

the GrapeVine



A Rainy Day

Ah, yes, April showers. A rainy day. Fresh. Renewing. Invigorating.

In the depths, of our souls, we seek all the things that April showers can bring. By our very nature we enjoy freshness . . . we love the feeling of being renewed . . . and oh, how we covet the idea of being invigorated. However, at times, a rainy day can be anything but what I've just described.

It all depends on what's happening in our lives at the time.

If we're facing some tough financial challenges, a rainy day can bring stress and worry to our hearts and minds.

If we've lost a loved one, a rainy day can bring loneliness to our hearts and minds.

If we're scared to face the future, a rainy day can bring a sense of futility to our hearts and minds.

The list goes on. But there is hope. And the hope lies in your faith. And faith will always strengthen your heart and change your state of mind.

Faith that there is an answer to the money problems.

Faith that the future holds promise.

So, if you're struggling, find faith. If you do, I promise you, you'll love a rainy day.

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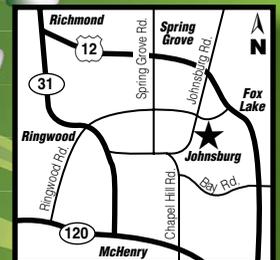
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Bulletins

To submit a bulletin announcement:

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Message from Pastor Doug

As we approach the end of Lent, we enter into Holy Week, the week prior to Easter. Let's take a look at the biblical history that is happening during this time.

Holy Week actually begins with Palm Sunday, sometimes called Passion Sunday. Traditionally, the church observes this day by remembering the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matt 21:9-11) We, too, march, sing and celebrate Jesus' coming, proclaiming Him as the messianic king.

Maundy Thursday follows later in the same week. This is the day upon which Christ celebrated the Passover, the Last Supper, at the end of which he shared the first celebration of the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper. The term Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (from which we get our English word *mandate*), from a verb that means "to give," "to entrust," or "to order." We are entrusted and commanded to remember Christ in the same way. Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

The following day is Good Friday, the day upon which Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified, suffered, died and buried. We remember this day with a somber worship service where we cover the cross in mourning black, the chancel and altar coverings are replaced with black, and altar candles are extinguished. The general pattern of our worship looks at the seven last words of Christ:

Father, forgive them... (Luke 23:34)

This day you will be with me in paradise (Luke 23:43)

Woman, behold your son... (John 19:26-27)

My God, my God... (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)

I thirst. (John 19:28)

It is finished! (John 19:30)

Father, into your hands... (Luke 23:46)

Message from Pastor Doug (cont.)

Holy Saturday, following the Jewish tradition of the Sabbath, begins at sundown on Friday and continues to sundown on Saturday. As a mandated day of rest within the faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we also rest. No worship services are usually held on this day, until after sundown on Saturday when we celebrate the Easter Vigil.

The holiest worship event in the ancient church was the Great Vigil of Easter. It began on Holy Saturday, late at night when it was dark, and concluded with the light of Easter dawn. The principle parts of the service were Baptism of Christian converts and entrance into the Lord's Supper or Eucharist.

Today, the Church reclaims this holy liturgy and offers it to the faithful as a renewed experience of the faith our ancestors proclaimed. This year we will celebrate Joyful Harvest's first Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This four-part liturgy begins with the Service of Light, where the new fire is blessed and the people follow the lighted Paschal Candle just as the Israelites followed the pillars of cloud and fire when they were delivered from bondage.

The second part of the service consists of several readings from the Old Testament. All of them focus on God's saving mercy to the Israelites. They help to sum up the Church's understanding of God's redemptive power and our covenant relationship with the Lord. The third section of the liturgy is an affirmation of Baptism. Easter Vigil in the early church was a time for Baptism. For the already-baptized it is a time to affirm the vows made at Baptism and to once again die with Christ and be raised with him to eternal life. The fourth part of the service is the celebration of Easter held on Easter morning at 8:15 and 10:45.

I hope that you will find this year's Holy Week services to be both a faith-building and reverential experience.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug



