

KERMAN COVENANT CHURCH

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FROM PASTOR DAN'S DESK

Good Friday—The Highest Holy Day of the Church

I often joke about Christmas, Easter and Pentecost as the *High Holy Days* of the Protestant church. But, I must remind myself, they are only Holy because of one other day, Good Friday. Without Good Friday, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost would never be celebrated by the church. In fact, without Good Friday, there wouldn't be a church! Therefore, Good Friday is **THE HIGEST HOLY DAY OF THE CHURCH!**

It is very convenient for us to ignore Good Friday in the Christian calendar. The service that we use to celebrate the death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is dark. It's solemn. It's contemplative. The liturgical color for the day is black. The music is in minor chords. We leave in silence.

Honestly, death isn't something that most people enjoy being around. It reminds us of our own finitude. Our own finite state. Our own mortality. We will not live forever. It's something that we find difficult to face ourselves. It's not something we like to talk about.

We even come up with euphemisms for saying that someone has died. It's easier to say that someone, "Passed away", "Went home to be with Jesus" or "Joined the Church Triumphant" than to say that someone died. I won't go into the list of other euphemisms that we use to avoid the term "died"; such as "Pushing up daisies" or "Bought the farm"!

Jesus' death on the cross was a gruesome, agonizing death. It reminds us of our sin which caused his death. It reminds us of our broken relationship with God. We feel guilt. We feel shame. We want to hide. So we conveniently ignore Good Friday.

Good Friday is not something to ignore or avoid. Good Friday, in the midst of the mourning and penitence, is a day to pause and remember that we are celebrating the Atonement! We are celebrating the reconciliation of the relationship between God and human. It's not universal in the sense that everyone's relationship with God was healed. Individually, we still have a responsibility. A responsibility to accept that Jesus stepped in and took our sin, so we would become righteous in God's eyes.

I encourage you as you look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that you pause along the way. Spend time in the shadow of the cross. Remember that resurrection is only possible because death occurred. Death to Jesus. Death to our Lord. Death to our Savior. Death to the broken relationship with God! Death to the power of sin in our lives!

Then, on Easter morning, celebrate resurrection! Celebrate life! Life to Jesus! Life to our Lord! Life to our Savior! Life to a healed relationship with God! Life to having the righteousness of God! Life eternally lived in the presence of God!

Blessings,

Pastor Dan

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It's time to order your Easter Lilies. Easter Lilies will be placed in the church on April 12th and can be ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are due April 5th. Order forms are available in the bulletin or by calling the office.



TRIENNIAL XIII / July 22-25, 2010 / Washington DC



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*Reflecting
God's Glory*

Triennial is the gathering of women of the Evangelical Covenant Church that takes place once every three years. It is an eventful experience in the lives of those who come. It is a place to enjoy fellowship of the richest kind with women from all over the country and world. It is a time to worship God with fullness and joy. It is an opportunity to learn and grow and develop skills to strengthen your spiritual life, or to begin new life with Jesus Christ! It is a moment to relax, unwind, and to find joy and energy and peace in all of it.

The latest news of Triennial XIII * Reflecting God's Glory is BIG - registration rates and timetables for Triennial XIII are now public, and your first - and most affordable - chance to register is coming up very soon!

From June 1 - July 31, 2009 only, registration is being offered at the low rate of \$260. That's \$100 off the regular registration rate! Start planning now to take advantage of this great opportunity! For more information on Triennial XIII check out the website at triennialxiii.org.

**GET READY FOR SOME BRAND NEW IDEAS AND MINISTRIES FOR WOMEN
AT KERMAN COVENANT CHURCH!**

The recent luncheon/fashion show hosted by Women Ministries and featuring Ruth Hill, Executive Director of Women Ministries for the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, as our speaker has challenged and energized us to take a new look at what we offer women of our congregation and community. Ruth's visit with several WM leaders, the DVD she aired and ideas she shared will serve as a springboard for building on the excellent ministry Susan Hornor has led for the past two years. As we grow in numbers and diversity, Ruth reminded us that 'one size does not fit all' when it comes to connecting women. So, we are looking at new ways to help promote fellowship, spiritual growth and service through Women Ministries. The leadership form will be similar to that recently adopted by the church: four core areas of ministry, each led by a team leader who is free to recruit as many people as needed to carry out the various programs included in their particular area of ministry.

