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Resurrection Reality

by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem

On September 7, 2005, the technology world was abuzz when Apple did the unthinkable: they discontinued their most popular and best-selling product at that time, the iPod Mini. It seemed to make no sense for a highly successful and highly profitable product to be killed off just like that. It seemed like a foolish act to many, who were vocal in their questioning of this decision. Why would Apple take such a risk?

Well, it turned out that Apple took that risk because they had something even better in store: the iPod Nano. Despite the popularity of the iPod Mini, Apple saw that the underlying technology – a hard disk drive with moving parts – was giving way to a new and better technology, the solid state drive. This new technology allowed the iPod Nano to have a longer life and be even more portable and compact – two of the main selling points of the whole product line.

As things unfolded, this risky decision turned out to be a masterstroke for Apple. This decision laid the groundwork both for establishing this new iPod as a successful product and for developing part of the technology that is seen currently in the ubiquitous iPhone. Today, Apple is the most valuable company in the history of the world, thanks in large part to this willingness to take risks and try new things – not all of which are successful, either!

The story of the iPod Mini makes me think of resurrection because there is one thing that is absolutely required for resurrection to take place. Put plainly, something has to die.

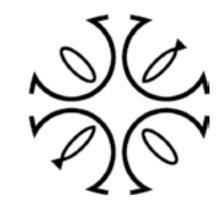
That's what we celebrate so fervently and vociferously at Easter: that Jesus died, truly and absolutely, and God raised him back to life. This was no resuscitation, but resurrection. New life coming out of death, with God defeating death through the love of Christ on the cross.

As people who place our trust in this resurrection reality, then, the difficult but necessary question we all face is this: what might need to die in our lives for us to experience resurrection?

In Romans 6:3-4, Paul writes, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." So, yes, the sin and brokenness we experience in our daily lives is put to death by our baptismal

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relationship with Jesus Christ. The challenge, however, is for us to discern, as Apple did with the iPod Mini when something *good* in our lives may need to be put to death in order for newness of life and resurrection reality to be experienced.

That's something much harder to discern, but I am convinced that it still needs to happen. Much like Jesus uses the imagery of pruning a tree in order to promote growth, our lives – both as individuals and as a faith community – need that sort of pruning in order to grow and thrive as God intends.

Yes, this is a difficult idea to pursue, that something needs to die in order for resurrection to take place. Yet because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we can trust that God continues to renew and resurrect us in our lives here and now. Our trust in this resurrection reality will not disappoint us, for if Jesus can overcome death and the grave we know that God has something even better in store for us!

In Christ,

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"What might need to die in our lives for us to experience resurrection?"

~ Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem

Update on the Youth Plant Sale

The youth committee has decided that we will not be proceeding with the youth plant sale scheduled for May of this year. We are grateful for Waldoch's willingness to provide plants for us for many years and for the many dedicated hands that have made this fundraiser a success. We are extremely appreciative of the St. Philip's community's generosity of our youth and investment in their experience at Green Lake Bible Camp this summer! God has provided abundantly through each one of you and we are so grateful for the monetary and prayerful support! If you have any questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact Sara or any members of the Youth Committee. Thank you!

55 + Retirees April Event~ Hot Rods, Horses & Lunch

Meet at St. Philip's on Thursday, May 14th by 8:30 a.m. We will travel by school bus, to the countryside near Buffalo, and tour the Veit Automotive Foundation Museums. Veit Foundation was started in the 90's to preserve Automobiles and Auto Memorabilia for future generations, and educating about this hobby.

Our tour starts with a unique collection of restored cars, gas pumps, signs, and automotive items in pristine condition, along with some Johnny Cash collectables, and much more! You'll find yourself looking at the collections and wondering the stories behind each item.

An unbelievable collection that will leave you in awe! As our tour continues, we travel a short distance, to visit the old Macalester Fieldhouse; reconstructed as a horse barn. We'll view the horses and watch a short performance. After the tours, our bus will take us to Monticello, where we will have a late (12:45) lunch buffet at the Pizza Ranch. Dress casual, wear comfortable walking shoes; moderate walking. The cost of \$20.00/per person, includes, transportation, all museums, horse show, lunch, beverage, tax and tip. Sign up in the church office by Sunday, May 10th. Please make (non-refundable) check payment to St. Philip's Church. Any questions, contact Schonebaums 763-786-2483 or Retzers 763-574-9559 or Kruses 612-251-3908.