April 16th – **Saturday Worship**

6:00 pm

April 17th – **Palm Sunday**

Regular Worship times 8:15 am and 10:45 am

April 21st – **Maundy Thursday**

Seder Meal starting at 6:00 pm followed by a Potluck Dinner

April 22 – **Good Friday**

Service at 7:00 pm - Stripping of the Altar

April 23 – **Saturday Easter Vigil**

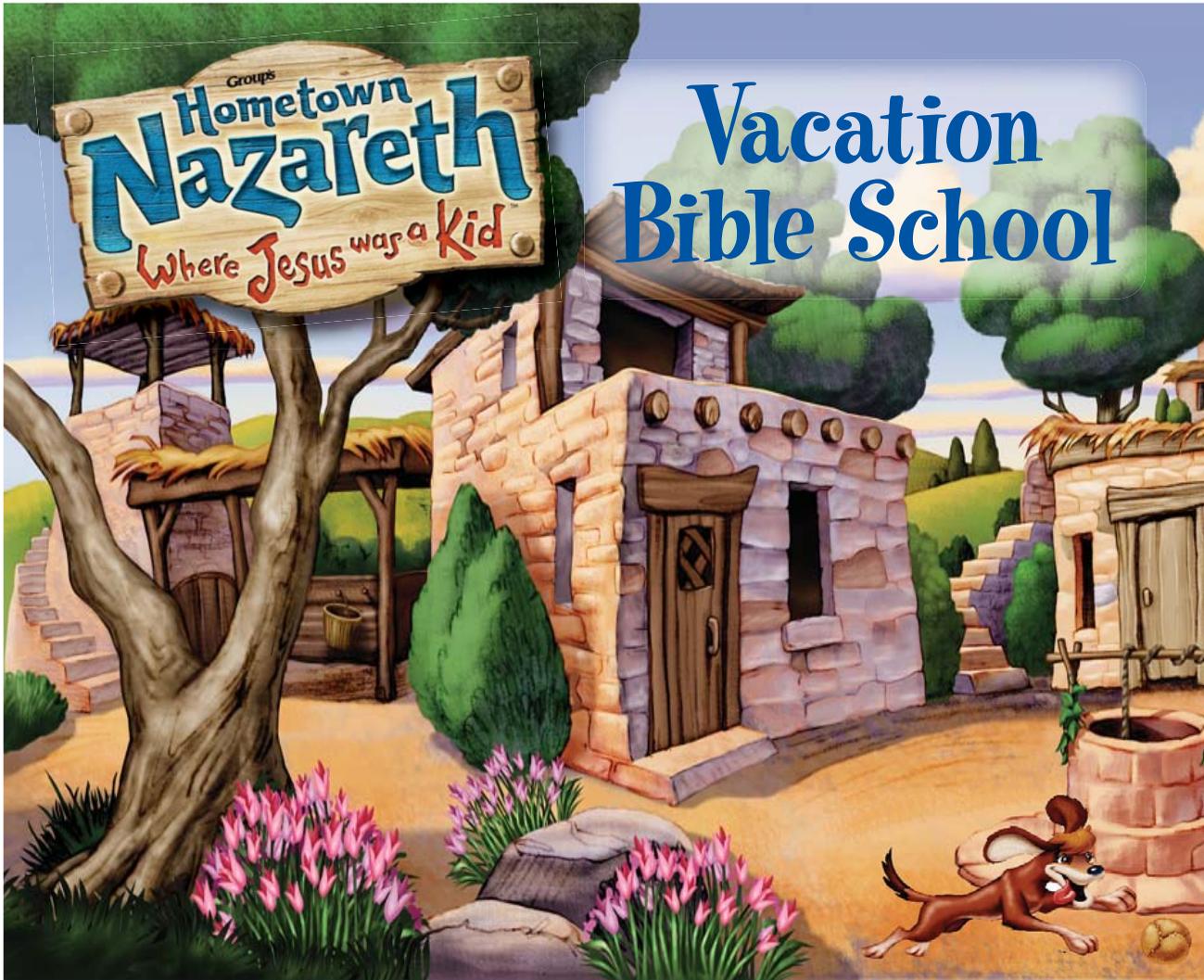
7:00 pm

*Meet in the parking lot to kindle a fire
and bring the light of Christ back into the church*

April 24th – **Easter Sunday**

Worship - 8:15 am • Family Breakfast - 9:30 am

Worship - 10:45 am



Vacation Bible School

Come visit the town Jesus lived in when he was little

June 20-24 • 9am-12pm

(For the whole family)

Contact Joyful Harvest Church
at www.joyfulharvest.org
for pricing & Registration Form





JOHNSBURG RESCUE SQUAD "Retired"

**Food Distribution planned for
April 27, 2011
In Johnsburg**

The Johnsburg Rescue Squad "retired members" will sponsor a free food distribution on Wednesday, April 27th at 4:00 pm at the Johnsburg Community Club, 2315 W. Church Street, Johnsburg.

Food distribution will be a first come, first serve basis. No numbers distributed prior to 3:45 pm. You must be 18 to get a ticket. Only one (1) ticket allowed per family.

Recipients are asked to provide their own storage containers, such as a large box, tote, laundry basket or garbage bags.