The four core areas of Women Ministries are:

Spiritual Formation and Growth

Outreach Ministries (Internal and External)

Compassion, Justice and Missions

Administrative led by the Women Ministries Coordinator

Leaders for these four core areas are being contacted with the goal of having this ready by May 1st. Several individuals have already volunteered for ministries within each of these four areas. A new ministry led by a new volunteer will be an exercise program focused on walking. Dena Yates will be filling us in on the details of this exciting opportunity to get in shape and "Walk to D.C. - Triennial XIII ! Watch for more information and get ready for the kickoff on May 16th.

Pray about your own involvement, about God's leading as we contact people and about the awesome and wonderful opportunity we have to build relationships among women with the goal of growing in our walk with Jesus and serving Him in our church and community. If you'd like to talk with someone about an interest or have questions, please call Barbara Nord, 846-9665 or 289-9665.



*Save the date for
Vacation Bible School
June 22nd–26th*

*Gather together your friends and
plug the date into your calendars
now!*

The next
Congregational Business
Meeting will be held on
Sunday evening, April
26th. Dinner will be
served at 5pm. Please
bring a dessert to share!



**Annual
Business Meeting**



“As for youth director, I say we pass on the Master of Theology and hire the mother of 12.”

Core Values Class

Beginning Sunday evening, April 26, through Sunday evening, June 7th, Pastor Dan will be leading a class that will explore the Covenant Affirmation, our core values. The class will coincide with a sermon series titled, *This We Value...* Here is the schedule:



April 26	– 3:30-5:00pm	Covenant Affirmation and our Common Christian Affirmations
	5:00pm	Congregational Business Meeting
May 3	– 6:30pm-8:00pm	The Centrality of the Word of God
May 10	– 6:30pm-8:00pm	The Necessity of the New Birth
May 17	– 6:30pm-8:00pm	A Commitment to the Whole Mission of the Church
May 24	– No Class	– Memorial Day Weekend
May 31	– 6:00pm-9:00pm	Double Session: The Church as a Fellowship of Believers & A Conscious Dependence on the Holy Spirit
June 7	– 6:30pm-8:00pm	The Reality of Freedom in Christ

This class was previewed at our recent Leadership Retreat and the content and format was well received. You will receive a deeper understanding and appreciation for the core values of our congregation and denomination.

Please register your intent to attend by contacting the church office (846-5307) by Monday, April 20.

The men of Kerman Covenant will host a pancake breakfast on Apr 12th from 8:00am until 9:15am. Come enjoy some hot pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee before the worship service begins. Anyone interested in helping with the breakfast should contact Bill Otto or Bob Cain.



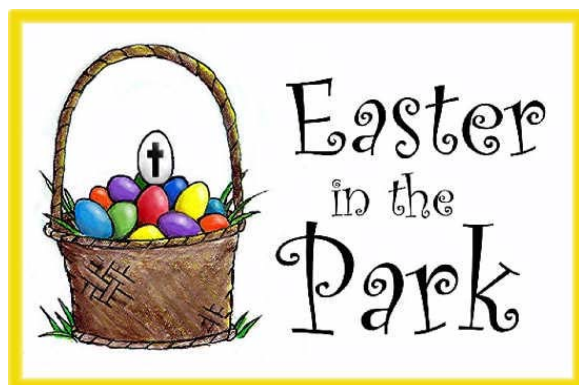
Getting in SHAPE for Ministry Class



Watch the bulletin for the next *Getting in SHAPE for Ministry Class*. It will be offered on Sunday evenings in the near future. This is the perfect class to help determine how God has uniquely SHAPed you for ministry.