May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	2 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
3 8:30 am Worship 9:35 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	4 1:00 am Joy Circle 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Geneaology Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Worship Band Boy Scouts Girl Scouts Yoga 7:00 pm Befrienders	5 Friend Deadline 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together	6 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	7 6:30 pm Bells of Praise	8 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA 6:30 pm Small Group Book Club	9 7:30 am Via de Cristo 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 pm Saturday Supper
Worship	1 19:00 am Glory Circle 10:00 am Columbarium Committee Meeting 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Courts Worship Band Yoga 6:30 pm Benevolence 7:00 All Committee 7:30 pm Worship/Arts Comm. Parish Fellowship 8:00 pm Evangelism		8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am Women's Book Club 6:30 pm Garden Committee Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir	14 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 8:30 am 55+ "Church Tours" 6:30 pm Bells of Praise North Metro Photo	1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	8:00 am Spring Clean Up 9:00 am Comfort & Joy of Quilting 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
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24/31 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:00 am Summer Brunch	6.30 nm	26 9:00 am Assemble Friend 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Iuesdays Together 3:00 pm Global Missions 6:45 pm Board Meeting	27 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am EA Group 6:00 pm Youth Summer Bonfire	28 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 1:00 pm Women's Book Club	29 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA 6:30 pm Small Group Book Club	30 11:00 am Boy Scouts Pack 20 Graduation 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

Blessing of the Animals

All creatures great and small are invited, accompanied by their owners, to come to a Blessing of the Animals service outdoors (weather permitting) or in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00pm. Treats for pets, as well as refreshments for the animals' humans will be served following the service. This is an opportunity to celebrate the importance of pets in our lives!



To our St. Philip's family,

We are very grateful for your kind words, cards, memorials and attendance at the Celebration of Life service. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Tim Savarese for all of his home visits and leading of the service.

The Family of Charlotte
Johnson

Endowment Committee's Annual Fundraising Brunch

Everyone is invited to the Endowment brunch between services on Sunday, May 31st, 2015. We will be serving our delicious hot breakfast of French toast with sausages and mixed fresh fruit. Gluten-free muffins will be available for those with diet restrictions. This is the only fund-raising event we hold throughout the year, with all profits being used to grow the fund. We hope you all will attend- hungry and generous!

Giving to the Endowment Fund is giving back - to the future!

LEAFs

Life Enriching Adult Forums

The spring 2015 sessions of LEAFs has one session left on May 11. It will be held at Abiding Savior Church in Mounds View. The final session will include topics on grand parenting, home care and a journey to freedom. Musical entertainment is also provided. Come and spend the morning with delightful people and don't forget to bring a friend!

Thanks for "Filling the Bowl"

You responded to the opportunity to "Fill the Bowl" and thus combat world hunger through the Global Mission Festival special offering in January. Your contributions enabled St Philip's to send \$3,570.93 to ELCA World Hunger. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Thank you for your response of love that helps meet the needs of 1.2 billion people who live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day.

In addition to this special offering, Sunday School children learned about God's Global Barnyard and gave their offering of piggy banks. Youth of the congregation also had several events relating to hunger in our world, some of these in cooperation with other churches in the area.

Again, thanks on behalf of the many who will benefit from your contribution.

"Love is a spice for living"

Thanks to all those who added some spice to another persons life by delivering Meals on Wheels the week of April 6-10. They were Barb and Lary Johnson, Don and Joyce Olson, Meredith and Larry Hille, Roger Musolf and Ellen Raeker, Earl Hatten, Ann Westby, Bobbi and Butch Tuey, Dawn and Richard Young, Monica Anderson, Thelma and Myron Nash. We deliver meals next the week of June 8-12 at 11:30am.

Letter from the President

Ron Ackerman, Congregation President

The past month has been very interesting to watch the various shows on the Bible. There were a number on cable, "Killing Jesus", "Buried in the Bible" (a documentary tying archeological findings to biblical history), and "The 10 Commandments", to name a few.