APRIL 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7:00 am - Men's Group 6:00 pm - Worship 2 First Saturday Soup Sales For each soup sale a \$1.00 donation is made to Joyful Harvest. Factory located at the corner of Bay and Chapel Hill Roads in Johnsburg. 9am-3pm
3 8:15 am - Worship Confirmation Class will lead worship 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class	4 9:00 am - Weight Watchers 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Tiger Cub 455 Den Meeting	5 8:00 am - Breakfast Club at Dino's in Fox Lake	6 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Kiddy Keys	7	8	9 7:00 am - Men's Group 6:00 pm - Worship
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HAPPENINGS



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Turtle Island Soup Company:



On the first Saturday of every month, Turtle Island Soup Company opens their factory from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to sell the delicious soups that they create. They are a powder mix (*all you do is add water to most of them*). Each box serves approximately 4 to 6. They sell for \$4.75 and a \$1.00 donation is made to Joyful Harvest out of this amount. The factory is located at the corner of Bay Road and Chapel Hill in Johnsburg. The soups make excellent anytime gifts. Stop by and taste their samples and purchase a few to help Joyful Harvest.

Operation Blessing:

We need your help to fund this mission to Japan. With lives hanging in the balance, time is of the essence. Since the quake, more than 1 million households have not had water. Air Mobile Ministries, (same group we've assisted with their mission in Haiti) plan to cooperate with Operation Blessing & others already on the ground to help bring fresh water to those areas. Air Mobile has already left with the 1st batch of water purifiers. As days go by, the need for water becomes more urgent. Each water purifier provides enough water to sustain 500 people for years to come. Your donation of \$20.00 will make a difference to a family of five! \$100 saves 25 people. Please give whatever you can to help us bring pure water to the survivors of this terrible tragedy. As usual, they plan to go to the most remote areas, where survivors are cut off from other help. Thank you for your donations.

Ideas for Council:

The Church Council is asking for several volunteers to help coordinate activities for our youth. As parents you would know what their interests would be. For instance, Volleyball for the older kids against the adults, sledding & hot chocolate for any age, game nights, etc. Please contact any of the Council members so we could assist you in any way.

Can Collection:

Can collection continues to bring additional revenue into the church. Please bring in your aluminum cans as we are planning on taking a load soon. Just drop them off at church (we will crush them if needed). All the money goes to the church.



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Worship Team WANTED:

Looking for people to work with choosing the music/readings/dramas, etc. for worship as well as help scheduling the monthly assistance of readers, greeters, communion servers, bread bringers, etc. Please contact Pastor Doug if you're interested.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

If you crochet or knit and would be interested in being a part of a prayer shawl ministry, please give Rita Rudzena a call at 815-385-6379. You can work at home while making them . . . directions can be given . . . easy to knit or crochet. It would be great having prayer shawls on hand at Joyful Harvest to hand out to those in need such as surgery, etc.

Mothers Day Tea:

Mothers Day is just around the corner – May 8th to be exact and the Wonderful Women of Faith (WWF) are putting together a Tea for May 7th – the day before Mothers Day. We will have a tea and “crumpets”, themed tables, a short skit by the Joyful Birdbath Players, a special guest speaker and of course lots of hats! If you're interested in putting together a table or just attending, please see Roberta or Rose.

Wonderful Women of Faith:

Next meeting will be held April 13th at 7:00 pm at Juanita's home 1410 Sunyside Dr. in Johnsburg. They will have a chat session then move to the next bad girl of the Bible. Please bring your Bibles. Hope to see you there! Please see Roberta or Juanita with any questions.

Tuesday Breakfast Club:

Please come join us at Dino's in Fox Lake at 8:00 am every Tuesday. It's open to anyone who wants to have breakfast and share fellowship with Joyful Harvest members. This club has been meeting for over 5 years.



Celebrations



April Celebrations –

Birthdays:

9	Kenneth Betts	19	Eric Andersen
9	April Brennan	20	Connie Craig
9	William and Joseph Kandray	21	Susan Craig
12	Sue Andersen	23	Dan Kelly
13	Stephanie Peight	25	Jennifer O’Connor
14	A.J. Miller	27	Mary Liston
17	Dana Hammond	28	Craig O’Connor
		30	Sharon Ladouceur



Anniversaries:

4/17 Bud & Judy Sigwalt



BAPTISM SERVICE



We would like to welcome our newest member to Joyful Harvest.

At Sunday Worship, on March 27th, we celebrated the baptism of

Riley James Miller

son of Gabrielle Miller.

Sponsors were Ron and Bonnie Thiel.

May God bless this family on this special day.

