

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!

2025 Easter Services at BPC

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13
10:30 a.m.

Children may join us for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and/or at 10 a.m. to participate in waving palm branches as the worship service begins.

Tenebrae Service

Good Friday, April 18
8:00 p.m.

Nursery is available for infants to five-year-olds during all Easter services.

Go to the church website to livestream services: www.bpcburien.org

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20
10:30 a.m.

Join us for donuts and coffee in the Multipurpose Room following the worship service.

PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World

This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

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“Mature” Women Needed!

By K.D.*

Update for April 2025: At the beginning of March, about twenty women leaders from several different churches around the country gathered for a special training where they began to learn how to study the Word of God on their own and how to lead small groups in their churches in hopes of passing on things they’re learning. This included beginning to practice skills such as observation in Scripture,



Photo courtesy of K.D.*

interpretation, and application to their lives. There is a tremendous need for discipleship in the Church in Chad, and this training is part of efforts by AIM and others toward discipleship and mobilization of believers. Please pray for greater maturity of the Church in Chad and that the women who attended will grow in their faith themselves and help others to grow as well.



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Hard Work, Flooding, and Time with Dad

By Naya Martinez

In March, my class from NCA (Numunohi Christian Academy in Papua New Guinea) did a global workers’ trip to a small orphanage in Mount Hagen where we ran two VBSs, built two playgrounds, re-painted and re-screened, built a sidewalk, and added some sports amenities! We are so grateful to have seen God’s amazing faithfulness in every step of this trip, from traveling difficulties to flooding in our girls’ dorm!

After an exhausting week in Hagen, we continued on to Madang to spend a few days bonding as a class and playing at the beach! Through all the work, fun, and adventure in these packed two weeks, every night we always praised the Lord for being so, so good!

I also enjoyed the time with my dad as he was a chaperone on the trip!



NCA class of 2026 with some residents of the orphanage at their new playground!

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Below: Class of 2026 at a small island off the coast of friendly Riwo Village

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Naya and Noe

Photo credit: Noe Martinez



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A High View of Scripture

By Pastor Bud

Martin Luther was a German theologian and professor at the University of Wittenberg who unintentionally launched the Reformation by nailing his 95 Theses to the Church's door in 1517. The Diet of Worms was an imperial assembly of the Catholic Church in Worms, Germany. Although not explicitly called to deal with Luther, his case needed to be dealt with. The Church required representation to deal with Luther, so he was granted safe passage to and from Worms. Luther was asked to recant of his teaching, to which he answered, *"Since your most serene majesty and your lordships require of me a simple, clear and direct answer, I will give one, and it is this: Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures and by clear reason (for I do not trust the pope or councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted. My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."*

Luther's response demonstrates his high view of Scripture. But a high view of Scripture did not begin with him. More than fourteen hundred years earlier, the apostle Peter wrote to persecuted believers, giving them hope in the ultimate victory of God and their eternal inheritance reserved in heaven for them.

Peter did not tell them things would improve in this life. Instead, he drew their focus to the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Although circumstances may not change in this life, when Christ returns, everything changes. For Peter, the Day of the Lord is a day of victory, not defeat. It is a day

**"My conscience is captive
to the Word of God."**

— Martin Luther

of reward, not judgment. Having confidence in the inevitability of that day's arrival can give strength, encouragement, and hope.

Confident Expectation

How do we know Peter's encouragement is true? How can we be sure that Christ will ultimately be revealed in victorious glory? What is the foundation for believing that our current suffering will be turned into eternal joy? In 2 Peter 1:16-21, the apostle answers these questions by giving two lines of evidence to rekindle our confident expectation of the Lord's imminent return.

1. Personal experience (2 Pet. 1:16-18) – Peter reminds his readers that his hope in the glory of Christ's return was not a figment of his imagination. He was an eyewitness of the majesty of Christ's glorious divinity. With his own ears, he heard God Himself declare Christ to be His Son. Christ's return was not some fairy tale made up to soothe irrational fears; it is real and tangible. Peter experienced a preview, a deposit, and a taste of the unfathomable glory to come that day. Peter believed it from the very core of his being. He believed it so confidently that he ultimately died for his hope in Christ.

