

Steeple Notes

Central Church, Huntington, NY
Where Jesus Is Lord and All Are Loved
April – May 2026

Some Notes on the Resurrection



Greetings to everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is our risen Lord and Savior, and we are about to celebrate the day when God the Father gloriously raised God the Son out of the tomb.

What is resurrection?

Perhaps the straightest definition of a resurrection is this (not mine): when a person who has died is restored physically back to life as that same person.

In fact, there are ten instances of completed resurrections recorded in the Bible (3 Old Testament, 7 New Testament). Resurrection is mentioned/occurs four more times in the Book of Revelation, but they have yet to occur.

Job (perhaps as early as 2000 BC) gives the oldest recorded mention of the resurrection:

*And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me! (Job 19:26-27)*

In 869 BC, Elijah performs the first resurrection mentioned in the Bible (1 Kings 17:22).

Yet bar none, the most important resurrection occurs on the morning (most likely) of April 5, 33 AD. Because on that morning, after Jesus had been crucified on the cross, the one undeniable historical fact is that the tomb was empty! This is such an impeccably (pun intended) attested event that all reputable historians and serious scholars (both Christian and atheist) agree on the empty tomb. In fact, the earliest wording describing the event (mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8) likely began to be disseminated by the Church within a few months of Jesus' resurrection! But what makes Jesus' resurrection even more wonderful is that He has made this available to us! As Jesus declares:

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” (John 14:6-7)

This is the Good News—that Jesus not only defeated Satan, sin and death, He then made resurrection available for us to receive in faith!

What wonderful news, friends! What a joyful and glorious (future) resurrection the Lord has won for us!

This is why Resurrection Sunday is the most important celebration of the Christian calendar! This year, it will occur on the same dates as the original event! I am excited to invite everyone to join us for our week-long thanksgiving and celebration!

March 29th is our **Palm Sunday** worship service—the day when Jesus openly entered Jerusalem as the Messiah!

April 3rd at 12 PM is our **Good Friday** service (often referred to as “Tenebrae,” the service of darkness/shadows).

April 5th at

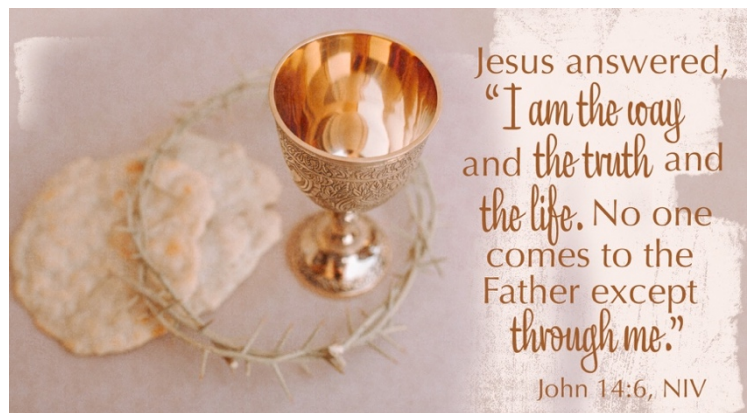
- 7:30 AM is our Early Resurrection service at Bay Hill Beach
- 9:00 AM Breakfast at our Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Resurrection Sunday Worship
- 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt for our children!

I end with these words from Jesus, again speaking of the resurrection!

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
(John 12:25-26)

Let Central Church always affirm: YES LORD, WE BELIEVE IN YOU!

Paul D. Lee
In Christ our King,
Pastor Paul Lee



Deacon's CORNER

For God so loved the world... and through your kind support, the Deacons of Central have been sharing that love in traditional and new ways ~

- The Card Ministry celebrates holidays and special occasions
- The Gift Card Ministry gives support to neighbors in need with a Burger King, Target, gas card, or other gift card
- Deacons give guidance to those who need help navigating the many local social service agencies to access their assistance
- Limited financial assistance may be provided for immediate needs ranging from college tuition to utility bills
- Support is given to Long Island Youth for Christ and Long Island Youth Mentoring

The Deacons are currently participating in training offered by Helping Hand Rescue Mission to help us learn what poverty is and to grow stronger in developing relationships in our community.

We are also focusing on elevating the wonderful work done at Central to spread the love and joy of Jesus: our Easter basket projects is preparing 48 baskets for children through 5th grade in our children's ministry and in our communion; the Praise & Potluck coffee hour is an opportunity for the whole congregation to serve one another with food; and the discipling of new Deacon moderators is a step in following Jesus' call to train up new leaders (2 Timothy 2:22)

Thank you so very much for the means and opportunity to shine the light of Christ in the town of Huntington.

