



# Episcopal Church of Lincoln County

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*“To be a welcoming congregation, inclusive of everyone, inspired by the Holy Spirit and educated to live out our Christian faith.”*

## Rector’s Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Daylight Saving Time will be here on March 13. Please, remember to set your clocks forward. We want to see you on Sunday. Daylight Saving Time is one of the first reminders that spring is here. Of course, this year the warm weather has been a reminder. Trees are trying to gloom and the grass is turning green. This year Easter is also coming early, March 27.

Holy Week and Easter mark the most holy time of the year for Christians. Holy Week will begin on March 20th with Palm Sunday. I hope that all of you will make an effort to attend Palm Sunday and Holy Week services. On Palm Sunday at Holy Mount we will begin with the Liturgy of the Palms. The Palm Sunday liturgy, with the reading of the Passion, sets the tone for all of Holy Week. I would commend all the Holy Week services to you. The Maundy Thursday service at Holy Mount will be at 7 pm. Good Friday we will have services at Holy Mount at noon and

7 pm. St. Matthias will have a service at noon. These services give us the spiritual opportunity to walk with our Lord in the way of his suffering and death. Unless we share in his suffering an death, we cannot fully appreciate the joy of his Resurrection.

On Easter Day we will celebrate the Easter Vigil at 8:00 am. This is an ancient and beautiful service. The Vigil begins with the lighting of the new fire. During this service we travel the wilderness with the people of Israel and then celebrate the Church as the people of the New Covenant. I hope you will keep all of these worship opportunities in mind during this most holy season.

As is the tradition, the Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance will have services at noon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Holy Week. Lunch will be

serviced following the service. The services this year will be held at J Bar J Church. Our own, Deacon Laurie will be the preacher on Thursday.

Yours in Christ,  
Judy



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### Special points of interest:

- Briefly highlight your point of interest here.

## Lenten Soup Supper and Studies

Our Lenten Soup Suppers and Study are taking place each Tuesday. We meet in the parish hall of Holy Mount at 5:30 pm for a light meal of bread and soup and then go into our study which lasts until around 7:30 pm. We are discussing the book The Episcopal Way. We hope you can make these informative meetings as part of your Lenten

discipline.



## Adult Christian Education to Start After Easter

### *Episcopal Church in Lincoln County Christian Formation will be held at the Church of the Holy Mount Weekly*



Beginning shortly after Easter, there will be weekly **Adult Christian Formation** classes held each Thursday evening at 6—7:15 pm. In addition to the Thursday sessions, there will be optional, informal “Adult Forum” Sunday session at 9:00 am for approximately 30 minutes to “check-in, summarize the previous week and plan” for the next Christian Formation weekly session. The “Checking-In” Forum session will be in the rear of the parish hall. The Thursday evening session will also be in the parish hall.

Dr. Roy Benavides will facilitate the Christian Formation Session using curriculum from Lifeway’s “Bible Studies for Life.”

These classes are open to all parish members or interested individuals wishing to form and center their Christianity in the Anglican tradition. If you have any question regarding the format, curriculum, costs, etc., do not hesitate to contact Roy Benavides at 432-770-4048.

**Daughters of the King** continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month in the parish hall at 1:00 pm. We are focusing on how to be a more welcoming congregation. President Imelda Horne has compiled a packet of information for our congregation members to distribute, informing visitors of our schedules of worship for Holy Week and inviting them to join us.

## Easter Story Cookies (Start the evening before Easter)

*“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst... ‘Repent and believe’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.” -- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*



Please contact the church office if you wish to give Easter flowers in memory, honor or thanksgiving. Suggested amount is \$12.00 per plant.

Ingredients:  
1 c. whole pecans  
1 tsp. vinegar  
3 egg whites  
Pinch salt  
1 c. sugar  
Zipper baggy  
Wooden spoon  
Tape  
Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Place pecans in zipper baggy and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested the Roman soldiers beat him. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1-tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give

us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child’s hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus’ followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1-c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God’s eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read ISA.1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that

each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus’ body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus’ tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus’ followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus’ followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9.

**HE HAS RISEN!**



## Joseph's Workshop

In January, the Poverty and Outreach Board of the Diocese of the Rio Grande notified the Rev. Judy Burgess that Joseph's Workshop has received a grant of \$7,500 to be disbursed in two disbursements for the fiscal year of 2016. These funds will be used to purchase household goods for those in the greatest need. Due to the generosity of our parish, these monies are a supplement to the donations of goods from our congregation.

## Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday	March 20	8:00am & 10:30
Maundy Thursday	March 24	7 pm
Good Friday	March 25	noon & 7pm noon @ St. Matthias
Easter (Great Vigil)	March 27	7 am
Easter Sunday	March 27	9:30 (St. Anne's) 9:30 (St. Matthias) 10:30 (Holy Mount)



## Baby Shower

You are invited to attend a baby shower on Saturday, March 12 at 11:00 am in the parish hall of Holy Mount. This baby shower is to celebrate the pending birth of Josie's grandson. Josie's daughter, Charlotte Crawford, is registered at Babies-R-Us, Target & Wal-Mart.

Please bring a special prayer for the parents-to-be and baby!

## Parish Hall is Looking Renewed

If you haven't looked at the Parish Hall lately, you will be surprised. New shelves, and beautiful paint job in the kitchen and a new glass door!



## Community Supper

Our 35th Community Supper will be March 14. Brotherhood of St. Andrew is hosting this month. Prep is at 2:00 on Sun, March 13. Please sign up in the parish hall to help.

## Ultreya at the Benavides'

On March 18 at 5:30, pm Roy and Deacon Laurie are hosting an Ultreya at their home at 112 Goldenrod, Alto, NM. The Ultreya will be followed by a light supper. If you have attended Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, or a similar 3-day experience, you are invited to come. If you are planning to attend the upcoming Cursillo, please know you are invited.

## Vestry Retreat

The Vestry recently met for a day-long retreat. One of their initiatives is their plan to divide our parish list of members into manageable lists for each vestry member to pray for on a daily basis. At intervals, these lists will be swapped.



