



# Focus

April 2015

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## *A Message from Pastor Roger*

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### **He Is Risen Indeed!**

Orthodox Christians have a splendid greeting which is used in their liturgy and also informally during the Easter Season. The greeter, quoting the angel and the first witnesses of Jesus' resurrection, exclaim, "He is risen!" The congregation or the individual greeted responds by saying, "He is risen indeed!"

Such a simple greeting is one of the most profound, revolutionary, and earth-shaking messages ever spoken. Because Christ overcame the grave, he lives forever as our Lord and reigns over all his creation. Because he lives, we know his suffering and death made the provision for our salvation and our future resurrection, and assures the total victory of the kingdom of God and his reign over the new heaven and earth.

I know all these great theological truths about Jesus' resurrection, but my problem is not in acknowledging that Jesus lives, but in thinking and living in the light of this stupendous truth. If I could only practice the presence of the risen Christ, my life would have so much more joy and peace. In fact, I would enjoy an "Emmaus Road" experience, wherein my heart would be aglow with his burning presence (Luke 24:32). Let's you and I agree that in 2015 we'll seek to know the difference the risen Christ will make in our daily, sometimes mundane, sometimes difficult days.

I look forward to my first Easter celebration with you good people of Dale Heights. This year Easter falls on the first Sunday of April, which means we'll celebrate Communion in the context of celebrating the Resurrection. This brings to mind those Emmaus disciples again, whose hopes had been dashed with Jesus' crucifixion and death. Yet the risen Lord met them on the road to Emmaus, and through his conversation along the way, and in their home where Jesus was their guest, their eyes were opened to recognize him as he broke bread before them.

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I pray that this Easter Sunday, as we share Communion with one another, we'll realize the risen Lord Jesus is with us, and that he will make himself known to us as we share the bread and the cup. I pray this Easter will be a marker in our faith pilgrimage and that from now on we'll live in the reality of his living presence, with us and within us. I pray our hearts will burn with joy as we trust that because he lives, we share in his victory, both now and forever in the new heaven and earth. And whenever I seem to forget this glorious reality, I hope you'll give me this great reminder that Jesus lives, and lives to share his victory with me.

Let's share this Easter greeting and make it our theme throughout the remainder of our faith pilgrimage: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*

**April 5**      Easter Sunday

**Liturgist:** Caroline Pope

**Ushers:** Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

**April 12**      2nd Sunday of Easter

**Liturgist:** June Zeeh

**Ushers:** Aundrea Price, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

**April 19**      3rd Sunday of Easter

**Liturgist:** Barb Fleishman

**Ushers:** Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

**April 26**      4th Sunday of Easter

**Liturgist:** Roy Lembcke

**Ushers:** Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

## Easter Flowers

Thank you to the following people who purchased Easter flowers:

Sandy Weigt, Roger Roberts, Vreni Straubhaar, Rick Shannon, Barb Fleishman, Ellie Metzloff, Otty Schaefer, Joan Hicks, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Wendy Weber, Jennifer Jones, Mary Towne, Marcia Holman, Margie Shumate, and Bonnie Savonne.



### April New Beginnings

The April New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, April 21 at 11:30 at Original Pancake House, 5518 University Ave. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations. **Please note new phone number and email.** Thank you.

### April Birthdays

April	7	Bill Mercer
April	9	John Hicks
April	10	Ndazona Holland
April	22	Gale Oakes
April	23	Leon Bernido
April	30	Gerry Klump

## Church Women United

The World Day of Prayer Celebration in March was awesome!



Everyone is invited to the Friday, April 10 Forum "Alzheimers and Dementia," with Charlie Daniels, Diversity Coordinator at Alzheimers & Dementia Alliance Wisconsin. The Forum will be held at Oakwood Village University Woods, Westmorland Room, 6205 Mineral Point Road. Gathering and coffee begin at 9am and the program begins at 10am.

Have you been faithfully stowing your pennies in a jar at home for the Least Coin Offering? This is the last month this year for collecting the coins which are used worldwide for self-help projects. Remember to pray for much-needed peace in the world each time you place a coin. So far we have \$39.91...can we bring the total to \$50.00? The coins will be turned in on May 1, which is May Friendship Day.

