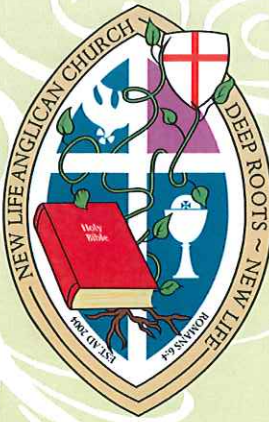


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and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



For Easter, I thought it would be good to share with you all my outline for evidence for the resurrection. I have preached and taught this before at New Life, but it has been a long time. This seemed like an appropriate time to dust it off and share it with you again. I am keeping it in outline form because I think that is the easiest way to follow it. Hopefully this

helps strengthen your resolve that the resurrection is a true, historical event that we can confidently place our trust in.

Evidence for the Resurrection

1. The empty tomb.

- a. This fact wasn't contested by any of Jesus' enemies.
- b. No body was ever produced.
- c. Judaism only knew of a bodily resurrection (so a merely spiritual resurrection couldn't be implied from the texts), and thus there had to be a real tomb with a real body to refute the resurrection account.
- d. All four gospels mention the empty tomb, giving four very early historical documents speaking of a resurrection.

2. Post-resurrection appearances

- a. Appeared to women first. In first century Judaism, a woman's testimony was meaningless. If this story was invented, there is no way they would have invented the details of him first appearing to women.
 - i. One of the criteria for historians as they do historical analysis is the criteria of embarrassment. If there are details that would cause embarrassment or reduce credibility to the audience, such as a first century woman being the first to have Jesus appear to her, then the story is more likely to have occurred, because embarrassing details wouldn't be made up.
- b. Appeared to enemies, such as Saul, who was a persecutor of Christ's followers.
- c. Appeared to over 500 at one time. Such a detail wouldn't be allowed to be passed as a story if it wasn't true- especially considering Paul telling the Corinthians to investigate and go talk to the 500, "most of whom are still alive today."

3. Conversions of Saul and James

- a. Saul was a major enemy of the early Christian Church, going as far as presiding over the stoning of Stephen in Acts. As a murderous enemy of the Way, the only explanation that explains his conversion is that he really did see Jesus on the road to Damascus.



April 2024

at New Life

REJOICE!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 31 <i>Happy Easter!</i> Worship Service 10:00am | 1 | 2 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods | 3 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study | 4 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 5 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 6 |
| 7 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Sally Stump | 8 | 9 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods April Vestry Meeting 6:00pm | 10 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study | 11 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 12 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 13 |
| 14 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour April Honeycutt | 15 | 16 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods | 17 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study | 18 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 19 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 20 |
| 21 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates | 22 | 23 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods | 24 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study <i>Joyous News May Issue Deadline</i> | 25 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm in Blanz Hall | 26 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 27 |
| 28 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries | 29 | 30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods | 1 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study | 2 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 3 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 4 |

WALLY'S GALLERY —

On April 8th of this year an extraordinary celestial event will occur. It is not extraordinary in frequency as it occurs about every 18 months somewhere on the earth. What makes it extraordinary is that it occurs at all. The event is the total eclipse of the sun. On April 8th the moon will move into alignment between the sun and the earth blocking all of the sun's light except for a thin ring of light surrounding the sun. That thin ring is the upper atmosphere of the sun and is called the sun's corona.



While total eclipses do occur about every 18 months at some geographical location on the globe, they occur much less frequently in North America. The next opportunity to see a total eclipse from North America will occur in March 2033. Unfortunately it will only occur in Alaska and given the weather conditions in the arctic in March it seems unlikely to be visible. After that, the next a solar eclipse that will occur in the US will not happen until August 2044.

"The web page "The 2024 Total Solar Eclipse" provides a map from Texas to Maine of the locations where the total eclipse can be seen. These are the locations where the total solar eclipse can best be observed. Individuals located outside of this path can still see a portion of the eclipse in 49 states.

