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# The Oakville News

Spring 2014

## John's Jots

### So, what's the big deal about Easter?

Remind me:  
what is it  
we're  
celebrating  
again?

*"Unlike Christmas, Easter doesn't have a crazed shopping season preceding it. It doesn't have its own tree. It doesn't spawn wild office parties. It doesn't boast its own annual TV specials for kids. It doesn't spawn new albums from pop stars. It doesn't prompt people to send out boatloads of cards to friends they haven't seen all year. It doesn't have its own sweaters. It isn't the date that many children (and adults) anticipate all year. It doesn't have dozens of songs beloved by even those who don't celebrate the holiday. It doesn't even have its own set date.*

*But in the eyes of most Christians, Easter is a more important holiday than Christmas."*

*James Martin, Jesuit priest and author*

To the non-Christian world, Easter is not as big a deal as Christmas. It's mostly just an excuse to look at cute chicks and bunnies and eat some chocolate. However, for Christians it marks the single most important event in history.

Christmas is a big deal, because it commemorates the incarnation – God becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Yet Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross. Through his death and resurrection we are redeemed from our sins and put in a right relationship with God. This means we will experience a resurrection as well and are given eternal life with him in a restored creation when He comes again.

So, what is the big deal about that? Basically, through our relationship with Jesus Christ, we are in a relationship with God himself – the One who created us and knows us more than we know ourselves. By following the teachings of Christ and his example, we live our lives in the way we were created to live. The blessings that come from that life are abundant.

Though you may not hear Easter hymns on the radio as you do Christmas carols, there are some really great songs and hymns that celebrate the resurrection of Christ and our resurrected life.

I invite you to join with the family here at Oakville Church in experiencing that abundant life that Christ offers us, and all the blessings that flow from that.

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## Oakville's 2014 Vacation Bible School!

July 7-11, 2014

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

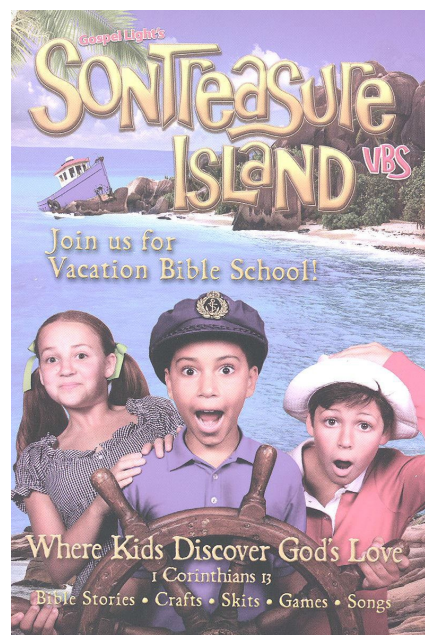
Sign your child up for a faith filled week of discovering God's love. Vacation Bible school helps children to grow in their understanding of God as well as to experience the unique bonding of learning, laughing and playing with Christians children of their own age.

You do not have to belong to Oakville Church to register your child for VBS.

For more information and to register:

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**Worship Times Sept - May 11:00 a.m.**

(June - Aug - 10:00 a.m.)

**Sunday School for all ages Sept - May 9:45**



## Senior Luncheon

The monthly Senior Luncheon, always a bit hit with our senior community members, continues to be well attended! The Senior Luncheon is a ministry of fellowship that brings folks together under the wing of Christ's love. So many, many joyous faces and happy voices around the tables (an average of 65-75) give testimony to the importance of this uniquely Oakville Church tradition.

Our Team includes Karen Freutal, Franz Kaufhardt, Cheryl Pugh, Katy Harmon, Sue Beitel, Don and Marianne Wirth, Becky Jenks and Pastor John & Mary Carpenter, lots of behind the scene work making this monthly event a favorite in our community and beyond!



## Women's Retreat

Oakville elder, Shawn Wells got rave reviews, hugs and thanks for planning and organizing Oakville's first annual Women's retreat in Neskowin, Oregon.

Lorraine Lincoln from Yakima, Washington presented inspirational talks throughout the weekend. It was a fun and joy filled time for the sixteen women who deepened bonds of faith and friendship over the weekend in song, prayer and personal shar-



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will gather together at **6 p.m. on Thursday, April 17**, for a soup and bread supper and **Maundy Thursday service**.

This marks the day that Christ celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. We will share a meal, then join for a service focused on reflection and remembrance of Jesus' last day with his disciples.



## SPRING CLEANUP/PROJECT DAY

April 19th is our next cleanup/project day starting at 9:00 am. In the past few months we have removed a tree from the east side of the property and supplied wood from that tree to seven homes. There is still more wood from that tree to split and remove.

We also need to secure the playground equipment, soon.



## EASTER SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection on **Sunday, April 20th**.

We will begin our day of worship with a **sunrise service at 6:30 a.m.**, followed by a **potluck breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall.

A special **Easter Sunday worship** service celebrating resurrection and new life will begin at **11 a.m.**



## Easter Egg Hunt

All children are invited to an Easter Egg hunt after the 11: a.m. Easter Worship service on the front lawn of the church.



## OAKVILLE YOUTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Oakville Youth Memorial Scholarship are available on the Oakville website <http://oakvillechurch.org/educationfellowship/youth-memorial-scholarship/> or in the Fellowship Hall, and are due May 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact committee chairpersons Ben Verhoeven & Kathryn Weeks Call: 541-223-2170 or email: benjamin.verhoeven@gmail.com



## CHURCH BAR-B-QUE CONTEST

The Fellowship ministry team is planning an all church bar-b-que contest. Get out your best recipe, turn on the grill and start practicing for this mouth savoring event!

More details to follow.