2. Divine revelation (2 Pet. 1:19-21) – The phrase, *"So we have the prophetic word made more sure"* (vs. 19) seems to communicate that Peter's experience confirms and strengthens the prophetic word (Scripture). The phrase could also be translated, *"So we have the more sure prophetic word."*

This rendering communicates the idea that the prophetic word is more reliable than experience. I prefer the latter translation for two reasons:

- The word *"made"* does not appear in the original language. If it did appear, then *"more sure"* would have an adverbial force by modifying the verb *"made."* The absence of this verb eliminates the idea that *"more sure"* is verification. Peter is comparing the prophetic word to his personal experience. The conclusion of his comparison is that the prophetic word is more reliable (more sure).
- This translation better reflects the original word order. The word order literally reads, *"we have more sure the prophetic word."* The context of the following verses supports this idea. Scripture is not one's own personal interpolation of some spiritual ideas; it did not come into existence by an act of human will. Instead, Scripture is from God, written by men who were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

This is important because experience is susceptible to deception; it is based on sight, not faith. The result is that experience does not produce faith (Mt. 11:20-24; Lk. 16:27-31). Scripture is transcendent, inerrant, written by God, transmitted through men, carried along by the Holy Spirit, and preserved for our instruction and encouragement so that we might have hope (Rom. 15:4). For this reason, Scripture is the *"more sure prophetic word."*

For His Glory alone,
Pastor Bud

GEAR UP for SPORTS CAMP!

An interview with Katie Teeler

By Peggie Recker

Once again, BPC will reach out to kids in our community, offering them a week of high-quality Sports Camp. Not only will they build physical skills, but most importantly, the participants will hear the Gospel message and experience the love of God flowing through each of our coaches, leaders, and helpers.

Our program is a well-established and smooth-running operation thanks to many years of excellent leadership by Coach Kelly (Siedenburg) and her administrative team. We are so grateful that Katie Teeler has stepped up to share her leadership skills with this year's Sports Camp; the *Press* is pleased to introduce her to you.

The Teelers have been attending BPC since the fall of 2023. Many people recognize their darling little girl, Ophelia, cute clothes and smiles, however, more than they know her parents!

Tell us about your family.

Haha, yes. Everyone knows Ophelia! I guess we'll start with her. She'll be 2 in May. She is super talkative and silly, smart, and sweet. We sure do love her! Daniel is almost 32 and I am 30. Daniel and I met at our previous church just after I graduated from college. We started dating in August, 2016, and got married in July, 2017! This July will be 8 years of marriage for us, which is pretty awesome. Glory to God! Daniel and I make a good team, but we are opposites in a lot of ways. He is easy going and funny. I am a planner and have gotten way-y-y-y better at sarcasm and humor since marrying him. Ha! Daniel grew up in Renton, I grew up in Auburn, and now we live in Renton. Daniel is a landscape designer in West Seattle and I am a part-time high school math teacher in Auburn.

What is your career background?

I became a high school math teacher right after graduating from college in 2016. I taught math for four years at Sumner High School, then we moved to Oregon for three years so I taught there during that time as well. Since having Ophelia in 2023, I have been substitute teaching a little bit and tutoring a few kids. Since January of this



Photo courtesy of Teeler family

Meet the Teeler family:
Daniel, Katie and daughter Ophelia

year, I have been teaching every day in the mornings at my old high school in Auburn.

What sorts of hobbies and activities do you (and your family) enjoy ?

I enjoy reading, taking fitness classes, traveling, cooking, and baking. Daniel enjoys playing video games, playing the guitar, and bouldering. Together we enjoy playing board games, spending time with our friends and family, playing spikeball and pickleball, and watching TV!

What led you to volunteer to lead this year's Sports Camp?

I was a coach at Sports Camp last year; it was fun but exhausting! I remember seeing the administration team working behind the scenes and thinking that maybe I could do that in the future. (It turns out it's also exhausting, but, oh well. Ha!) This year when the church kept announcing the need for someone to help lead sports camp, I decided to volunteer. I am pretty organized, I have experience doing administrative planning for big events, I've been in charge of budgets, and I am a planner. So, I thought I'd be a good person to help out.

