



# Salt and Light

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*Matthew 5:13-15*

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*From the  
Pastor*



April is finally over. I am not complaining, it has not been a bad month, just not how we wanted it to be. I was thinking as I walked around outside today [Saturday the 25th] how much things have changed in a month. If you have not taken a walk outside, make time to take one. Look around and notice how much the grass has grown, the trees are budding and leafing out, and then give thanks because God is still in control and has not stopped working. Sometimes it is easy to forget that in times like these.

You have probably heard by now that the governor is lifting some of the restrictions and stay home orders effective May 4. This means we will be allowed to worship again in the church building. I took part in a conference call for religious leaders in our state, the governor stressed this is not an all clear and gave some guidelines and suggestions for opening back up. First, we are to have one family per pew and then we need to sit at least six foot apart. Second, this is going to be tough, but we are not to shake hands or give hugs. Third, it is suggested that we place offering plates in the sanctuary and people put their offering in, so as to not pass a plate or get too close. Fourth, we will not have afternoon Bible Study or dinner after church. And finally, remember, if you do not feel well, stay home. We do not want to risk you bringing it to someone else. Most of all I would like to stress that this is NOT an all clear and I want you to do what you are the most comfortable with. Some have told me they will not be there until June or later. I understand and will not think any ill towards anyone who feels they want to take more time.

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# Coming Soon!

May 7



**Creighton Community of Care Bake Sale**

**CANCELED THIS YEAR**



FAMILY FUN

# MOVIE NIGHT

**CANCELED THIS MONTH**

May 10

# Happy Mother's Day



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I hope you have not read all the above and thought I forgot what is coming up. I have not. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. This maybe a different Mother's Day than any other, but there are some things we can do. Give thanks for your mother and all mothers. Pray for them, this isolation has been hard on them I know.

Finally, remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" I know these are uncertain times and I do not know what the future brings, we could be on a stay home order in June, I pray not. So be careful, trust the Lord who is in control and **DO NOT WORRY.**

Have a great month, be safe and continue to pray.

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**How the Virus Stole Easter By: Kristi Bothur With a nod to Dr. Seuss**

Twas late in '19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.  
People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.  
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.  
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.  
"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.  
The world was focused on masks and on tests.  
"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.  
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

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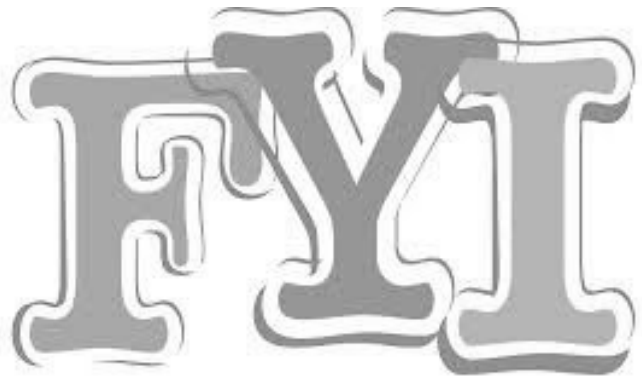
## Community of Care

**The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.**

The Bake Sale originally scheduled for May 2 has reluctantly been canceled.

If a Baccalaureate Service is ultimately scheduled for this year's graduates, we will do our best to be there to distribute bibles.

Our next scheduled meeting will be September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.



**Sunday School** 9:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service** 10:45 a.m.  
**Bible Study** 12:30 p.m.

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### **Adult Bible Studies for Life Dealing with Messy Relationships**

April 26: Love (John 15:9-14)  
May 3: Encourage (Acts 9:26-28; 11:21-26)  
May 10: Forgive (Matthew 18:21-28,32-33)  
May 17: Serve (Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5,10)  
May 24: Yield (Philippians 2:1-5,13-15)  
May 31: Accept (Romans 14:1-4,13-19)

### **Youth Bible Studies for Life Dealing with Messy Relationships**

April 26: Love (John 15:9-14)  
May 3: Encourage (Acts 9:26-28; 11:21-26)  
May 10: Forgive (Matthew 18:21-28,32-33)  
May 17: Serve (Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5,10)  
May 24: Yield (Philippians 2:1-5,13-15)  
May 31: Accept (Romans 14:1-4,13-19)

### **Children Bible Studies for Life Tell About Jesus**

May 3: Paul and Barnabas Became Missionaries (Acts 13)  
May 10: Paul Listened to God (Acts 15:36-41; 16:1-12)  
May 17: Paul Taught in Athens (Acts 17:16-34)  
May 24: Paul Preached to an Angry Crowd (Acts 21:15-40; 22:1-30)  
May 31: Paul Taught Peter (Galatians 2)

### **Preschool Bible Studies for Life Tell About Jesus**

May 3: Paul and Barnabas Became Missionaries (Acts 13)  
May 10: Paul Listened to God (Acts 15:36-41; 16:1-12)  
May 17: Paul Taught in Athens (Acts 17:16-34)  
May 24: Paul and Silas Sang to God (Acts 16:16-34)  
May 31: Peter Told Cornelius About Jesus (Acts 10)

### **How the Virus Stole Easter By: Kristi Bothur With a nod to Dr. Seuss**

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Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.  
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.  
The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

“Pooh pooh to the saints,” the world was grumbling.  
“They’re finding out now that no Easter is coming.

“They’re just waking up! We know just what they’ll do!  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,  
And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

“That noise,” said the world, “will be something to hear.”  
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.  
And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.  
It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn’t depressed. Why, this sound was triumphant!  
It couldn’t be so! But it grew with abundance!  
The world stared around, popping its eyes.  
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,  
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!  
It hadn’t stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling. “Just how can it be?”  
“It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money.”

Then the world thought of something it hadn’t before.  
“Maybe Easter,” it thought, “doesn’t come from a store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more.”

And what happened then? Well...the story’s not done.  
What will YOU do? Will you share with that one

Or two or more people needing hope in this night?  
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,  
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.

So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God’s people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.

May the world find Faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection,  
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.

May 2020 be known as the year of survival,  
But not only that - Let it start a revival.



### Sweet Potato Casserole With Vanilla

- 2 29-ounce cans sweet potatoes in syrup, drained
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened

Preheat oven to 350 F. With an electric mixer, whip together sweet potatoes, eggs, butter, vanilla, salt, and milk. Spoon into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan, and spread evenly. In a small bowl, mix together pecans, flour, and brown sugar with a fork. Cut in butter until topping is crumbly. Sprinkle over sweet potato mixture in an even layer. Bake 40 minutes, until topping is browned. Serves 8-10.

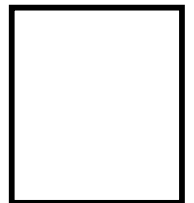
### Best Turkey Brine

- 1 cup kosher salt
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 gallon vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon peppercorns
- 1 1/2 teaspoons allspice berries
- 1 1/2 teaspoons candied ginger, chopped
- 1 gallon water, iced

In a large stockpot over medium-high heat, combine salt, brown sugar, vegetable stock, peppercorns, berries, and candied ginger. Stir to dissolve sugar, and bring to a boil. Remove from heat, and refrigerate until cold. In a very large pot or bucket, combine brine with gallon water and ice. Add a thawed 14- to 16-pound turkey to the brine, and let sit overnight, up to 16 hours in the refrigerator. When ready, remove turkey from brine, dry, and cook according to package directions. For a 14- to 16-pound turkey.



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