



The Key to St. Peter

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The Parson's Pen...

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He is Risen!! Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!!

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A wonderful, happy, and joyous Easter greetings to you all! I know, Easter was a whole month ago ... although it doesn't seem like it, it really wasn't that long ago. Can you imagine that disciples sitting around, acting like Christ's resurrection wasn't that big of a deal, after all, it was a whole month ago? "Come on Jesus, we have to get back to our fishing, our farming or even our tax collecting."

But that was not the case, check out the book of Acts; they hunkered down and hit the road running as they spread the Good News of the Gospel!

Now here we are. Construction on the church has ended, we are slowly wrapping things up with the furnishings, sign and landscaping. Easter is long gone for this year so now it is time for us to sit back on our haunches and take it easy until we get closer to October when Reformation starts. We have "off" until Reformation...well, not quite.

*"it is good for us to
acknowledge the reason
that Jesus went to the
cross,...for you.."*

You know, that would truly be a shame, but unfortunately, often times that very shame takes place. After Pentecost Sunday, we will be entering into what is known as the "non-festival" half of the church year and many are no longer quite as excited about going to church as it becomes almost like a habit, just something that you do rather than a fulfilling service of worship. Why get excited anymore, we are over the hump and it's a long time until October?

As Christians, we have a lot to be excited about. Every day is Easter because we continually receive the benefits of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection in the forgiveness of our sins.

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Easter is not the end of the celebration, it is the beginning. Looking at the disciples of Jesus, the resurrection was the start of their ministry. Their doubts were cleared up after Jesus appeared to them and as the Holy Spirit was given to them on that first Pentecost, they were enlightened and excited about going out to share the Gospel to all mankind.

Now, many generations later, it falls to us. We have experienced the resurrection of Jesus through the Scriptures and we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit through Baptism and God's Word. Now it is our time to spread the Good News of Jesus to all nations. We can start right here in Bowie and Montague County.

There is still much to be done with the landscaping and other parts of the new building. We will be working towards other outreach activities including Vacation Bible School. There are and will be many opportunities to volunteer and help! When an opportunity presents itself, don't wait for a personal invitation, jump in with both feet. The same God who has forgiven your sins through Christ will grant you the strength to fulfill any task for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

I know many hours were put in during the construction and many are tired, but we have been moved in since December and furthermore, we should never be too tired to do the work of our Lord.

We have the greatest message in the world; the message of forgiveness in Christ Jesus. How can we, in good conscience, keep it to ourselves? Look for ways to help. If you see a need, step forward rather than just wondering why it is not being done.

Most of all, don't let Easter end at Pentecost! Keep the joy of the risen Christ in your hearts throughout the year.

God's Blessings to all as we continue in the Easter Season!
Pastor K.



David & Vonita Drager's 50th Wedding Anniversary
April 7, 2013

**Easter Egg Hunt
March 30, 2013**

**Palm Sunday
March 24, 2013
LED BY OUR YOUTH**



Please submit high school and college graduates information and awards in writing to the church office so that we can recognize them in next month's newsletter.

Serving in God's House in May

Elder - Jimmie Little

Counters - Steve Long, Kurt Roberts

Altar Guild - Sharon Rainwater

Altar Care - Rebecca Horton, Teresa Johnston,
Lou McConeghy, Melissa Stephens

Nursery -

5/5 - Rebecca Horton / Rebecca Pickett

5/12 - Katie Jones / Shelby Horton

5/19 - Kelly Roth / Emily Roth

5/26 - Hattie Hammer / Marli Moeller

Lay Readers -

5/5 Arn Anderson

5/12 Bob Aune

5/19 William Pickett

5/26 Bryan Roth

Acolytes -

5/5 Will Jones / Josh Knobloch

5/12 Mary Atkinson / Shelby Horton

5/19 Katie Jones / Will Jones

5/26 Aubrey Gill / Lauren Gill

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The next LWML Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Bible study topic will be "Living on the Edge". All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

We are now offering babysitting for anyone who would like to attend our meetings. Please contact Jeannine Yowell at 366-3998 or Jo Kleinhans at 872-4208 and let us know so it will be available.

Watch your bulletin for more information on these and other activities.

Little Lambs

Little Lambs Fire Station Visit



LWML Motto:

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Psalm 100:2

We have a new secretary by the name of Jo Clower. She is married to Shawn Clower and they have a daughter, Kimber.

When you have the opportunity, please stop by the office to introduce yourself as she is looking forward to meeting each of you.