



The Messenger



Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....

Our Bedrock of Faith

By Pastor Bruce Grentz

April 2021

03/28—PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK 03/28 THRU 4/4

04/04 ONE EASTER SUNDAY SVS @ 9 AM

04/10 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

04/11 2ND SUNDAY OFFERING—INTERVARSITY
CHRISTIAN AT WEBER UNIVERSITY

04/15—6:30 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

04/20 NEWS LETTER ARTICLES DUE BY MIDNIGHT

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Recently, I perused some titles of Christian books and I came across an author that I hadn't seen before. I knew his name, Justin Bass, because he was in my college ministry at the church I served in Texas. Trust me, we had some lively and controversial discussions about God's Word.

I remember one where Justin argued hard with me about the resurrection of the dead mentioned in Revelation 20. There in verse 12, it reads, "and the dead were judged according to what they had done as written in the books." He came at me hard asserting that if believers were judged according to their works, then we must be saved by works. He was wrestling with his faith but asking great questions. I replied that this was the Great White Throne Judgment where believers were not judged because it did not read the "dead in Christ." No, the dead in Christ's names were in the book of life mentioned earlier in verse 12. He continued to argue with me in front of the whole class and I wasn't sure why. Now, I know he was pursuing the truth of God's Word as hard as he could. We met later and had a great conversation and I only wish now, I could spend some time with him.

He went onto get his Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, and has written two books, "The Bedrock of Christianity," and "The Battle for the Keys: Revelation 1:18 and Christ's Descent into the Underworld." I'm reading "Bedrock" right now and I'm sure I will quote Justin in my Easter sermon. I hope to read "The Battle for the Keys," soon.

His book, "The Bedrock of Christianity," is well-written and informative. His focus is on "the doctrines that are all agreed upon by all branches of Christendom, whether Catholic, Orthodox or Protestant." These doctrines are contained in the earliest creedal statement we have recorded in the bible. In I Corinthians 15:3-7, Paul tells us, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance¹: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,² that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,³ and that he appeared to Cephas,⁴ and then to the Twelve.⁵ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.⁶ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles."⁷

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This creedal statement has the 'plain facts' of Christianity that concern the essential of the essentials: the death, the resurrection, and post-resurrection appearances of Jesus of Nazareth and the rise of the indestructible movement of the Nazarenes (of which, de facto, we at OSLC are part of)."

After his conversion, scholars agree Paul spent three years in the Arabian desert receiving instruction from the Lord. Paul tells us in Galatians 1:18 that after those 3 years, he went to Jerusalem and spent 15 days with Peter. According to Dr. Bass, scholars agree that Peter communicated this creed to Paul then. It wasn't original to Paul. Notice, he says in I Corinthians 15:3, "What I received, I passed onto you." So, it was already something all Christians asserted and professed and taught to those seeking baptism.

Dr. Bass contends that scholars are unanimous that this creedal tradition originated at the latest within a decade of Jesus' death and at the earliest "months" after Jesus death." (p. 21)

Justin asserts, "Even if all that survived from the first century AD were this creedal tradition (I Cor 15:3-7) we would still have the unalterable bedrock source for the most essential claim of Christianity: Jesus died for our sins, he rose again on the third day and he appeared to individuals and groups of people alive again as proof of this resurrection."

As we celebrate (yea, we can say Alleluia again), the Resurrection may we remember that Jesus rose from the dead for our justification (our acquittal – absolving us of all our sin before God – Amplified Bible), so we are saved by faith in Him and Him alone (Romans 4:25). And as my brother in the Lord, Justin Bass, has told us, the Resurrection, that's a fact!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bruce

**** FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT ****

What a wonderful month the Good Lord gave us all in February, now we are moving through March! I am excited for warmer weather and perhaps more exciting things to come with all that is happening. Shots for all and hopefully things will be semi-normal.




Mary Kartak came to me on Ash Wednesday with a wonderful idea for our Ministries. She wanted to meet at the end of February and asked me to help contact the Ministry Leads and Co Leads so they could gather to discuss how everyone felt about moving forward later this year. With Planning day canceled due to COVID19 they had not had a chance for any discussion between the Ministries. What a blessing that meeting was. The Ministries decided to band together, with all that is happening in our world, they wanted to make our parishioners know that the church is still going! We are still worshiping on Sundays in person and online, together, we can all gather for services but also gather for Fun with not only our Families at Home but our Church Family. With the Lords Blessings they have decided to band together for each event, not to overwhelm each ministry! They picked their favorite events that all had enjoyed in the past, so that we may be able to meet as a Church Family with Rejoicing and Laughter not only for the little ones

but adults also.

