



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News
April 14, 2017

Today is a very special day in the church year. It's a hard day for Christians, as we watch our Savior journey to the cross and endure a horrible death. It's a day that began Christ's redemptive work for all of mankind. And so, while it's a sad and somber day within the Christian church, it's also a joyous day in that Christ overcame death for once and for all - for you!

There's an old hymn that I always thought was very weird. The hymn repeats the same phrase over and over again - "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" I always used to think it was weird because of course I wasn't there! I'm not that old!! (even though that's what Kindergarteners sometimes tell me!) Yet when I read the crucifixion account, it talks about crowds of those who hurled insults at Jesus. It mentions those that yelled, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." I've started wondering - if I had been there, would I have been a part of that crowd? Would I have joined in?

In fact, the reality is that I was there, in a sense. God's love for me transcends time, and I was connected to all of those people who crucified Jesus through my sin. I was there because I too have sinned many times, and I am in need of a Savior. I was there on Christ's mind when He went to the cross. I was there when He stretched out His arms of love for me and died.

Thank God though (literally), that I was also there when the empty tomb was discovered. God's love for me saw Him go to the cross, but also saw Him defeat sin, death, and the devil in that one, final deciding blow. I was there when Jesus majestically rose from the dead, and through His resurrection, I have eternal life.

Today, the two most powerful words for the whole Christian church on earth are "FOR YOU!" Why did Jesus die? For you. Why did Jesus rise? For you. He gave you and me the most tremendous gift we would ever receive. Through His death, our wounds of sin are healed. Through His resurrection, we are assured a place to live for all eternity at His side. There's no greater message of love for you anywhere. God's love for you is beyond measure, and is love that continues through this day. His love FOR YOU will never end. It knows no limits and has no boundaries. In Scripture we read that, "Greater love hath no man than this - that He lays down his life for His friends." (John 15:13) No greater love has been shown for you ever. What a message to celebrate!

Christians around the world today will mourn on Good Friday, yet the celebration coming in just a couple of days will pale in comparison to nothing! May you be blessed as you reflect on God's gift on the cross FOR YOU and the gift of the empty tomb - a gift that changes your life forever. Happy Easter!

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal



see our Google calendar at fhls.org for meet times

- Friday, 4/14 Good Friday
Tenebrae Service, 1:30 pm
- Sunday, 4/16 Easter! He is Risen!
- Monday, 4/17 Easter Monday, **NO SCHOOL**
Track Meet @ Life
- Wednesday, 4/19 Last day to purchase Raffle Tickets
Track Meet @ OES
- Thursday, 4/20 2017-18 Kindergarten Interviews
- Saturday, 4/22 **Auction**
- Wednesday, 4/26 Track Meet @ Catlin Gabel
- Thursday, 4/27 Eat Out! - McTeacher Night
- Friday, 4/28 Middle School Dance
- Friday, 5/5 All School Spring Event
- Friday, 5/12 All Family Fiesta!

Next Week in Chapel

SOAR - Standing On A Rock

We welcome Rev. Nick Koschmann, pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Forest Grove as our chapel leader on Wednesday, April 19. Pastor Koschmann will talk with us about "**The ROCK Rolled Away**". Our text for the week is Matthew 28:2.

When the women went to Jesus' tomb early on Sunday morning to complete His burial, they wondered, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" (Mark 16:3) The stone was too large for a few women to move it.

The Bible tells us that when the women arrived, the stone had already been moved. The Easter story in the Gospel of Matthew tells us "an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled the stone back and sat on it" (v. 2).

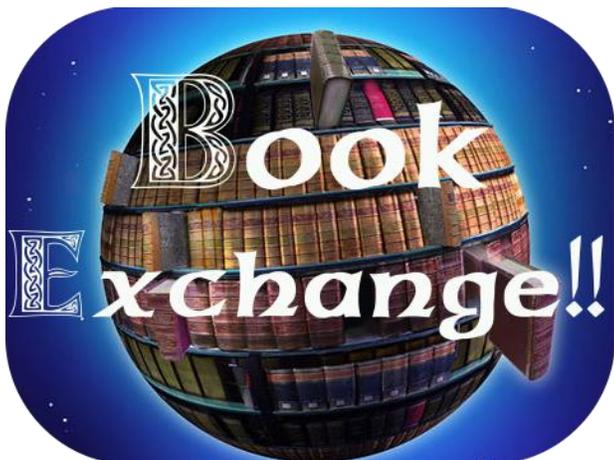
We don't know exactly when Jesus arose on Easter Sunday morning. We know that as the almighty risen Son of God, Jesus didn't need an angel to help get Him out of the tomb. The Good News was that Jesus was alive just as He had promised. Death could not keep Him in the tomb.

The angel rolled the stone away so that the women and disciples could look in and see an empty tomb. With the stone rolled away, the women and disciples who also came to the tomb could look in and see that Jesus was not there. Some who looked in saw an angel who greeted them. Some looked in and saw the cloths in which Jesus was buried. Nobody saw Jesus in the grave because He had arisen. For 40 days after Jesus' resurrection many people saw Him alive again.