Give a brief overview of Sports Camp and the training available for volunteers.

This year Sports Camp will be very similar to previous years with a few exceptions. We are utilizing Base Ministry again and our camp will be **July 14-18 in the mornings. The theme is Team Up!** We will be offering soccer, cheer, art, and Kick Start (pre-k). However, this year Base will only be sending us two staff members. In exchange they will provide us with

Milestones

Marriage

March 16, 2025
Marguerite San Martino
and Justin Armstrong

Death

Violet Nyholm
March 20, 2025
Vi was a long-time member
of BPC

John Pugh

March 23, 2025
husband of Judy Pugh

Membership Class

Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.
in Room 431. The class is for
anyone who would like to learn
more about the church or if you
would like to join. Lunch will be
provided. Please call the church
office or contact Pastor Bud.

SPORTS CAMP 2025

JULY 14-18

Kids arrive at 8:45 a.m., leave at noon

“TEAM UP”

1st-5th Graders: Soccer, Cheer, or Art

4-5 year-olds: Kickstart



Second, you can let me know if you're available and willing to volunteer! It takes a lot of people to make Sports Camp happen, and no job is too small. If you can commit to volunteering, please reach out to me at church or via text/email and let me know. If you already know in what area you want to serve, that's great! If not, I can give you some options.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER EARLY! The sign-up table will be available each Sunday beginning May 4, but it would be very encouraging to have commitments to help as soon as possible. Introduce yourself to Katie in person or contact her at katieteeler@gmail.com or 253-266-8608 (text or call) Please leave me your first and last name, and which area you think you'd like to help with. Or if you want to ask more questions before deciding, that is fine, too.

a lengthier two-day training which will be **June 27**, (evening only) and **June 28**. That should be a really educational and encouraging time to come together and grow in our leadership abilities! Also, we will have our usual day-before-camp training and set-up party on **Sunday, July 13** after church.

How can we as a church family help you right now to prepare for Sports Camp ?

First, you can pray for us as we plan.

We have a lot of tasks to complete and things to plan, and all of us who are leading also have families and our own jobs/responsibilities. It can be overwhelming so we'd love prayers to work well as a team, have wisdom when making decisions, and for the time/energy to complete everything necessary. I do want to clarify that I'm co-leading... I'm kind of the "face" of the leaders for Sports Camp, but we really have an awesome team of people who are planning it with me.

Please Volunteer for Sports Camp

Multiple positions are available, from team coaches to support staff. Sign up starting May 4, or contact Katie in person, by email at katieteeler@gmail.com or text/phone at 253-266-8608.

Soccer coaches (18-20 people)

Cheer coaches (5-10 people)

Kickstart (pre-k) coaches (15-20 people)

Art coaches/helpers (9-10 people)

Nursery workers (2-3 people)

Registration helpers (10-15 people)

Kitchen lead for snacks (1 person to lead with Linda Huck)

Kitchen leads for lunches (2 people)

Kitchen helpers (5 people)

Equipment helper/lead (2 people)

First aid (4 people)

Handypeople (5-10 people)

Crossing guards (2 people)

Restroom guards (4 people)

JOIN US! Saturday, April 12

All-Church Breakfast 8 a.m.
followed by

ALL-CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP

Bring your gardening gloves, clippers, weeding tools, rakes and shovels.

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Calendar Events

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

April 6, 13, 20, 27

9:00A Adult Sunday School
 9:15A KIDS Sunday School
 Youth Sunday School
 10:30A KIDS Church
 10:30A Worship in person &
 Live Stream

Sunday, April 6

Communion

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

Sunday April 20

Easter Sunday
 (No Sunday School classes)

Tuesday, April 1, 12, 29

6:30P Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, April 2

9:30A Women's BSO Bible study
 10:00A Women's Lighthouse
 Bible Study

Monday, April 7, 14, 21, 28

6:30P Men's Bible Study
 7:00P GriefShare

Wed., April 9, 16, 23 & 30

10:00A Women's Lighthouse
 Bible Study
 6:00P Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:30P Youth Group
 6:40P Adult Bible Study