Please watch for all OSLC upcoming events in the bulletin, the newsletter, your email, Face Book, and all other OSL Media outlets.

I just want to send out a Thank You to all of you for lifting me up in your prayers... Thank You for coming to me to help Lead this Church and Congregation, especially in these trying times. And the Biggest Thank You for believing in not only me but our Congregation that we can work through this!

Prayers and Blessings to you all,
Annie :O) 801-808-1999

-  **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** ~ Dan Kartak Lead
-  **CONNECT/FELLOWSHIP** ~ *Reneae Schmid* - Russ Smith Council Rep
-  **GROW-BIBLE HOUR** ~ Justine Ashcraft - Josh Ascraft Council Rep. (See Insert)



MEN'S MINISTRY ~ Elton Sutherland - Dave Engen Council Rep.

Bible Study

We meet for breakfast and Bible study at the Black Bear Dinner in Layton at 6AM on Fridays. We are studying ACTS though John Stott's study guide. This is an account of the early church and will give us some insight on seeing the Spirit at work in the beginning of the Christian faith. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Men's Network

In 2020, the prospects seemed dim: loss of income, loss of men bringing families to church, increase of addictions, domestic violence, divorce. In 2021, the opportunities are HUGE to turn this around. For 40 years, Christian Men's Network has developed proven strategies to reach, engage, and disciple men, which has improved the lives of millions of men and their families. You can find the "ChristianMensNetwork" channel on You-tube where a 15 week study has started, "Power Of Potential" based on the life of Joseph. Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you have questions. (801)510-3994

Prayer Time

We encourage everyone to tune in to the pastor's Facebook page Live at 7PM on Tuesday nights to take part in prayers for who ever needs them as led by our pastor. This is an awesome time and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you pastor for leading our church in a way that honors God.

Security Team

We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of the church. If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share please contact Alan Huss. (801)725-1373

Building and Grounds

We have a new toilet in the bathroom of the class room wing. John Crossfield and Terry Schmid installed a new LED light in the courtyard between the two buildings. John and Dan Kartak installed handicap rails in all the bathrooms. We are still in need of donations toward replacing the windows in the fellowship hall and plan on painting the walls after installation. We always have tasks that need doing and John would love to hear from you. Contact John Crossfield or the church office if you are willing to help tackle a project.

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Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled to be on April 10th. Joe Heman and Leo Seeber are signed up to host. We have decided to move the breakfast to the second Saturday, due to the Easter Sunday the week before. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have questions, please contact Dan Kartak.



MISSION & SERVICE ~ Kathy Sutherland - Elton Sutherland Council Rep.

The time changed, Spring is getting nearer, Covid 19 is getting less threatening as more people get vaccines, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church is still moving forward in generous giving to our community partners. **The second Sunday offering for April is InterVarsity Christian at Weber State University.** (Great, Great, Great!) This national college campus ministry is committed to helping students and faculty encounter God and is sending out empowered leaders who will change the world. We hope to see every corner of the campus become transformed by the love of Jesus. Please support this worthwhile ministry with your prayers and a generous donation.



MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ Wendy Nelson ~ Trent Schmid Council Rep.



WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ Mary Kartak - Terry Schmid Council

Daffodils are starting to emerge.

Spring is in the air. Easter is fast approaching. Don't you feel it? Don't you crave it?

Reach and Welcome would like to thank all the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for their participation as we gathered (at a distance) to look forward to a time when this congregation can resume our joyful status as an active fellowship of believers. Although much of what this small group discussed must remain tentative, a spirit of hope and anticipation prevailed. Despite the uncertainty imposed by COVID-19, a sense of unity and enthusiasm were the key take-aways.

A second meeting of the leaders and co-leaders for each of our seven ministries is scheduled for May 5. Not only is that the date for celebrating Cinco de Mayo, we can also reasonably hope that by then restrictions and statistics will both be low. God willing, we will then see a rebirth of who we are as a Spirit-filled church body.

Prior to that date, might each of us consider where we might contribute? What do we see as important as we move forward and regain our vibrancy? How can we not only come back but move forward? Ponder and pray and trust that God's plans are for our good. The leads for each of our ministries are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Talk with them about what feels missing and what is worthy of restoration.

Rest assured, the daffodils will bloom once again.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ Andrea Graves - Jeff Graves Council Rep

Women's Ministry held its first 2021 Meeting Sunday March 21st after church. I will update you next month on some of the ideas that were discussed. Feel free to come to me with your ideas in the future. Can't wait for you all to get involved.



