

EDEN ECHOES

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I often get caught up dreaming about the early church as described in the book of Acts. I desire to be there to see what it was like as the raw energy of this new movement swept people up and caused dramatic, lifealtering conversions. Just think about what it would have been like to be in

a big city trying just to survive among all the busyness of the Roman empire, when suddenly you hear someone speak about Jesus, you encounter the Holy Spirit, and from then

on you are worshipping God in homes, sharing all your possessions with your new family, eating and celebrating together, and giving anything extra to the poor and needy. (Acts 2:38-47) This is the scenario I dream about because of its simplicity. There seems to not be pastors, committees, conferences, denominations, etc.; just a group of people sharing their lives together focused only on loving and serving Jesus.

I am not so naive as to think that the early church didn't have its problems. I have read all that comes after Acts in the Bible. I know that Paul sent many letters concerning various topics that the churches were painfully trying to work through. I also understand that while the apparent simplicity of the early church is enticing, our current church structures are a necessary and beneficial way of organizing ourselves for efficiency, support, and communication. But my dreams of the early church help me to realize that while the Holy Spirit is present and active in our church structures, It does not depend on them to change lives. Sometimes we forget that point. Sometimes we assume that there are just a few channels through which the church can minister to its members and to the world.

A pastor friend of mine planted a church that, because it was brand new, did not have the structure in place through which to channel ministry opportunities. So when a young woman came to the pastor saying that she thought the church ought to support the teachers in the local elementary school, the pastor said, "Great idea. Go for it." The pastor could tell the young woman was surprised by his response, so he said, "If you have a passion for this ministry and the Holy Spirit is moving, you should follow that calling. What can we do to support you?" The young woman said she felt so inspired and empowered because she had assumed she'd hear "We'll talk about it in a committee and get back to you." She experienced some of the excitement of the early church where ministry just happened spontaneously and the believers supported one another in following the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I was thinking about this recently after our congregation had a time of visioning for the future. I heard so many great ideas about how we could be engaging each other and our community with Jesus' love. The Eden Leadership Team will be working to discern how a vision or mission focus might be formed based on those conversations. That naming and presenting of a vision is an important structural step, but it is not required for ministry to start happening now. I want to encourage each of us to pay attention to the leading of the Holy Spirit in extending God's mission of salvation. You don't have to wait for the approval of a committee to care for people and share Jesus. Instead of wondering how someone is recovering or asking a family member, call or visit them directly. Instead of assuming that a particular commission ought to do more in the community, go yourself to build relationships and embody the Gospel. There is nothing stopping you from living out the call to love God and love your neighbor.

I pray that the Holy Spirit works through our church structures, just as I pray that the Holy Spirit surprises us and empowers each of us to serve God's mission wherever we are. Perhaps when both happen, we can get a glimpse of the early church: *The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared their lives together. They ate and prayed together. Everyone was amazed at what God was doing.* (Acts 2:42-43a)



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Updates from Eden Leadership Team

The ELT met Thursday, March 19 at the church. Bret called the meeting to order. Pastor Derek led in devotions from Jeremiah. He closed with prayer.

The minutes were approved as changed.

The treasurer reported that as of March 17 our expenses are \$6,713.83 under revenue and we are \$10,000.00 under budget. Since the letter was sent out concerning the cemetery plots we have received \$2,000.00 to reserve plots. The memorial fund balance is \$665.00. That money was designated for a new lawn mower when needed. The rest of the memorial money was put into the Endowment fund.

The FEWZ (combined youth group First Mennonite, Eden, and West Zion) has paid for their registration for conference and travel, expenses and meals still have to come out of their fund.

The Trustees reported they have repaired an Eden sign, fixed most of the doors and are fixing the tile around the drains in the kitchen. A work day is being planned for Saturday, March 28 from 8:00 until? They also painted the Leroy Schrag house and may possibly help with some other repairs to the house.

Visitation training for Deacons and their pairs was on March 10 and also will be on March 25. Each Deacon has been paired with one or two visitors in care visitation teams.

The Stewardship Commission would like to encourage the church to participate in the McPherson County Conservation District Stewardship Sunday program. Materials have been ordered and will be incorporated into the worship service.

Worship Commission is looking into how often it is appropriate to have outside guests fill the pulpit. This will be an ongoing conversation.

