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From Pastor Jim...

To: All My Church Family and Friends of the Lake Church

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EASTER IS APPROACHING! Our **HIGH HOLY HOLIDAY** and the <u>KEY EVENT</u> which validates that everything that Jesus ever taught or said... was **TRUE!**

There is no-one else in history who predicted his own death AND resurrection... and then pulled them both off as predicted! No one else fulfilled so many prophecies (conservatively 300) about his birth, life, death and resurrection... as did Jesus. He was (and is) truly GOD, and One with the Father and the Spirit.

SPECIAL OFFERING (in church or online) – **Sunday March 27** <u>and</u> **April 3 for Ukraine Relief Aid.** We'll share the offering between *Samaritan's Purse* and *World Vision*, both worthy
Christian organizations who are already on-the-ground helping the families and refuges. Let's pray for PEACE.

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## MARK THESE APRIL DATES:

- **COMMUNION** April 3 Sunday morning service.
- HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE April 14 7pm.
- EASTER ON THE GRASS Sunday April 17 9am Coffee and munchies 8am. Join Debbie and me, our staff, our board and volunteers in praying for many non-churched folks to attend our *Easter service*. We have a huge (for us) 6,000-home mailing being delivered around our church location, expected to arrive about 7-10 days before Easter. *We just want people to come to Jesus*.

ALSO hold up in prayer our Setup Team as doing church OUTSIDE is much more complicated. However, we think it will be more inviting and easier to attend for those not currently attending church. (We'll be back inside and at the regular time (10 AM) the following week.)

Dr. Jim Brown, Pastor

THANKS TO AMY PULLIAM for the great job of getting our LIVE STREAMING of services up and running and the video posted each week after the service. (Note: we have about as many watching us ONLINE as we do in church – and from all over the country!) ALSO for her professional design work on recent fliers: the insert in the March Quail Call, the tri-fold "About the Lake Church" we used at the annual LSM Club Fair (and will continue to use with Sunday Guests at church), and also the flier we're mailing to the 6,000 homes for Easter. (She's the smiling face you see by the video camera each Sunday morning in church.)

THE LAKE CHURCH IS A FAMILY! We love one another, work together to make church



happen and are growing in the LORD. Remember, it is the PEOPLE, not the building, that is the CHURCH. One of the most profound comments made regarding the early church came from the lips of a man named Aristides, sent by the Emperor Hadrian to spy out those strange creatures known as "Christians." Having seen them in action, Aristides returned with a mixed report. But his immortal words to the emperor have echoed down through history:

"Behold! How they love one another."

God loves you, and we do too, Pastor Jim and Debbie

NOTE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

I would like to acknowledge our retiring Board member, Rex Edmonds, for his years of service on the Board as our Missions Director. As many know, we designate 10% of our income every year for donations to several charities here in North County. Rex each year has visited and vetted several charities and coordinated our donations to them. He has recently stepped down and turned the job over to another of our Board members, Jacque Baker. We



give a heartfelt THANK YOU to Rex and pray for Jacque in her new position.

Also, I would like to honor our retiring bookkeeper, Donna Roberts. For many, many years she has kept track of all our funds, seen to it that our bills are paid and our employees receive their pay accurately and on time. She will be missed, however, our books will be in the very capable

hands of our new bookkeeper, Kelly Lara (Nicholl). We pray that all goes well for Donna in her retirement and Kelly finds her new job rewarding and fulfilling.

When you see Rex, Jacque, Donna, or Kelly, please wish them well.

With love and blessings, Art Pedersen, Chairman

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AND FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Based on all the smiles I see each Sunday at The Lake Church, it is obvious we are blessed with an abundance of "cheerful givers." As Treasurer, I can attest that there an



abundance of cheerful giving. I am humbled and amazed at the generosity of this church, which makes it possible to further God's Kingdom in so many ways. In an effort to make the process of giving as easy as possible, we have set up four ways to contribute to The Lake Church:

- **Online.** On the Lake Church website, click "Give" at the top right of the home screen. On the Lake Church app, scroll down to the "Giving" image. Either way, you can make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.
- In-Service Giving. Offering boxes are at the back of the room in the Conference Center.
- Mail a Check. The address is on this newsletter.
- **Non-Cash Donations.** Call 760 -471-3802 or email info@lakechurch.org to make your donation.

Thank you and may God richly bless you, $\mathcal{D}on\ Wenskay$, Treasurer

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14