*God's blessings,
Gladys Paulsen
For the Deacons*



EASTER Schedule



Sunrise Service

April 5th, 7:30 to 8:00, Bay Hills Beach, Huntington





April at a Glance

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Min Yao
- 02 Amanda Poupis
- 04 Bill Hyer
- 07 Martha Grill
- 07 Brad Kramer
- 09 Kevin Fernandez
- 10 Janice Bradley
- 15 Linda Tengelsen
- 16 Terrish McCoy
- 17 Kennedy Chapman
- 17 Brianna Jones
- 22 Freeman McNeil
- 23 Derek Novinski
- 24 Ladaisha Jones
- 26 Eton Yoon
- 29 Micah Cummings

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 27 Martha & Bob Grill

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Jamie Clous
- 05 Thomas Swanson
- 06 Malia Bundt
- 08 Cole Fischer
- 14 Fred Brodbeck
- 14 George Bundt
- 17 Sean White
- 19 Gladys Paulsen
- 24 Vivian Ford
- 24 Annabelle Novinski
- 25 Carolyn Thuro
- 27 Anastasia Novinski
- 27 Deborah Whitfield
- 28 Kurt Roman

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Jim & Leslie Sutherland
- 19 Ken & Sandy Chin
- 30 Tommy & Lori McLaughlin
- 31 George & Fran Bundt



April at a Glance

Friday – April 3

12:30 pm – Good Friday Lunch

Tuesday – April 7

10 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – April 14

10 am – Circle

After Circle – Lunch Social & Game Day

Looking Ahead to May

Tuesday – May 5

10 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – May 12

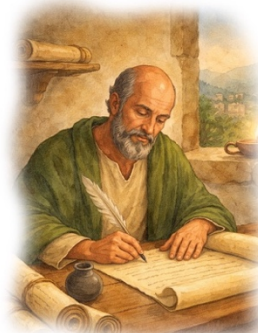
10 am – Circle

Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins!

e-m@il prayer.chain

Our email prayer chain is going strong! If you have prayer concerns that you'd like Central members and friends to pray for, contact Linda Tengelsen, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at lteng@optonline.net, and she will be happy to send out your prayer requests to the group. Please also remember to update us on your prayer concerns as well.

Bible Quiz



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)



An old farmer went to the city one weekend and attended the big city church. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

“Well,” said the farmer, “It was good. They did something different, however. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns.”

“Praise choruses,” said his wife, “What are those?”

“Oh, they’re okay. They’re sort of like hymns, only different,” said the farmer.

“Well, what’s the difference?” asked his wife.

The farmer said, “Well, it’s like this – If I were to say to you: Martha, the cows are in the corn,’ well, that would be a hymn. If, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

*Martha Martha, Martha, Oh, Martha,
MARTHA, MARTHA,
the cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the
black cows,
the white cows, the black and white cows,
the COWS, COWS, COWS are in the corn,
are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the
corn,
the CORN, CORN, CORN,
then, if I were to repeat the whole thing two
or three times, well that would be a praise
chorus.”*

As luck would have it, the exact same Sunday a young, new Christian from the city church attended the small-town church. He

came home and his wife asked him how it was. “Well,” said the young man, “It was good. They did something different, however. They sang hymns instead of regular songs.”

“Hymns,” said his wife, “What are those?”

“Oh, they’re okay. They’re sort of like regular songs, only different,” said the young man.

“Well, what’s the difference?” asked his wife.


The young man said, “Well it’s like this – If I were to say to you, Martha, the cows are in the corn,’ well, that would be a regular song. If, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

*Oh Martha, dear Martha, hear thou my cry
Inclines thine ear to the words of my mouth.
Turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and
by
To the righteous, inimitable, glorious truth.
For the way of the animals who can explain
There in their heads is no shadow of sense,
Hearkenest they in God’s sun or his rain
Unless from the mild, tempting corn they are
fenced.
Yea those cows in glad bovine, rebellious
delight,
Have broke free their shackles, their warm
pens eschewed.
Then goaded by minions of darkness and
night
They all my mild Chilliwack sweet corn have
chewed.
So look to that bright shining day by and by,
Where all foul corruptions of earth are
reborn.
Where no vicious animal makes my soul cry
And I no longer see those foul cows in the
corn.*


Then, if I were to do only verses one, three and four and do a key change on the last verse, well that would be a hymn.”





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	2 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	3 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 12PM LUNCH AFTER SERVICE	4 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
5 SUNRISE 7:30 @ BAY HILLS BEACH BREAKFAST 9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM EGG HUNT 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	6 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM WORSHIP COMM 7:30 PM	7 WCC BOARD MEETING 10 AM	8 WOMEN'S BIBLE 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	9	10	11 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
12 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	13 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	14 WCC CIRCLE MEETING 10:00 AM SOCIAL + GAME DAY TRUSTEES 7:30 PM WORSHIP 7:30 PM	15 WOMEN'S BIBLE 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM DEACONS 7 PM YOUTH 7:30 PM	16 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	17	18 <i>ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY</i> 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM NA GROUP 9 AM
19 WORSHIP 10 AM SUMMER CAMP (VBS) VOLUNTEERS MEETING 11:15 NA GROUP 7 PM	20 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	21	22 WOMEN'S BIBLE 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	23 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	24	25 NA GROUP 9:00 AM
26 WORSHIP 10 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 NA GROUP 7 PM	27 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	28 SESSION MTG 7:00 PM	29 WOMEN'S BIBLE 10:30 AM STAFF MTG 11 AM YOUTH 7:30 PM	30 KIDS CENTRAL 4:30 PM	 central church HUNTINGTON, NY	OFFICE HOURS: TUES TO FRI, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM



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VBS!

Save the Date!

June 29 - July 3, 2026

Central Church's
Vacation Bible Study
Summer Camp*

for children in K - 5th Grade

Please save the date!

9:00 AM - NOON

To register: Centch@optonline.net • (631) 421-3663