LCMC
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

LCMC INTERMOUNTAIN WEST DISTRICT NEWS

The district has launched a new website lcmc-iwd.net please visit. It is still being developed but moving along. It will post daily devotions by the various pastors of the district.

It is OSLC's turn to host the next district gathering in October, please keep this in prayer.

IT IS TIME WE NEED TO STEP OUT OF COVID MODE AND GET THIS SOCIAL DISTANCED ACTIVITY PLANNED. THIS EVENT IS NOT GOING AWAY. WE NEED THE PEOPLE OF OSL TO SHOW OUR STRENGTH AND SUPPORT BY STEPPING IN TO HELP HOST AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. OCTOBER IS COMING FAST!!!! LET'S GET MOVING Please Contact Dan Kartak ASAP

Spring clean up of the grounds is planned for Saturday March 27th from 9am to ?
Many Hands are needed, will you offer yours?



Pat Simonson has already prepared the planters and they look amazing.


Palm Sunday is March 28th which means the Sanctuary will need the pews vacuumed before Easter Sunday as well as any other dusting, polishing, etc you may see. Please sign the sign the sheet in the narthex or contact John or the Office to let someone know when you can come help. THANK YOU, signed U R CHURCH

Thank You

*For all the cards, cookies, flowers, & prayers.
Thank you Pastor for coming to the hospital several times.
I love you all, and so did Harry.
He would be very happy about how all of you have been
there for me.*

Mary Leschke

Worship Assistants

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6:30PM	April 01	NA			Pat Simonson	Mary Leschke			NA
6:30PM	April 02	NA			Teri McCloy & Stacy Ames	Pat Simonson			NA
9AM	April 04	NA			Annie Coyle	Mary Leschke			NA
9AM	April 11	NA			Barb McFarland	Diane Nath			NA
9AM	April 18	NA			Stacy Ames	Pat Simonson			NA
9AM	April 25	NA			Kathy Sutherland	Stacy Ames			NA



If you would like to see fresh altar flowers that you can take home after the Sunday service please use one of the pink envelopes found by the restrooms or in your pew. You may drop it in the offering basket when you are finished. If you bought ahead last year before the covid shutdown your donation's have been moved ahead into 2021. Gibby's does a wonderful job for us but, did say the cost going forward will increase to \$12.00 per bouquet. We are so grateful for the price break they give to us as well as the quantity of flowers.



4/1 Justine Ashcraft
4/2 Emily Junk
4/2 Duane Kaiser
4/4 Kamari Washington
4/5 Sophie McClellan
4/5 Melanie Kern
4/8 Pat Simonson

4/9 Anden Ramirez
4/10 Hudson Wolfe
4/10 Liam Ashcraft
4/11 Doug Gildemeister
4/16 Kirsten Schwartz
4/19 McFarland Don
4/20 Nancy Gerry

4/23 Lexi Grentz
4/24 Mackie Grentz
4/25 Trent Schmid
4/28 Rhyder Wolfe
4/29 Courtney Barrett
4/29 Richard Schaffert
4/30 Janet Tow



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00a Service 	29 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	30 6:00p Girl Scouts	31	01 6:30p Maundy Thursday Service 	02 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton 6:30p Good Friday Service 	03 Spring cleaning of the Sanctuary for Easter Morning.
04 9:00a Service with overflow seating in the Fellowship hall 	05 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	06 6:00p Girl Scouts	07	08 9-4 Charity Quilting	09 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	10 8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11 9:00a Service 2nd Sunday Offering Helps InterVarsity Christian at Weber State University.	12 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	13 6:00p Girl Scouts	14	15 6:00p Committee Mtgs 6:30p Church Council	16 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton	17 8:30a Open Hand Food Pantry Help
18 9:00a Service Newsletter Articles Due	19 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	20 6:00p Girl Scouts NO NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ACCEPTED PAST MIDNIGHT	21	22 6:00p Girl Scouts	23 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	24 Women's Ministry: Chalk Craft Night Time to be announced.
25 9:00a Service	26 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	27 6:00p Girl Scouts	28	29	30 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton	01

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"I can't stand it when nature throws us an April Fools joke!"

***May Newsletter Articles
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April Lectionary

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<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
04/01	Exodus 24:3-11	Psalm 116:12-19	1 Corinthians 10:16-17	Mark 14:12-26
04/02	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22 or 31	Hebrews 4:11-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19,42
04/04	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 16	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
04/11	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 148	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
04/18	Acts 3:11-21	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
04/25	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

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