



CHILDREN'S CORNER by Martha Hallquist

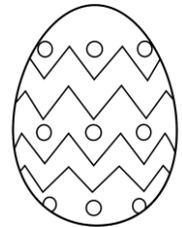
Sincere thanks go to all who helped make our **Easter Walk & Egg Hunt** successful. Perhaps you heard that we had to have the Egg Hunt inside this year, due to rain of course! But it all worked out wonderfully well, thanks to all your support. Special thanks go to Methodist Men for hosting our Hot Dog Lunch. We gave out 82 tickets for a free lunch, which was generously covered by an anonymous donation. The spirit of the Easter Walk and Egg Hunt was gentle and kind, and everyone was glad to be here at Mount Pleasant. After the walk and the hunt, children and parents lingered a while to talk with us and to have lunch as the children opened all the eggs they had found. It was a very sweet time.

We've now taken down Jesus' tomb in the hallway with the rocks that the children piled in front, and we've taken down the empty tomb in the stairwell. These two stations of our Easter Walk were left up as a reminder of what happened on Easter morning. Thank you for being part of this outreach of our Children's Area. With your help, we continue bringing God's Word to our community through outreach events such as this.

Another outreach of our Children's Area has been to make **Blessing Bags** during Lent for the hungry and homeless. On Palm Sunday, the children dedicated over 150 bags. After processing with palms and wheeling in carts of Blessing Bags, 12 children offered our own blessings for the Blessing Bags. And then at the end of the service, the congregation was invited to take home bags to hand out to people in need. Your sharing of these bags with those down on their luck brought this activity full circle. What an important lifelong lesson we are teaching to our children, whose young hearts grow stronger when allowed to perform simple acts of kindness that show compassion. Thank you for helping make this possible.

SO THANK YOU...

- For donating items or funds for our Blessing Bags and for our Egg Hunt
- For taking home a Blessing Bag to give away
- For stuffing hundreds of plastic eggs for the Hunt
- For hiding the eggs
- For decorating the Church for our Easter Walk
- For cooking and serving Hot Dogs for our Lunch
- For making our community feel most welcomed at Mount Pleasant
- And, especially importantly, for being here on Saturday morning at one of our Easter Walk Stations so that you can share the Good News that *Jesus is Risen, Hallelujah!*



We all worked together to make these projects fun and successful for our children. Through your generous support of our Easter Walk, Easter Egg Hunt, Hot Dog Lunch, and for our Blessing Bag Project, we have offered our gifts to help our neighbors, whether young or old, rich or poor, church or unchurched. Thank you for your untold and unsung kindnesses. Let us all shout *Hosanna* and be reminded that *He Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!*