

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

“For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.”

Romans 6:5

- † **At the close of Easter Services**, the Gundersons piled into the car and headed home. Ruth asked the children, “*What was your favorite part of church this morning?*” Brad said he liked the pancake breakfast. Jeanne liked all of the pretty dresses, but little Danny said he really liked the new hymn they had sung. “*Which hymn was that, asked Chuck?*” “*The one about the cross eyed bear named Gladly.*” It took Ruth a minute, but she looked at Chuck and whispered, “*Gladly the Cross I’d Bear.*”
- † **Great Idea! What could possibly go wrong?** The Dutch transplant Foundation is considering guidelines that would tie euthanasia (already legal and unrestricted in Holland) to organ donation. Michael Cook (Mercatornet) warns of a number of unintended (or in some cases intended) consequences, as pressure is brought into the lives of people who are not sick...but just tired of living. Cook foresees that “sooner or later, ethicists will whisper to them that they, too can leave life and give it to others. Fine words cannot disguise the fact that organ donation euthanasia is sheer barbarism.” [Source: Careful!: mercatornet.com/careful/view/15244]
- † **Don’t pray...**when it rains if you don’t pray when the sun shines. Satchel Paige
- † **Our tax dollars at work...**In November the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA), whose primary concern is curbing population growth, issued its State of World Population report for 2014. The Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam) summarized the report thusly, “The UNPFA report asserts that the key to development is ensuring that adolescents’ sexual behavior is unsupervised, unrestricted, publicly funded and above all, non-procreative.” [Source: C-Fam.org/Friday_fax/unfpa-children-right-sex-drugs-abortion-reduce-population]
- † **“Science draws its lifeblood...**from the same basic marrow as religious life and belief. No wonder Newton, Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo, Boyle, Faraday, Maxell, and many other pioneers regarded faith and science as harmonious.” [From an article entitled, “As Above, So Below – The Faith, Hope and Love of Science, Salvo, Spring, 2015, where he takes issue with what he identifies as “*a kind of secular creed.*” “Empiricism is the way; Science the truth; Secularism, the life.”
- † **Be a teacher!** “*The best thing about being a teacher is that it matters. The hardest thing about being a teacher is that it matters every day.*” Jodd Whitaker

† **A recent survey of teachers revealed 3 primary reasons teachers choose to teach as a profession.** Consider:

1. Teachers live with a heightened sense of purpose...much higher than most professions.
2. Teaching is a profession that is extremely rewarding - relationally and emotionally.
3. Teaching is a profession that promotes life-long learning. The burn-out rate is much lower in teaching than other professions

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† **Trivia Question:** Circle the three languages designating 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews' written on a notice at Jesus' cross? [Hebrew – Greek – Latin – Persian – Aramaic – Egyptian]

For Prayer...

- ...Giving thanks. Sawyer is doing great after heart surgery. Follow-up appointment this week.
- ...Pray for Ken (Judy) as he has been hospitalized with serious symptoms that are requiring intensive testing and care. He is not allowed visitors or phone calls at this time, and we appreciate your respect of this until more results indicate otherwise.
- ...We mourn with the family of Tom Kuester Sr. His funeral will be at Walnut Hill this Tuesday at noon.
- ...Ron (Karen) – triple bypass surgery went well and he is recovering well. (Chad's father).
- ...Jeff (Jean's brother) – adenocarcinoma of the pancreas w/tumors in the liver. No good earthly prognosis. Their mother is already struggling with depression.
- ...Jean and Ed give thanks that their home has sold in IN. Will be looking for a "fixer-upper" in Baraboo.
- ...Will's spinal surgery this past Wednesday went well. We pray for a good and full recovery.
- ...Elena's son Vitaly, had a stroke and is hospitalized in CT.
- ...Mike – knee replacement this past Tuesday went well. He is home and recovering.
- ...Please pray for Steve's father who is struggling greatly from Parkinson's disease.
- ...Space Planning & Church growth...sub-committee work.
- ...VBS giving thanks for some new top-notch workers. Still in need.
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie

Christy (Mike)

Norm & Peg

Cheryl (Deane)

...Our Expectant Mothers

Sarah (Kelly)

Daisy (Aaron)

Christine (Ben)

Sarah (Beaner)

Brittany (Andy)

Terra (Ronnie)

Chante (Brent)

Kristin (Shawn)

Diana (Steven)

Britta (Jonah)

Jen (Cody)

Remember to Vote!

This Tuesday, 4/7.

To be effective...

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: Greek, Latin and Aramaic.