Education/Discipleship Commission purchased a projector. Marla Gillmore will be on the Mentoring committee. June is working on an elective for the fall for either Wednesday night or Sunday morning.

Peace/Witness Commission is working on Peace Sunday, April 12. There will be a potluck and also a time for Peace essays to be read. We are working on the format for cancelling church due to weather.

There are 6 delegates to the conference in Kansas City, Jenny Schrag, Gail Graber, Jay and Linda Goering, Jeff Koller and Pastor Lee.

The Endowment committee has two requests as of now. The deadline was March 22. It could be extended a little. The next meeting is April 9 at the church at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Lee will do the opening devotions. Meeting adjourned.

JoLene Kaufman, secretary

A full copy of the minutes is on the flip board in the fellowship hall.

Eden Peace Sunday Planned for April 12, 2015



Erica Littlewolf will be our featured speaker/presenter for Peace Sunday, April 12. Erica Littlewolf is of Northern Cheyenne and Jewish descent. She grew up on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana attending the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. She has vol-

unteered with MCC since prior to 2000 and has been formally employed since 2007. She coordinates the Indigenous Visions Center, focusing on building relationships between Native American people and non-Native American people. She currently lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Erica will also do a simulation called, "The Loss of Turtle Island" with the assistance of Karin Kaufman Wall. Karin is the descendant of Swiss-German Mennonite settlers to South Dakota and Kansas. She has worked for Mennonite Central Committee Central States as the Peace and Justice Education Coordinator since 2002. Her work focuses on raising awareness and encouraging action among MCC's constituency toward dismantling oppression and peace based on justice. She and her spouse, John, live in North Newton with their two children, Abram and Mabel.

Members of the Eden senior high school class will present peace essays after Erica and Karin's presentations. Plan now to attend and share the news of peace with the larger Moundridge community!

Invitation to Share



The "invitation to share" project for the month of April is Newborn Kits.

- 2 gowns/sleepers, (flannel or similar warm, soft fabric).
- 2 undershirts/onesies, (short or long sleeves,
- 4 cloth diapers, (flat-fold preferred),
- 1 receiving blanket, (lightweight fleece or flannel; 36"),
- 4 safety pins (2"),
- 1 bar DOVE soap, (leave in wrapper.),
- 1 pair of socks, 1 cap

If you want to support this project financially you may write a check to Eden with "invitation to share" in the memo line. Please mail checks to the church office, P.O. Box 406, Moundridge, KS 67107.



Camp Mennoscah is a place where people of all ages go to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God. In this most sacred space, the intersection of God, nature, self, and others is intentionally sought.

Camp Mennoscah is ready for another busy camping season. Brochures have been sent to former campers and information is also available on their website www.campmennoscah.org. Every summer approximately 200 staff and volunteers are needed to make the summer youth camps successful. These summer positions range from summer staff, to kitchen help, nurses, and counseling staff. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Camp Mennoscah directly or check out their website.

Before the summer camping session start there are two sessions that you may want to check out. On April 10-12 is the **Men and Boys Retreat**. Men and boys are welcome to come on Friday, but no meals or entertainment will be provided. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. For more information about this event contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-284-0450.

On April 27-29 The **Retirees' Relaxation Retreat** will be held. Retirees of all ages are invited for a time of fellowship and re3laxation. Activities include Bible study, music, presentations, and plentiful coffee breaks. This retreat offers a variety of sessions related to Ukraine plus much more! Please pre-register by April 13. See their website for more information or see the brochure located on the magazine rack in the library at church or stop by the Eden Church Office for a brochure. To register online for any retreats or for summer youth camps, go to www.campmennoscah.org and click on the Online Registration button on the right side. Please call (620-297-3290), if you have any trouble with the online registration.

Mt. Hope Sanctuary 6th Semi-Annual Taco Tuesday set for April 21

All are invited Mt. Hope Sanctuary's Taco Tuesday, April 21

from II:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 N. Elm, McPherson. The meal is by free will donation. The menu includes tacos, burritos, taco salad, nachos, homemade baked goods, and beverages. If you are willing to bake, serve, or sponsor this event, or if you have questions please contact Jana Bandy at volunteer.mthope@gmail.com or call 620-755-3157.