We experience this phenomena only because moon is 400 times smaller than the sun and the sun is 400 times further away than the moon. Consequently, to an observer on the earth they appear to be the same size. Should their size or distance from the earth be any different, we would not have total solar eclipses. For example, if the moon was further away from the earth or was smaller in size its shadow would not block all of the sun and an observer would be blinded by the sun's brightness. Or if the sun were smaller or further away from the earth the moon's shadow would completely cover the sun; even the corona.

At this point one could think; "Wow, that's really nice. Cool" But its far more than just cool. Guillermo Gonzalez, a senior fellow of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture, has studied the planets and moons of our solar system and discovered that only our planet earth provides the right conditions to observe this cosmic event. In fact, over the last 40 years scientist have confirmed that of the 70 planets and moons in our solar system only seven have a canopy of gas covering them. Further, of the seven only one of them, our earth, has an atmosphere that allows for visible observations of the cosmos.

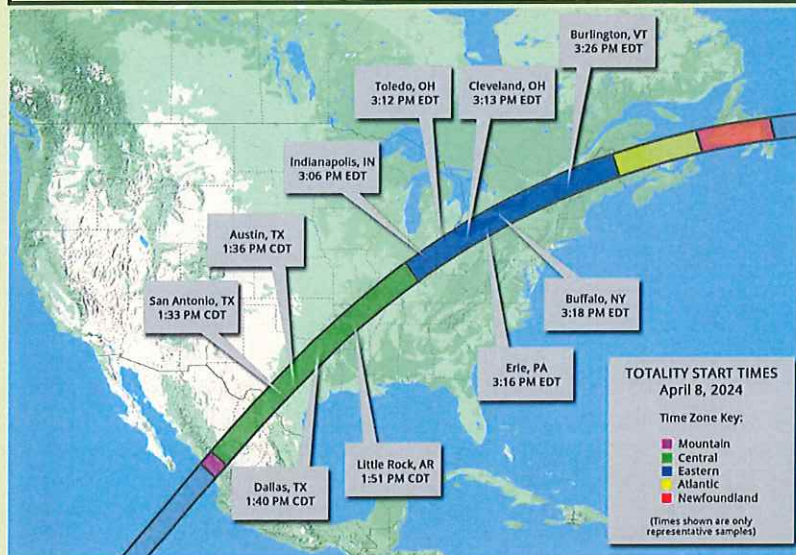
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Even more remarkable is that earth is the only planet that we know of that can sustain complex life. How remarkable then, that the conditions for habitability of life and scientific discovery of the heavens are in the same place; planet earth!

I have never witnessed a total eclipse of the sun but I have heard reports and seen photos of those who have and of the incredible experience it is to see. People describe it as amazing, unbelievable, awesome and yet I wonder how many walk away without a feeling that they have witnessed some part of the hand of God in HIS creation? I wonder if David was reflecting back on such an experience when he wrote "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above[a] proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." (Psalm 19:1-4)

{This article came directly or indirectly from: Information for The Great North American Eclipse of April 2024; NASA SVS The 2024 Total Solar Eclipse; The 2024 Solar Eclipse & NASA - NASA Science; and the DVD The Privileged Planet.}

~ Wally's Gallery



WEDNESDAY **EVENING STUDY**

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS – beginning April 3rd we'll meet each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall.



FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 – 5pm
Thursdays & Fridays 9am – 1pm

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We began our journey into Holy Week with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. As we progress on his walk we hear of the last supper and foot washing with the disciples on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday... the goodness of our sins paid with the death of our Lord and Savior. Easter...the rising of the Son! As Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. She runs and cries, "they have taken him and we don't know where he is". The disciples go, see, and believe. Scriptures fulfilled. On the third day the temple will be rebuilt. Alleluia! The Lord has risen. He has risen indeed. Alleluia!



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b. James, the brother of Jesus, was not a follower of Jesus in his life. To have a brother roaming around claiming to be the Messiah and God would be terribly embarrassing, and Jesus' crucifixion as a blasphemer would be a major blot on the family image. Yet, after the crucifixion, James becomes a major follower, leading the Jerusalem Church, and apparently even taking the gospel to India. The truth of the resurrection is the only thing that can account for his conversion.

