WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

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TEACHER: Pastor Jason Van Wyk

SCRIPTURE: Esther 4:1-14, Hebrews 4:14-5:10

SUMMARY: In books and movies, an Easter egg is a hidden detail that points to something else. If you look closely enough you can catch these inside references placed there by the writers and directors. We can see similar Easter eggs hidden throughout Scripture that point to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In these weeks leading up to Easter, we'll be hunting through the Old Testament for some Easter Eggs in common stories. This week's hunt takes us to the story of Queen Esther.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What different thoughts and feelings would you go through after learning about the threat to the Jews if you were Esther?
- In what ways was she part of her people? In what ways was she separate?
- How was her unique position important to how God used her to save her people?
- What does this have to teach us about Jesus serving as our priest? LIFE APPLICATION:
- How can you follow the example of Esther and Jesus and seek mercy on behalf of others?
- Who in your life can you be filling this role for?
- In the same way that Esther's actions moved the Jews from defense to a victorious offensive, how can Jesus' actions move you from defense to a victorious attack on the enemy?
- What might that look like in this coming week?

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: We extend our sympathy to Kate Griffin after the death of her father, Timothy Griffin. Mr. Griffin's memorial service was held yesterday at the Sheldon Campus.

Today, Mar 18 - Sheldon Campus - Mike and Shannon Anderson (Reaffirmation of their faith); Joel and Kelsie Rieck (transfer into LW)

Today, Mar 18 - 11:00am-12:00noon - OC Campus - training session for those who are caring for and who are interested in growing more comfortable and competent as we continue to walk alongside those who are victims of abuse (especially sexual abuse). Facilitated by LW member, Kristin Van De Griend

Thurs, Mar 29 - Little Treasures will be offered at the Maundy Thursday Service at the OC Campus for 3-5 vrs old. Rather than having the students leave the church service, you will be able to drop your Little Treasures off in the room immediately following check in, just like you would in nursery. You may pick up your students from Little Treasures after the service.

dismiss

11:00am

TODAY THIS WEEK Mon, Mar 19 9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE 6:00pm Unity Meal (SH) 10:00am WORSHIP This is a free meal; everyone is invited LITTLE TREASURES (3 & 4 yr olds) Thank you to St Paul Lutheran Church Watch for slides on screen to for providing the meal and volunteers this month. Tues, Mar 20 8:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (OC) JAM (TK-5th gr) Watch for slides on screen to Wed, Mar 21 dismiss for JAM - Parents pick up 7:00pm Overflow (OC) children at Motor Inn bldg at noon Fri, Mar 23 WAVE (6th-8th ar) 6:30pm Creative Spirits Painting (SH) Meets in large upstairs classroom Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage and join the fun in creating STAY AND PRAY a beautiful paintina "Risen" on a 4' SW corner of Worship Center board, canvas, or 16x16 door hanger. ABUSE CAREGIVER TRAINING \$35/person Pre-registration necessary Meets in Little Treasures room at: www.creativespiritsokoboji.com/ event-registration/?ee=4069/ Questions: contact Meredith Schleis at 712-470-5383

Sat, Mar 24 10:00am Narcotics Anonymous (OC)

THE CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Beginning Tues, March 20 - Young Adult Bible Study - 8:30pm Tuesday nights - through May 1 (with the exception of April 3). All posthigh school men and women are invited to a 6-week study of the book of Galatians at Living Water's Orange City Campus. Interested or have any questions, please email Sandra Nyenhuis at sandranyenhuis@live.com

Tues, April 3 - Josh Larsen, a film critic and editor of Think Christian, a digital magazine on faith and culture, will speak at Northwestern College. This is a great opportunity for parents and anyone working with youth to discuss and reflect together how to engage with culture from a Christian perspective. Reserve a seat by RSVP'ing to Pastor Garry (adnvenhuis@amail.com) by Monday, March 26.

GET INVOLVED

INFANTS

NURSERY: Nursery is available throughout the service for newborns thru 2 years

The nursery is located near the Welcome Center in the front lobby area.

CHILDREN

Children's Church Bags are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby area. They are filled with quiet activities for our younger attendees to use during worship services. Following worship, please return the bags and contents to the Welcome Center.

LITTLE TREASURES: Sunday school for 3 -5 year olds; meets during the worship service. Watch for announcement slide for dismissal.

JAM: TK-5th grade. Jesus And Me meets following the Sunday morning service

meets in Motor Inn bldg next door

Students and teachers watch for announcement slide for dismissal;

parents pick up children in their classrooms at Motor Inn at 12:00noon

YOUTH

WAVE: 6th-8th grade. Meets following the Sunday morning service in upstairs classroom (OC)

OVERFLOW: 9th-12th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesday (OC)

GEMS: Girls 3rd-8th grade. Meets from 6:45-8:30pm @ Immanuel CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

CADETS: Boys 4th-8th grade. Meets from 6:45-8:45pm @ Calvary CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

ADULTS/FAMILIES

STAY AND PRAY: Group of people gathering after the worship service in the SW corner of the Worship Center. Everyone's invited. For more info, contact Kim Groeneweg at skgroen@vahoo.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Small groups of people who enjoy staying connected to each other by discussing life, studying scripture, playing, eating, serving, and investing in one another. Contact Pastor Garry at pastor.garry@livingwateroc.com

EASTER SEASON - LW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES LISTED IN THE BLUE ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29 - 7:00pm - Both campuses worshipping together at the OC Campus. The service will be one of reflection and quietness as we walk through Christ's final night before His Crucifixion.

- Nursery will be provided for newborns-2 yrs old;
- Little Treasures will be offered on this evening for 3-5 vr olds. LT Children can be dropped off prior to the worship service, immediately following check in

(This year, the service will not be combined with Trinity Reformed)

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30 - 7:00pm - Both campuses will be worshipping at the Sheldon campus together with Communidad Christiana. Nursery will be provided for newborns-2yrs old.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1 - 10:00am - Worship at both campuses We celebrate Christ's rising from the grave and His defeat of death! (NO Little Treasures, JAM or WAVE)