

CHURCH MATTERS

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EASTER IS COMING!

Easter is just around the corner! Join us this Easter for a time of sacred celebration! Together we will celebrate "He's Alive!" The life of the church is alive with activities, here is what is going on:

- **Tuesday Lenten Brown Bag Lunch Devotionals** at 12:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor.
- **Wednesday Evening Worship** with Communion and Intergenerational Activities, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center—last service is April 9.
- **Egg-vangelism 2014** April 12 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the FLC
- **Palm Sunday Services** - April 13



followed by a Pot-luck lunch and Egg Hunt. Please bring food by the first letter of your last name. A-F: Desserts, bread or other side dish G-L: Vegetable dish M-R: Meat Dish S-Z: Salad or other side dish. Following the luncheon the children will have an Easter Egg Hunt. We could use your help with stuffed Easter eggs with no chocolate treats inside.

- **Holy Week Daily Lunch Devotionals** April 14-18, 12:00 p.m.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** April 17, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday is

the day we remember the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples

- **Good Friday Service** April 18, 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday we will remember the death of Jesus.
- **Easter Services** April 20, 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. The Choir will present their Easter Cantata "He's Alive" at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. There will be a brunch from 9:30-10:30 a.m. If you can help with bringing food for the brunch please let Dave Lewis know.

We hope you will join us as together we welcome the Easter season with joy as a family, celebrating the resurrection of Christ and all of its implications.

LENT/EASTER ACTIVITIES

What: Season of Activities to bring us closer to Christ

When: Leading up to Easter on April 20

Who: There is something for everyone.

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EGG-VANGELISM

In the last couple of years we have invited our community to Eggstravaganza. This year, we are going to do something a little different and spend time together in service and fellowship. On **Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** we are going to come together and create Easter bags to hand out to residents



Egg-vangelism

April 12, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Soul Tending
Lent 2014
Eulesse First UMC

in the surrounding community. The bags will contain information about Eulesse FUMC, Easter, and will also contain a few treats and goodies. The goal of this time

is to bring our church to those who may not be able to come to us.

Following our time of putting together bags, we will go out and deliver them. We hope you will join us. For more information, contact Aubree Marlow, Director of Children's Ministries.

PRAYER LIST

If your prayer request has been left off, please resubmit it. All requests are for 30 days only, and will need to be resubmitted after that time.

Al Matthews, Pat Hoover's neighbor	Duncan and Barbara Tandy, Charlotte Everett's friend	John Lewis	Loved ones of MH 370 passenger and crew	Paula Brown	Vivian Garner, Carol Bolton's granddaughter
Ann Burns	Durham family	Justin Lee Massey	Marlene and Greg Avery, Rachel Heyduck's sister and husband	People of Syria	Warner Muirhead
Arlene Carlisle	Dwight Morrison, Phyllis Augustus' brother	Kari Mason, Kaitlyn Coats' friend	Marlene Hill	Phyllis Capps, David Davis' friend	Wes Cummings, Leslie Cummings' father
Bej Svatek	Elias Troutt and family, Sue and Richard Morrow's friends	Kathy Horton, Rachel Neuschaefer's mom	Mary Jo McKebbon, Sharon Menix's cousin	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Will Turner and family
Bill and Marge Worthington	Emily Bishop, Michael Mulholland's friend	Kay Price, Stefani Reed's grandmother	Matthew and Tiffany Roop	Rachel, Madeline Church's daughter	Wilmagene Wills, Mistie Taylor's future mother-in-law
Billie Ray, Charlotte Everett's friend	Family of Bob Bauer, Gwinn Herrick's friend	Kelsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Rick Nash, Vicki and Clay Smith's friend	Yvonne Gordan
Burton Family	Family of Boyd and Joyce Lowry, Dale Miller's friends	Ken Ely, Ed and Barbara Nonnemacher's friend	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Rita Rose Everett, Charlotte Everett's daughter	In the Military:
Cameron Mode	Family of Calvin Phillips, Steve Phillips' father	Ken Hill, Marla William's friend	Michael Baker and children, Robin Biles' son and grandchildren	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Carl Miller
Carl Frear, Ellen Garcia's dad	Family of Dr. Joe Horn	Kevin Maines	Michele and Baker Ingram, Vic and Judy Torres' friends	Robert Nail	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Family of Greg Krause	Kimberly Knighton	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Robin Biles	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Cherrie and Rich, Christopher and Heather Grimm's friends	Family of Hazel Gratsch, Linda (Dave) Lewis' mother	Kimberly Massey and Shawnee Zelis, Milford Roop's step-sister and brother-in-law	LaNoe Gibson	Ron Hula, Stephen Pilney's friend	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Cheryl Mossburg, Randy Pilney's friend	Family of Jimmy Seigh, Sally Rhymer's friends	Larry and Terry Davis, David Davis' uncle and aunt	Larry and Terry Davis, David Davis' uncle and aunt	Sarah and Jessica, Madeline Church's grand-daughter	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Cindy Gillard	Family of Melanie Sparks, Merideth and Michael Sparks' grandmother	Latasha Bailey	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Gail Worofka
Cynthia Eubanks, Paula Wood's cousin	Family of Sherrie Reynolds, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Lee Swann	Mike Jenkins	Steve Momin, Randy Pilney's friend	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Daniel Davis, David Davis' brother	Family of Steve, Michael and Lore Osborn's friend	Lesli Cummings' Dad	Milford Roop	Susan McGehee	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Glendora Waldrup	Lia Maloney	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Don Bell, Lee and Sandy Swann's son-in-law	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Lillian DePuy, Linda (Larry) Lewis' mother	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Justin Knighton
Don Mode	Hunter Haggard, Johnny and Teresa Watt's friend	Linda and Dave Lewis and family	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Tessa, Kathy Knowles' friend	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Iris Elliott	Linda Rhymer, Sally Rhymer's mother-in-law	Norm Colby, Michelle Barker's friend	The people of Estonia	Stephen Tate
Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's twin sister	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Lori Goodrich	Norm Colby, Michelle Barker's friend	TJ Pepper	Travis Thomas
Doug Mulholland, Judy Mulholland's husband		Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Travis Lusk, Marie Bean's step-son	
Dr. Anthony Lucci, Matthew and Teresa Sprague's friend				Vera Bohnet-Farmer	