We don't need to go to Jerusalem to try and find Jesus' tomb to see if it's really empty. In the Bible, we have the words of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul, all of whom saw Jesus alive again. Through the eyes of the apostles in God's Word, we can see that the stone was rolled away and know Jesus is alive.

The rolled away stone and the empty tomb mean that Jesus has defeated death for us. There is nothing that can keep our loved ones or us in our graves. God's Word tells us that when Jesus comes back on the last day, all who believe in Him will come out of the grave to be with Him. Our stones, too, will be rolled away.

Student Council is holding a book drive NOW through April 21st. Students can drop off used books outside the library before school. For every 2 books you drop off, you will receive 1 ticket. The following week, from April 24th - 28th, exchange your tickets for books before school in the gym lobby.





FHLCS Annual Auction April 22nd, 2017

NW Events

2900 NW 229th Avenue #100 Hillsboro

- Registration & Silent Auction - 5 pm
- Dinner & Live Auction - 7 pm

Wednesday, April 19th is the last day to purchase Tuition Raffle tickets for a chance at half off of one student's tuition for the 2017-18 school year.

They will NOT be sold the night of the auction.

The cost for raffle tickets are:
1 for \$40 - or - 3 for \$100



Proceeds from the raffle sales will go towards the 2017 FHLCS auction. Drawing will take place at the auction on April 22, 2017. **You do not need to be present to win.**

Yee-Haw! It's the Wild West!

Come kick up your heels at the cowboy themed
Middle School dance!



- Friday, April 28th
- 8:00pm - 10:00pm
- In the cafeteria

We'll have a boot- scoon' good time!

Each year, we feel it is important to pause and reflect on the year that has past, and look to the year ahead. During that time, we like to take a strong look at the year, determine the highlights and successes of the year, and look at things that we can improve as a school. As partners in education with us, your input is of great value! We look to you as a crucial piece of the puzzle in determining how we can best serve our students and their families.

In order to facilitate this reflection, I am sending out a Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey itself should take you about 10 minutes to complete. I would be extremely thankful if you would take those ten minutes and share your feedback.

As you complete the survey, if there is anything you feel is not included in it, or if there is an area of which you have extreme concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to also personally e-mail me at schiemannm@fhlds.org. On the survey, there is a place to put your name, but it is optional. Please know that I would love to personally follow up with those who may have comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions, but I will only be able to do so if you share your name.

The results of the survey will be tallied and summarized for use by the School Board and the staff, especially as we look to review and finalize our school's strategic plan. The survey will remain open until Friday, April 28.

Please let me know if you have any questions. In the meantime, here's the link...

<http://research.bakerstrategy.com/s3/school?a=aOEF00000rrPWjMAM>

God's blessings on your day!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

FHLCS Board Openings

The Westside Lutheran School Association delegates will be electing new members to the school board in June. If you are interested in running for a position on the board, please email this information to prockford@aol.com or submit your name to the school office along with your phone number and email address. You will be sent a form to fill out and return to the nominations committee. This form should be returned by May 8, 2017.

Requirements:

- A board member may not be a member or the spouse of faculty, professional staff or an employee of the Association.
- Two positions on the board may be the "Parent at Large":
 1. A parent of a current student at FHLCS
 2. Not a member of one of the Association congregations.
- All other positions on the board must: Be a member of an Association congregation in good standing.

Vice-Chairman
Patrick Rockford
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**Save the Date ~
Friday, May 5, 2017
All School Spring Event
Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School**

6K Walk/Run

Trinity Lutheran church in Hillsboro is teaming up with World Vision on May 6th at 10AM for a 6K walk/run. Did you know 6K (3.73 miles) is the average distance many children in the developing world walk for water? Plus to make matters worse the water they retrieve is unclean. If you participate in this 6K walk/run you will be providing clean water to one child in need through your registration fee. You will also get to wear the name and photo of a clean water recipient on your race bib. Each participant will also receive a t-shirt and finisher medal. It's fun for the whole family and the race will begin and end at Trinity. Cost for adults is \$50 and children \$25 (due to a generous donation). Sign up to join Trinity's team at Teamworldvision.org/team/trinitytrekkers.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is selling a variety of plants including; vegetables and herbs, annual and pre-annual flowers, planters and flower baskets. Order forms are



available on the preschool page at Trinityhillsboro.org. You may drop off your order form and check payable to Trinity Lutheran Preschool at Trinity or FHLCS office through April 18th. All plants will be available to pick up on Thursday, May 4th from 1:30pm-6:00pm at Trinity.

The yearbook team is looking for pictures from the Me and My Guy dance. If you have pictures that you would like to share, email them to fhlcsyrbook@fhlcs.org.

Ways We Communicate About School Closure or Delayed Start

If we were to delay start or cancel school, we update our Facebook page, send out an e-mail to the whole school and news service and send you a text if you have signed up.

If you haven't sign up for texts from the school, send a text to **fhlcs** to **81010**. You'll get a reply to then text your name so I know who you are. Once you've done that, you should receive a text from a different number, and that will be the number that you'll receive any text notifications from in the future.