- ☺ While standing in the fireworks booth, you should NEVER say to a freshly transplanted Wisconsinite, "Yeah, in a couple of weeks it is really going to get hot".
- ☺ If you need it and Chris Otto or Ken Samarin doesn't have it, it probably hasn't been invented yet.
- ☺ Tri-Tip is the best cut of beef. Ever. Period.
- ☺ Sonja Escamilla spells her name with a J, not a Y.
- ☺ Bringing your Midwestern family oranges from the Foths at Christmastime=instant celebrity status.
- ☺ Jorge Cubillos discovered he liked Celtic music on rides home after Confirmation.
- ☺ Javier Temores is the spitting image of my Polish brother-in-law Rich. I'm sure they're long-lost twins.
- ☺ Ryan Cain is MY long lost twin.
- ☺ Lindsey Guidry is about the sweetest little girl on the face of the planet.
- ☺ Phil Larson calls me "Mother Superior"; Ima gonna miss that.
- ☺ Seeing Dicie Fitzpatrick hypnotized at the Big Fresno Fair is one of the funniest things I've ever seen.
- ☺ Watching Josh Daniels beat 3 seniors at sand volleyball is one of the most amazing things I've seen.
- ☺ Gene Nord has this one funny joke.
- ☺ Bill Otto absolutely disrespected my instructions to put the bills in the money box in order of their denomination, and all facing the same way. Set me RIGHT OVER THE EDGE, year after year. Punk.
- ☺ Dianne Rohrmann should consider stand-up comedy.
- ☺ Carolyn Scott LOVES to go camping. Invite her sometime! Tenting miles from running water is best.
- ☺ Chris Andresen was absolutely convinced he would be my favorite Andresen.
- ☺ Wal-Mart will never be the same for me. Thanks, Michelle Scott.
- ☺ Best funny quote ever by a student: "Settle down, sit down, slow down, and stop that".
- ☺ If you need some fresh culinary herbs, you should go visit the Smith Family.
- ☺ Spanish lesson. HERMANA=sister. AMIGA=friend. HERMIGA=Suhrei Daniels.
- ☺ If you can find someplace Evelyn Knowles has never traveled to, or thought of traveling too...oh, who are we kidding? Don't waste your time trying to come up with something. You WILL lose.
- ☺ If neither Les Scott nor Carl Knowles can fix it, it is REALLY time to throw it away.
- ☺ I am going to miss you all loads. And, no offense to anyone-including his parents...but I am pretty sure I am going to miss Luken Daniels most of all. Te amo, "pequito amigo" J.
- ☺ Andy Cobb would make the BEST bouncer in Confirmation. No having to instruct rowdy students twice, is what I'm thinking.
- ☺ Surely then, Meg Winchester is a simply lovely fellow Celt. She's also my Fairy Godmother.
- ☺ Michael Jordan and I made a habit of not saying hi to each other in the office, unless we REALLY had a lot of time to spend just talking about life. Otherwise we wouldn't get ANY work done.
- ☺ For my first few months here, I couldn't remember Eldon's name. I kept wanting to call him ELROND. I knew that wasn't quite right. Turns out he thought my name was Casey or something like that.
- ☺ If it is wooden and it is in the youth room, Pete Goosev built it.
- ☺ There is something SERIOUSLY funky going on with the Scott's cat. Precious FREAKS ME OUT.
- ☺ Kevin Carlson is the 4th son of Jacob and Lynn Andresen.
- ☺ Watching LOST weekly with Frances Boyd was my only steady date.
- ☺ If you don't know Harold Hamilton, you've never played or been to a baseball game.
- ☺ If you take Bob Cain on a Retreat, and bring the coffee beans but forget the grinder....oh, dear!
- ☺ There's no better way to watch a Packer game than with Juan, Marsha, Yolanda and Keith.
- ☺ Native Spanish speakers are some of the most generous people I know. They have never ceased to be appreciative of my pasty Celtic white girl brand of Spanish.
- ☺ All y'all have taught me loads about generosity and benevolence and hard work.
- ☺ Sharon Weld has more artistic talent in her thumbnail than I will have in my entire lifetime.
- ☺ If Donna Burdine is behind the till, you always feel more upbeat leaving the store, than you did when you came in.
- ☺ I'm pretty sure that springtime in the Valley is one of THE most GORGEOUS things I've ever seen. It's even worth all the sneezing.
- ☺ If you ever want to visit Chicago, you know you have a place to stay!
- ☺ Kerman Covenant Church had an amazing history of faithful youth ministry before I arrived, and will have the same after I leave. I am so honored to have served you!

COMING TO LIFE
SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
10AM - 2PM
KERCHOFF PARK



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

GAMES*EASTER EGG ROLL
FACE PAINTING
FREE FOOD FREE MUSIC

New to this year's celebration are two scenarios or skits. One skit will depict Jesus entering Jerusalem, with a "palm frond or branches" greeting from the crowd. We are looking for family units to greet Jesus' entrance into the park. We have washed the costumes found in storage and have multiple sizes to fit almost anyone. Please contact Sue Logoluso at 846-7402 if you or part of your family would be willing to participate.

The other skit is a court scene and men to represent Roman Soldiers and Pharisees are needed as well as a few men with a small speaking part. Crowd members are also welcome. Sheryl Betancourt is coordinating the skits. If you are willing to help out give Sheryl a call at 846-9283.

This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel into our community with a short term missionary commitment - really - participation in one of the skits will probably take less than an hour! We plan to provide costumes and have changing rooms available at the park so you can participate in other activities as well. You can participate as much or as little as God lead's you. Please pray for God's light to shine at this event and for the Holy Spirit to be present too.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

A Maundy Thursday service is being planned for 7:00pm, Thursday, April 9, in our worship center. Please make plans to attend this service that focuses on the Last Supper of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



GOOD FRIDAY

The community Good Friday service will be held this year at the United Methodist Church at 3095 N. Madera Ave. The service will begin at 12:00noon on Friday, April 10.