Prayer Retreat

Sunday, May 3 at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains

The Convention Prayer Team and AMBS-Kansas Center will be hosting a Prayer Retreat prior to the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City this July. This prayer retreat is intended for all MCUSA pastors, congregational leaders, delegates, members and other people who are interested in gathering together to share in a variety of prayer experiences in preparation for the MCUSA convention this summer.

This retreat allows for us to come together to praise and worship the One in whom we all live and move and have our being, to name our fears and anxieties, hopes and vision, to open ourselves to transformation through God's Spirit and to invite us to listen to God's leading.

This retreat will be held on Sunday, May 3. The retreat will begin at 4:30pm and will conclude with a shared "finger foods" faspa (potluck) at 6:00pm. This retreat will be held at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains located at 177 W Hickory Street in Hesston, Kansas.

For more information, or to access resources that allow you to plan a prayer retreat of your own, please see: https://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Prayer-Gathering.cfm or contact kccoordinator@ambs.edu

Have You Heard the News?

The Board of Directors of the ReUse It Center decided to make a move. We purchased a portion of the building located at 1337 W. Kansas on the SW corner of the 4-way stop at the west end of McPherson. The plan is to move in sometime this summer. The decision to move was as a result of the need to expand in order to get a larger showroom as well as more warehouse space.

The ReUse It Center is planning to begin remodeling soon. Donations are always welcome as well as shoppers and volunteers. Call Kathy at 620-345-8532 for more information or if you could help us in this ministry.

The Board is seeking a store manager to begin very soon. Contact LeRoy Schmidt 620-755-2659 or LaVon Ediger 620-242-7008 to check out the details of this position.

Hours are Tuesday 12-4, Thursday 4-8, Saturday 9-4



Map out your financial future

Join Everence for this presentation Tuesday, April 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Shawn Persing, CFP®, AWMA®, Director of Financial Planning will talk about how financial planning can help you achieve your goals and avoid costly financial mistakes. You'll learn

- How financial planning from Everence can impact your life
- How accomplishing your financial goals can be tied to financial planning
- How having a plan could help you avoid costly financial mistakes
- How integrating your faith with your financial decisions can help you change your world.

The presentation will take place at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, in Newton. Join us for a dessert buffet and Everence prizes! Child care will be available. For more information or to RSVP (by March 31), contact Darlene Buller at Darlene.buller@everence.com or call her at (877) 467-7294.

Eden Trustees approached with a proposal

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) has come to the Eden Church Trustees with a proposal. They are starting an endowment trust fund with an initial balance of \$50,000. In the event that SMCHA should ever cease to exist, they would like the Eden Trustees to take care of all their property which includes the Hopefield Cemetery, the Centennial Monument that is just west of the Hopefield Church, the 1943 Marker that is just north of the corner of Arrowhead Road and 18th Ave, the headstone at the Catlin Cemetery north of Peabody, and their web site www.swissmennonite.org. Since most everyone in Church has relatives that are buried at the Hopefield Cemetery the Trustees felt that it would be appropriate for us to take on this proposal. We have been assured that SMCHA is a financially sound organization and they have absolutely no plans to cease to exist in the fore seeable future. The Trustees would like feedback from the congregation on this matter. If the congregation is in favor of this, the trustees will take the proposal to the Eden Leadership Team for their approval. Please direct your comments pro or con to Keith Albrecht who is also a Trustee for SMCHA.

Storytelling - Writing Stories



You remember hearing Grandma talk about taking the buggy to church or Christmas as a child in the Ukraine but you don't know how to get it down on paper? Maybe you recall the way Grand-

pa talked about harvest days in his earlier years. Who is going to write these stories for our children and others?

These are days when the ancestor stories need to be written or they could be lost forever, lost to folks who could appreciate them – legacy stories that could continue to mold our character in healthy and moral ways. Or just fun-to-read stories that could make us laugh.

Since a Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) goal is to collect ancestor stories, Laurie Oswald Robinson, a local writing specialist, has been asked to help folks to be able to find a way to save these memories through story. Laurie will be at the Pine Village Wellness Center in Moundridge on Thursday, April 9, 9:00-12:00 to offer simple writing tools so that those who don't want to forget these significant memories could be encouraged to get started writing.

No cost to you. No credentials needed. The meeting is open to all whether or not you consider yourself a writer. No more excuses. Need more information? Call Kathy Goering at 620-345-8532. Reservations are needed to save a seat, limited to 25. Call Becky Jo Pyle at 620-345-2900 to say you're coming.

