



THE CLOAK

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The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Dear Friends,

Easter is more than one Sunday on the First of April; it is a Season that lasts 50 days! It is a time for reflection. We have made the journey from the Cross to the tomb, and now experience the joy of the risen life in Jesus. We have more celebrating to do! We engage with the disciples as we read about how they built the new church. We are the disciples of the modern day church. We can learn from the first disciples as they were recovering from their ordeal of the sudden loss of their leader and then the realization he is still with them.

He has now given them his Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them. We are reminded by Easter how important each one of us is as part of a Christian Community to the existence of the Christian Church. We remember how important Christian Unity is in our own community and throughout the world.

During Lent we met on Tuesday evenings for the Good Book Club at St. Martin's. It was a lovely time of Fellowship. This year we also joined with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for Holy Week, and we plan to meet with the Presbyterian Church next year. It is my hope to develop more ecumenical links in the year ahead; as churches together we can make a difference in the lives of those who live in Lebanon. Easter Sunday was very exciting. In addition to the Easter Choir anthem and flower laden Cross and new Paschal Candle in the Sanctuary, we had a well-attended annual Easter Egg hunt in the garden. The bells rang out again at every Alleluia during the service.

Jesus is the Light of the World, and we are all called to spread this light wherever we might be, at home, school, at work and in our community. Our Joy is complete with Jesus Christ our savior leading us on the path of life. I am looking forward to the Episcopal Church Women's high tea on April 15, which is a highlight of the Easter Season here at St. Martin's.

This is a personal invitation to meet up again for the Good Book Club Tuesday evening readings from The Book of Acts, throughout the remaining days of the Easter Season. An email will be circulated or you can call the church office to indicate your interest in gathering for Soup, Bread, Scripture readings and fellowship on Tuesday evenings at 6:00. A very Happy and Blessed Easter Season to each of you.

Love in Christ,

Rev Melodie+

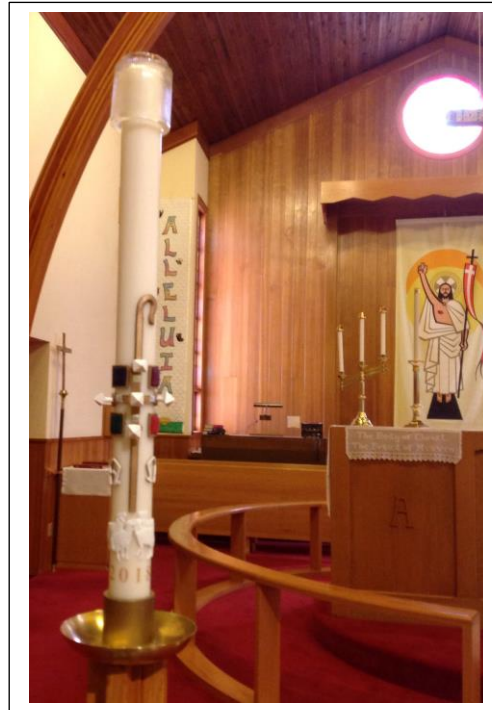
Have you noticed our new **Paschal Candle**?

It is the large candle that symbolizes the risen Christ. It is often decorated with a cross, symbols of the resurrection, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year.

The term "Paschal" concerns Easter or Passover. At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle is lit from the new fire. It is carried by the deacon, who pauses three times and sings or says, "The light of Christ," and the people respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Paschal candle can be carried by the celebrant if there is no deacon. After it is carried to the chancel, its flame may be used to light candles held by members of the congregation. This symbolizes the spreading of the light of Christ into the congregation and the world. The Exultet is sung or said after the Paschal candle is placed in its stand. It is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services from Easter through Pentecost (*Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 285-287).

After the Easter season, the Paschal candle is typically placed near the font. It should burn at baptisms, representing the new life in Christ that we share in baptism.



Want more **Good Book Club** reading and discussion?

The Good Book Club reading selections from the Book of Acts continue through Pentecost, May 20. The Tuesday evening 6 pm discussions over soup and bread could continue April 24, and May 1, 8, and 15 if enough people are interested. Be sure to let Rev. Melodie+ know right away.



Brief Vestry Update

At the March 7 Vestry Meeting, a bid was accepted for shower repairs in the rectory.

Information and resources from the recent Vestry Training session in Eugene were shared.

The next Vestry meeting is April 18, and the Spring Retreat will be May 5 at the Rutledges' house.

If you have any ideas for St. Martin's, in addition to talking to Rev. Melodie, you can also talk to Vestry Members, Senior Warden Jim Rutledge, Junior Warden Sam Blankenship, members Patty Linn, Joseph Vanpool, Sara Jameson, and Jennifer Munk.

Full Vestry Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall.



Annual Spring HIGH TEA

Sunday April 15, 2-4 pm

Annual Spring High Tea with a theme of “Tea by the Sea” supports community outreach programs in Lebanon by St. Martin's Episcopal Church Women, including Lebanon Soup Kitchen, Personal Care Kits Ministry at Lebanon Soup Kitchen, etc.

In addition to a wide array of delicious sweets and savories, “Tea by the Sea” features

- Style Show provided by Christopher and Banks, Heritage Mall, Albany, and Fashion Sense active wear from Independence
- Tea Music by Keyboardist Ray Hendricks
- Raffle baskets Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$10 for 12 and under;

ECW Notes:

Next meeting is Saturday May 12 to debrief the tea and start thinking about the Summer Trunk Sale.

Diocese of Oregon ECW Spirituality Day is all day Saturday May 19 in at St. Mary's in Eugene.

See info online
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ecw-spirituality-day-come-holy-spirit-tickets-44924913626>

\$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.
Lunch is included.

Next ECW Lunch will be June.
Jeanne will let us know date and place.

Lebanon Community Chorus



The 2018 Spring Pops Concert is directed by our own Ray Hendricks. Many St. Martin's singers are performing. See them for tickets!

General Admission \$10; Student/Senior \$6

Sunday, April 29, at 3 p.m.

First Assembly of God,
726 W. Oak Street



PARISH POTLUCK

Wednesday APRIL 25 – 6 PM

Thanks to all who come
and all who help!

ADAM, EVE, AND
THE SERPENT



ELAINE PAGELS

ONE BUCK SEMINARY Discussion
Saturday April 21, 8-9:30 AM
Readings from Elaine Pagels,
author of *Adam, Eve, and the Serpent*,
and many other writings.
Join us for free discussion group.
All are Welcome.

**Personal Care Kits
Ministry Update**

Next visit is Friday April 27

THANK YOU for your prayers and donations!
We need large detergent, especially in boxes rather than heavy bottles. We also need toilet tissue rolls that are individually wrapped.



In Case of Emergency:

We know how to reach you, but we don't always know who to call if you have an emergency.

If you would like us to have your emergency medical information and contact numbers, please talk to Rev. Melodie+.

Lebanon High School Class of 2018
will host
a two-day rummage sale in our
parking lot
as a fundraiser for the annual
senior class
drug- and alcohol-free party.

Help Support Students!

Friday-Sat April 27-28
9-5 p.m.

Contact Jennifer Munk



Parish Directory

Our Parish Directory is frequently updated, and copies are available at church. Please send additions and corrections.

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