

Church Church a joyful place to grow Trialogue



From Pastor Jeff

Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Revelation 1:17-18

Easter is coming up next month and, based on the displays up at Target and Wal-Mart, the world wants to package it for us as a safe, fun, pastel holiday with flowers and pretty hats. To hear the retailers tell it, Easter is about pink marshmallow bunnies and jelly beans, and not much else. In the next few weeks' Time or Newsweek or Nation Geographic or some other big media outlet will publish a cover story telling its readers Jesus' Resurrection is just a myth or that the Gospels are frauds. It happens every year, right before Easter.



Of course this is only to be expected. The trivialization of Easter is the fallen world's way of whistling in the dark. If Easter is just pretty dresses and hard boiled eggs. If the Resurrection just a fairy tale or a myth, then the world-as-it-is is safe and secure.

But, if Easter is about the Son of God conquering sin and death and rising to be proclaimed the Lord of Creation...well, then, the fallen world system has got something to be worried about. If Death is not the last word, then sin will been judged. If evil, selfishness, greed and injustice have met their match on the cross and been un-

raveled at the resurrection—well, look out Powers that Be. You're on your way out. Your eviction papers have been filed. Your authority is limited; your strongholds are coming down.

Easter is proof that Jesus really is the Messiah, the Savior of the world, the only one to go through death and come out the other side. And now he holds the keys to Death and the Grave. Nothing can stop him or his people. The Lion of Judah is out of his cage and looking for a fight. No wonder the fallen world gets nervous this time of year.

SAVE THE DATES

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

During our 10:00 a.m. service our children will be processing into worship waving palm branches and singing Hosanna. Plan on joining us in worship on Palm Sunday as we remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the start of what we know as Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 13TH

On Maundy Thursday we remember our Lord's last supper with his disciples where he gave them the New Commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34. This year, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday together with a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by a service.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES APRIL 16TH

We will be having a special 6:30 a.m. sunrise service this year at Burnt Cedar Beach in Incline - weather permitting. We will have both our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services in our Sanctuary. He is risen indeed!" The message will focus on the gracious gift our Lord offers all through Jesus Christ. Invite your friends and family to join you in worship on Easter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH



POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, March 5th

On Sunday, March 5th we will be sharing a potluck lunch

following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. The food theme is corned beef and cabbage! The church is providing the corned beef and cabbage. Please bring your favorite salad, side dish, dessert, or whatever you would like to share that seems Irish. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship.

2016 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

Our annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 12th. During the meeting we had a quick overview of our ministry over the past year, looked forward to our Lord's ministry in the coming year and reviewed our 2016 church's finances and 2017 budget. Copies of the 2016 Annual Report are available on the counters in the Narthex. We encourage you to pick up a copy.

DAY LIGHT **SAVING TIME BEGINS**

Sunday, March 12th

Remember to



"spring" your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11th. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. You want to make sure you get to church on time!



Become NEW MEMBERS CLASS AND LUNCH Sunday, March 19th

Are you interested in learning more about membership in The Village Church and finding out about what it means to be Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian at The Village Church? Join us for a light lunch on Sunday, March 19th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Those interested in possibly joining and members wanting to learn more about God's church called The Village are invited and encouraged to attend. For more info, contact Pastor Jeff or Michele Young.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE



March 5th

The Lord's Supper

will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on March 5th. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Jeff to arrange for home Communion.

MARCH SESSION MEETING Wednesday, March 8th

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the pastors study. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer as they discern what is best for our church and make Godly decisions for this body.

DEACON'S MEETING Sunday, March 12th

The next Deacons meeting will be on Sunday March 12th after the 10:00 a.m. service.

LENTEN SEASON

Lent is the forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, not including Sundays, of peni-



tence and preparation for Christ's death and resurrection. We encourage you to utilize a daily Lenten devotional. We have Lent devotionals available on the counters in the Narthex.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S STUDY

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a men's study in the Fireside Room on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, study and support. All men are invited!

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.

The early morning Men's Study continues to meet in the Fireside Room on Wednesday mornings for coffee, sweet rolls and fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to join us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT STUDY

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a bible study in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, study, and support.

KINGS BEACH SMALL GROUP First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings Beach small group meets at the Boxeth's. This group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and Third Thursdays of the month. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Patti or Gary Boxeth for more information.

INCLINE VILLAGE SMALL GROUP Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Incline Village small group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Jim & Jane Dykstra's House. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Annie Payne.



