

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY — APRIL 2016

Jesus Defeated

I was reading an article recently about how the tide of a war can change on one day at a particular battle. Like Gettysburg during the Civil War and the Invasion of Normandy during World War II. During the process of the entire war one battle can cause a change in momentum for one side to the other. Such was the case in June of 1815 at the Battle of Waterloo.

Napoleon had been in power for several years and it seemed that no matter which direction he went, he could inevitably conquer any country or nation his own way. Napoleon decided in early 1815, after having been silent for a while, that he would mount a 'comeback' march on France. For 100 days he would wage war and destruction. General Wellington of the British army represented the last formidable opposition to Napoleon and the French Army. Wellington's army consisted of 68,000 men and 156 guns while Napoleon had 74,000 men and 256 guns. After a short, but bloody battle at Waterloo on June 18, 1815 Napoleon was defeated.

At this time of course there were no satellite news channels. There wasn't the ability to cover the battle moment to moment. To communicate the outcome of this battle, towns from Belgium to towns across the English Channel, had devised a system of flashing lights to be used from the top of one church building to another. When the battle ended, England had proved victorious and the following message was sent out, "*Wellington defeated Napoleon.*" However, as the message was received and sent out from church to church, toward the island of Great Britain, a thick fog began to rise from off the English Channel. By the time the message reached Great Britain, the fog cut the message short as a church received the following message, "*Wellington defeated.*" For several hours, the nation of Great Britain panicked and feared the eventual overthrow of their country. However, when the fog lifted they would receive the entire message, "*Wellington defeated Napoleon.*"

On a Friday when Jesus Christ was crucified and buried there were those, like those in England in June of 1815, believed a false message. That message being, "Jesus Defeated." I'm sure, after some very anxious hours, until that glorious Sunday of Jesus' resurrection, when the fog lifted, did the people get the entire message, "Jesus defeated Death." Beloved let us not live as though we believe in an incomplete message. Let us remember the words of the angel at the empty tomb, "He is not here; for he is risen . . ." (Matthew 28:6) and from St. Paul come these words of encouragement, "O death, where is your sting? Where, O death is your victory." (1 Corinthians 12:55).

Blessings for Journey,

Rev. Chuck

*He's
Risen!*

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**Serving At the Lord's Table
APRIL 2016**

8:00 Harry Hinkel, Randy Kuhn

9:30 Mark Carpenter, Dave
Carpenter, Pat Ables, Don
Ables, Chris Chapman, Holly
Chapman, Paula Krasnevich

ELDERS — Diana Tyler, Stu Hicks



CHINESE AUCTION — April 20th

Mark your calendar for this community family event. This is an evening that is enjoyed by all ages.

Doors OPEN at 7:00 p.m.

Advance tickets will be available starting Sunday, April 3rd till April 20th. 6/\$1.00 is the advance price and 4/\$1.00 the night of the auction. Purchase early for deal price and time to put your name on them and bring them back the night of the auction.

Tickets are also available during the week in the church office, 8:00-1:00.

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Our youth will have hot dogs, popcorn and snacks to purchase at a fair price.

Youth News

Easter Egg Hunt: On Palm Sunday around 40 children with their mothers, fathers, grandparents and older siblings attended the North Eaton Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt. Over 1700 candy filled plastic eggs were placed in the back field, waiting for the children to gather them up. There were 100 prizes eggs mixed in as well. Everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall to work on simple crafts and coloring pages before heading out to the field. Once the eggs were gathered, everyone returned to the Fellowship Hall to empty their eggs. Those who found prize tickets in their eggs quickly made their way to the prize table to chose one of the many prizes donated by our generous congregation.

Thank you to everyone who helped by donating candy and prizes. My thanks and appreciation to the ladies for taking home boxes of eggs and stuffing them. A special thank you to Ray & Karen Konko, Melissa Folk, Carol Butcher and Robin Galvin for their help the day of the Hunt and to Carol Busche for taking pictures and displaying them on the bulletin board.

30 Hour Famine: Erik Tallos and Dean Galvin participated in the 30 Hour Famine with Washington Ave Christian Church youth on Fri and Sat, March 4 and 5. They didn't eat from lunch time on Friday until 6 PM on Saturday. While at WACC they learned about hunger and poverty around the world by watching videos about a young boy in Zimbabwe and playing games while dealing with a 'disability'. Erik and Dean also went to the Second Harvest Food Bank with the WACC youth were they helped sort 10,000 lbs of donated food.

Thank you to everyone who donated to help support the boys with the Famine. In just the short two weeks they collected over \$400 to be donated to World Vision, the organization that organizes the 30 Hour Famine. It cost \$35 to feed a child for one month through World Vision. \$400 will support 11 children for a month or one child for nearly a year.

Election Day Bake Sale: The Youth hosted a Bake Sale on Election Day, Tuesday, March 15. We raised just about \$500. The Youth speny part of their meeting on Sunday, March 13th, making chocolates to sell. Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods. The community (especially the poll workers) looks forward to our Bake Sales at each election. We will be using the money for a special outreach project in the community.

WANEW Retreat: Six NECC youth and Robin Galvin participated in the WANEW Retreat with youth and adults from Washington Ave, Franklin Cr, Westlake and Medina Christian Churches. There were 38 youth and adults in attendance. The theme was "Risk-taking Faith". They spent the weekend reading Bible stories about taking a risk in their Faith walk. One story was about Peter stepping out of the boat to walk on the water to Jesus. They also spent some time in the Free Store at Camp Christian helping to clean, sort and stack donations.

