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That's in the Bible!!

- Go to the ant, you lazy-bones; consider its ways, and be wise. Proverbs 6:6

Where can you do crafts, bake bread, sing songs, and watch adult members of the congregation perform theatre? The Lenten Rotation, of course! What an incredible month it has been at Chalmers.

The first Sunday of March was movie & popcorn Sunday. We had a huge turnout and popcorn for all.

The next Sunday was a re-creation of the Last Supper. Everyone started by baking their own tortilla-style flat bread (and boy was it

delicious!), then they got to smell (and taste if they were brave enough) all the other elements of a traditional Passover meal.

The third Sunday was craft Sunday with lots of options. There



were scenic sand necklace bottles, matchstick crosses (gorgeous!), foam butterflies to decorate and Easter

banners made with stamping. Students impressed the leaders with their understanding of the Easter symbols.

The fourth Sunday could have been dress-up Sunday but that was voted down in favour of creating the scenes of the Easter story with figurines and taking photos to create our own story-book. Make sure you pick up a copy in April for your family. They look great!

The final Sunday was a special treat. Turn to page 3 for more about Jesus and the Thirteen.



From the Editor

Thanks to everyone for the overwhelming support and encouragement for this newsletter. In my initial letter confirming addresses and family members, I received responses from over 80%. That's fabulous!

This month, you'll notice immediately that I've completely changed the

format already. Last month's edition was my first ever and it was a lot of work simply getting it ready, compiling all of the email addresses and learning everything that I needed to know about formatting and mass emailing. This month, with all of that under

my belt, I had a little more time to play around with design.

I'd also like to include photos of the youth in the future so I need all parents to sign a photography permission form. Please make sure your family fills one out this month.

As always, feel free to pass this newsletter along to anyone else who might be interested, or forward me an email address to include in the mailing.

Enjoy!

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March's 4 Star Students

It's not easy being at church every Sunday. It takes a lot of effort from both parents (or grandparents) and students. We'd like to recognize the students who make that effort. Every month, we will include the names of any student from any grade who makes it to church 4 times. Some months, that means every Sunday, some times (like March) there's a bonus week.



Congratulations to:
Josiah Duffin
Naomi Duffin
Charleen McCartney
Jacqueline Nathaniel
Joycelina Nathaniel
Abbey Poser
Torry Thibodeau

When is Easter Anyway?

Easter's in April. Wait, wasn't it in March last year? How come it changes so much? Sometimes it's right after March Break, other years it's not until the middle of April! I'm so confused!

It's very simple, really! Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. Clear as

mud, right! It actually gets a little more confusing with

"The first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox."

natural astronomical phe-

nomenon vs. ecclesiastical convention, etc. but you can rest assured that Easter will never be earlier than March 22 (since the first day of spring is March 21) and it will never be later than April 25 (the reasoning for which would take much too long to explain).

The easiest way to figure it out? Look at a calendar!

Some Easter Firsts

(from the Bible Almanac for Kids, 2004)

The explorer Ponce de Leon sighted land on Easter Sunday 1513. He named it Florida from the Spanish name for Easter—Pascua Florida. (Pascua means Easter and florida means flowery.)

An island off the coast of Chile was discovered on Easter Sunday, 1722. It's called Easter Island and is famous for ancient stone carvings.



Jesus and the Thirteen

On the final Sunday of March, we had a very special treat. Andrew Thibodeau, playing Jesus, and thirteen other volunteers including Keith Spooner, Harry Soedarmasto, John Biro Jr., James Jarvis, Charles McCartney, Todd Webster, Tim Dickert, Kathryn Biro, Chris Steward, Lizzie Poser, Erica MacKay, Brenda Webster and Rose Marie McGaw

put on a powerful presentation of the Easter story. They re-enacted the entire Easter story from the Last Supper through Christ's resurrection and appearances to the disciples.

It was well acted, inspiring and we were thrilled to have such a good turn out of youth to benefit from this endeavour.



Above: Mary weeps by the tomb and Jesus appears.



Above: the women find the tomb empty.



Right: the guard watches the tomb to ensure the body is not stolen.



Above: The whole cast. Well done!

April Scavenger Hunt

Bring the answers to these questions to church on April 19th (I'll send you a reminder). Many of the answers can be found within the newsletter. Some are from activities at Sunday School and one requires a little research. Can't find all the answers? Just bring the ones you can find—you may have found more than anyone else!

1. Who rose on Easter Sunday?
2. What are two Christian symbols associated with Easter?
3. What's the difference between a cocoon and a chrysalis?
4. Who played Jesus in the church play?
5. How many disciples did Jesus have?
6. What island is home to huge stone head carvings?
7. How can you figure out when Easter will be (without looking on a calendar)?
8. Who/what is Osterhase?
9. Who kissed Jesus as a sign to arrest Him?
10. What did we eat after the Easter play?

Photos of the Month

There's always lots happening at Sunday School and sometimes we see more through a camera lens than we do with bare eyes. Each month, I will be taking random pictures at Sunday School. The funniest, cutest, or craziest will end up in this section of the newsletter: the photos of the month. I won't have room here to include many, but they might start turning up other places too. Keep your eyes open—you never know who you'll see!



Madelynn building a musical tower.



Torry & Lizzie sharing a laugh.

Coming Up in April

Make sure you're at church next Sunday—Palm Sunday. The Sunday School will be processing into the sanctuary and we want to make our presence known!

This month we'll also be learning about Moses—didn't

he build a boat? Or was he the one who floated down the Nile in a basket? Come and find out.

For youth in grade 8 and up, don't forget about the Bible-Read-a-thon starting at 6:30 pm on Good Friday and lasting until 8:00 am the next morning. It's ALWAYS a blast! Bring a friend.



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