The Village Church is affiliated with:



ECO is committed to growing and planting flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ. SHARE EASTER FLOWERS* IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE



If you would like to share Easter Flowers with our church family, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. The flowers are ordered and delivered to the church and will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter morning. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Easter Service bulletin.

Please make your \$10 check out to
The Village Church and mark it "Easter Flowers".

Drop off your check at the church office or
mail the form and your check to:

The Village Church 736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV 89451

Deadline for all orders is Wednesday, April 5th

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Name	
No. of Plants Phone	
In Celebration of	
In Memory of	

Please note: the flowers this year will be spring flowers like tulips rather than Easter lilies.



March 2017

While you are busy enjoying winter activities, summer camp planning is in full swing!

Vacation Bible School

The Village Church Vacation Bi-

ble School is scheduled for the week of July 10-14. This year's program Maker Fun Factory. Imagine a world where curious kids become handson inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. At Maker Fun Factory, one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day.



Summer Camps

Zephyr Point



Camp Zephyr is a 5-day, non-residential (not overnight), Christian based, summer day-camp program for first through sixth graders. Children must have completed kindergarten to attend camp. The program

runs Monday – Friday, weekly from June 19th to August 11th. Under the supervision and direction of our Day Camp Summer Crew made up of energetic, college-age role models committed to caring for each individual camper, your children will have the opportunity to engage the Gospel and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and an ambassador of His kingdom! Each day, campers will hear Biblical teaching through interactive storytelling and lesson plans that share God's redemptive plan to reconcile and renew all of Creation back to Himself. Bus transportation is scheduled from Incline Village the week of July 31-August 4. The program fee per child is \$135 and includes a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. The transportation fee is \$30.

Calvin Crest

Sherwood Forest and Middle School Camp will be held the week of July 16-22. In a week, campers will discover both the exciting adventure of the Gospel and their purpose within that adventure! The camp registration fee starts at within that adventure! The camp registration fee starts at \$465. Meet new friends, play wild games, and discover what faith in Jesus Christ is all about. More information can be found at http://www.calvincrest.com/register-for-summer-camp/



Mary Gilbert

C.E. Director

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Hello everyone.

Great news to report. Last month our Chili Cook-off fundraiser was a huge success and raised over \$1,700.00! Thank you to everyone who donated, helped with cooking, voting with cash, and set up and clean up. The next fundraiser is a pancake breakfast on April 2nd. It always seems strange to start doing fundraising for a summer trip in the middle of winter, but with 20 people going on a trip that is \$450 per person, it is never too early.

If you are going on the this years YWAM S.F. summer mission trip, you have all of march to gather items for the silent auction. Please find three items valued at a minimum of \$20 or one item valued at \$100. Parents, if you are providing a service or item, do not let that be your child's only item. They need to work for this. Some suggestions are restaurant/store gift certificates, babysitting, nice artwork or photography, etc. If anyone in the church has something to donate that would also be appreciated.

Winter is coming to an end and with the new season coming we are going to be doing new things with the youth. The biggest change is inviting 5th grade youth to attend The Upper Room youth group that meets Wednesdays. This is big for a few reasons. My vision for the youth group and the church in general comes from Jesus. Jesus was all about unity and community. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We love the idea of unity, but at the same time we separate into groups where we feel comfortable. It is my vision to be more inclusive and have a bigger age range at the youth group. Right now, we have an amazing opportunity to bring the soon to be middle school youth in to the group a little early so they fit in with the youth group before summer break. Then when school starts back up they will fit in and have friends at their new school with other believers. Some unity in the chaos of these young people's lives seems like a fantastic plan for planting seeds and growing in faith.

I am looking forward to a fantastic spring with the youth, and invite any covenant partners to come and help out with any of our youth activities. Thank you and have a very blessed March.

The Upper Room Group meets Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We have some pretty crazy fun playing games and sometimes they are a little on the messy side. Oh yeah, and there's time for asking questions, learning about God, the Bible and Jesus Christ. This group is for 6-12th grades.

Special Ops is the outreach group. This is a hands-on mission group that teaches the youth to get out and apply the things Jesus taught and show love to people that are in need. We will continue to visit the homeless in Reno through the winter months. Lunch is provided and please try to be at the church by 11:45am. We will be the lifepaks with things to keep people warm and hopefully more comfortable through the cold season.

Serving Jesus, Pastor Tony





YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Y.W.A.M. San Francisco Summer Mission Trip

The youth will host a pancake breakfast to help fund our summer mission trip to San Francisco in July.