Bring a pencil and paper, a particular remembrance, and your desire to be able to accomplish an important task of writing story. We will all be glad you came.

Four lessons of Good Friday

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., author of *Jesus: A Pil-grimage* (HarperOne), writes that Jesus' suffering and death almost 2,000 years ago are very relevant to our 21st-century lives. He says Good Friday teaches us that:

- 1. physical and emotional suffering are part of life;
- 2. Suffering isn't always the result of sin;
- 3. Jesus was fully human—and thus understands our humanity; and
- 4. Suffering isn't the last word.

"The message of Good Friday is incomplete without Easter," Martin writes. "The story of the Passion is not simply of a man being brutally tortured, nailed to a cross and executed by the Romans. It's the story of a man who turns himself fully over to the Father's will, trusts that something new will come out of this offering and receives the astonishing gift of new life."



The past year was one of many changes for us. February 1 marks one year of Derek serving as Associate Pastor at Eden Mennonite Church. Through all the newness that this time has brought, love continued to grow. Love in the addition of Evelyn to our family on September 23. Love from friends, family, and church as we said goodbye to Harrisonburg and love from new friends and church community as they welcomed us to Moundridge. Thank you for being a part of the Love in our lives!

Pastor Derek, Becky, Sarah, and Evelyn

Dear Eden,

Sorry for the lack of updates since the beginning of 2015. I can't believe it's already March and the start of the Iditarod has come and gone!

I've been staying busy between volunteering for the "Last Great Race" and Habitat as well as all our Unit activities. We recently had 2 Global Village teams on the jobsite. People from all over the U.S. raise money for Habitat and come build with us for a week, (it's a great way to see Alaska!). Hint, Hint! I've really enjoyed meeting people from all walks of life and being on the construction site 5 days a week.

In fact, it gave me the courage to ask to be at the ReStore on Mondays and the jobsite the rest of the week. The 'Big Boss' said yes!! If you hadn't figured it out yet, I'm finally beginning to admit that I'd rather be player with power tools than doing paperwork.. (On a side note, one of my coworkers recently taught me how to use a lathe and I have to remind myself that a college education is a better investment at this point!).

Otherwise, Unit life is going pretty well. Two of my housemates are still dating (insert eye roll here), and the other is forming the dangerous habit of eating off my plate but other than that we get along fairly well. Next weekend (13th-16th) we're going to Fairbanks and volunteering at the Ice Sculpture Festival. It will be cold for sure!

Once again, thank you for all the support I've felt during my year of Service Adventure. I don't think I could be happier anywhere else for right now. I'd like to ask for prayers for my left foot to heal (I'm in a walking boot) so that I can run again. Thanks for everything! Love.

Lizzie Schrag



Last summer I began my career as an Occupational Therapist at Children's Therapy TEAM in Fayetteville, Arkansas. One opportunity of this wonderful company is to go with TEAMworks to travel internationally to seek to improve the lives and futures of children.

Therapists work with hundreds of children, offering individualized treatment plans, equipment, and education to improve quality of life.

God has given TEAMworks another opportunity to help the "least of these." On April 9th, I will be traveling with a group of therapists with TEAMworks to Guatemala to work with orphans and families who have children with special needs. Many of these families and children are in desperate situations and have no access to therapy services and limited medical care.

If you feel you can help with a monetary donation, know that every little bit helps. Any donations made go 100% to the trip and are tax deductible. Checks should be written to TEAMworks with "Guatemala" in the memo line and can be mailed to:

TEAMworks c/o Children's Therapy TEAM 2474 E Joyce Blvd, Ste 2 Fayetteville, AR 72703

You can also give online on our website,

www.teamworksteam.org, if this is more convenient for you. On this website there is also a blog which will be updated daily while we are there. Please follow along with us on the trip!

Finally, regardless of what you might be able to contribute financially to the trip, I ask that you support us with your prayers. Specifically, that God would keep us safe and give us endurance (as the work days are long and mentally draining). Also, please pray that He would open new doors of friendships and relationships with the people in Guatemala, give us the right words to say in every situation, and guide our hearts and hands to do the most good in our limited time there.

If you would like to hear more about my upcoming trip, please feel free to contact me at <u>da-na.tolle@hotmail.com</u> or 620.755.4367. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers!

