

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

April 20, 2014

✠ ✠ ✠ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✠ ✠ ✠

Devotional:----- Jason Yoder
Message:----- Ervin Yoder
Offering:----- General
SS Lesson:----- John 19-20:1-18

Adult and Youth Verse: The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Jn. 20:1

Intermediate Verse: For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: Job 19:25

Junior Verse: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. Jn. 1:14

Today's Host: Steve & Edith Nissley

Primary & Preschool Verse: "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth" 1 Sam. 3:9

SS Lesson for next week: Proverbs 20:1-30

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them. Prov. 20:12

Next Sunday Host: Everett & Elmina Yoder

☐ ○ ☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

-Rainbow Lorikeet (Excerpt from Marvels of Creation: Breathtaking Birds)
by Kay and Buddy Davis

The rainbow lorikeet is a medium-sized parrot that lives in northern and eastern Australia. The plumage of this bird is very bright and colorful. It has a red bill, blue head, bright green upper parts, red-gold breast band, and a blue belly.

The beak of the lorikeet is not raspy like other parrots but it does have a long, hair-tipped tongue that laps up nectar and pollen from blossoming flowers. It actually crushes the blossoms with its beak and laps up the juices with its tongue. It can be a pest when it descends upon an orchard. The orchard floor can be littered with crushed and fallen blossoms. It also feeds on fruit and sap.

These beautiful birds can be found in light woodlands and scrub areas but also can adapt quite well to large towns where they even visit garden feeders. They are not afraid of people and seem quite tame. At the Currumbin Bird Sanctuary in Queensland, rainbows come by the scores to be fed by hand. Each visitor gets to hold a tray of honey water that the lorikeets love. At about 4:30 in the afternoon, the lorikeets descend on the trays to eat. They walk all over the visitors' heads and arms to get to the tray. You can actually watch their tongues lap up the sweetened water.

Lorikeets usually move in flocks and are swift in flight, having a high pitched screech that is unmistakable. Roosting in camps or flocks, they screech and chatter until ready to go to sleep. -Kids Answers <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/kw/rainbow-lorikeet>



Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Church Singing at 7:00.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM.
- ✓ School Field trip is set for the 24th anyone still wanting to go along contact Elmers by this evening.

The Amazing Story concerns a man, a carpenter who lived 2,000 years ago in an obscure Roman province in a town called Nazareth. At age 30, the Man hung up his leather carpenter's apron and began to speak publically up and down the countryside. Religious leaders were ambivalent at best. Most felt deeply threatened, because this ex-carpenter taught in huge outdoor meetings with compelling authority -- and he healed people. Not just colds and fevers, but crippled limbs and blind eyes. On two occasions, he even brought people back from the dead. The religious leaders saw their orderly world spinning out of their control. And so they determined to eliminate the Man. They infiltrated his inner circle so they could grab him away from public view. And once in custody, they engineered a trial behind closed doors, and then put huge political pressure on the Roman governor to execute him immediately. Within 12 hours of his arrest, the Man hung on a cross. Six hours later he was dead -- seemingly a martyr to a glorious but hopeless cause. But there's more. The Man did not resist his arrest and crucifixion -- in fact, he had predicted it to his followers again and again. And he taught that his death would have incredible meaning -- that he would give his life as a ransom for many. That is, his death would pay the ransom price for a multitude of people who were enslaved by their own sins -- and set them free. That's what he said. And on that cross he prayed for his crucifiers -- certainly enslaved in their sins -- "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." And he died. A Roman centurion who saw him die said, "Surely, this man was the Son of God." He died on a Friday at just about three in the afternoon. By dusk he had been buried by a rich follower in a tomb hollowed out of solid rock, a tomb protected by a huge stone that rolled into place along a channel in the rock, then clunk! The tomb was secure. Friday night and all day Saturday his cold body lay there. But Sunday morning, the Sunday we call Easter, some women had come to complete the hasty burial and they found the stone rolled back and the tomb empty. An angel appeared to them saying, "He is not here, he has risen." This, too, the Man, Jesus, had foretold to his followers. Over the next 40 days, he appeared to his disciples and others, to even 500 at one time. And then he left planet earth promising to return. His Spirit was poured out on his followers a few days later. Within a single generation his followers travelled with the Amazing Story to all of the known world. Our world has never been the same. Because where people believe the Story, they find forgiveness and freedom and meaning. They receive the Spirit of God themselves and they began to love. The Story we tell is a life-transforming Story. If we would tell it to our children and grandchildren, they would find that it is much more compelling than any Easter bunny tale. The only appeal it lacks to your children -- and to our desperately needy world -- is a few pastel candy Easter eggs. Tell the Amazing Story. It changes lives.

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