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ialeen McGinnes/ Children's Sunday School Program:
Cathy Jackson

In Memory of Adlyn C. Wilson/ Food Pantry: Linda Harper

In Memory of Hazel Gratsch (Linda Lewis' Mom)/ Pastors Emergency Fund: Rob & Toni McMillon

In Memory of Hazel Gratsch (Linda Lewis' Mom)/ Food Pantry: Derexa Wooley

In Memory of Hazel Gratsch (Linda Lewis' Mom) / Memorial Fund: Brenda Medlin, Preschool Friends

BIRTHDAYS

April-
1 –Faye Payton
3-Cindy Balentine
4 –Dylan Barker, Steve Elliott, Pierre Tshimanga, Jordan Graham
5 –Larry Hoofard
6 –Marcia Cole, Matt Taylor
7 –Sara Green, Kathy Knowles
9 –Heidi Graham, Brandon Young,

Gretchen Abernathy
10 –Nicole Stewart, Jerrie Keller, Vic Torres, Shelly Dunlap
11 –Dale Miller
12 –Stacey Cline, Lynn McClelland, Liam Heyduck
14 –Karl King, Justin McGehee, Ethan Putnam

ANNIVERSARIES

April-
1 –Larry & Charlotte Everett
5 –Steve & Yvonne Rohlfing

SON RISE SERVICE

Join us again this year for a time of worshipping God while watching the sunrise on Easter morning.

We remember the story of the women coming to Christ's tomb and finding the stone has been rolled away. We too can sit in awe of the moment, knowing that God overcame death and

that Christ is alive!

At 7:00 a.m. on Easter morning we will watch the sunrise while we praise God outside.

This is a wonderful opportunity to sing and worship and celebrate the resurrection as a community. Meet in the ballpark parking lot facing east.

There is something special about

starting this holiest day of the Christian year earlier than normal.

Although there is a sense in which "every morning is Easter morning from now on," let's observe the resurrection together early Easter morning.

RANGERS BASEBALL

The annual church outing to the Rangers Baseball game is set for May 18, when the Rangers take on the Toronto Blue Jays. The first pitch is set for 3:05 p.m. The

Fresh Start Sunday School Class will host a family tailgate party beginning at noon in the southwest corner of the parking lot. Tickets will be \$15 for adults

and \$9 for students/children. We'd like to give a big thanks to Larry Lewis for securing 125 tickets. To purchase tickets, find Larry Lewis or Dave Lewis.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Eules First UMC Food Pantry's Mission Statement is to reach out in the spirit of Christ to feed the physically hungry in our community. By using donations, as well as goods from Tarrant County Food Bank in Ft. Worth, we stock and open our pantry each week. Each family receives food based on their size and may return each month if needed. This ministry is run completely by Christian volunteers with hearts to serve and spread the

love of Jesus. "Do you love me? Then feed my sheep." John 21:17. Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

April:

4 –Phyllis Augustus, Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

11 –Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Maggie Lucas, Sheri Roberts

18 –Marie Bean, Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Judy Torres

25 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg

Needed Food Items:

- canned soups
- canned fruit
- and any other donations

Remember the third Wednesday is the Food Bank Work Day. The next one is April 17th.

