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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

It Matters

All human history and existence hinges on one singular moment: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Whether this moment did or did not happen has significant implications not only for life on earth, but eternal life afterwards. We can take a look at every letter written and bound in Scripture, both in the Old Covenant and New Covenant, and see that it all points to Jesus rising from the dead. Listen to the words that John wrote in his letter (John 20:8-9), “Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.” Understand the phrase that Jesus had to rise from the dead because it matters. This is why many who don’t want to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus try to prove it false or simply dismiss it as a fairytale. It matters greatly!

Conspiracy Theories

Of the list of conspiracy theories that surround Jesus’ physical resurrection, two tend to come up often when trying to disprove it. The first, called the swoon theory, states that Jesus never actually died. Instead, it is suggested that he only passed out from His wounds only to awaken in the tomb to be let out and live the rest of His earthly life. This theory is an insult to the Roman Empire and their ability to complete an execution. The Roman guards who carried out the scourging and crucifixion of Jesus were experts in torture and death, and they didn’t make mistakes. John 19:33-34 says, “But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.” Jesus was fully dead. The second theory is that the disciples came and stole the body of Jesus to start a religion based on their rabbi. Again, this is another insult to the Roman Empire. If the disciples, who were already hiding in fear, mustered the courage to steal Jesus’ body, they would have encountered a guard which they could not have defeated. But in the unlikely event they pulled off the heist, the Romans again would have sought after and discovered the corpse. These conspiracies just don’t hold weight.

He is Risen Indeed

Jesus did in fact rise from the dead and is fully alive. Because of that, life is worth living because we get to live on mission and with purpose. Also, we have the promise of an eternal life with Jesus when our bodies die here on earth. His death and resurrection are a demonstration of His love. Eternal life, mission, purpose, and love, these are what our lives are filled with when we fully surrender to the One who conquered sin and death once and for all. And even better, He lives in us through His Holy Spirit! During this Easter season, how are you honoring the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Because He lives, Adam

Celebrations:

- ⇒ Our Youth Nerf War was a HUGE hit! We had around 60 – 70 students here at the building connecting with one another. It was great to see so many students get together and enjoy their time here. It was outstanding to have many students we know, but also have plenty that we either didn't know, or haven't see in a long time. It was so good to get a bunch of students together from many different backgrounds, and to show them a little bit of the gospel.
- ⇒ I have been amazed and thrilled for some of the steps students have been taking for the Lord. We have been encouraging some of our kiddos to take steps in leading certain things at youth group. From getting in front of everyone to do the opening prayer on Wednesday, to leading the game time, it's been a beautiful thing to see students take simple, but big steps in serving/leading.

#JesusStrongYouth
NEWS

Upcoming Stuff:

- ⇒ We're goin' to summer camp! Middle school and High school camp is happening July 18th – 23rd. Church camp is a great opportunity for your kiddo to take steps in being #JesusStrong. Whether it's to take that first step towards Jesus, to deepen their faith in Him, or find what their purpose in the church is, your kid will be able to grow and have a blast at camp. Sign up sheets are coming soon! In the meantime, mark your calendars with these dates. And if you have any questions about church camp, you can contact Caleb at caleb@kenaichristianchurch.org

Want to know more about #JesusStrongYouth?

- ⇒ Join our Facebook page or app groupchat, JesusStrongYouth, for more info on our 6th -12th grade ministry. Also, get updates on events, new series, videos, and more!
- ⇒ Every week, we post "BIG Questions" of the things we discussed in our groups. These are a great recourse to use throughout the week when asking your kiddo "What'd ya learn at youth group?" You can find these on our website, app, or Facebook page. They are posted every Thursday!



HELP FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES UPDATE #4 MARCH 25, 2022

OSTRODA CAMP

At this time, 171 Ukrainian refugees are living at Ostroda Camp and 185 are dining in the dining room. They have placed 40 refugees in homes/apartments in the area. Bartek Zdanowicz, the Director of the camp, explains that the funds he has received from PCM give him the peace of mind that they can continue providing such good care for their guests.

Besides Bartek and Ania Zdanowicz and their family, we have a few other ministry partners who are working nonstop on behalf of the refugees at the camp. We thank God for these dedicated servants whose main desire is to share the love of God.

Oksana Bilous is a young Ukrainian woman whom we first met in Ukraine in 2006 when she was our translator at a camp for children. She studied linguistics at the university and dedicated her translation skills to the Lord's service. In 2013, God led her to move to Ostroda, Poland, and she has been serving in youth ministry ever since. Oksana has been the key contact person at the camp, receiving calls from Ukraine, coordinating drivers and pick-up points, receiving the refugees, and tending to their ongoing needs. Being fluent in Ukrainian, Polish, and English makes her in high demand. Her mother, brother and his family, and many friends are still in Ukraine, so her heart aches. She wrote, "I wish I could escape somewhere to rest, but my soul and my heart and my brain probably won't rest till the war is over ..."



Kyle Duba serves with Faith 2 Faith Ministries with a focus on youth ministry. Kyle is from Connecticut but has been living and serving in Poland since 2016. He has helped lead several camps in Ostroda and works alongside Oksana in ministering to youth in that region, as well as the ministry he provides in Warsaw. He has made several trips to Ukraine to encourage the youth there, so he also feels the emotional weight from this crisis as many of his friends are still in Ukraine. Kyle's organizational skills, familiarity with the culture, and love for the youth are a big asset at the camp.



