

The MESSENGER

The Resurrection Means Jesus Was Serious

There really can be no doubt that the resurrection of Jesus is the crux of the Christian faith. It proves that Jesus was more than a wise teacher and a miracle worker. It proves that his death was not a tragedy but intentional and filled with purpose. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus was serious.

It's why we make such a big deal of Easter: it matters. It makes a difference. It gives us hope for eternity. It tells us that with God there are no dead ends.

As Christians, we probably try to take Jesus pretty seriously. We go to/watch worship services online (even staying awake during the sermon!), we support the work of the church with our finances and our time, we pray for people...we desire to flourish in our faith and to see our church flourish, too.

So, we take Jesus seriously, because we believe Jesus was serious. He meant what he said, lived it with his life, and his resurrection backs it up.

But what about those who aren't sure if Jesus was serious? Or maybe we who follow Jesus have questions and wonder if he was actually serious about certain things he said. Take, for example, the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus says a lot of things that might make us wonder if he really meant them:

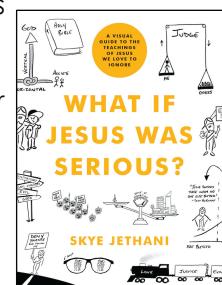
- Was Jesus serious that the poor are blessed?
- Was Jesus serious that evangelism and justice matter?
- Was Jesus serious that we are to love our enemies?
- Was Jesus serious that true wisdom is found in him and his words?

Starting on Easter Sunday – this glorious day that gives us hope and helps us see that Jesus really was serious – we will begin a new sermon series. It is titled, “What if Jesus Was Serious?” and will walk through the Sermon on the Mount (other than Easter Sunday – that’s on the Resurrection). It will be an opportunity to consider the implications of what is arguably Jesus’ most famous teaching, and answer this question: What do these things mean for us, if Jesus really is serious?

There is a little book by the same title that will give the framework for the series. I encourage you to buy a copy and use it as a way of diving deeper. Even better: buy a few copies, and give away the extras to friends, inviting them to join you (online or in person) for Easter and this new series. Be praying about who that might be. The book is an easy read, with short chapters that are accessible to believer and non-believer alike.

Maybe someone you know will be changed by the Good News of Jesus, after realizing through this series that Jesus was serious. May we all come to a deeper realization of that in our own lives, even as we invite others to realize it, too.

Your Pastor,


Brian

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Gwen North, Children's and Family Ministry Director

Gearing Up for an **EGGSUBERATINGLY** Fun **EASTER AND SIGN UP** **ONLINE!!!**

Easter is all about Jesus' resurrection, but we normally have so much fun each year with an Easter Egg Hunt between services as well. It's always "eggstatic." It is going to be awesome this year, too! Thanks to COVID, we will have a completely outdoor event at church; masks will be required. We will meet in the upper parking lot on Sunday, April 4 at 10:35. Families can attend worship at 9:30 or 11:00 watching on a TV we will set up in the parking lot, or at the live service in the sanctuary.



We will begin by meeting outside for prayer and a short Bible message. It will be "eggsilating!" Then the egg hunt will begin. The kids will not be divided up by ages this year, but will instead be divided up by families and sent to areas to pick up eggs. Parents will have an important role with supporting their kids' success by sticking with them.

Please sign up on the church website. Masks will be required and we will socially distance, of course.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

New Sunday School Options!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In-Person Sunday School: Fun times ahead! This begins on April 11 at the 9:30 service. It will be socially distanced and with masks.

Zoom Sunday School: We will continue to meet at 8:30 on Sunday mornings on Zoom. This has been such a wonderful class this year and will continue to be so!

Children's Sermon Bulletins: We are so blessed to have Children's sermons during worship! This will continue as the children will be dismissed to Sunday School after the children's sermon. The bulletins are online updated weekly on the kid's page. They are also in the sanctuary.