Volunteers are always needed. Meet at the church at 8:15 if you can help.



KIDS BEACH CLUB

Kids Beach Club is a new ministry adventure that Eules First has become involved in at South Eules Elementary. While Kids Beach Club is not new to the school, it is new to us.

What is Kids Beach Club? Kids Beach Club desires to provide every 3rd - 6th grade boy and girl a Jesus experience within the culture of his or her public elementary school. Kids Beach Club is an

innovative ministry established to mobilize the Church; to go outside its walls to elementary schools; to take the message of Christ into the heart of the community.

This is how it works. Each Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. volunteers gather at the school with students for scripture, message, music, games, and small group time.

We, Eules First UMC, have been asked to sponsor the Kids Beach Club at South Eules starting in the fall. Sponsorship would entail supporting the Beach Club financially and most importantly providing a team of volunteers who would be willing to have fun with the children and share God's love for them at the same time.

This commitment will be for an hour and a half a week for 24 weeks during the school year; that would be only 36 hours of your time, energy and love. Please pray about this opportunity. **Contact Pastor Beverly at the church office (817-283-4421)** if you are willing to serve as a Beach Club volunteer

PRESCHOOL



Angel News:

Euleess First Preschool and Kindergarten presented their annual "Under the Big Top Circus" last Thursday and Friday, March 20 & 21.

The kids were adorable as the tigers were tamed, the acrobats "walked the tightrope", the elephants, clowns and bears performed tricks. It was fun

for all.

We are continuing with enrollment for Fall of 2014, so please share with friends and family members about our wonderful preschool and Kindergarten.

Next week, April 1 & 2, Mr. Potatohead will be taking spring pictures of the students.

Finally, our annual Wheels Day Trike-a-thon is scheduled for April 8 and 9. The students will be collecting donations for each lap in they can make around the parking lot in whatever wheels they ride. Proceeds go towards St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It's a busy place each weekday here at Euleess FUMC!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are busy getting ready for Egg-Vangelism on April 12, yet there is so much more for Children at Euleess First UMC. June 23-27 is Vacation Bible School. While we are still months off volunteers are still getting ready for **Workshop of Wonders**. "Gear" up for a time to work together for the Kingdom of God.

While we are still getting ready, we could use more help. If you are interested in helping during that week with shepherding a group of young people or leading the kids in crafts, we need your help.

Volunteers are needed for prep work before the week as well as during the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to

share the love of Christ with children all over our community. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this outstanding outreach ministry. For more information please contact Michelle Pepper or Aubree Marlow.



SPRING FLOWER SALE

Saturday April 12th will be the delivery date for our 2014 Spring Flower Sale. We will be selling geraniums, marigolds, vincas, petunias, impatiens, zinnia's, portulaca's, begonias,

coleus, caladiums and hibiscus. Special thanks to Bonnie Rieman who works with **Ruibals Greenhouses** to provide flowers. Please consider ordering all your

flowers from us (and get orders from neighbors/friends). All proceeds will support the Hospitality Events of the church. Spring is almost here!

ALPHA DINNERS

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity for participants to explore their faith. Help is needed to support these persons as they grow. Each week a dinner is provided for the group. Sunday School classes and other groups are asked to support Alpha by providing meals. Please sign up. We ask that you prepare enough food to serve approximately 40 people.

Feb. 11– Genesis: Mexican Casserole, Salad, and Dessert

Feb. 18– Unity: Taco Salad and Dessert

Feb. 25 –Fresh Start: Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Dessert

Mar. 4 –New Generation: Baked Potatoes/Dessert

Mar. 11– Together

Mar. 18 –Rejuvenation: Sloppy Joes/Dessert

Mar. 25 –Fresh Start: Pasta Bar and Cookies

April. 1 –New Generation

April 8– New Beginnings

April 15 – (Celebration Dinner) HELP NEEDED

To sign-up, please contact

Gloria Daves at 817-267-4806.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We Want to Serve, and We Need Your Help!

The teenagers at Eules First lead busy lives - they work hard all year long at school, sports, scouts, dance, music, participating in church activities, and some of them even hold down jobs in the midst of all of these things. They could choose to take it easy for the entire summer, but many of them choose to dedicate a week of their time to go and serve others. Every year, our students go out of their way to participate in Mission experiences, including, but not limited to, the Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission Trip every summer. As you may know, while we as a church and CTCYM as an organization try to make this type of trip as affordable as possible. It isn't a cheap trip - it involves renting vans, paying for gas to get to our destination (this summer we head to Mississippi), meals during our travel, and the upkeep and addition to our tool closet. I've shared all of that with you to say this:

We need your help.

