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**Encounter Christ    Grow in faith    Love as Christ loved    Tell the Story**

***Holy Humor***

In the early Christian church, the week after Easter was a whole week of laughter, merriment and feasting. The name *risus paschalis* was coined – it means Easter laughter. The idea is that God played a joke on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead. In more modern times, many congregations have a “Holy Humor Sunday” the Sunday after Easter. We haven’t done that, but it might be fun some year. This month’s newsletter article is dedicated to the great Easter laugh, the *risus paschalis*.



**Jokes**

An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

**How many guitar-playing worship leaders does it take to change a light bulb?**

One. But soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.



Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked."

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

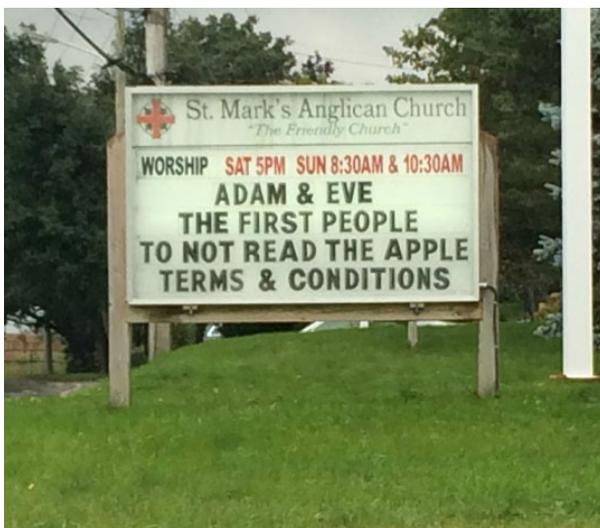
## Bulletin Bloopers

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.

Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers. Bring your own hot dogs and guns.



Happy April! Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*Pastor Kris*

## April Calendar

April 1	8:00 am—Easter worship
April 8	9:15—All-Congregation Sunday school 10:30—Guitar worship Adult Affirmation of Baptism
April 14	9:00 am—Church Clean up
April 15	10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion Blessing for florists, artists, beauticians 11:30—council
April 18	9:00 am—Quilting
April 21	10:00 am—Confirmation
April 22	9:15—Youth focus Sunday school 10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion Blessing for those in retail and sales
April 29	10:30—Worship Blessing—cooks, food service, restaurant, catering

## Helpers

Lector—Olson/Mumgaard  
Communion Assistant—Arlyne Hornung  
Ushers—Dale Giebenrath  
Cleaners—Wk 1/2—Rhonda Madsen  
Wk 3/4—Randy Giebenrath  
Altar—Mary O'Hare/Marilyn Kahler