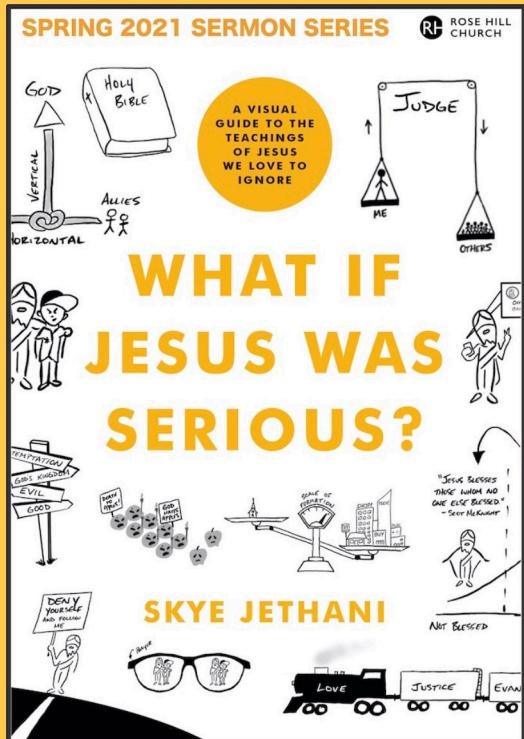
Asynchronous Lessons: We still have lessons on the website that are videos that support the lesson. Most people are getting the Children's Sermon in service but you can also find it as an individual recording on the website, too – with another supplemental video :)

EMERGE

Happy Easter! As things open up for us I hope that you are ready to return to youth group with a renewed expectation of God's move in the lives of our youth and families! I believe that our youth group name, "Emerge" will take on the meaning it was intended for as we emerge from one of the darkest times in our nation and world. We are the people of God who will lead our nation, our communities, our families, and even our world, out of perilous times and into God's grace and mercy. So let us stand up, move out, and be all that God has called us to be!

Paul Hudson, Director of Youth Ministry

Coming up in April, stay tuned for our 4th Friday evening youth get together on April 23rd. Did you know we are meeting every Wednesday evening in the gym from 7pm to about 8:15pm? Your middle school or high school kids are welcome to join us- we emphasize friendship and hanging out, plus worship and a devotional teaching or Bible discussion. We often have game nights as well as pick up games of ping pong or basketball. If you are looking for a place where your kids can connect with real friends in a safe, God-centered atmosphere, this is the group for you!



SPRING SERMON SERIES

- Apr 25 John 5:21-37,
"Inside-out Righteousness"
- May 2 Matthew 5:38-48,
"Love in Action"
- May 9 Matthew 6:1-15,
"A Prayer For Losers"
- May 16 YOUTH SUNDAY
- May 23 Matthew 6:16-34
"Freedom From Fear"
- May 30 Matthew 7:1-12
"Judging, Asking, Blessing"
- June 6 Matthew 7:13-23
"Good And Bad Fruit"
- June 13 Matthew 7:24-29
"Be Smart"

To purchase book:
www.amazon.com/What-Jesus-Was-Serious-Teachings/dp/0802419755

FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Monica Ernsberger, Director

2021 Women's Spring Retreat

Sunday, April 18th, 2pm – 4pm via Zoom!
Speaker ~ **Anastasia Hansel**

Here is a little bit about our speaker:

Anastasia lived in the Congo DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo) for the first thirteen years of her life. In entering the United States culture as a freshman in high school she felt like she had stepped out of a black and white photograph and was immediately immersed in the technicolor lifestyle of the American high school student.

As an adult Anastasia has given vision, passion, start-up and the launching of three non-profit organizations. She was co-founder and director of Women of Vision for World Vision. She has led all-women's cycling venues for 30 years, one of which cycled across the United States cycling 80 miles a day for six weeks. In 2013 she led an international women's cycling venue in Rwanda where three tribes of women (Rwandan, Congolese and American) cycled for 40 miles in the 'land of a thousand hills'.

