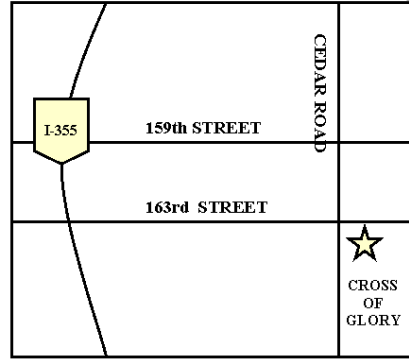




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**ARE YOU FINDING THE EASTER EGGS**  
By Pastor Dorothy Wilcox

Easter eggs have a traditional place in our cultural Easter celebrations, and they do have a background of religious significance. As we typically see them in our culture, however, they are more closely associated with a bunny, jelly beans, and chocolates than with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Even the term 'Easter egg' has taken on unexpected meaning. For instance I live with people who proudly call themselves "nerds" because of their interest and involvement in technology, especially computers and video games. For them, the term 'Easter egg' means something very different.

An Easter egg is "an intentional inside joke, hidden message, or feature in a work such as a computer program, video game, movie, book, or crossword puzzle. The name has been said to evoke the idea of a traditional Easter egg hunt," according to Mark Wolf's book: *The Encyclopedia of Video Games: The Culture, Technology, and Art of Gaming*.

You may think that you've never seen such an Easter egg, but you probably have. Many people look for a brief cameo appearance of Alfred Hitchcock in his films, or watch for a pineapple in each episode of the TV show *Psych*. Walt Disney Company places "Secret Mickey" in rides, resorts, and movies. All these are examples of Easter eggs.

Easter eggs in computer program have often had useful purposes. Some allowed programmers a way to test their code. Some may have been placed as a way to track the code of the program, preventing illegal duplication. Supposedly the first Easter egg was placed as a prank by a programmer, inserting his own name in the code.

For people who play computer video games, Easter eggs are sometimes "secret" clues or features within the game to be discovered or used. Clicking on a cloud image may cause rain in the game, or turn the cloud into an arrow that shows which way to go to reach the goal. It is fun to know, and the discovered feature is passed along from one gamer to another.

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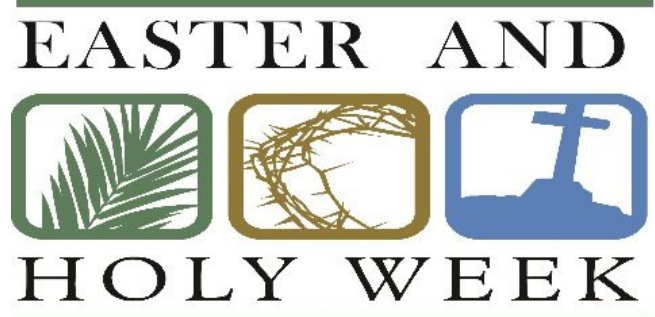
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- March 29 - Palm Sunday 9:30 am
- April 2 - Maundy Thursday Seder Meal 6:30 pm
- April 3 - Cross Walk Starts @ Cross of Glory at Noon then off to Local Lockport Churches
- April 3 - Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
- April 5 - Easter Sunday Services 9:30 and 11:00 am. He Has Risen



**Our Guiding Principles**

- Jesus is Lord
- Everyone Is Welcome
- The World Needs What We Have
- Everyone Has Something To Offer
- Love Changes Everything

**Our Mission Statement**

To be a community of faith in which everyone lives life in the LOOP of God's saving grace by: reaching and serving, welcoming and nurturing, worshiping and teaching, and giving and sending.

**Council Members:**

Reach out to a council member with any questions or concerns.

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**ARE YOU FINDING THE EASTER EGGS**

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In early days of Christianity, the persecuted believers also had ways of leaving a secret sign or message. The fish symbol was often used because the Greek word for fish is an acronym for the phrase that translates as "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." As two people met, one might casually scribe a concave arc in the dust. If the other answered by drawing a convex arc to complete the fish, they both knew they were Christian. If the second person did not know the code, the religion of the first person had not been revealed. It was a way for Christians to connect.

Today in most of the world (but not all), Christians do not have to protect their identity, but we still have special Easter eggs in our lives. When faced with real life challenges, a Christian knows how to look for and find the hidden power, the clue that boosts strength and grants protection. A Christian is alert for the subtle placement of the work and image of God all around us. We live with those Easter eggs every day, because we live every day in the New Life given to us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter.

This year, let Easter mean more to you than bunnies and chocolates: go to church and hear how you, too, can see the world in a new way.

**EASTER PLANT SALE**



Order your Tulip and/or Easter Lily Plant for Easter! All orders will help to decorate the church for Easter Sunday Worship. You may pick up your plant after the service you attend. You may also dedicate your plant "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a loved one.

Easter Lily & Tulip Plants  
\$15/each

Donations also accepted  
Order forms are available in the Worship Room. Orders due by Palm Sunday, March 29th. If after that date be sure to contact the church office.

**BOOK CLUB**

Join the church book club. This is open to all that love to read and discuss the book.

Next Book - *The Knife Man* by Wendy Moore

We will meet on Sunday, April 12th, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Join our discussion about a pioneer in modern day surgery. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for a great discussion. Contact the church for location.

**ADULT LUNCH MINISTRY**

For April we will meet at Chili's in Homer Glen at 12:30 on Tuesday, April 21st. Please sign up in the Welcome Room. Or let Laura know in the church office. Great fellowship time.

**Jesus Has Risen**  
**Luke 24: 1-12**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY CROSS WALK**

Friday, April 3 Noon at Cross of Glory. From there the group will drive to the next church in Lockport, and from that location the group will walk to the next churches. A great experience.

**The Welcome Place Preschool**

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**LIFE LINE SCREENING  
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Thursday, April 30th

Flyers available in the Welcome Room or call  
1-888-653-6450 to make an appointment

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**BLOOD DRIVE MAY 14th 2-6 pm**

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Jayden Delgado.....	4/10
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Sidney Morin .....	4/14
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