Education News

Sunday School:

Every week we explore more of the Bible with stories about Jesus and his disciples. We are considering a program at Easter involving the Sunday School, more details to come later. Mr. Glen has some great ideas for the artistic side of the program, so please encourage your children to come and join us.



We have had an offer of material to create some new costumes, such as for our sheep who have lost their fleece. If you would be interested in sewing or otherwise creating new costumes, please speak with Heidi Aavang on Sunday, by email at heidi.aavang@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (847) 497-4705. Also, if anyone would like to help with the Sunday School program or with Vacation Bible School, please contact Glen Stevens or Heidi Aavang.



Men's Study Group:

Men's group is continuing to meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am at the church. They are currently studying "Making The Most Of Your Christian Life". All men are invited to attend. Please join us for this wonderful Bible study and fellowship opportunity.

Confirmation Class:

Confirmation classes are continuing roughly every other Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm - dinner is served. Next classes will be April 3rd & 17th. **If interested, it's not too late to join.** Students in 7th and 8th grades are invited to attend and we welcome adults who are interested also. We are holding the class in conjunction with Nativity Lutheran in Wonder Lake, but meet at Joyful Harvest. Confirmation class will be leading worship at 8:15am and 10:45am on April 3rd.

Adult Bible Study Class:

I would like to invite everyone to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Bible Study from 9:30-10:30am after worship. In April, we will begin working on our Spiritual Gift Inventory as a group, and I also have a few other topics that we will be discussing. If anyone has a bible study that they would be interested in learning more about, please let me know.



We look forward to seeing all of you.

Debbie Kelly

Easter Facts



- In medieval times a festival of egg throwing was held in church, during which the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choirboys. It was then tossed from one choirboy to the next and whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12 was the winner and retained the egg.
- Easter Bonnets are a throw back to the days when the people denied themselves the pleasure of wearing finery for the duration of Lent.
- The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.
- To Egyptians, the egg was a sacred token of the renovation of mankind after the Flood.
- The egg has always been a symbol of the Resurrection to Christians.
- The date of Passover is variable as it is dependent on the phases of the moon, and thus Easter is also a movable feast.
- The custom of giving eggs at Easter time has been traced back to Egyptians, Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans, to whom the egg was a symbol of life.
- Every year at Easter Pope John Paul sends his “Urbi et Orbi” to the world.
- Easter is now celebrated (in the words of the Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday after the full moon which happens on or after March 21, the Spring Equinox.
- Some Churches still keep up the old tradition of using evergreens - symbolic of eternal life - embroidered in red on white, or woven in straw, but most now prefer displays of flowers in the spring colours of green, yellow and white.
- In the United States Easter is celebrated with a large Easter Egg Hunt by children on the White House Lawn.
- To the Jews, the egg marked the time of their departure from the land of Egypt.
- By tradition, it was obligatory (or at least lucky) for churchgoers to wear some bright new piece of clothing - at least an Easter bonnet, if not a complete new outfit.

April Recipes



Communion Bread

Mix dry ingredients:

1-1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup white flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt

Add wet ingredients:

1/4 cup oil
3/4 cup water
1/4 cup honey

make it

KNEAD WELL. Roll to 1/2 inch thick. Cut in circles to the size you wish. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes.

SERVE



Glazed Ham with Dijon-Pineapple Sauce

what you need

1 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup maple-flavored or pancake syrup
1/4 cup Grey Poupon Dijon Mustard
1 whole fully cooked boneless ham (5 lb)
Whole cloves
12 maraschino cherries, halved
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice, undrained

make it

HEAT oven to 350°F.

MIX sugar, syrup and mustard until well blended. Use paring knife to make shallow even diagonal cuts across top of ham in one direction. Repeat, making slits in opposite direction for diamond shapes.

INSERT cloves where cuts meet. Place ham on rack in shallow pan. Place cherries, cut-sides down, on surface of ham.

BAKE 2 hours or until ham is heated through, brushing occasionally with 1/2 cup syrup mixture after 1-1/2 hours. About 10 min. before ham is done, mix remaining syrup mixture with cornstarch and pineapple in saucepan; bring to boil on medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir on medium-low heat 5 min. or until thickened.

SLICE ham. Serve with sauce.

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Bless this day the joy of life,
The revelation of the flesh,
The paradise of man and wife
Joined to share the gift of bliss.

Bless this day the pain of life,
The passion that redeems the flesh,
The love between a man and wife
Beyond all agony and bliss.

Bless this day the end of life,
The peace within the dying flesh,
The bond between a man and wife
That long outlasts their bit of bliss.

Bless this day the whole of life,
The grace of being more than flesh,
The voyage of a man and wife
Across the mystery of bliss.