

Mark Garcia Community Lay Director



"Happy Easter Windmill Folks!"

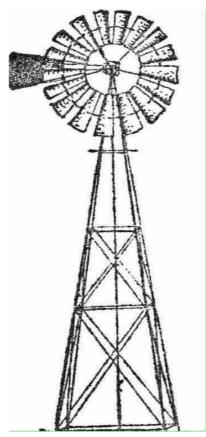
The Easter celebration is at hand. This usually means that families get together to visit, pray and reminisce on the reason for the gathering, catch up on each other's lives, plan a very good meal and perhaps play some outdoor games like Volleyball, Horseshoes, Croquette, the famous Easter Egg hunt and so on. The reflection and remembrance of the day that our Lord conquered death and rose from His grave in "Glorious Victory" brings forth this happy time. And "Ooooh Yeah!!!" I almost forgot to mention the famous confetti egg, or Cascarone as it is called in Spanish.

Have you ever thought of the confetti egg as the symbol of the beautiful resurrection of Jesus Christ, as it is being fierce-fully smashed on top of your unsuspecting head? Ha-ha, what great fun! Think on how the confetti egg is built: You take an egg and carefully remove the contents, you wash it out and dry it, then you fill the egg with beautiful confetti and shining glitters. Then you close and seal up the end with paper and glue. The external eggshell can be decorated or colored and it's ready for the journey. And finally, when the egg is smashed and cracked, usually on your head, the beautiful colors are released, and everyone can see the beauty. It's great!

So now let's look at the tomb of Jesus Christ: Disciples Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus immediately bought a Linen Shroud in which to wrap Jesus in.

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The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



GATHERING SCHEDULE		
Board Meeting	6:00 P.M.	
Fellowship	6:30 P.M.	
Worship	7:30 P.M.	

April 19 – Faith Lutheran -Beeville

May 17 – Our Savior Lutheran – Three Rivers



Norm Sulaica

Community Spiritual Director

Grace and peace be with you from our Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Many of us celebrated this truth on Easter morning. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. And yet, the world is uncertain about this truth. The idea of someone being resurrected from the dead seems odd and weird. It is a rare event. But what is more rare is someone who is dead could raise himself from the dead. Odd and weird are even more the thoughts and emotion of a non-believer. Yet, Paul records this truth in 1 Corinthians 15:20. He writes "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep".

Scripture records witness accounts of the resurrection. First, the gospel tells of Jesus raising people from the dead. Mark 5:41 shares with us the story of Jairus' daughter, "Taking her by the hand he (Jesus) said to her, "Talitha cumi"; which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise". We read about the young man at Nain (Luke 7:14), "And he (Jesus) came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise."" We read in John 11:38–44 about Lazarus' resurrection, "When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let *him go.*" Each of these historical moments happen before groups of people. There are many witnesses. And what they witness is the fact

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If you will give a Fourth Day Talk	No 4 th Day Speaker	Prayer List	
	for March	Men's Walk #66	Ruth Cantu
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This Area Reserved for Photo of 4th Day Speaker	Family of Joseph Latham	Jerry Montoya	
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		Michael Dougherty	Olga Willis
		Frances Morrow	
		Women's Walk #67	

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They transported Jesus to the tomb which had been hewn out of rock and prepared His body for the burial there. He was wrapped into the fresh new Linens and was laid into the tomb. They then placed an abundance of burial spices into the tomb around Jesus as was customary to kings and royalty. After they had completed preparing His tomb they placed a very large rock to cover and seal the entrance of the tomb. Three days later the rock is cracked into pieces and out came our Lord with all His glory revealed. Can you tie the similarities together? The egg shell is the rock which must be broken in order to reveal the beauty inside just like the rock of the tomb was broken and our Lord's beauty revealed.

We are at the threshold of Walk 66 and our new pilgrims will be taking the beautiful journey. And we do give these pilgrims the name "baby chicks" once they enter their 4th Day. So, we're going to lose more eggshells. These pilgrims may undergo many changes during the weekend. A portion of themselves may die while on this Walk allowing beautiful changes to be revealed from within for all to see. This is done by the power of the Love Jesus Christ has for us. No matter how large or small a change in these pilgrims, the change is beautiful and it's forever. No, these pilgrims won't be physically smashed or cracked, but their beauty won't be mistaken! Let's all welcome them into our community and congratulate them for taking this journey on Walk 66.

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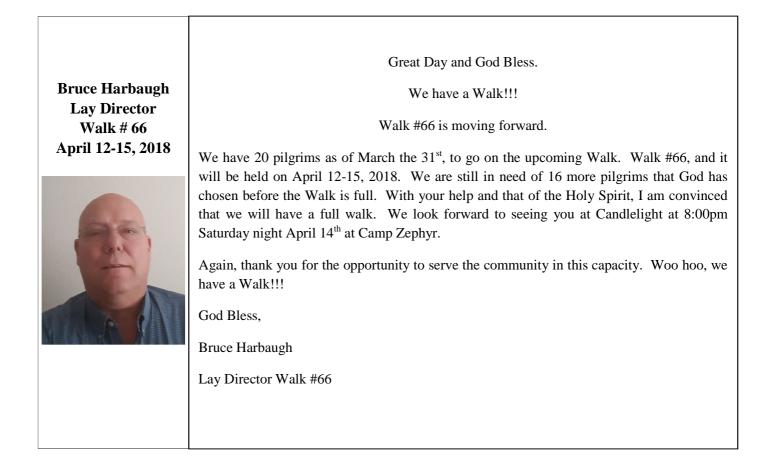
that Jesus has authority and power over death. Death does not contain or control God-in-the-flesh.

The greatest example of Jesus having power over death comes from his own death. The four gospels record the events of Holy Week. Jesus is betrayed by Judas with a kiss, and disciples run out of fear for their lives from the Garden of Gethsemane. Pontius Pilate gives into the Pharisees demand and orders the guards to not only flog Jesus, but have him crucified. Three days after Jesus' death, Mark 16:5–7 records this historical event, "And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, 'Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." Later, on the road to Emmaus, Jesus visits with the two travelers, and their hearts were open to the truth that Jesus raised himself from the dead (Luke 24:13-35). Later Luke 24 records that also the eleven disciples encounter with the Risen Savior, "And he (Jesus) said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have."

These passages and more are given to the world and us so that we can hear the encounters of those who experience the no-longer-dead Risen Jesus. Each passage serves as a witness that Jesus defeats death. He demonstrates that death is not the final word. The final word is God's to be spoken. God as the Risen Christ speaks clearly that death is defeated, and our inheritance from God is eternal life (Romans 8). We are *"heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ"*. This is the Easter message God gives to us: We are adopted by God through the waters of baptism, and we are gifted with an inheritance of eternal life through Jesus' resurrection.

Our Windmill Emmaus Community is called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring this joy-filled message to each pilgrim God brings to each walk.

Alleluia, He is Risen! Pastor Norm





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