Over the years, much of the additional money that is needed to make this trip and other mission activities possible has

come from you and your generosity. Often this has taken the form of car-washes and other fund raisers, and while you get something in return for that, we know that what matters most to you is supporting our kids. Since we know that you love them and want to help, we're taking a slightly different approach to car-washes and the other things we do as a way of saying thank-you to the Eules First family. What we want most, is to deepen our relationships with those of you who share your generosity with our teenagers (whatever it may be), and while our students are going to gladly wash your car to earn that support, we want them to get to know you better, and for you to get to know them better too! Enter the E1ement Students Mission-velope wall.

If you haven't noticed the big board outside of the Swor Parlor by now, we've included a picture for you to see. Our Mission-velope wall is a way for you to help donate to our Summer Youth Mission Trip and other Youth Mission Projects. They work much like buying shares of stock in a mission trip. By donating, you become a venture capitalist in the Mission Work done by E1ement Students here at Eules First! Along with hosting a booth at Arbor Daze, this will be our

primary way of raising funds for our summer trips - and you'll still get a car wash out of it too!

So, please help our students - I don't want to institute "Plan C" and have to show them where we keep the pink flamingos, and I'm guessing you don't want me to either! Besides, spending more time in Christian fellowship is probably a better use of all of our time as we try to follow Jesus together a little bit better today than we did yesterday.

Blessings,
Shane Mullin, Director of Youth Ministries
P.S. You should really take a look at e1ementstudents.com and view the video they made about how much they love serving through CTCYM.



LEVEL 1 INVESTMENT
[\$1 - \$39]

THE BENEFITS:

- E1ement Student Wristband
- Postcards from Students
- Opportunity to be a Prayer Partner
- Special E1ement Mission Newsletter

LEVEL 2 INVESTMENT
[\$40 - \$99]

THE BENEFITS:

- All Level 1 Investment Benefits +
- Carwash on Campus (You come here.)
- Bunco Night hosted by E1ement Students (April)
- Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social (June)
- (everyone will bring some homemade ice cream!)

LEVEL 3 INVESTMENT
[\$100 - \$200]

THE BENEFITS:

- All Level 1 Investment Benefits +
- All Level 2 Investment Benefits +
- Mission Trip Follow-Up Dinner (July)
- Concierge Carwash (We come to you.)
- Game Night hosted by E1ement Students (May)

SOUTH EULESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

South Eules is Eules First's Adopt-a-School. As such when they are in need, they give us a call for help. They have two upcoming events for which volunteers are needed to help. First Tuesday, April 8 is their Carnival of Books. Helpers are needed at 3:15 p.m. for set up,

as well as during the event from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Second Tuesday, May 27 is Field Day. Helpers are needed for morning or afternoon shifts to run the stations for Field Day events as the classes rotate through each event. Teachers will be with their classes, but a volunteer would actually

explain & lead the activity. Every volunteer must have an HEB ISD background check on file. Just go to HEBISD.edu. The approval is almost instantaneous. If interested contact Lynne Moffatt at fanintofire@yahoo.com.

FROM THE PASTOR

Have you ever caught yourself anticipating a time, a few weeks in the future, when things are going to slow down?

Like me saying, "After Easter, I'll be able to slow down and catch up on things."

Except that, after Easter it will be almost May, and May has Mother's Day, Senior Sunday, school winding down, and preparations for summer.

Ok, then. In September, I'll be able to slow down, take a breath, and catch up on some things.

Now that I stop and think about

it, waiting for life to slow down and give me a breather is like waiting for the Cowboys to win the Super Bowl. It's smarter to just keep on moving.

If we should not expect life to slow down, how do we make sure to take care of ourselves in the midst of having so much going on all the time?

We have to learn to make time in the midst of busy lives, to find peace, quiet, stillness. In the midst of life, hear the Psalmist say "Be still, and know that I am God."

We owe it to ourselves to develop this habit.

We owe it to ourselves to develop this habit. We owe it to each other.

Now is the time to stop living in frenzied anxiety. Now is the time to stop letting the pace of the world run us. The more we let this pace run us, the worse we get, and the worse we treat others.

Will you join me this Lent, in finding or making or carving out the time and space in our lives to be still and know that God is God?