4. The transformed lives of the Apostles.

- a. During Jesus' life, the Apostles appeared as bumbling and very human- to the point of every single one of them deserting Christ in his hour of greatest need. They all went into hiding for fear of the Jews. Yet after the resurrection appearances, they became bold even to the point of preaching about the crucifixion and resurrection in the temple to members of the Jewish Council.
- b. Most of the Apostles were martyred. If they knew the resurrection wasn't true, what did they benefit by dying for a lie?
- c. Jewish tradition in general, and even the Apostles as the closest to Christ, had no understanding or tradition of a crucified, let alone resurrected Messiah. This isn't a story they would make up because his death alone led most to believe he couldn't be the Messiah.

5. Worship moving to Sunday

- a. One of the commandments is to keep holy the Sabbath. The entire history of the Jewish people has Saturday as the Sabbath and as the day set aside for the Lord.
- b. Very early after the resurrection worship was moved to Sunday for followers of Christ, most of whom were Jewish. This was done to commemorate the resurrection which occurred on a Sunday.
- c. Apart from the resurrection, there is no theological reason to, and no way a Jew would move their holy day from Saturday to Sunday, breaking a millennia old tradition. Yet from the earliest days of the Church, Sunday has been the most important day for Christians.

Summary

To sum up, there is simply no other explanation than belief in the resurrection as an actual historical event which can account for all these things. It is clear that the tomb was indeed empty, and no explanation for the empty tomb allows for all of the evidence which suggests the Apostles and early Church truly believed in a physical resurrection of Jesus. So, we have very good reason to believe- not just by blind faith, but by actual historical evidence, that the resurrection did occur.

~ Fr. Mike

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Fridays at 9am the annex study

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – Our next meeting is Thursday, April 25th and will be lead by Wally Stansbury in Blanz Hall. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

April 2024 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

| | April 7 | April 14 | April 21 | April 28 | May 5 | May 12 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ALTAR GUILD | Karen Dielman | Karen Dielman | Karen Dielman | Karen Dielman | Karen Dielman | Karen Dielman |
| SOUND/ MUSIC | Ferd, Wes & Dylan | Ferd, Wes & Dylan | Ferd, Wes & Dylan | Ferd, Wes & Dylan | Ferd, Wes & Dylan | Ferd, Wes & Dylan |
| USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS | Randy F./ Don L./ The Flynns | Dylan W./ Dan W./ Leah Williams | Dan W./ Dylan W./ | Don L./ Mark D./ Taylor DuBois | Mark D./ Randy F./ The Flynns | Randy F./ Dylan W./ The Bowmans |
| LECTOR | Karen Dielman | Leah Williams | Dan Wandrie | Gretchen Lucky | Erika Dielman | Mary Jane Zako |
| LAY MINISTER | Howard Bates | Mickey Bridge | Wally Stansbury | Erika Dielman | Karen Dielman | Howard Bates |
| PRAYER TEAM | Sally & Leah | Sharalen & Betty | Sally & Leah | Sharalen & Betty | Sally & Leah | Sharalen & Betty |
| CHILDREN'S NURSERY | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor |
| COFFEE HOUR HOSTS | Sally Stump | April Honeycutt | The Bates | The Wandries | The Bowmans | Happy Mother's Day |



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:30am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

April.....Karen Dielman
MayKaren Dielman
JuneGretchen Lucky
JulyLiz Ostrander

Birthdays

Wes Ostrander 4/2
Taylor DuBois 4/4
David Honeycutt 4/4
Nate Greenwell 4/18
Sharalen Greenwell 4/22
Chris Woods 4/23
Josh Greenwell 4/24
Wally Stansbury 4/28



April



Wedding Anniversaries



May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!

Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.

Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Altar Guild: | Karen Dielman | 231/347-3532 |
| Altar Flowers: | Karen Dielman | 231/347-3532 |
| Music/Sound: | Ferd Dielman | 231/347-3532 |
| Ushers: | Dan Wandrie | 231/347-5871 |
| Greeters: | Carol Bowman | 231/459-4566 |
| Lectors: | Tracey Jepsen | 231/347-3448 |
| Lay Eucharistic Ministers: | Mike Bridge | 231/330-0689 |
| Acolytes: | Mike Bridge | 231/330-0689 |
| Children's Sunday School: | Darlene Wandrie | 231/347-5871 |
| Youth Sunday School: | Don Lucky | 231/622-2058 |
| | (middle & high school) | |
| Adult Sunday School: | Mike Bridge | 231/330-0689 |
| Nursery: | Bonnie Bridge | 231/445-1810 |
| Fellowship/Hospitality: | Liz Ostrander | 231/348-2802 |
| Prayer Chain: | Ron Davis | 231/330-6355 |
| Women's Ministry: | Suzanne Schulte | 517/899-1946 |
| Men's Ministry: | Mike Bridge | 231/330-0689 |
| InReach: | Gretchen Lucky | 231/622-2057 |
| OutReach: | Lacy Bates | 231/373-7997 |
| Christian Ed. Scholarship: | Susan Davis | 231/330-4821 |
| | Toni DuBois | 231/330-8626 |
| Missions: | D. W. Lucky | 231/330-6559 |
| Building and Grounds: | Dan Wandrie | 231/347-5871 |
| | Ron Davis | 231/330-6355 |
| Art and Architecture: | Susan Davis | 231/330-4821 |
| Church Historian: | Liz Ostrander | 231/348-2802 |
| Communications: | Bonnie Bridge | 231/445-1810 |
| | (newspaper articles, etc.) | |
| Student Visitor's Liaison: | Lacy Bates | 231/373-7997 |
| Treasurer: | Wes Ostrander | 231/330-4930 |
| Assistant Treasurer: | Susan Davis | 231/330-4821 |
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| <i>Sr. Warden.</i> | Erika Dielman |
| <i>Jr. Warden.</i> | Dylan Williams |
| | Carol Bowman |
| | Susan Davis |
| | Taylor DuBois |
| | Randy Flynn |
| | April Honeycutt |

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Submission deadline

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You may contact Tracey Jepsen our Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448 for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report ~ February 29, 2024

| | December | | | Year to Date | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Offering | 10,576.05 | 15,145.00 | (4,568.95) | 20,054.05 | 30,290.00 | (10,235.95) |
| Other | 771.00 | 1,986.00 | (1,215.00) | 7,669.35 | 3,972.00 | 3,697.35 |
| Income | 11,347.05 | 17,131.00 | (5,783.95) | 27,723.40 | 34,262.00 | (6,538.60) |
| Expense | (14,136.50) | (16,907.00) | (2,770.50) | (32,499.31) | (33,748.00) | (1,248.69) |
| Difference | (2,789.45) | 224.00 | (3,013.45) | (4,775.91) | 514.00 | (5,289.91) |
| Assets | | | | \$596,996.08 | | |
| | | Jan. 1, 2024 | Donations | Expenses | Difference | Feb. 29, 2024 |
| 211 Fund | | 124,445.27 | - | 1,649.36 | 1,649.36 | 122,795.913 |
| 11 Fund In/Out Reach | | 21,119.94 | - | - | - | 21,119.94 |
| | | Operating | 211 Fund | 211 In/Out | Deposit | Interest |
| Interest Bearing Accts. | | -70,000.00 | -120,000.00 | -10,000.00 | 200,000.00 | 3,600.35 |
| St. Francis 3-month CD | | | Deposit | | 200,000.00 | 203,600.35 |

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*We were therefore
buried with Him
through baptism into
death in order that,
just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too
may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4



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*The glory of light
from the mountain
opens this new born day,
a herald of Christ,
who is risen,
to be our strength
and our way.
The Lord is risen.*

*The glory of life
unfolding for us
in this covenant new
assuring love and
forgiveness
which our hearts
did stubbornly rue.
The Lord is risen, indeed.
Halleluiah! Halleluiah!*

*In the sweetest sounds
of thanksgiving,
from the ends of the earth
great praise that our Lord,
Jesus Christ has risen
from the fast, dark depths
of the grave.
The Lord is risen, indeed.
Halleluiah! Halleluiah!*

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