Come to church hungry. Let us serve you and help us meet our financial goal.

April 2, 2017

Following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services

At The Village Church

DEACONS NEWS

INVITE A FRIEND BE A FRIEND

This is the challenge for each of us as we enter into Lent and Easter season. Our worship services during the Lent/Easter season are wonderful times to invite friends to worship. People are more open to an invitation to attend church during Easter and Christmas than any other time of year. Be praying for who might ask to come with you and then ask them. This the "Invite a Friend" part of the challenge. But the "Be a Friend" part is to treat everyone who comes through the doors of our church as a friend. Welcome them and treat them as if they were that special person you invited.





SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Do you need a ride to church on Sundays or know someone who does? If so, please let our church office know at 775.831.0784 and one of our Deacons will be happy to assist.

TRANSPORTATION SIGN UPS

The Deacons need your help with when someone needs a ride to church/worship services, and etc. The sign-up Sheet is on the Narthex counter.

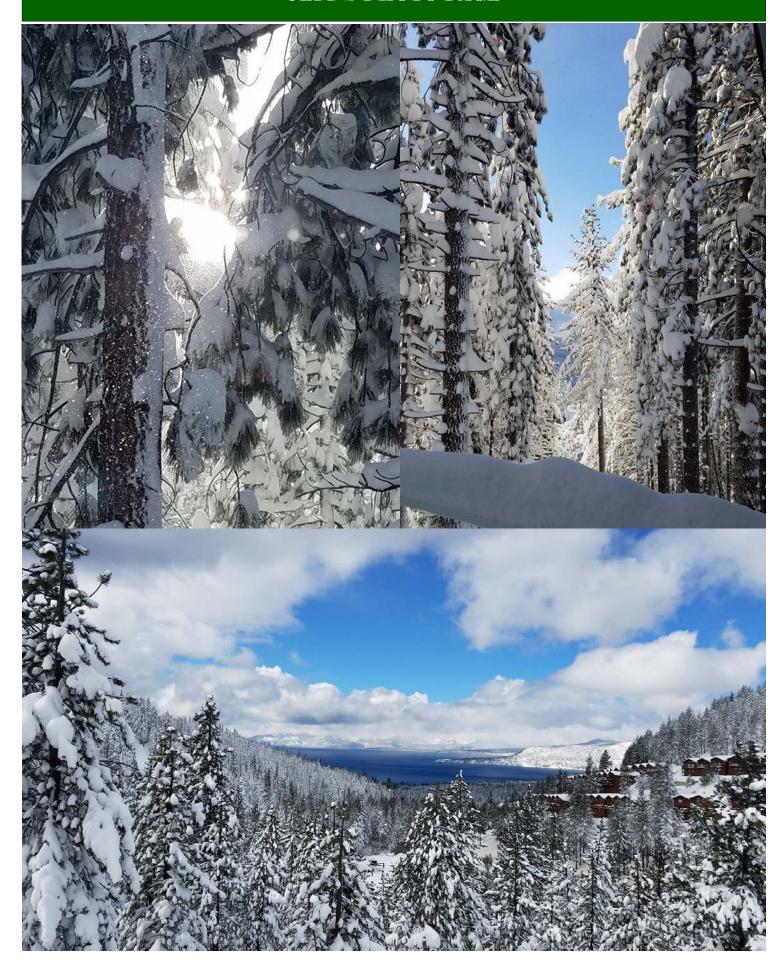
ECO NATIONAL GATHERING



A few of us from The Village Church attended the ECO National gathering in Greenville, South Carolina in January. It was a blessed experience. The speakers and worship services were spirit-filled. The theme was "Entrusted" "What you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well." 2 Timothy 2:2



JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We need your help with our Children's Message. Connect with our youngest by sharing a story about God's Word. Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, a volunteer provides a special message for our children before they are excused for Sunday School. You don't need to come up with your own material, the church can provide it to you. If interested in volunteering, the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We need people to teach Sunday school to our young people. Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this ministry. Mary Gilbert, Christian Ed. Director, will provide the lesson plans and crafts. Contact Mary Gilbert if you would be available to help.

COUNTERS

We are looking for folks from our congregation who would be willing to be on two person teams to count the weekly offerings on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Counting is easily taught and takes fifteen minutes to thirty minutes from start to finish. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Board Meeting Tuesday, March 14th 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday,
March 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of volunteers to staff the Thrift Shop. This is a great way to serve our church and community by helping out in the shop. We are open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day except Sunday. Let Linda Robins or Vicki Twichell know if you can help.