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

The Great Day of Service is a Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church's opportunity for churches and ministries to serve in their local community. This year, the Great Day of Service (GDoS) in our community includes: The Texas

Trash Off, and 6Stones CPR (Community Powered Revitalization). Both are happening on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Texas Trash Off will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the church. We will pick up trash on our property

and along Highway Ten. This should take us about an hour to have it all cleaned up.

CPR takes place on Friday and Saturday. If you would like to help on home repair with 6 Stones, please go to 6stones.org to register.

EASTER FLOWERS

It is time again to purchase lilies or tulips to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 20. Flowers are \$15.00 each. If you wish to place a lily or tulip in honor or in

memory of someone special, please fill out a form found online or at the welcome desk. The **Deadline for orders is April 8.**

If you would prefer, you can make a memorial or honorarium to Apportionments as an alternative missional giving.

LAY LEADER REPORT

Today was one of those days at Eules First where I marvel at so much going on and so much "Aliveness." Experiencing the debut of our own Dr. Vicki Baker's composed anthem--"He Sends the Rain" was amazing. We so appreciate the work of our music ministry team and this is just another example of strong commitment from our church staff

and laity! Our Easter Cantata is just a few weeks away!

This last week there were activities at the church each and every week--night from Boy Scout Troops, Alpha, Worship, Choir, Methodist Men, Lord's Acre Planning Team, the TXDOT 2East Committees, Preschool Parents Night Out, and Vacation Bible School.

My family visited Texas A&M a few weeks ago, it was exiting to see the 12th man statue on campus. If you are sitting in the stands at Eules First, you are missing out on a very exciting time. We could use your help, and I will just bet, you will love getting involved in something new! Everyone wins!

Warmly. Dave Lewis Lay Leader

HIGHWAY EXPANSION UPDATE

Here is the latest on the highway project:

Actually, we have nothing new to report on the state highway project itself. This project will be taking some of our property, mostly along the northern extent of the land.

The project is currently out for bid, and the state has said that they plan to choose a bid in May. Exactly what this means for our timeline, we do not know. We will share this, though: by the publication of the next newsletter, we will share a timeline with you that approximates the project as it affects Euless First UMC as we understand it.

Our Board of Trustees has interviewed several attorneys. We are convinced that it will be wise to have access to professional, expert help in the

process of negotiations with the state of Texas. As of this date, we have not retained the services of any individual or firm, but we are very near to being able to do so.

At their January meeting, our Church Council set up a structure of short-term committees to empower and ready us to face all of the various ways this project will affect us. The Lay Leadership Committee met to fill the committees, and all have begun their work.

Hear are a few things each of our church members and friends should know.

1. No plans have yet been made regarding any of our buildings, or, for that matter, the use of any of our remaining land.
2. Each of the attorneys interviewed warned us against speculating or sharing anything about our church with anyone

involved on the state's side of this matter. If anyone asks you what is happening with regard to the highway expansion, please say, "We don't know exactly what God has in store for Euless First UMC, but we are trusting God and excited to see how God plans to work in all this!"

3. The leadership and staff here at Euless First UMC are committed to keeping you as updated as possible regarding all of this. Let us continue to pray together for God's guidance and direction. May we listen carefully to one another and to God in all of this, that we might be faithful people.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN from the GBOD.ORG

Family Lenten Offering

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

(Matthew 6:21)

Every family has at least two kinds of treasures. One is money and another is time. During the forty days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter, take the time each day to share regular family devotions with your children. That will be "valuable" time. Also, plan a special family offering with them. There is a tradition during the forty days of Lent for Christians to "give up" something. Families have chosen a wide variety of things: from television viewing (a time commitment) to chocolate (a

money and health commitment). A distraction is set intentionally aside so that one's attention is on our relationship with Christ. Money is set aside for a purpose that brings higher satisfaction.

For instance, your family may choose to do without a weekly visit to a fast food restaurant. A simple meal at home can become a special meal. Have each member of the family participate in some way. Talk together about the amount of money that was saved by eating the simple meal at home. Then place the savings in a jar or other container. Plan a brief, age-appropriate devotional that connects the simple meal to the Lenten theme. On Easter Sunday, this money becomes a special family offering. If your church designates a special Easter offering, talk together about what

the money will do specifically for others.

Other things to "sacrifice" could include weekly trips to the zoo or ice cream parlor, an hour of television or video games each day, or a Saturday movie outing or video rental. Working together toward a common goal and spending time together in God's presence will far outweigh anything your family chooses to "give up" during Lent.

Questions for Discussion

How does giving up something help us draw closer to God? How does giving up become gaining?

Jesus often ate with people. What do you suppose they talked about when they ate together?

Why do we prepare for Easter and why is it so important to us?



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