

Busti Federated Church

Watch the Lamb

Newsletter

April 2018

Page 1

Watch the Lamb

Page 2

Prayer Needs

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

Page 3

Paul Harvey Prayer

Page 4

SSAFE Fundraiser

Page 5

April Calendar

Page 6

May Calendar

In this country and around the world Easter has become a lot like Christmas. Some magical bunny visits children leaving them baskets of candy and toys. Children search for bright colored eggs filled with treats while others color the eggs to enjoy. Families dress up and go to church sometimes fulfilling their two visits per year.

Many others gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, which is at the heart of the greatest miracle of all time. But I wonder how many people understand the full meaning of what Easter is? While the Bible is a unified book, there are differences between the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament lays the foundation for the coming of the Messiah who would sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world. The Old Testament shows the wrath of God against sin (with glimpses of His grace); the New Testament shows the grace of God toward sinners (with glimpses of His wrath). The New Testament records the ministry of Jesus Christ and then looks back on what He did and how we are to respond. Both testaments reveal the same holy, merciful, and righteous God who condemns sin but desires to save sinners through an atoning sacrifice.

What's easy to miss, though, is the ancient Hebrew context of Jesus' sacrifice in the biblical festival of Passover. It's a mistake to think that the Passover was simply a Jewish feast that happened to coincide with Jesus' crucifixion. The Passover, with all of its history and symbolism, is actually the centerpiece of Christ's offering of Himself and subsequent ascension to the throne of God to serve as High Priest and Intercessor. By thinking about this central event in the Christian faith in the same way that Jesus Himself thought about it—as the ultimate fulfillment of what was practiced every year in the Passover—we can gain a much deeper and richer perspective on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and on what it means for Christians today.

One symbol of Christ on the Seder plate is the matzoh, or unleavened bread. As the Jewish people left Egypt, they were in great haste and therefore had no time to allow their bread to rise. The matzoh is placed in a bag called an echad, which means "one" in Hebrew. But this one bag has three chambers. One piece of matzoh is placed into each chamber of the bag. The matzoh placed in the first chamber is never touched, never used, never seen. The second matzoh in the bag is broken in half at the beginning of the Seder; half of the broken matzoh is placed back in the echad, and the other half, called the Afikomen, is placed in a linen cloth.

Continued on Page 3

Around the Church

Prayer Needs

Pray for our Nation and President
Pray for our Military.

SPC Collin Hanson Cadet Clayton Hanson
Tyler Davis

Pray for those that are looking for jobs.

Pray for those who are ill: Katie Lewis,
Kay Calendar, Carol O'Brien, Jason Gould,
Charlie Hannan (Cancer), Kitty Boutureira,
Manny Boutureira Donny Dittman Carol Abbott
Terry Lata, Bev Fredlund (lung transplant)
Bill Allshouse, Jennie Locke (Carol's Mom)

Prayer Chain and Requests

We typically receive prayer requests one of two ways. Either Pastor Lee is contacted and then the information is passed on to me or I received the information directly. I then email that information to the addresses I have and that have asked to be part of the list. There are several people that don't have email and they are contacted by phone.

We need your help to better refine this process and hopefully provide as much information as possible. First, if you are not receiving the requests and you would like to please see me so we can set up the best way for you to be contacted. Second, many times after we receive a request we don't receive any updates or know the outcome. What we are asking is if you submit a request that you also keep us updated so that we know how to pray.

If you have any suggestions or questions about this process or how to improve it please let me know.

God Bless,
CJ

April

Birthdays

Darlene McIntyre	1st
Mary Lou Matteson	2nd
CJ Kelley	3rd
Max Kopenski	6th
Jon Putnam	14th
Tom Baer	16th
Bob Vergith	19th
Rob Kopenski	25th
Lee O'Brien	27th

Anniversaries

Jim & Joan Baer	6th
-----------------	-----

May

Birthdays

Hart Jordan	5th
Helen Davis	12th
Cathy Hazzard	23rd
Deb Siggins	27th
Joan Baer	30th
Shirl Streib	30th

Anniversaries

Chris & Heather Lynn	25th
----------------------	------



Paul Harvey's On-Air Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask for forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it self-esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our fore fathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free!! Amen

Continued from page 1

The third matzoh in the bag is used to eat the elements on the Seder plate. The Trinity is pictured in the matzohs. The first matzoh that remains in the bag throughout the Seder represents the Father whom no man sees. The third matzoh represents the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. And the second matzoh, the broken one, represents the Son. The reason the middle matzoh is broken is to picture the broken body of Christ.

There are also four cups of wine used at various points during the Seder. Each of these glasses of wine has a name. At the Last Supper, Jesus took the third cup—the cup of redemption—and used that cup as a symbol of the New Covenant in His blood. Thus Jesus fulfilled the Passover symbolism and infused the whole feast with a new meaning. In Exodus 6:6, the Lord God promised His people that He would save them from slavery: "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment." The phrase "with an outstretched arm" is repeated throughout the Old Testament in connection with Passover remembrances. Can it be coincidence that, in the New Testament, the Messiah had both of His arms outstretched as He freed us from sin

Busti Homecoming 2018!!!

**When: Saturday, August 25, 2018
11:00am-3:00pm**

Where: Lawson Town Park, Busti

This event will be free. Including food such as hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy snow cones, beverages and potential other items. Some of the potential displays include:

Lakewood/Busti K-9-unit demonstration and child safety seat checks. Busti Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand with an engine and rescue unit to educate children and families on fire safety. Historical Society will give people access to the mill and museum. Hazeltine Library will set up a book display or other information. Wagon Rides from the park to Peterson Candy store and to the Busti Historical Society.

There will be live music throughout the day. There will be games focused on families and children of all ages. There is also an updated playground in the park.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Painting Party

Busti Federated Church

Friday, April 27th 7:00-9:00pm

Hosted by: Kelly Hunt Cost: \$30.00



**\$10 per attendee will be donated to
SSAFE 2018 Alaska Mission Trip**

All supplies will be provided

**Please RSVP by Sunday, April 22nd to either
716-664-1586 or bustifederatedchurch@gmail.com**

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 National Party Day 	4	5 Community Sewers	6 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am SSAFE Chicken & Biscuit Dinner 4:00-6:30	7 65th Anniversary Jim & Joan Baer
8 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	9	10	11	12 National Licorice Day 	13 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am	14
15 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	16	17	18 Animal Cracker Day 	19	20 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am	21
22 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	23 National Pig's In A Blanket Day 	24	25	26	27 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am Painting Party Fundraiser 7:00-9:00pm	28
29 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30 Resource Team Noon	30					

Busti Federated Church
 875 Mill Rd.

Jamestown, NY 14701

(716)664-1586

www.bustifederatedchurch.org

Pastor Lee O'Brien

Administrator CJ Kelley

(716) 720-0115

(716) 708-6920

bustifederatedchurch@gmail.com

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Community Sewers	4 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am	5
6 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	7	8	9	10	11 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am	12 Wedding
13 Mother's Day Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	14	15	16	17	18 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am SSAFE Alaska Mission Fundraiser	19
20 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	21	22	23	24	25 Ladies Bible Study 9:45-11:00am	26
27 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	28 	29	30	31	Pastor Lee & Carol will be away on vacation from Monday April 30th till Tuesday May 8th.	

If you would like to submit an article, information or event to be placed in the Newsletter please have into the church office by the 25th of the month