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“He appeared to me also.....”

One of the most touching moments in the Bible occurs when Jesus appears to Peter after He rose from the dead. Why? Because here was a man who needed to see Jesus alive if he was not to spend the rest of his life haunted by the memory of his threefold denial of the Savior. Can you imagine his excitement as his Lord appeared to him? To Peter, we can be sure, this was the most important appearance of the risen Christ. But that was Peter. What about you?

Another dramatic moment was again just after Easter when Jesus appeared to Thomas. It was Thomas who had said “seeing was believing.” So the Lord let him see him alive and insisted that the unbelieving one place his finger into his hands (which had been wounded for his transgressions while on the cross) and quit being faithless. But that was Thomas. What about you?

Hollywood could really do justice to the moment when Jesus chose to return from heaven to appear to Saul on that Damascus Road. Saul, with great hate in his heart toward those who followed “the Way”, was stricken blind by the appearance of the risen Christ. This experience changed Saul to Paul, a persecutor to an apostle, and gave to Christendom one of its greatest heroes. He describes it this way: *“And last of all he appeared to me also.”*

This is what counts! *“He appeared to me also.”* You and I can say this by faith when we have discovered this most important appearance of the risen Christ. Until he has appeared to us by faith, all the recorded dramatic appearances are merely historical events with no meaning for us personally. We meet our Lord “face to face” in the Sacrament of the Altar. He comes to us in His Word. All that we may have faith, life and salvation and forgiveness of sins.

We can say, “And.....he appeared to me also,” and all the blessed experiences of Peter, Thomas and Paul are ours, and every day becomes an Easter filled with Alleluias to the living Savior. This is the new life in Christ He has given us! If you have been absent from the Lord’s house....and come for the “special” day on Easter, we miss you the rest of the year! Every Sunday is a “little Easter” where we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Come and celebrate the feast every Sunday. To God be the glory!

“.....whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!!

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Kumm

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
Monday	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
Wednesday	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:30pm	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00pm	Elders Board
Thursday	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Friday	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Sunday		Happy Mother’s Day
	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist

Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill Wagner in memory of parents and grandparents.

A Communion Steward informational meeting will be held Saturday, May 4, at 9am at church. Current Stewards and those interested in serving the church are encouraged to attend. The Communion Stewards are necessary and valuable servants of the congregation. Interested? Come and learn what we do. Questions? Call Rhoda Storck.

The Yahweh Fund is a social ministry fund established to help those in need with utilities, housing, food, transportation, etc. The Yahweh Fund is undergoing a financial low at this time and this collection is an effort to build up the fund. You can give through your regular envelope giving by designating to the Yahweh Fund or by placing checks and \$20 gift cards from HyVee or Walmart in the wrapped box in the narthex (during the month of April and May). Thank you for your generosity.

The PHLC Missions and Social Ministry Board

Preschool Summer Programs:

- Lamb of God Preschool is offering two opportunities to keep the fun learning going during the summer. Our "Fabulous Feet" summer camp is June 3-7. We will meet every morning from 9-12 that week. Cost for camp is \$75. All children ages 3-6 are welcome to attend!
- We are also offering a Treehouse Adventures Nature Club on Thursday mornings throughout the summer. Every Thursday morning June 13-August 22 from 9:30-11:30 we will have a completely outdoor experience. We will enjoy the playground, take nature walks, play games, create art, and eat a snack, all outside! Cost is \$20 for individual sessions or \$150 for the full 10 weeks. Visit our website for more information:
www.LambofGodPreschool.org.

The Bible Verse of the Week

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:12

Senior Lunch Bunch will meet for food and fellowship at LaPeep's, (69th & Pacific—old Venice Inn site) on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:30am. Everyone welcome, no RSVP needed.

Easter Breakfast: A big thank you to all the youth and people who donated food and helped with the meal. It was a great success.

Children Youth and Family Events:

- The board is helping to pay 50% of the cost for youth to attend summer Lutheran camps. Please keep your receipts and give them to Sandra Glissmann for reimbursement.
- The board is planning summer Bible study and mission activities for our youth, their families and the congregation this summer. One activity will be preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House on July 20. Be watching the newsletter for more activities and information.

Thank you! Questions? CYF Board: Alice Osborn, Cheryl Drebes, Sharon Irvin, Kay Storck, Pam Hafsaas, and Sandra Glissmann

A HISTORY OF GIVING

Pacific Hills has a history of being generous when there is a need. Our members showed that generosity once again through their support of the *Forward in Faith - Together* Campaign. Thanks to an additional 16 decisions received during our Celebration Sunday, our campaign total stands at \$1.16 million! If you would like to add your support, it's not too late. Call Joann at the church office 391-9625.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. - Psalm 98:4

