



The Link

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13th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET ST. LUKE'S UMC

Saturday, May 4, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Parking Available Across Street
Handicap Accessible

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Community Café – Saturday, April 20, 2019

The April Community Café will be on Saturday April 20th at 5 pm. We will be serving pulled pork.

Please check the signup sheet to bring something to share. Hope to see you there!

The Pastor's Letter



Matthew 28:5-6

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Easter 2019 is fast approaching. Notice that I mentioned the year 2019? I mentioned it because I am wondering if the meaning of why we celebrate Easter this year will be different from last year or from ten years ago? Do you remember how you celebrated Easter ten years ago? Maybe or maybe not...but what is important, is to think deeply why we celebrate. Easter, as described in the New Testament, occurred on the third day of Jesus Christ's burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

The Easter narrative can be found in all of the four Gospels (Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-13). "He is not here, he is risen!" The Savior's declaration that He will rise on the third day actually happened. He kept His promise. He kept His word. This is already something to celebrate. Jesus is not playing jokes on us. Jesus is a man of his words.

During Easter we celebrate the Son of God and His victory over death. Jesus' resurrection signifies the gift of eternal life for all who believe in Him. It is a clear reminder for us to never lose hope, to continue to believe, to have faith and to have complete trust in God. Easter is a sign of never giving up in spite of whatever battles we are facing. Easter is a sign of God's full assurance that we can rely on God. Easter is a sign of God's illuminating light when we walk in darkness. Easter is a sign of God's unending love to us despite our wickedness and unfaithfulness. Easter is a sign that we can rise up from our own deathbed of frustrations and exasperation and look forward to a new beginning with Jesus Christ. Easter is a sign of an everlasting life.

Nelson Thomas Wright (or N.T. Wright), a retired Anglican Bishop and is an English New Testament scholar said, "The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom. It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven. The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it." An invitation of belonging. It means we are a part of Jesus' resurrection as well. Another powerful reason why we need to celebrate Easter!

I pray that Easter 2019 will be more meaningful to all of you. I pray that you will be able to find the fortitude, inspiration and strength that you need to face your daily lives.

Celebrate Easter with us on April 21, 2019. I invite you to join during the following services.

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Christian Passover Seder Meal & Celebration of the Lord's Supper Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 6:30pm

As we gather together at St. Luke's for our annual Seder celebration, we will be sharing in a meal that has been celebrated for over 3,000 years and one that is similar to the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. The word "Seder" means order. The foods will be eaten in an orderly way as we hear a retelling of the story of the Israelites redemption from bondage. We will be able to recall the dramatic and miraculous events that led to their exodus from Egypt. We will conclude the evening with a celebration of the Lord's Supper. As believers in Jesus Christ, we celebrate our freedom from the bondage of sin and death every time we share the bread and cup.

Come ... journey with us as we "celebrate what the Lord did for us when we left Egypt" (Exodus 13:8) and what Jesus did for us: "He is the one who made us acceptable to God. He made us pure and holy, and he gave himself to purchase our freedom." (1 Corinthians 1:13)

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WE ARE GOING TO BE FEEDING BY **April 16, 2019.**

Please call the church office at 434-4767 or clip out this coupon and drop it in the offering plate. Hope to see you all there!

SEDER SERVICE

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____ # OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____

*A free-will offering will be collected at the end of the service to help cover expenses.

Rockingham VNA & Hospice

Monthly Drop-In Grief Support Group

To be held

The 3rd Monday of every month

3:00-4:30 pm

Epping Regional Health Center
212 Calef Highway (Route 125) Epping

For more information call:

Jane Oldfield-Spearman or Martha Carlson at 603-772-2981



13th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET ST. LUKE'S UMC

**Saturday, May 4, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Rain or Shine-held indoors

A variety of items & treasures will be available
Complimentary coffee/tea

LOCATION:

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*****All St. Luke's members please come out and help us with the 13th Annual Flea Market! You can help by setting up during the week before, donating items to be sold, or working during the Flea Market on Saturday, May 4th. Please join the Finance Committee in making this another successful fundraising event.**

Please see Tammy Craft to sign up or call 437-2635, email: atcraft@comcast.net.

**Don't forget to start getting together all the wonderful items you want to donate.
Remember what you don't want might be a treasure for someone else!**

*****Please do not donate large furniture or TVs**

The Pastor's Letter *continued...*

Easter Sunrise Service

at Campbell's Scottish Highlands Golf Course, 79 Brady Avenue, Salem, NH 03079

(Time will be announced at a later date)

9:00AM at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church

8 Pleasant Street, Salem, NH 03070

11:00AM at St. Luke's United Methodist Church

63 East Broadway, Derry, NH 03038

Happy Easter!

I am longing and praying to serve an inclusive Church.

Pastor Nory Vedan Leachon

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Anyone wishing to dedicate Easter lilies or other types of flowers for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 21, should bring their plants to St. Luke's on Saturday, April 20, by noon time and leave them in the nursery area. Please fill out the form below and leave it in the collection plate or mail to St. Luke's no later than Sunday, April 14, to ensure their inclusion in the printed bulletin for Easter Sunday.

If you would like to take your plant with you after the service, please put your name on a label on the pot.

In memory/honor of:

Given By:

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April 2019

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Visitation Ministry	2 10AM-1PM Office hours	3 6:30PM Trustees Committee Meeting	4	5 7:30PM Charlie Zahm Concert	6
7 11AM Worship Service 12PM Coffee Hour (Orange Team)	8 Visitation Ministry	9 10AM-1PM Office hours	10 6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting	11	12	13
14 11AM Worship Service 12PM Coffee Hour (Red Team)	15 Visitation Ministry	16 10AM-1PM Office hours	17	18 6:30PM Christian Passover Seder Meal	19 Derry Ecumenical Service (TBA) 7PM Joint Good Friday Service	20 5-6:30PM Community Café
21 EASTER SUNDAY TBA Sunrise Service 11AM Worship Service	22 Visitation Ministry	23 10AM-1PM Office hours	24 6:30PM Church Council Meeting	25	26	27
28 11AM Worship Service 12PM Coffee Hour (Blue Team) 12:30PM UMW Meeting	29 Visitation Ministry 6PM Flea Market Setup	30 10AM-1PM Office hours				

Video Ministry

The times for St. Luke's Cable TV

Derry Cable Channel 23

Wednesday 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am and 5:30 pm

Londonderry Cable 20

Sunday 9:00 am

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Sunday Worship Service
 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School
 9:45 AM

Children Sunday School
 During Worship

St. Luke's

Mission Statement

To bring people to Jesus and membership in God's family, experience God's Love in Worship, grow in Christ-like maturity equipped to share God's Love through service in the world.

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