A new series started Sunday April 5th, "AD -The Bible Continues", starts with the Crucifixion of Jesus and what happens following that. This is a 12 part series on NBC and is a seguel to "The Bible" series of 2013. "The Bible" was a story of God's creation of the Earth and the landmark events leading up to the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. I would highly recommend watching "AD - The Bible Continues". If you have cable or Direct TV, you can record episodes. They are Sunday evenings. I have always enjoyed history and events that have happened. With the Bible, it is sometimes difficult to pinpoint exactly when or where the story happened. I made a personal goal to read the entire Bible this year. I started at the New Testament, because that is where we are in the 2015 calendar. With the Lenten Season, it seemed more relevant. In the King James version, there are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. An interesting fact about the Bible is that it is the most popular book in the world, over 6 billion copies have been printed in over 1300 languages. It was written by 40 different authors over a 1500 year time frame. It was written in 3 different languages over 3 different continents. In addition to sharing these commonalities, these 66 books contain no historical errors or contradictions. God's word truly is an amazing collection of writings!

To shift gears a little, I am sure that you have noticed the many improvements regarding St. Philips. The new sound system will be in place by the time that you get "The April Friend". It will make a dramatic improvement in hearing in the sanctuary. The floors have all be resurfaced and look great. The roof is fixed, that is critical with all the Spring time weather. All of these changes have been made possible

by your generous donations to the Build For the Future campaign. The Property and Grounds committee is doing a great job of prioritizing the long list of improvements and maintenance needs. Look around and see the new look of St. Philips.

In closing out, I have this question for you "If April Showers bring May flowers, What do May flowers bring? The answer is Pilgrims. Think Spring!

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~ Ron Ackerman

March 2015

	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 196,243	\$ 209,476
Expense	(\$208,979)	(\$198,313)
TOTALS	(\$12,736)	11,163

8 May 2015

"Compassion constitutes a radical form of criticism, for it announces that the hurt is to be taken seriously, that the hurt is not to be accepted as normal and natural but is an abnormal and unacceptable condition for humanness."

~ WalterBrueggemann

More Titles for Spring Reading

Take a break from your spring chores to read. Here are more recommendations from the St. Philip's Library Committee. Look for the New Books section for these suggestions.

Bolz-Weber, Nadia. Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful, Faith of a Sinner and Saint. (284.135/BOL) Jericho Books, 2013. This is a memoir of a life as a recovering alcoholic, former stand-up comic and heavily tattooed ordained clergy person of the ELCA.

Cowell, Cressida. How to Train Your Dragon. (jFIC/COW) Little, Brown & Co., 2003. For the young at heart, this book chronicles the adventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to catch and train a dragon.

Gilbert, Elizabeth. The Signature of All Things. (FIC/GIL) Penguin Books, 2013. This is a grand sweeping historical novel set during the 18th and 19th centuries. It follows the fortunes of the Whittaker family from father Henry through daughter Alma. They gain wealth, and Anne becomes a botanist who falls in love with an artist.

Skloot, Rebecca. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. (362.196/SKL) Broadway Paperbacks, 2011. Lacks, a poor southern tobacco farmer was buried 60 years ago in an unmarked grave, but her cells live on today. Doctors took them without asking, and they became one of the most important tools in medical research. This is a large print edition.

Williamson, Marianne. Everyday Grace. (299.93/WIL) Riverhead Books, 2002. Charge up your spiritual life and read about having hope, finding forgiveness, and making miracles.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Join us for an **ALL CHURCH PICNIC** on Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 am to celebrate the end of the program year and the unofficial start of summer! Don't forget to bring a blanket to enjoy the picnic outside, weather permitting.

The menu includes Sloppy Joe's, chips, baked beans, ice cream bars, PB&J sandwiches & lemonade. Cost will be \$3.50 per person. We hope to see you there!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Mpls. Synod is taking a special offering for LCCN which is now housing 5,000 people displaced by Boko Haram. If you wish to contribute, make your check out to St. Philips, with "LCCN" on the memo line, and mail or bring to the church office. Pastors Joel and Tim will take the donations to the Synod Assembly May 15th and 16th for the special collection.

