

Bedford Lutheran

church with a heart

God's Vision for Us: To celebrate Christ, grow in faith, and share God's Love with all! April 2019

A Message from Pastor Tim Feaser

With all the joyous celebrations we observe at Easter, have you ever reflected on a real basic question? Why was it necessary for Jesus to die on the cross? Couldn't he have brought salvation without the crucifixion? After all, God is all powerful, couldn't he have come up with a better plan to execution on a cross?

Lest you think that these are crazy questions, I would like to share a little church history. There were a group of people in the second century who really wrestled with these questions. They just could not bring themselves to believe that Jesus actually died on the cross. After all, how could God have died? Because they could not bring themselves to believe that God had actually died, they came up with a theory that Jesus just appeared to die on the cross. Some thought that he had gone into some sort of heavenly hibernation while others suggested that he sampled faked his death. This teaching was called Montanism. Not surprisingly this idea was rejected by the mainline church and was ultimately declared to be a heresy.

So, Jesus didn't fake his death, nor did he go into a heavenly hibernation - he really died! Thus, we're back to the original question, why was it necessary for Jesus to die on the cross? Let me explain it like this. Draw a vertical line on a piece of paper and put God at the top and humanity at the bottom. Now draw a thick horizontal line which separates God on top and humans on the bottom. (It's a cross). The horizontal line is called the wall of sin.

God broke through that wall of sin by sending the law and the prophets. But humanity was still separated and as human beings we were powerless to break through the wall of sin on our side. Therefore God had to become human and do it for us. Only by experiencing death himself could Jesus defeat death on our behalf. Because Christ rose from the dead - we shall also rise!

-Pastor Tim



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Mt. Sidney, Salem;

Hebron, Madison;
Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta;

Trinity, Pulaski;

St. Philip, Roanoke

St. Peter's, Stafford

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Church Council Meeting- Tuesday-April 2nd-5 p.m.

The Church Council will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:00 p.m.** at the Parish House.

Soup Supper Pot Luck & Game Night-Wednesday, April 10th-5:00 p.m.-Parish House

It's time to come out of hibernation from our long and very wet winter and bounce into Spring! We invite you to join us on **Wednesday, April 10th at 5:00 p.m.** at the Parish House for our first potluck and game night of 2019. This year we are using a suggestion from the Lutheran magazine "Gather" for Lent and inviting you to bring your soups and/or fixings. This is always a fun night starting with great food; ping pong challenges, card and board games or just plain fellowship!

Third Sunday Singers Rehearsal-Sunday-April 21st-10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday Singers will present special music on Easter Sunday, **April 21st**. Rehearsal begins at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to sing.

Worship Arts Meetings-New Meeting Day and Time **-Beginning April 23rd**

The Worship Arts Committee has changed their meeting day and time to the **4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.** The April meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m.** at the Parish House. All are invited to attend. Please contact Florayne Snyder for more information.

Adult Forum Ministry

The Adult Forum Class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. All are invited. **The group will not meet on April 21st.** Please contact Fred Duis for information.

Women's Small Group Ministry-April Meetings

The Women's Small Group meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. at the Snyder house, 1505 Wellington Drive, Bedford VA. **The group will not meet on April 21st** Please contact Florayne Snyder at 540-583-5034. All women are invited.

Table Talk Bible Study- Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

"Table Talk" bible study meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at our Parish House, 728 Burks Hill Road. The group studies the books of the Bible. All are invited. Please contact Jay Johnson for further information.

Holy Week Services with Pastor Tim-April 14th- 20th Leading to Easter Sunday on April 21st

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday- 10:30 a.m.-April 14th

We invite you to attend Pastor Tim's special Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday Service on Sunday, April 14th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Monday through Friday Morning Service of Prayer and Bible Study with Pastor Tim-April 15th through April 19th-8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.-Parish House

Please make plans to join Pastor Tim at the Parish House from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for a special Monday-Friday week of prayer and bible study during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Service- Thursday-April 18th-7 p.m.

We invite you to attend Pastor Tim's special Maundy Thursday service on Thursday night, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service-Friday- April 19th-7 p.m.

Please make plans to attend Pastor Tim's special Good Friday service on Friday night, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service- Sunday-April 21st-10:30 a.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection with a special service with Pastor Tim, Children's Sermon and special music provided by the Third Sunday Singers! Please make plans to attend this very, very special day!

Easter Egg Hunt for the Children-Sunday-April 21st- following Worship Service

Weather permitting, we will once again hold our Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the worship service and a snack while those eggs are hidden in the Wharton Garden next to our worship space. We thank the president of the Wharton Foundation and church member, Fred Duis for allowing us to hold this fun event for the children in the garden.



"Thank you so very much for your wonderful gifts of appreciation that you presented to me on March 10th. I was completely overwhelmed and speechless and you know that I am never speechless! I truly love being able to use my business office career once again for our church and on my terms of voluntary and I hope to continue for a long time!"

Robin Wood

Worship Schedule

	April 7	April 14	April 18 & 19 Maundy Thursday- Good Friday	April 21	April 28
Greeters	Jay Johnson	Doris Pratt	Robin Wood-18th Gary Snyder-19th	Florayne Snyder	Shela Wolford
Reading	Robin Wood	Bob Pratt	Robin Wood-18th Good Friday-19th — Charlotte & Fred Duis, Florayne & Gary Snyder, Robin Wood	Fred Duis	Shela Wolford
Ushers	Bob Pratt Gary Snyder	Jay Johnson Robin Wood	Fred Duis/Robin Wood-18th Good Friday-19th Robin Wood- Bulletins-no offering	Shela Wolford Robin Wood	Doris Pratt Ann Sites
Communion	Doris Pratt	Florayne Snyder	Charlotte Duis-18th Good Friday-19th No Communion	Charlotte Duis	John Dyess
Altar Care	Brenda Wolhfert Set up: Wolhfert	Florayne Snyder Set up: Snyder	Charlotte Duis-18th Set Up: Duis Florayne Snyder-19th Set Up: Snyder	Charlotte Duis Set up: Duis	Ann Sites Set up: Johnson/Hagerman

Worship Attendance

- March 3: 32 people; March 10: 32 people; March 17: 36 people; March 24: 32 people
- Please submit items for the **May** Newsletter to Robin Wood by **Monday, April 22, 2019** or earlier if possible.

Pastoral Needs

For any Pastoral needs, please call Pastor Tim Feaser at **410-608-9442** or email Pastor Tim at timfeaser@yahoo.com. For any prayer requests that you would like to share with our community through email, please send request to bedfordlutheranva@gmail.com.

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