Saturday, April 12

8:00A All-Church Breakfast/
 Yard Clean Up

Monday April 14

11:00A Ladies Circle

Thursday, April 17'

3:30P CarePartners

Friday, April 18

7:30P Tenebrae service

Saturday, April 19

8:00A Men's Breakfast/
 Pancake Chef

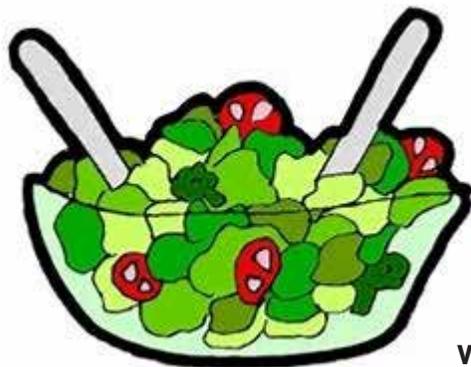
Saturday, April 26

10:00A Membership Class
 10:00A Women's Ministry
 Connect Event

An Answer to Prayer for Children's Ministries

By Jon Recker

At press time the Board of Elders was pleased to announce that **Jedidiah Thangthat** has been hired as **Director of Children's Ministries**. Jedidiah will be formally commissioned during a worship service in early April and will be interviewed for the next edition of the Boulevard Park Press. In the meantime, please extend a warm welcome to Jedidiah, his wife Rebekah, and their children Isaac (3) and Grace (10 months)!



Update: Thailand

By Lisa Siedenburg

The Thailand Team is so thankful for the church's support for our upcoming July missions trip to Chiang Rai, Thailand. We have a full itinerary of serving with Makin Yee in a government school, sports camp, village, and a children at risk home. We would appreciate your prayers as we move forward as the Lord leads. More details will come in the May Press.

Salad Potluck Plus Pizza Sunday ✦ May 4th

in the MPR after the worship service

Volunteers needed for setup at 10:15 a.m. and cleanup afterward.

If you can help, please contact the office.

Bring a salad or dessert ✦ Pizza provided by BPC

Important Details:

- All items ready to serve and labeled
- Salads on north and south walls of MPR
- Desserts on the tables near the kitchen

Immediately after worship service:

- Put your name on a nametag and wear it.
- Find a seat in the Multipurpose Room.
- Pastor Nate will pray before the meal.



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Here's Ella!

By Ellyn Roe

On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday last January, we saw a Care Net video featuring the stirring testimony of Ella, a pregnant local teen who was pressured to abort, but who, because of support from Care Net Federal Way and her parents, chose life for her baby. On March 15 at the Care Net Light and Life Fundraiser Banquet, Steve and I got to meet Ella and her adorable daughter Vivi. Ella asked us to pray for her final quarter of college work, as she hopes to graduate in June with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. In addition, she is engaged and planning an August wedding!

Church family... your prayers and giving help Care Net support women such as Ella. Thank you! (Baby Bottle campaign starts May 11... more info in next month's Press.)



l-r: Ella, Vivi, Ellyn at Care Net Light and Life Banquet

Photo Credit: Steve Roe

Season of Lent and Easter

By Ken Carter, Elder

I have been considering our “Christian” holidays of Christmas and Easter. These holidays are special times of worship that celebrate the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Our Christmas practice begins after Thanksgiving with Advent services each week culminating with the Christmas Eve Service. Perhaps we ought to consider lengthening our Easter reflections by embracing Lenten practices. Lent is the solemn Christian religious observance commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and enduring temptation by Satan before beginning His public ministry.

These practices focus on the events that took place prior to the resurrection to help us better understand the magnitude of Jesus’ loving sacrifice to save us. Lent is intended to be a time of reflection and repentance that heightens our awareness that sin separates us from God, and of what Jesus endured to save us from sin and eternal death. Lent should always lead us toward gratitude for Jesus’ sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Time with God is critical. Quiet and solitude enable us to listen to the Spirit and discern His voice. Before the noisy corporate rejoicing of Easter Sunday, let’s create opportunities for peaceful contemplation and intimacy with the Father. Time with the Lord is cause for joy, praise, and thanks. The Lent season is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to remember Jesus’ life and death, and to focus more on Him and less on us and our busy schedules. Fasting, or abstaining from activities and items in our lives can help us focus on the life and sacrifice of Jesus.

