



LaCrosse Baptist Church Newsletter

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Easter Sunday

Our "Sunrise Service" was not what we usually expect since there was no sunshine. With overcast skies and drizzle coming down, it was decided to hold the service inside the Church.

But regardless, the message was warm and bright, that our Lord and Savior defeated death, arose again to show us that He truly is the Son of God. With His victory, we have saving grace



through faith in Him, Jesus Christ our redeemer.

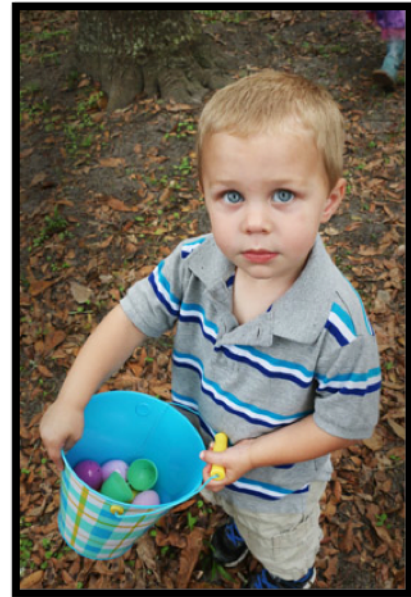
Joey shared an Easter message that spelled out why this is such an important day. Personally, I really love Easter, much more than Christmas because it is the reason why we have everlasting life in Heaven with Jesus after this world. If that doesn't give you hope for the future, nothing will. Oh, and Christmas? It doesn't mean a thing without the sacrifice and gift of Easter.

After the service we had a fabulous breakfast. It was really outstanding, I know because I did my best to sample everything. Our Church is blessed with wonderful cooks and all of us appreciate the work of many hands in preparing such a fine breakfast.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday the 26th we had an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids at our Church and our friends. We had a good turnout of about 15 youngsters. While Pastor Joey attempted to keep the kids attention with the Easter Story, others went about hiding the plastic eggs. The kids were a tough crowd to work with and as you can see from some of the photos, their attention drifted. But once the signal was given their attention was on finding those eggs! As you can see, there were lots of smiles all around.





Israel Slide Show

On Easter evening Pastor Joey showed some of the slides he took during his trip to the Holy Land. Out of a total of about 1700 slides he managed to get it down to 300. That in itself was a difficult job! All I can say is, "Wow, what a great trip!" We saw photos of Joppa, Capernaum, Mount Beatitudes, The Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized, Jericho, the valley of Armageddon and Jerusalem and a few other places. His talk lasted about one hour and 15 minutes, but the time flew by because there was so much to see. Joey did a

great job with the photography and telling us what to look for in each slide. There will be another tour next February and Joey will provide info for anyone interested in going. Joey says, "It is really worth every penny. It is a fantastic trip!" He says that as he reads the Bible now, it comes to life as locations he has seen show up in Scripture. It was an incredible experience to walk where Jesus walked. Just way too cool!



Tel Aviv Israel from plane



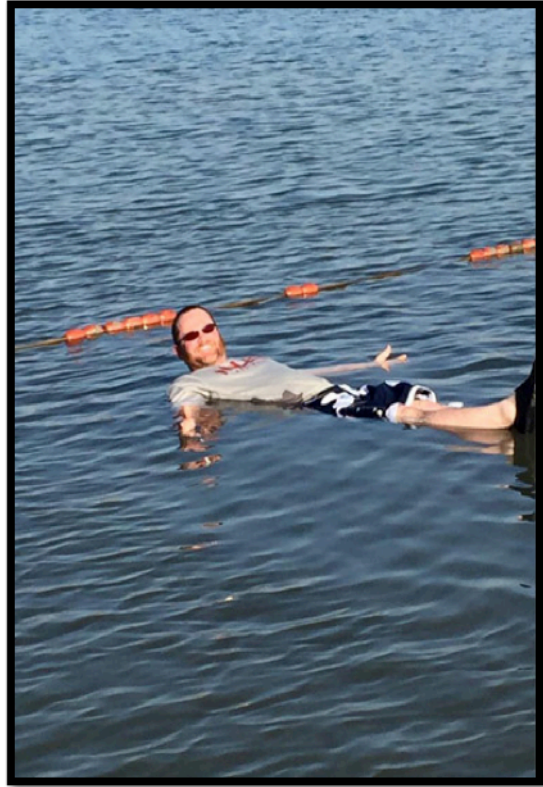
Where Peter proclaims Jesus to be the Christ



Olive press in Nazareth



Joey at the Garden Tomb



Floating in the Dead Sea

Tyler Hildebran

Tyler will lead the music on April 10th during the morning service and then there will be a vote during the Business meeting later that night to call him as Associate Pastor with responsibilities over music and outreach. Pastor Joey and Vicki prayed over this and have offered \$50 of his salary to Tyler and the Finance Comm. has matched that to offer Tyler \$100 per week. This expenditure will be revisited during the budgeting process later this year. Be in prayer about this so that we will be doing the Lord’s will during the vote.

WHAT’S COMING UP:

Church Council – April 3 – Will meet at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Business Meeting – April 10 - following the Sunday Night service in the sanctuary.

Ladies Meeting – April 18 - Will meet in The Lighthouse at 7:00 pm

Brotherhood Meeting – April 21 - Will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm

COLLECTION COUNTERS

April - David and Carolyn (Lockup and Trash)

May - Beal and Barbara (Lockup and Trash)

June - Pat and Dan Drum (Lockup and Trash)

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