Dana Tolle

An Update from Kristen Schrag

Hi Friends! I'm a first/second grade teacher at Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmovi, AZ. I am in my fifth year here. I love the kids and the people, and I love serving

my God in heaven! Thanks for the prayers and support!

FROZEN. I LOVE FROZEN!!!! I've watched it a million times and some kids tell me I look like Elsa when I wear my hair in a side braid at school. This is partly why I decided to dress up as Elsa back at Halloween. For awhile some kids referred to me as "Queen Elsa". And every time there was frost on the ground, kids would tell me, "Ms. Schrag, you froze the world!"

Nearly every Kindergartner - 4th grader shares my love for the movie too. So, one highlight of my month was to use the movie to teach basic biblical lessons. I was absolutely tickled to put together a series of Frozen themed chapel lessons which I taught throughout the month of January. The kids ate it up! The lessons included these five topics.

- FEAR: Fear does not come from God but rather God gives us power and love.
- GOOD SHEPHERD: I related Anna to the good shepherd and Elsa to the sheep. Will you follow Jesus, your good shepherd?
- SACRIFICE: Anna sacrificing herself for Elsa is much like Jesus sacrificing himself for us while we were still sinners.
- ENEMIES: Olaf teaches us lessons on how to treat others...specifically enemies.
- TRUE LOVE: Only an act of true love (Jesus death) can thaw a frozen heart (our sin).

Throughout the series, we would recite this verse together: There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18. After we worked on memorizing it each day. Olaf would fly across the PowerPoint in some crazy way. It never failed, the entire chapel would erupt with "OLAF!!!!" Darling!

If you watch the movie, try looking for some of these lessons to teach your own kids or grandkids. There are some deep lessons in this movie!

Some Fun-facts:

- 1. I visited the Navajo Nation Zoo and Museum in Window Rock, AZ.
- 2. An 8th grade boy missed the bus one day. His family had no ride so he hitchhiked to school!
- 3. The Junior High boys bball team got 2nd place in the league tournament.

- 4. Our Co-ed Jr. High bball team got 3rd place in the Dilcon bball tournament.
- 5. I got free box seat tickets to a Phoenix Suns vs Chi cago Bulls game.



I came back from Christmas break to find my fishy Kinko, dead. We held a funeral for him and an old pet Stink Bug named Stink (that's a story for another day). The funeral was complete with harmonica and recorder music. Everybody that attended took it very seriously.

Little Victories

A young man named Marko, who does not go to our school stopped by one day and sat down in the back of the room during one of Mr. Epefanio's chapels. After the chapel was over, many of the kids immediately flocked to Marko because they know him from the village and think he's sooooo cool. After our students moved on to PE, Marko stopped in at Mr. E's office where he told him. "I wish we would hear stuff like that at our school." He's taking online classes at one of the other Jr. Highs so he can graduate from 8th grade (he should be a Sophomore this year). He wishes he would've come to HMS. He wants his cousin to come to HMS. Why? Because even the coolest kid on the block isn't afraid to admit that something amazing is going on at our school. He's not afraid to admit that he wants something more for his life than the path he's currently going down and he knows that HMS could help him. Why else would a tough Rez teen like Marko take time out of his day to come to our school just to talk to our white, Christian principal?

Marko is not the only person that has been influenced positively by this school. There's many others. And they may not realize it, but the reason HMS stands out is because God is so present here. We talk about Him every day. Our staff models what a life with Jesus looks like. And people want that. They may not want to admit it, but deep down they want that.

Sometimes it feels like Satan is winning this place over and we just have to wonder if we're helping or hurting. Pastor Jim Burgen of Flatirons Church in Denver, CO said, "You take the influence of the Holy Spirit out of a place, things get dark fast." We have some many days where we feel alone and things feel so dark. But then we get days like today. Days when we know the Holy Spirit is present and at work. When we start winning people over like Marko, we know that God is having His little victories, and Satan is getting stomped on!

We have a school website. Check it out at www.hopimissionschool.com.