—Ellie Metzloff & Kate Dooley

*Our family would like to express our gratitude to so many who went out of their way to help Dad in the last years of his life. He truly loved his Dale Heights Family.*

*Thank you.*

*The Family of Ray Bayley*



## **Property & Finance Highlights**

**March 10, 2015**

- Memorial gardens: discussion of stairs to the Shirley-Dawn Jorgenson garden, trimming of bushes, and placement of signage once the frost goes out. Inventory of other signs will be taken, and missing/damaged signs will be replaced.
- Lounge flooring and prior asbestos tile removal: First, clarification is needed on sheet vinyl flooring warranty, since previous bid indicated a “residential” warranty. Once we get the flooring choice and warranty figured out, Dirty Ducts company says the asbestos tile removal could be done in one day, provided all/most of the furniture is already out. Possible beginning dates are April Mondays (13, 20, 27). The concrete base is then safe to walk on, but a few days rest is recommended before any new flooring is installed, a process that should also take a day.
- Spring Work Days: beginning on April 11, weekly Saturday cleanups scheduled into May.
- Peace Pole garden: boxwoods will be planted in the spring; plants will be ordered according to the garden plan. Planting of bulbs will be done in the fall.
- Concrete bid: bid will be obtained for replacement/repair of five broken sections of concrete near office and concourse doors.
- Lighting for outdoor signs: research will be done on city sign lighting rules, lighting pricing, and possible use of string or solar lights.
- Furnishings: Office desk purchased should arrive next week and will need assembly. Old sofa in fellowship hall will be thrown out. Old upright piano in fellowship hall will also be disposed of. Inventory of fellowship hall rectangular tables will be taken, and those no longer service-worthy will be disposed of.
- Alarm system: calls have been received from Tyco, but no problem was found.
- 2014 audit: the books are ready for audit, which will take place after the busy tax season.
- Financials: reviewed the financial status reports as of 2/28/2015 and learned that a few changes have to be made. Concourse loan: only \$19 remains to pay!
- 2015 budget: reviewed.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7pm.



April *Outreach* News

## **Past Activities**

### **Pres House**

We again worshiped with and served supper for the students and community at Pres House on Sunday, March 8th at 5:30pm. We gathered to set up on Sunday at 3:45pm. The Outreach Committee gratefully thanks so many of you who generously donated food, money, and your presence and help for this wonderful Outreach activity. We will once again join Pres House in the fall. In the meantime, listen for more information about the exciting completion of The Basement fellowship and ministry opportunities at Pres House.

## **Continuing Activities**

### **Pres House**

Watch for work and progress in the Peace Garden as winter slowly but surely gives way to spring. Easter and its gift of rebirth can be a time to remember and honor loved ones with a gift to the Peace Garden Fund. Forms and envelopes remain available in the concourse. Thanks for your past and future support!

## **Upcoming Activities**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering will take place from mid-April to mid-May. Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people who are in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. OGHS, traditionally received in the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. We look forward to sharing this program and information with you.

### **The Road Home**

We will be working with Waunakee First Presbyterian Church for our Road Home commitments in 2015. The next dates of our Road Home commitment are April 19-26 with an overnight on Friday, April 24th. How fortunate we are to have help, and to fellowship together with the Waunakee members and Road Home residents!

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# Outreach & Mission

*April Outreach News, continued*

## **Potluck Plans**

We are working to organize a potluck in April or May on the topic of environmental issues. Watch and listen for further information.

## **Mallards “Church Night”**

The Madison Mallards are hosting a “Church Night” on June 28th. The cost is \$18, which includes a pre-game tailgate meal (brats, burgers, chicken breasts, chips and slaw, and a non-alcoholic beverage). Please let an Outreach member or Pastor Roger know if you are interested in attending.

We thank you for your ongoing assistance and we would love to hear about your ideas! What would you like to see Dale Heights do in terms of Outreach and for our Dale Heights neighbors?

*—Pastor Roger Roberts (ex officio), Kate Dooley, Barb Fleishman (chairperson), Ruby Meyer, Gale Oakes, Aundrea Price, and Wendy Weber*



## **Session Meeting Highlights**

March 16, 2015

- Reverend Roberts enjoyed an individual retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery.
- A thank-you note from the Bayley family was received and will be included in the newsletter.
- The Finance, Outreach, and Care & Fellowship committee information is found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Wendy or Sandy will be the Commissioner to the “Four Presbyteries, Three States, Two Days, and One Night” Presbytery meeting on May 3-4, 2015 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.
- Next Session meeting: Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:30pm.

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### Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Christian Education for all ages

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

### **Dale Heights**

#### **Mission Statement:**

*Our open-minded congregation affirms and celebrates God's gifts of love and grace. We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in following Jesus and by serving those in need in our community and world.*

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