

Comē, eglēbratē flis rēsurrēctiōn with us!

April 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter</i> Holy Communion	2	3	4 UMW 1:15 P.M. Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	5 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	6	7
8 Confirmation Class Children sing during Special Youth Worship Service Basket Dinner and Ad. Co. following Worship Service	9	10	11 Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	12 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	13	14
15 Confirmation Class	16	17	18 Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	19 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	20	21
22 Confirmation Class	23	24	25 Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	26 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	27 Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal 3:30 to 7:00 P.M.	28
29 Confirmation Class Children's Choir Spring Program during Worship Service	30	Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11 A.M.		Mark your calendar for <u>VBS</u> May 21—May 25!	email: ssume@fairpoint.net http://www.sharonspringsume.org	

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QUESTION: My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me? -Mark 15:34

ANSWER: Silence

On this Saturday, we cannot listen in on any conversation with Jesus. He is dead. Try to forget what you already know – that tomorrow is Easter – and try to feel Saturday. **Bleak. Quiet. Dark.**

The last question Jesus asked while He was alive came on Good Friday, in the early afternoon. Jesus was hanging on a cross, nails in His hands and feet. There should have been the full light of day, but the day became unnaturally dark. In those moments, Jesus fulfilled what He was born for: to die for the sins of the world (John 10:17-18).

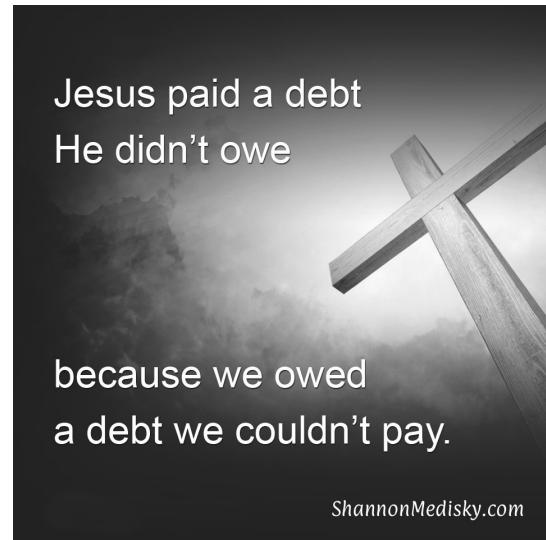
We love to coo over the Babe in the manger and cheer at the door of the empty tomb. But all too often we hurry past the suffering Savior. For on the cross, Jesus did what only He could. On His shoulders came all the hate, guilt and shame of generations past and of those unborn. And in that moment His holy and righteous Father turned His face away.

“My God, My God, why have You left Me all alone?” It is a question we all ask sooner or later. Perhaps a loved one has died, maybe bankruptcy has crushed your dreams, or a child has gotten into drugs and alcohol. With Jesus, we cry out, “God, why have You left me?”

I’ve thought a lot about that unanswered question. In that vast silence, there is but one answer: “I cannot answer why, for I am still here.” God was standing beside Jesus’ mother, Mary, and His friend, John, who had her in his arms. God was with Peter who was seething with anger and self-loathing because he had denied Jesus. God was with Joseph of Arimathea who was hiding in the shadows, even then restoring his courage so he could ask for the body to be placed in his tomb. God was there beside all of them who were harboring frustration and wanting to scream their pain at Him. *God was weeping, too.*

So, as you experience that place in your heart which seems hopeless, remember where God is today, right now. God has not left you alone. *He is weeping with you.*

Dear God, let me hear the answer You give in the silence, and let me take from it the strength You gave Jesus. -Eric Fellman



PASTOR'S PAGE

APRIL 2018

Christ Has Risen!! Easter is upon us already. I pray that your Lenten travels this year were rewarding for you.

It is really exciting to be having our first Confirmation class starting on April 8th. Time is running out to get your young people signed up, March 30th deadline, so we can order the books for them. "Confirm" is the program we will be using for the 6 weeks of classes.

If you would want to teach a lesson or 2 please let me know and we can work out the details.

On April 8th we will have a special sermon by a Soldier wearing the Armor of God! He will give us all the information about each piece of the armor and it's use. We would like to have as many youth at church as we can get that morning as it will also be youth Sunday, with them helping with our service.

On April 29th the community youth choir will be putting on their spring program at 11:00 a.m. church service. They are outstanding programs with lots of hours work in them. Please plan to join us that Sunday morning to support our youth and see a great program.

God's blessing to you and your families.

Pastor Galen



April 8 - Special Youth Sunday Service with special guest speaker for the sermon.

Ephesians 6:10-17 New International Version (NIV)

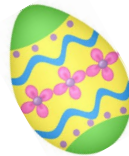
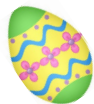
The Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Part-time Secretary needed at SSUMC
beginning in June.
For more information contact
Peg Hennick.**



Confirmation Class will begin approximately **April 8, 2018**, and will continue once weekly for 6 weeks. Time of day will be determined by those attending the class. If you have a child 6th grade and up, and would like them to attend Confirmation Class please contact the office at 785-852-4734 or Pastor Galen at 316-990-3913 to sign them up by March 30th. Please help spread the word to all that might be interested. Then, June 4-7 those interested could go to Camp Lakeside outside Scott City to Confirmation Camp to re-enforce what they have learned. It would be a great experience for them and the UMM will pay some or all the \$240. cost of camp.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8 - Special Youth Sunday Service geared toward the youth with special guest speaker for the sermon.

May 2, 12:00 P.M.— UMW Salad Luncheon

May 21—May 25 VBS Ages 5 years old to those completing 6th grade may attend.