We are again reminded of how important a church family is in a time of crisis. Your words of concern have been a real support to us. Since many of you have asked how the grandchildren are doing, here is an update. Our son, Bill, has been granted full custody of our granddaughter, Emily, and she is adjusting very well to her new family and new school. Our grandson, Ian, is continuing classes at HCC and working at Walmart. He has moved in with a friend and seems to be doing ok. There still are adjustments and challenges, but we are grateful for the positive outcomes thus far. We cannot express adequately how grateful we are to be surrounded with caring family, friends and church family. A special thank you to Pastor Lee and Pastor Derek for support and direction needed at that time. A special thank you to Pastor Lee for assistance with the funeral service. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you Eden Mennonite Church! God Bless each and everyone of you.

Mark and Pat Rupp

Thank you so much for your gift to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! This has been an incredibly exciting year for the AMBS community. We welcomed a very gifted group of new students in August, and have already benefited from their interests and involvements. In September, we hosted 170 participants from across North America for the Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, during which we studied the Bible, worshiped, and engaged in rich conversations about creation care. I am so grateful for the vibrant spiritual and community life the seminary is experiencing this year. And I am grateful for the prayers and financial support of church members, alumni, and friends of AMBS, who make our learning community possible. May God continue to bless our partnership in preparing leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world!

Janeen Bertsche Johnson Campus Pastor and Alumni Coordinator

Dear Friends at Eden Mennonite Church,

Thanks again for yet another wonderful gift to MCC! We appreciate your support in this way!

You are all making a difference, especially in places like Ukraine, where MCC and our partners are working together to resource families displaced by the violence. Thank you!

Anna Yoder
Donor Relations Coordinator
MCC Central States

Thank you for your contribution to Mennonite Disaster Service. Disasters test the human spirit to Job-like proportions! How is it possible to have a resilient spirit, when your entire community has been flooded? What helps to mend the disaster survivor's broken heart?

People on the verge of giving up need a reason to have hope. Dorothy Regehr from the High River, Alberta, MDS project recently wrote, "As we meet with those whose jobs have been completed, as well as those with new jobs signed on, many thanks are expressed. What a blessing for us to see the look of hope and gratitude in their faces and hear it in their words."

Your gifts help to deliver the hopeful news that MDS volunteers are on their way and will repair and rebuild homes. Together, we care for the broken-hearted, and help to restore hope.

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed" (Psalm 34:18).

Thanks for your wonderful support! Kevin King Executive Director

Dear Eden Members,

Thank you for your continuing support! Recent accomplishments of our Circle Leaders include:

- One Circle Leader applied for and received a WOM-AN Fund Grant through McPherson County Community Foundation to start her own cleaning business.
- One Circle Leader got her student loans out of default and is enrollee in Hutchinson Community College.
- One Circle Leader received a scholarship to enroll in Central Christian College's Degree Completion Program in Organizational Management.
- One Circle Leader obtained a new job making \$3.05/ hour increase over his previous job, moving him out of poverty.
- Since our beginning in 2010, 14 Circle Leaders (with a total of 25 children) have left poverty. With this, they have had an average earned income gain of 217% and an estimated Annual ROI of \$852,720.

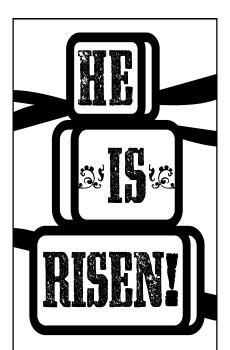
Sincerely, Brenda Sales





Janet Kaufman (70) passed away on March 7. Services were held at Eden on March 11. We extend our sympathy to her husband Roy, her son James, and wife Danae, and all of Janet's

extended family.



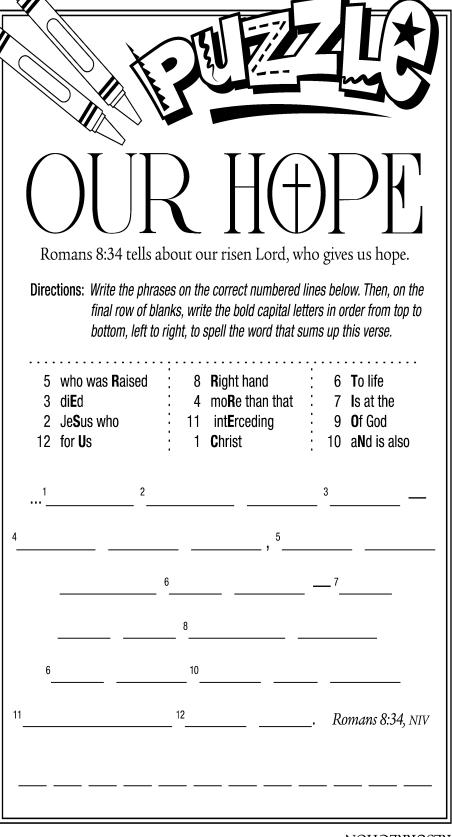
Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

- Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
- 2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
- 3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"



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Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans

April Birthdays

1-Janice Johnson 2-Corinne Janzen (Tony & Karen) Elizabeth Graber (Nick & Christina Graber) Gregory Flickner 3-Kenneth L. Stucky 4-Monica Ewy Marge Goering Jamie Kaufmann Bret Gillmore 5-Gerry Schrag Luene Flickinger 6-Jonathan Shirack (Ross & Christy) Rhett Stucky (David & Shelley) Greta Koehn 7-Angela Harmon 8-Scott Klassen Lori Parsons Betty A. Stucky Karen Stucky 9_ Gib Burgan Howard Kaufman Kathy Neufeld Hilda Schrag Julia Swanson 10-Amanda Goering (Merlin & Lisa) Kirby Goering Katie Gillmore Cambry Schrag (Brian & Amy) Sandra Stephenson DeLonna Lehman 11-Taylor Mandeen (Pam) 12-Andrew Goering (Sam & Marcia) Vernon R. Goering Steven Schrag 13 -Maxwell Preheim (Trent & Angela) If there has been an omission or mistaken date please contact the church office.

14-Wyatt Fiedler (Kathy) Heath Goering Nathan Graber Reid Graber (Nathan & Shelby) Kathy Waltner 15-Benjamin Schrag (Bob & Jenny) Kenneth H. Stucky 16-Leland Flickinger Kim Krehbiel 17-Marjorie Stucky 18-Kylee Addis (Curtis & Janine) Bonita Howard Don Kaufman Joyce Vogts 19-Michael Flickner (Myron & Monica) Troy Miller (Troy & Suzanne) Jerry L. Schrag Mary Schrag 20-Eugene Stucky Lucas Stucky 21-Megan Goering (Eric & Ann) Josh Knight (Brent & Carina) 22-Cory Howard Rory Howard 23-**Beverly Goering** Kori Krehbiel 24-**Danielle Goering** Rachel Goering Daniel Knoll Connie Schrag Nathan Vontz (Nick & Lori)

April Anniversaries

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Mark & Pat Rupp 2-4-Jeff & Marcy Thiesen Wes & Sheryl Krehbiel 7-8-Gib & Kay Burgan 9-Gary & Bonita Howard 10-Ron & Juanita Goering 12-Timothy & Susan Goering 13-Greg & Glenda Krehbiel 17-Patrick & Jennifer Goering Robert & Sondra Tolle 18-

Ardath & Gail Graber

19-

24- Michael & Crystal Burnett
25- Zach & Kali Diederich
26- Paul & Claudia McGinness
30- LaVerne & Luene Flickinger
Leland & Kathy Flickinger
Del & Ann Kaufman
Greg & Karen Stucky

Linda Goering Delmer Kaufman

Elwood Stucky

Adrianna Stucky

Patricia Reimer Tenise Wedel

Cassidy Wedel (Ross)

Gracen Stucky (Luke & Maegen)

Megan Krehbiel (Clinton & Shelly)

Up-Coming Events

April 1: 6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets at Eden

> 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday supper and service at Eden April 2:

Good Friday—Eden Church Office closed April 3:

April 5: 6:45 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Norm & Nadine Wedel's Pond April 6: Education/Discipleship Commission meeting at Eden Church Office

April 7: Mary Martha all day meeting

April 8: 5:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee meeting

> 6:00 p.m. FEWZ meets at Eden 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Bohne Beroggi bake day at Moundridge High School April 11:

April 12: Peace Sunday

April 13: Worship Commission mtg. at Eden Church Office

April 15: 6:00 p.m. FEWZ at Eden 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

April 17 & 18: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and Kansas State Fairground in Hutchinson

April 22: 5:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee mtg.

> 6:00 p.m. FEWZ at Eden 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

April 26: Bethel College Women's Choir at Eden

6:00 p.m. FEWZ at Eden April 29:

> 7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus



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