HEARING AIDS NOW BEING COLLECTED

Donations continue to be very positive of eye glasses, cell phones and personal items. However, we have now added hearing aids to this list. Just FYI for a 6 month period the following has been donated:Glasses: 208 pair + cases Cell Phones: 111 + accessories Personal Items: 180 lbs.

THANK YOU & KEEP 'EM COMING!

Life Events

May Anniversaries:

Mary & Randy Shogren on 5/1 for 16 years Kamal Tia & Fauzia Shawich on 5/1 for 30 years David & Christa Pullen on 5/3 for 12 years Daniel & Amy Nelson on 5/4 for 2 years Dawn & Bradley Wampole on 5/5 for 14 years Jake & Cindy Roerig on 5/6 for 9 years Dan & Lauri Anderson on 5/8 for 22 years Jon & Mary Johnson on 5/9 for 34 years Kenneth & Doris Moxness on 5/9 for 45 years Dan & Sara Zank on 5/9 for 17 years Chad & Gina Munsterman on 5/10 for 7 years Donald & Ila Stradal on 5/12 for 53 years John & Ann Booker on 5/13 for 9 years Ronald & Gretchen Nelson on 5/14 for 38 years Thomas & Kara Ruwart on 5/15 for 33 years Jeff Thorp & Lesley Prater-Thorp on 5/16 for 17 years Becky & Timothy Tracey on 5/16 for 35 years Byron & Karen Teska on 5/17 for 29 years Scott & Sandy Long on 5/18 for 30 years Michael & Deborah Carroll on 5/19 for 36 years Daniel & Patricia Porter on 5/19 for 31 years Thomas & Marlene Schonebaum on 5/19 for 53 years Edward & Sharon Aune on 5/22 for 44 years Glen & Sandra Byl on 5/22 for 50 years Jason & Melissa Rustman on 5/22 for 11 years Sean & Melinda Warner on 5/22 for 16 years Adam & Becky Thronson on 5/23 for 12 years John & Bonnie Shelton on 5/24 for 40 years Tim & Lesli Hanlin on 5/25 for 24 years Jonathan & Neoma Haugan on 5/26 for 31 years Thomas & Jill Kaufhold on 5/26 for 31 years Donald & Carol Blair on 5/28 for 60 years Shawn & Kari Pederson on 5/28 for 9 years Clarence & Constance Asche on 5/30 for 55 years David & Connie Yerigan on 5/31 for 12 years

Baptisms:

Kenneth Arthur Collins III on 4/12 Owen Daniel Schmelling on 4/19

Sympathy:

To the friends and family of Anna Broton upon her death

The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

A Forever Gift!

Think about it.

Your gift to the Endowment Fund will enable St. Philip's to spread the Gospel and do good works far into the future.

Memorials

In March, gifts were given to the Endowment Fund in memory of Florence Blomster, Bill Erickson, Anna Mae Feigl and Charlotte Johnson

Gifts in memory of someone, to celebrate a special occasion, or in simple gratitude, should specify "Endowment Fund."

If you have questions, contact a member of the St. Philip's Endowment Committee.
They are Bob Becker, Chr.,
Duane Retzer, Ray Olson,
Howard Thompson,
Dana Rebelein, Jennifer Prasek,
Joan Kruse & Dick Lekang.
Or, on the church web site
(www.splcmn.org.), tap "Ministries"
and "Endowment."

Greetings from Sara

Sara Quarberg Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

"The beauty of the church, to me, is that it is a place of belonging."

~ Sara Quarberg

Happy May! As May is upon us, we look towards the end of another school year. I'm not sure how this year has slipped by so quickly! As I quickly am approaching my one year mark as a part of this community, I want to thank you for all that this community has taught me. What I have seen as being a part of St. Philip's for the last year is this. God is indeed very present in this place through the leadership of staff, the knowledge and guidance of our Pastors, the exuberance of the children and young people to learn about God, the rich and gifted musicality of our worship leaders, the hospitality of those serving meals and reaching outside the doors



of St. Philip's, the hard work from the hands of those who use their gifts in repairing the building and the combined desire to be a part of something more than ourselves from this entire community. This church is first and foremost God's church and God entrusts it to us to care for, to belong to, to learn from, to grow, to nurture and to go forth from.

