the humiliation – human ugliness at its worst. **They crucified two criminals with Him, one on His right and one on His left. [So the Scripture was fulfilled that says: And He was counted among outlaws.] Those who passed by were yelling insults at Him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Ha! The One who would demolish the sanctuary and build it in three days, save Yourself by coming down from the cross!" In the same way, the chief priests with the scribes were mocking Him to one another and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself! Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe."** Even those who were crucified with Him were taunting Him (Mark 15:27-32 HCSB).

Jesus could have come down from that cross, but it is a good thing He didn't. His mockers and you and I needed Jesus to remain and die on that cross to have any hope beyond when we close our eyes for the last time, beyond the grave, and beyond God's judgment, **Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him** (Hebrews 9:27-28 NIV). Did you notice, Jesus died "to take away the sins of many," including yours, Lois', mine, and even those of that bloodthirsty mob screaming at the foot of His cross?

They rejected Jesus, refused to believe in Him and trust Him, demanded a hopping-of-the-cross miracle. I hope you are not part of that crowd, because if you are, you are doomed to die in your sins, you have no hope of salvation, you will not wake up on the other side and find yourself in Jesus' loving arms.

The stakes on the stake Jesus was crucified on could not have been higher, Jesus knew that, but the spectators present there were ignorant of it, thus their ignorant mocking and request. How are you treating Jesus this Easter?

Amazing how much can change in three days, especially when God is at work! Mighty Rome, the plans of the Jewish leaders, Jesus' critics and enemies, Satan, sin, death, and the grave, were all defeated. By the time a few women made their way to Jesus' tomb early Sunday morning, Jesus had already walked out of it and left no doubt that He alone is the crucified, buried, and risen Savior of the world. What remains is the question of whether you have made Christ your Savior?

You don't know the when or how of the end of your life, very few get Lois Day's ending, and the most important part of her last night is that she trusted Jesus as her Savior. At the end of your last breath, nothing will be more important than whether you have embraced or rejected Jesus, whether you are glad He stayed on that cross to pay for your sins, or if you are still demanding one more sign before you are willing to believe. You need the crucified, buried, and risen from the dead Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, "**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord *Jesus* will be saved**" Romans 10:13 NIV, italics mine).

Worship Jesus this Easter. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Olu & Buky Fakeye (Church Planters) pray that the Holy Spirit orchestrates a rapid gospel saturation in Hyde Park, Mass., Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Richard Mayes & Family, Cecil (healing), Gary & Jan Hartley, Ken Seifarth, Dani (Tonsillitis), VBS 2024

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 & Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar**
ldpbepayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon , Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Sue Hankemeier, Barb Deibler

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner.

If you are interested sign-up, or turn your name into Jannett in the office .

Women of the Church
you are invited

to a

“BABY SHOWER”

Who: Jennie & baby Mateo

Date: Sunday,

April 28th @ 3:00

Gifts: Picture Story Books



March Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.

He Has Risen



Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - *"Hans' Class"*

Thank you

Next week "Dan's Class is up!!"

Today, Barbara Lyman will be baptized

A Bit of
Humor
Corner



The moment was bittersweet
when the bunny realized
Easter was not about him.

Giving

March 24, 2024

Offering:
\$1,557.00

Food Basket:
\$.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Annie Armstrong:
\$1,070.00

Facilities:
\$.00

Attendance:
77

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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April 1st - April 7th

DAY 1 - Num. 14-15
(Psalms 30)

DAY 2 - Num 16-17
(Psalms 31)

DAY 3 - Num. 18-19
(Psalms 32)

DAY 4 - Num. 20-21
(Psalms 33)

DAY 5 - Num. 22-23
(Psalms 34)

DAY 6 - (Psalms 35)
DAY 7 - (Psalms 36)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.