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with an awareness of the reason that a celebration exists today, they are fine. But for many it is only the seasonal holiday trappings. They may not believe in the resurrection, or even believe in the Christ.

Having knowledge of a time, or a celebration without noting the significance is empty and hollow. For me it makes no sense, like purchasing birthday cards because you like the picture, without sending them on to share with a loved one.

Paul cautions the early church about their failure to deem as holy the portion of their meal in which they observed the Lord's Supper. For some, it appears they were just eating and drinking, enjoying social time without connecting it to the sacrifice of Jesus. Some were being left out, others were just filling their faces, but reflection on the Christ was not happening.

The problem - they didn't create holiness in themselves around the event they were remembering. Today, remember to do more than celebrate, also reflect.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The Day Is At Hand

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April 1, 2018

Along about the middle of July, I start thinking about my family. My father died the 16th of July and his father died on the 20th. In the middle of December my mind reflects on another loss. It seems that annual remembrances are important to me. Nostalgic? Sentimental? I am not sure, but powerful events in my life resonate deep within me. Each year, about that time in the month, I reflect, rehearse what I learned, the things I value, and commit to honor the memories in the coming year.

An early Easter holiday this year. For many throughout our world this is a season that remembers a time altering event. A risen Christ, a Messiah hoped for, then seemingly lost, before an earth shaking return, the story of Jesus contains every imaginable emotion. For many it will be read with tears and inexpressible joy. They "get it".

For others it is a holiday about baskets, colored eggs, new dresses, bonnets, and white shoes. There may be family meals, dyeing eggs, toddlers waddling through a back yard attempting to fill an ungainly basket, baby rabbits or chicks, and other types of seasonal activities. When done

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)
ELDERS: Richard Breising, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Breising

WORSHIP ORDER FOR APRIL 1, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Breising
GATHERING SONG: No. 230—Worthy Art Thou (vs 1)
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53:2-5 (Gary Hornbaker)
SONGS: No. 361—Nailed to the Cross
No. 349—Ten Thousand Angels
(sing all 4 verses, then chorus)
No. 312—Cross Medley
-No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2)
-No. 314—Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs 1, 2)
-No. 315—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs 1, 4)
No. 769—May I Call You Father?
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 287—There Is a Redeemer
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Chris Mansel
Ben Sizemore
Teddy Gingrich
SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 28:1-7 (Gary Hornbaker)
SONG: No. 344—Low in the Grave He Lay
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922—Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

LUNCH TODAY

There will be NO pot luck lunch today after worship services.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

We are now devoting Wednesday evenings to Vacation Bible School preparation. Please come at 7:30 pm each week and help prepare for this special event for our community children!

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

The Women Walking with God conference hosted by the North-side congregation in Wichita will be April 13-14 at Hartman Arena. The theme this year is "Trust His Path."

Website: www.womenwalkingwithgod.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Darrell Bauer—April 7

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Gary & Emy Hornbaker—April 3

Memory Work for 2018—Romans 13:11-12

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Stan Aldrich—spent time in the hospital last week; to see an allergist soon
Brenda (Loyd's daughter) - cancer has returned
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; has started a lengthy series of chemo treatments
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Eddie Baker (Gayle Byer's friend) - health issues
Diane Campbell—broken leg; MS
Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