Anastasia completed her Masters in Global Leadership in 2017 and is co-founder and developer of Global Women in Leadership Network (www.gwlnetwork.com). She has been a motivational speaker at conferences and women's retreats for the past 30 years and is currently writing her first book, When God Calls a Woman . . . She's Gotta' Keep Adventuring.

Her life-long passion continues to be connecting women in the Western world who, like herself, are immersed in the 'poverty of affluence' with Poverty's Woman in Majority World Countries. Lives are changed, hope is restored, and destinies are altered.

Register Here:
<https://www.rosehill.church/wm-retreat.html>

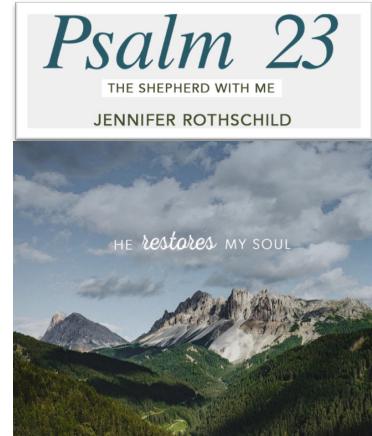
Please contact Sue Eddy at:
sandraeddy@msn.com or at (425) 647-8875 if you have any questions.

LOL Ladies of the Lord

LOL will be starting a new Bible study on Tuesday, April 13!

Join us via Zoom on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – (about) 11:30 as we:

- Gain fresh insight and encouragement from the Shepherd Psalm
- Explore the depths of God's compassionate care
- Trade the myth of self-reliance for the truth of God's providence
- Banish fear as you trust the Good Shepherd's goodness for every season of life



Psalm 23

THE SHEPHERD WITH ME

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

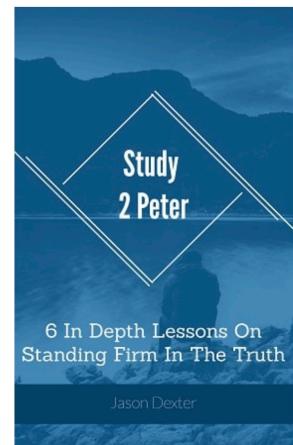
The cost for the book, shipping, and video will be around \$20.00. To find out more (Zoom link and how to order study guides) **contact Barbara Lince** at rb31agape@comcast.net or (425)445-5950

JOIN US – And invite a friend!

Monday Evenings

7:00pm - 8:00 pm

Come study 2nd Peter with us on Zoom! Feel free to direct questions to the church office, or you can contact Andy Padvorac at andypadvo@gmail.com



Join the Zoom Meeting at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82669464037?pwd=bkNuNEpGTFRPK0lkQTJleTQzaVNSzz09>.

ROSE HILL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the annual Rose Hill Church college scholarship. Its purpose is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the promotion of higher learning in students who will take the Gospel into the world through ministry, mission, and industry. The scholarship is available to members of Rose Hill Church who are pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies at accredited institutions of higher learning. Applicants will demonstrate:

- A desire to spread the Gospel through their participation and leadership in church, ministries, and missions
- The capacity to succeed in their further education
- A well-rounded life

Additional consideration will be given to applicants with greater need for financial assistance. The application form is available at <https://www.rosehill.church/scholarship> and is due on April 16.

DEACONS

Roy McIntosh, Moderator

Your Deacons continue to function under the COVID protocols. We are doing our best to remain in contact with folks but our in-person visits remain limited. We were happy to place two roses on the pulpit this last month. One for Lydia Annabelle Johnson (Sarah & Kevin) and one for Natalie Hope Johnson (May & Scott)—blessings to each of those families. The good news for all of us is that the worst of the pandemic may soon be over. "For I know the plans I have for you." declares the Lord. 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' (Jer 29:11)

Remember to let a Deacon know if you know of anyone who should be added to either our prayer list or visitation list.