Many Christians prefer not to observe this pre-Easter tradition because it implies a religious duty. Whether and how you participate is a matter between you and God, so consider your motives for observing Lent. Jesus told the disciples, “When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that others may

see their fasting. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward” (Matthew 6:16). A small personal sacrifice should not be a badge of pride. “*For I take pleasure in loyalty rather than sacrifice and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings”* (Hosea 6:6). The intent of Lenten observance is to recognize our need for repentance and our depravity apart from God, to draw closer to Him, and to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

Lent focuses on Jesus’ sacrificial suffering and death. His resurrection by God completed the process. Because of the disciples’ firm belief in the death and bodily resurrection of Jesus, Christianity exists. The disciples were convinced that their master had conquered death. Only this resurrection faith nurtured by the Holy Spirit explains how this small, demoralized group which Jesus left on earth after His ascension to heaven could have developed the enthusiasm to sweep all obstacles before them in their bold world-wide mission. A few disheartened followers were transformed into the most dynamic movement in the history of mankind. Without this firm belief in a risen Christ, their fledgling faith would have faded into oblivion. Because of their faith, Christian churches exist throughout the world.

Because of Jesus’ resurrection, we can confidently say that He defeated death, and He is now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father. “*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead”* (1 Corinthians 15:17, 20-21).

Jesus said to her, “*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”* (John 11:25-26).

He is Risen. HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Celebrations!

April Birthdays

- 2 Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenburg
- 6 Madison Burt
Ellen Jackson
Joel Nordtvedt
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
- 11 Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton
- 14 Nathan Roenicke
Alice Walsh
- 16 Rob Norwood
- 17 Nancy Burlingame
- 18 Lorena Gonzalez
Dan Hartley
Dorothy Rice
- 20 Sarah Simmonds
- 21 Scarlett Faulkner
- 22 Ginny Olson
- 24 Jerry Bingham
Maria Carter
- 25 Max Burt
Molly Burt
- 26 Ruth Feil
Kelly Siedenburg
- 29 Valentine Faulkner
- 30 Randy James

Early May Birthdays

- 1 Noah Harder
William McCreary
- 3 Gary Schwatke
- 6 Karen Doerr
- 7 Don Whalen
- 10 Pat Peterson
- 12 Rachel Drost
Don Hartley

If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be, please contact the church office.

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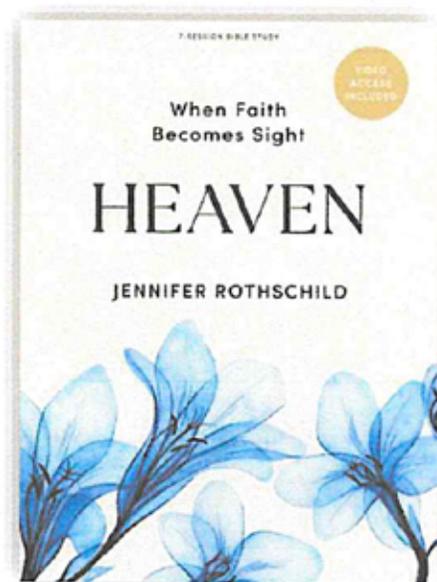


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*Reaching Our
World for Christ*

Ladies! You are invited to join us for our newest Tuesday Evening Bible Study!



Heaven. Who goes there? Where is it? What will we do there? Questions like these arise when we consider an eternal future beyond this physical life. How can we know the truth about what comes next? In this 7-session video series, Jennifer Rothschild explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. She will separate what's true, from what's based on legend, media depictions and hopeful guesses. As you walk through this study, you'll gain deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children, and learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits! Don't wonder about Heaven – embrace it with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace.

Come join us for a time of fellowship and digging into the Word together!

Beginning on April 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Room 435.

Study books available the first evening. Suggested donation \$20. Any questions?
Contact Lisa Bowen at 206.354.0339 or at lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org.