MISSION AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We have many opportunities available to volunteer and serve. We participate in international, national, and local missions and services. Please consider joining one of our mission/service opportunities in 2017.

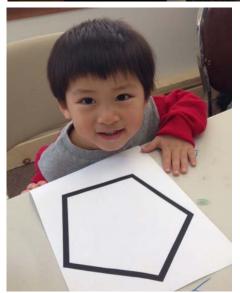
- We will be joining with YouthCompass again to send a mission crew to Slovakia from April 7th to April 15th.
- Another opportunity is Pastor Tony needs adult leaders to go to the Reno homeless outreach on Sunday afternoons and he needs adult leaders to go on the YWAM Youth San Francisco Mission Trip.
- We also need adult volunteers for Vacation Bible School and to be counselors at the Calvin Crest Summer Camp.
- The Preschool is also in need of adult volunteers.
- The Belize Mission Trip is full but needs your prayer support.

All trips/service opportunities are open to all adults - a heart to serve the Lord is the only requirement. If you have questions or are interested in signing up please speak with Jane Dykstra or the Church Office.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PHOTOS















3/1	Susan Andre	3/12	Guy Fortier
	Jason Stanton		Robyn Barnes
3/2	Tim Gilbert	3/17	Pat Beer
3/3	Bob Beart	3/19	Joe Batistic
3/4	Caryl Bydash	3/21	John Manter
	Ann Schofield	3/22	Muffy Betker
3/5	Sharon Sigler	3/23	Pat Collins
3/7	Ruth Jensen	3/24	Faith Ogden
3/7	Nancy Leonard	3/26	Jean Ashbrook
3/9	Jan Paulson	3/27	Millie Clarke

Did we forget your birthday? Call us at the church office – 775.831.0784 to be included on our birthday list.

WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS

Do you have a special day you wish to remember - a birthday, an anniversary or a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship



service. Just sign up on the Flower Calendar for 2017 in the Lobby. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

Also, if you were apart of the flower workshop please volunteer to arrange flowers. On the 2017 there is a place that says flower arranger. Put your name next to the date that you would like to do the flower arranging.



OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Through February 19, 2017:

<u>Needed</u> \$67,648 <u>Given</u> \$46,225

<u>Difference</u> -\$21,423

MARCH WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants:

March 5: Veronica Kilbourn

March 12: Millie Clarke

March 19: Joannie McNulty

March 26: Chuck Dowd

Ushers:

March 5: Michele and Craig Young

March 12: Joannie McNulty

March 19: Bonnie and John Cella

March 26: Paul and Vickie Twichell

Children's Message:

March 5th: Sharla Baker

March 12th: Don Ferrell

March 19th: Darlene Nilsson

March 26th: Cindy Liggett

Hospitality Teams

March 5th: Team 6 – Linda Florentine, Lili Arpino, Judy Ackerman, Linda Brown & Vicki Ogden March 12th: Team 7 – Sharon Sigler, Jane Barnhart, Lynn Windham, and Marilyn Merritt March 19th: Team 8 – Karen Bennett, Erika Hamner, Michele Young, Ginny Batistic, & Norma Kilbourn March 26th: Team 1 – Ann Schofield, Mary Gilbert, Lynn Bandaruk, Jalyne Leonhart, & Linda Robins

PASTORAL CONTACT

In order to provide the best possible pastoral care in time of emergency or crisis, Pastor Jeff has a cell phone. This will allow congregation members the opportunity to contact him during non-office hours should a crisis or emergency situation arise. The phone number is 775.624.4240. If Pastor Jeff doesn't answer, simply leave a voice message and he will attempt to respond as quickly as possible.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Village Church 736 McCourry Blvd Incline Village, NV 89451 (775) 831-0784 voice 831-0798 fax, Preschool 831-1184 Website:TheVillageChurchNV.org



Scripture for the Month:
People make plans in their minds, but only
the Lord can make them come true.
Depend on the Lord in whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:1,3

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Church Leadership

Doug Baker - Deacon Ted Bandaruk - Deacon Patti Boxeth - Deacon Gary Boxeth - Elder

Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Chuck Dowd - Elder

Jane Dykstra - Elder

Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Don Ferrell - Elder

Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Custodian & Elder

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Ann O'Keefe - Deacon

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Tom Payne - Deacon

Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Nathalie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Ann Schofield - Financial Administration. &

Elder & Clerk of Session

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Elder