April Missionaries of the Month



GLOBAL OUTREACH



www.rosehill.church/global-outreach.html

SESSION

Brad Hurne, Clerk of Session

Session met electronically in March to discern God's will for His church here at Rose Hill.

This was a relatively short meeting, which Pastor Brian began by posing the question, "How has God used difficulties to bless the church in the past year," referencing Galatians 4:13-14. That created a spirited discussion of how the pandemic launched many new ways to minister, including video streaming of worship services, Virtual VBS, and Zoom Bible studies. I can personally note that because of the pandemic, two of the faithful Wednesday 5:30am Bible study men who moved out of area, one to Camano, the other to Medford, continue to join us each week from their new homes. God is good, all the time.

And continuing with the theme of ministry continuing even when we can't meet together in person, Session approved Women's Ministries' speaker for the 2021 Virtual Annual Retreat, Anastasia Hansel. Last year's retreat had to be canceled, but we've all gained much experience with connecting online in ensuing months. We pray that this event will bless many.

February finances looked like this:

Income	February	YTD Budget	2021 Budget
Pledges	\$16,993.07	\$45,696.00	\$274,176.00
Loose Offering/Other Giving	\$8,123.01	\$33,833.33	\$203,000.00
Total Operating Donations	\$25,116.08	\$79,529.33	\$477,176.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$28,412.30	\$84,262.00	\$505,572.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$3,296.22)	(\$4,732.67)	(\$28,396.00)

Again, thank you for continuing to mail checks to the church. As vaccinations are accelerating, Session asks that you pray for an end to the pandemic, protection for the healthy, healing for the sick, and hope for all. Our God is sovereign. If you need encouragement, visit <http://roshill.church/devotions>. God bless you and thank you for your faithful prayers.



May 11th Service Opportunity at Attain Housing

The Local Outreach team is seeking volunteers for a work party on Tuesday, May 11th from 10am to 1pm. Attain Housing helps local families on the Eastside transition from homelessness, and we can support their work by helping clean up the grounds and do general yard work at one of their transitional housing properties in Kirkland or Bellevue. Please sign up by Monday, May 3rd by emailing Julie McNamara-Dahl at: juliemd100@hotmail.com.

We're looking forward to serving our community with you!

April Birthdays

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| 2 | Erin Hackwith | 12 | Linda Muilenburg |
| 6 | Bruce Mateer | 13 | Shannon Sweatte |
| 7 | Roy McIntosh | 17 | Linnie Byrd |
| 8 | Sue Mateer | 20 | Barbara Kull |

April Anniversaries

- 8 Robert & Betty Lovett

Weekly

- M 11:00 am Staff Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon)
T 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice
W 6:30 pm King's Kidz on Zoom
7:00 pm RHC Youth Group
SU 9:30 am Modern Service
11:00 am Traditional Service

Maundy Thursday

APRIL 1, AT 7:00PM
IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Remembering Jesus and
His Last Supper with
the disciples.

FACILITIES

Dan Wolfe, Facilities Director

Let's spruce up
our church for
Easter Worship
and the Kidz
Easter Egg
Hunt!

WORK PARTY

April 3
(revised date)
9:00am to
12:00pm

April Calendar

- 1 Maundy Thursday
In-person & Online Service at 7:00pm
- 3 Facilities Work Party
9:00am - 12:00pm
- 4 Easter Sunday
9:30 Modern Service
10:30 Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 Traditional Service
- 18 Women's Virtual Retreat
2:00pm - 4:00pm

CHURCH CONNECTIONS & RESOURCES

Streaming Services available on:
<https://rosehill.church/online>
<https://youtube.com/user/rosehillpc/live>

Prior audio sermons:
<https://rosehill.church/audio-and-text>

Devotionals:
<https://www.rosehill.church/devotions>

Stay Informed:
<https://www.rosehill.church/COVID19>

Spiritual Growth:
<https://www.rosehill.church/rightnowmedia>