Mark your calendars and save the dates for:

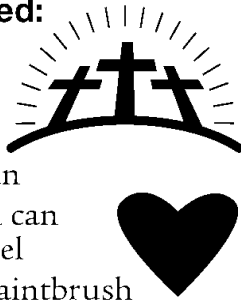
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| Apr 4 | Easter in the Park |
| Apr 10 | Good Friday |
| Apr 12 | Easter Sunday |
| Apr 16-18 | PSWC Celebration @ El Dorado Hills |
| Apr 19 | Larry Powell preaching |
| Apr 24-26 | Dads and Daughters @ Mission Springs |
| Apr 26 | Annual Meeting |
| June 22-26 | Vacation Bible School |
| June 25-28 | ECC Annual Mtg @ Portland, Oregon |
| June 28-July 5 | Family Camp @ Mission Springs |
| July 12-17 | ChiC @ Knoxville, Tennessee |

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

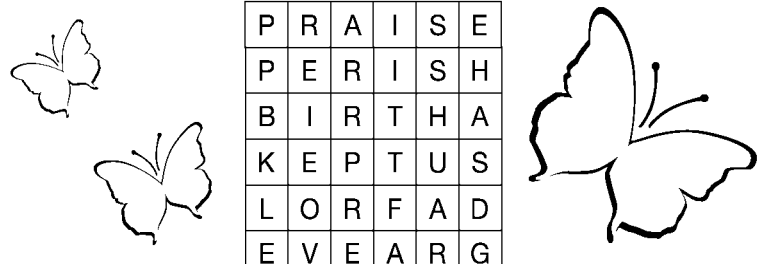
1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.



OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great **mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil or fade** — **kept** in **heaven** for you"



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APRIL 2009

GROWING TO IMPACT KERMAN FOR CHRIST

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15-Gathering
 9:30am-Worship
 10:45am-Fellowship
 11:00am-Sunday School
 11:15am-Youth & Adult Bible Fellowship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 4:00pm-4-6 grade Bible Study	2 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's) 3:30pm-Reading & Beyond Tutoring	3	4 10:00am-Easter in the Park
5 PALM SUNDAY 8:00am-Youth Ministry Leadership Breakfast See Morning Schedule 4:00pm-Confirmation	6 11:30am-Lunch Bunch Bible Study 7:00pm-Girls' Bible Study 7:00pm-Turning Point Prayer Meeting Senior's Graduation Retreat	7 9:30am-Ladies Crafts 7:00pm-Guys' Bible Study 7:00pm-Leadership Prayer	8 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's)	9 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's) 7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Service	10 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED 12:00PM-Good Friday Service @ Methodist Church	11
12 EASTER 8:00am Pancake Breakfast See Morning Schedule	13 OFFICE CLOSED 11:30am-Lunch Bunch Bible Study 7:00pm-Girls' Bible Study 7:00pm-Prayer Ministry Team Mtg	14 9:30am-Ladies Crafts 1:30pm- Country View Visit 3:30pm-Reading & Beyond Tutoring 7:00pm-Guys' Bible Study 7:00-Core Ministry Team	15 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 4:00pm-4-6 grade Bible Study	16 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's) 2:30pm-KCS Chicken Dinner 3:30pm-Reading & Beyond Tutoring	17	18 8:00am-Youth Combo Car Wash and Tri-Tip Sandwich Fundraiser
19 See Morning Schedule 12noon-Youth Parent Lunch & Meeting 4:00pm-Confirmation	20 11:30am-Lunch Bunch Bible Study 7:00pm-Turning Point Prayer	21 9:30am-Ladies Crafts 3:30pm-Reading & Beyond Tutoring 7:00pm-Leadership Business	22 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 4:00pm-4-6 grade Bible Study	23 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's) 3:30pm-Reading & Beyond Tutoring 7:00pm-Combined Youth Bible Study	24	25 6:30pm-Pit Stop
26 See Morning Schedule 4:00pm-Confirmation 5:00pm-Congregational Business Mtg	27 11:30am-Lunch Bunch Bible Study 7:00pm-Girls' Bible Study	28 9:30am-Ladies Crafts 3:30pm-Reading & Beyond Tutoring 7:00pm-Guys' Bible Study	29 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 4:00pm-4-6 grade Bible Study	30 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's) 3:30pm-Reading & Beyond Tutoring		