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Wojciech Poplawski is in charge of camp maintenance and upkeep. A skilled and dedicated worker, he is responsible for most of the wonderful renovations that have taken place at the camp over the last few years. He recently married Ania, his lovely Ukrainian wife, and they and their daughter reside at the camp. With the camp filled to overflowing, his work is never ending.

POLISH CHURCHES

To date, Polish Christian Ministries has sent funds to Ostroda Camp and to 22 Christian Fellowship churches who are assisting Ukrainian refugees.

Here are a few updates from six of our Polish pastors:

SANDOMIERZ

We currently have 5 women and 7 children in the chapel. They want to live with us. The children are going to school. It is no longer a temporary hotel, but a small home. In the meantime, we have renovated one apartment in Ostrowiec. We brought some of the furniture from the chapel to this apartment. Now we are bringing a family with a child from the border and the mother is pregnant. They are believers. One woman with a baby will come this week. Next week we will try to adapt a house that was provided. It's a lot of work and we have little strength. Thank you for your prayers and support.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST (WARSAW)

For four weeks, day and night, our volunteers are at stations, borders, accommodations, at our coordination center, and now also in Switzerland. We are looking for apartments, we organize collections, meet people at the crossings, we arrange transport for fleeing people, and we bring humanitarian help to Ukraine. We organize food, clothing and whatever is needed for those who are with us. We hug, talk, pray. In all of this, we cooperate with the whole of Poland and partners from other countries. As of today, we have helped place 1,500 refugees. In this next week, we have buses scheduled to carry refugees to the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland.

CHURCH OF CHRIST IN OSTRODA

We have a new priority - to help Ukrainian refugees - to find a school for the children, to register them with local authorities, to help with medical care, to find a car mechanic, etc. Last Sunday we had many Ukrainians at our worship service. We received 300 New Testaments in the Ukrainian language and it was a special gift for many of them. Now we are ready to organize an extra worship service for Ukrainians. In a house belonging to a man in Norway we now have 17 people: two men, 4 women and 11 children and only one toilet. We want to make one more toilet so we already started on that. There is a two-year-old boy named Kostia who has epilepsy. He does not walk, he can't even sit, but only lies in bed. Our church prays constantly for him and his mother, Tatiana, that she will give her life and heart to Jesus. We want to thank you so much for your open and generous hearts. Because of you we can do more, because of you we are stronger, because of you we can be a more fruitful witness of God's love.

DABROWA GORNICZA

Our rooms serve constantly, already more than 40 people have benefited from our hospitality and help. Now there are new ones and they keep coming. One of the groups has moved to Wisla and yesterday we were able to visit them and were happy to see that they are doing well and dealing with the next challenges they face. We are super tired. It was a long and very good day by the grace of God.

CIECHANOW

There is a group of 23 refugees from Ukraine that are in our care. A very warm thank you to everyone for your help and support. We can do a lot when we work "TOGETHER" - Thank you!

SOSNOWIEC

We now have two families staying at the church and three families in homes. Tomorrow I will drive to the border at Hrubieszow (500km) with supplies and on Saturday I will take food to Wisla to help the Ukrainian refugees there.

PLEASE PRAY

- Thank God for the many who have given financially and the many on the ground who continue to provide refugee assistance.
- Thank God for pastors who serve faithfully and exemplify God's love.
- Pray wisdom, strength, and endurance for the church leaders, workers like Bartek, Oksana, Kyle, and Wojciech, plus all the volunteers in Poland as they work tirelessly to assist the refugees.
- Pray for more housing options for refugees - cities such as Warsaw are becoming overwhelmed as the population has increased by more than 500,000.
- Pray for safe travel as buses carry refugees to neighboring European nations.
- Pray protection over those in Ukraine, both civilians and military.
- Pray for supplies to arrive safely in Ukraine for those in dire need.
- Pray for refugees seeking to evacuate Ukraine to find safe passage.
- Pray peace over the minds and hearts of displaced Ukrainian women/children.
- Pray for the war to end and the destruction to cease.
- Pray for the Gospel to go forth and many to find hope in the name of Jesus.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE IN ORDER TO GIVE BY PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD.

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refugee relief**

April

4.10 Palm Sunday

4.15 "Good Friday Night of
Worship" 6:30pm-7:30pm

4.17 Easter Sunday
Service 11:00am

Services

Sunday

Adult Bible Study: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

Classes available for ages infant to 5th grade.

Wednesday

#JesusStrongKids Grades 1st-5th:

6:30pm-7:30pm

#JesusStrongYouth Grades 6th-12th:

6:30pm-8pm

Online

Sunday Live and Online Services: 11:00am

Thursday Live Mid Day Prayer: (Noon)



Announcements

*Lifting up David Bateman in prayer. His
sister Susan Jordan passed away on
February 27th, 2022*

*Lifting up the Waldrop family in prayer.
Bev's mom, Violet Loescher, passed away
on March 6th, 2022*

*Lifting up the Beck family. Dan's dad,
Donald Beck, passed away on
March 11th, 2022*



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*Our Sister Carol Leeper passed away on
March 15, 2022.
Please be in prayer for her family.*

*Lifting up the Burkhardt family.
JoAnne Martin passed away on
March 22nd, 2022*