The beauty of the church, to me, is that it is a place of belonging. This belonging is not because it's a 'social club' or something of the like, but this belonging is something deeper and more profound than that. This belonging is something that cannot be found anywhere else. For me, the church has always been a place where I'm reminded who I am; a beloved child of God. When I was younger, I didn't like school nor did I feel like I fit in there. I remember roaming the halls of the church thinking, "I just want to be here". Being at church brought a sense of belonging to me that no where else in my life offered besides my family. The church had become my family! This larger family continually believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. It was a community of others who shared my place when I felt less than worthy of others' love and even God's love. They held enough faith for me when I sometimes couldn't seem to find any. This community of believers constantly reminded me who I was. And, for that, I'm forever grateful. I'm grateful for parents who made it a priority to take me to church and to help me grow in faith just as they had promised on my baptismal day. I'm grateful for a God who meets me right where I am, comforts me and loves me. I'm grateful for a God who is already in the messiness of life. I'm grateful for a Savior who chose to give His own life so that I will never have to journey in this life alone and that my brokenness may be restored.

So, thank you, for being a part of this journey with each other and our young people. Thank you for stepping in through prayer, conversation and in support of the efforts of our young people. As I reflect on this past year, I see how our young people have answered God's call to serve, to love, to learn, to give and to be in relationship with one another and this community. I look forward with such anticipation to witness how God continues to call us into relationship with one another and as we discern together where the Holy Spirit is leading us as one body of Christ.

In Christ,

Children & Family Ministry

Carly Tappe, Director

Psalm 150:1-6

1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Sunday School Update -

In April Sunday School students met Jesus on the Road to Emmaus, heard about the Holy Spirit and learned about what it was like for early believers

A BIG THANK YOU to all our wonderful Sunday School Volunteers for another great year of Sunday School. Our Sunday School program would not be possible without the 20 teachers and subs that help the children of St. Philip's grow in their faith each week. Your time and dedication to the children of St. Philip's is a true blessing!

Our last day of regular Sunday School will be Sunday, May 17th. There will be an all church picnic at 11:30 am to celebrate the end of the program year and the unofficial start of summer.

Sunday School registration forms for the 2015-2016 Sunday School year will be mailed out in June.

Summer Worship, Nursery, & Children's Education

Starting on May 24, we will begin our children's summer ministry schedule. We here at St. Philip's welcome children and families into worship each week. We encourage you to take this time to worship together experience the wonders of

worship as a family. Kid's Time and nursery care will continue to be offered each Sunday at the 10:30am service throughout the summer.

Would you like to take a Survey?

There will be a short online survey for families with young children to help us improve our ministry to best meet the needs of the families at St. Philip's. Please watch the weekly emails for a link so you can help us as we plan for the future. Your input is both valuable and very much appreciated!

VOLUNTEER!

As you register for our upcoming Vacation Bible School and fill out your Sunday School Registration forms for next year don't forget to prayerfully consider being a volunteer. There are both long and short term volunteer opportunities available.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Children at VBS have a GREAT week learning about God through Bible stories, crafts, fun science experiments, games, seeing stories about REAL kids, participating a service project, and thought wonderful worship and fun music!

Our VBS theme this year is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. VBS is for children age 3 (and potty trained by January 1, 2015) through children just finishing grade 5. And don't forget to BRING A FRIEND!!!

You should have received VBS materials in the mail in April, if not you can find all the information, brochure, and registration form on our website at splcmn.org.

VBS takes place the last full week in June from the 22-26 with our VBS celebration on Sunday, June 28 during our 10:30 worship followed by an ice cream social.

Be a part of VBS - Would you like to help with the planning of this summer's VBS? If so, please join the VBS Task Force!

Our VBS would not be possible without the help of over 50 volunteers! Please consider volunteering to be a part of our WONDERFUL week of VBS. Volunteer opportunities can be found on the backside of the student registration form.

If you are interested in being part of the task force or volunteering please contact Carly via email at carlyt@splcmn.org.