

April 2017 Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Spring Is Here! Time to have a...

SPRING CLEANING! Tom Sawyer Days

Friday, April 7 & Saturday, April 8
See the sign-up sheet, choose a time and an area of the church you would like to help clean or tidy up.

Each day will begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be a break for refreshments later in the morning. As the old saying goes, "Cleanliness is next to godliness!"

Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion April 9

This year, the Worship & Music Committee is inviting everyone to bring some greenery from your garden to wave during the Palm Sunday procession.

The origin of waving branches on Palm Sunday goes back to the description of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. When we actually read what it says, it is interesting to note that what the people are actually doing is creating a "red carpet" for Jesus, and that the branches

were actually supplementary to people's own clothes in creating that "royal processional way."

Matthew 21:8 says, "Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road." Mark 11:8 says, "Many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields." Luke 19:36 says, "As Jesus rode along, they spread their garments on the road." But John 12:13 says, "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him." As you can see, our tradition of waving palm branches favours John over the other three Gospels.

But in our procession, we are not welcoming those who may happen to be in the procession that begins the service (in our case, the choir), we are remembering the event described in the Bible. So we do not lay out a "red carpet" of branches, but

rather wave branches as an expression of worship, hailing the entry of Jesus Christ into the Jerusalem of our hearts.

**Holy Week
Maundy Thursday Service** at ORLC, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service at St. Saviour's Anglican Church, 2:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. In that service we will also baptize Lydia Kong, daughter of Salish and Brian, granddaughter of Jude Radies.

Annual Yard Sale & Bake Sale, Saturday, April 22, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See the poster for more information.

Bible Study
The Wednesday Bible Study has just wrapped up an exploration of the Psalms. We will be taking a break and will resume on April 26 with a study of Proverbs.