

Nothing better than pie

This finds us on the first day of April. I don't know where time goes to. This morning is cool and wet. We still need rain. Predictions are for a wet April. I guess we shall see. Yesterday I saw a farmer working his ground. It's that time of the year.

This past week was busy with Sunday being Easter. I was busy prepping food for orders. A nice way to have a family dinner without spending a lot of time in the kitchen.

Try these recipes for pies

Sour Cream Cherry Pie

1 c. sugar
3 Tbsp. flour
1 c. sour cream
4 oz. cream cheese
2½ c. cherry pie filling
Crumbs:
1 c. flour
½ c. sugar
1/4 c. butter
Combine sugar and flour. Add sour cream and cream cheese. Blend well. Put fruit in unbaked pie shell. Pour mixture over fruit. Top with

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crumbs. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 25 minutes more. Also good with raspberry, blueberry and pineapple pie filling. Delicious!

Note: Always have cream cheese and sour cream at room temperature before using.

Simple Cream Pie

1 c. sugar
½ c. butter
2 c. milk
¼ c. Perma Flo
1 tsp. vanilla
nutmeg
Melt sugar and butter over low heat. Add milk but save enough to mix with Perma Flo.

Add Perma Flo mixture and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Pour into a baked pie shell.

Sprinkle nutmeg on top. Yield: 1 pie.

Chocolate Mocha Pie

1 Tbsp. gelatin
¼ c. cold water
1 Tbsp. cocoa
1 tsp. instant coffee
1/8 tsp. salt
¾ c. sugar
1 1/4 c. milk
1 c. cream
1 tsp. vanilla
nuts, opt.
Soak gelatin in water. Mix cocoa, coffee, salt and sugar

in saucepan. Add milk, bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in gelatin. Cool till slightly thickened. Beat the cooked mixture until smooth. Whip the cream, add vanilla and fold into cooked mixture. Pour into a 9" baked pie crust and top with nuts.

Butterscotch Pie

1 c. brown sugar
1½ c. Perma Flo
1/3 tsp. salt
1 c. water
12/3 c. milk
1/3 c. butter, lightly browned
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
Mix dry ingredients. Gradually stir in the liquids. Cook until mixture boils. Boil 1 minute. Stir half of mixture into 2 egg yolks and blend into rest of mixture in saucepan. Boil 1 minute more. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Cool then pour in 1 baked pie crust. Top with Cool Whip.

Pastor Stahl's Weekly Message of Faith



Hello Everyone!

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter! He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

I want to thank everyone who attended our Rummage Sale/Flea Market last week at Countryside Church. It was very successful, and that was because of all of you who attended. There were plenty of things that were available; lots of clothes and other kinds of merchandise. The ladies of the church sold baked goods, and they were delicious! Thank you all!

We are now in the Season of Easter. It is appropriate that it is in the Spring time, when the flowers are budding, the grass is growing (we will hear the sound of lawnmowers in the not too distant future!) We pray a Blessing upon all the farmers who will be in the fields in a few weeks, and pray that their harvest is bountiful.

At the end of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln went to Ford's Theater to attend the play, "Our American Cousin" with his wife Mary. It happened to be Good Friday, April 14, 1865. Actor John Wilkes Booth attended the play as well, though he was not performing. He shot Lincoln a little after 10:00 P., and wounded Major Henry Rathbone. Lincoln died the next morning at 7:22 A. "Now he belongs to the ages", Secretary of War Edwin Stanton said at Lincoln's deathbed. The nation was plunged into grief, very similar to the Assassination of President Kennedy 98 years later.

Lincoln's visitation was in the East Room of the White House the next morning, which was Easter Sunday. There were so many flowers in the East Room, and so many visitors. The room was so crowded that some people fainted standing up, there was no place for them to fall. Because it was Easter Sunday,

many people half expected Lincoln to rise up out of his casket. It was Resurrection Day after all. Of course, that didn't happen, and Lincoln was buried in Springfield a few days later, at Oak Ridge Cemetery on May 4, 1865.

In 1887, 22 years after Lincoln's death, his coffin was dug up and opened because there were constant rumors that his body was not in the grave, that people had stolen him. He was found still in his casket. In 1901, he was dug up again, and he was still in his casket. In spite of the rumors and controversy, Lincoln never moved. President Lincoln was a great man, a wonderful and inspiring President, but he is still in his casket in Springfield. If we call out to President Lincoln, he will not hear us.

However, we celebrate Easter because our Lord Jesus is not in the tomb. He was in His tomb for only a couple of days, because He came from His tomb to Live again. If we call out to Jesus, He Will Hear us and come into our hearts. He Is Alive and Well and Hears us when we pray. We have that Blessed Assurance that the Lord will Enter our hearts and live with us for eternity.

The disciples had lost all hope after the Crucifixion on Friday afternoon. Darkness covered the earth on Friday, but Sunday was coming! On that first Easter, the birds sang a new song in the garden, for death had been defeated.

Easter is a new day, with New Hope, and New Life!
God Bless all of you!
Pastor Jeff Stahl
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Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your

reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called



least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Murder

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder,[a] and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister[b] [c] will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,'[d] is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Adultery

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'[e] 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Divorce

31 "It has been said, 'Any-

one who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'[f] 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.[g]

Eye for Eye

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'[h] 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor'[i] and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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OSF Peace Meal Menu

Here is the Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 15.

Thursday, 4/9/26 – Chef salad with ham, eggs, cheese, and tomatoes, pears, vanilla pudding, bread sticks, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 4/10/26 – Pork-chops, succotash, cherry crumble, whole wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Saturday, 4/11/26 – Ham and salami sub with lettuce and tomato, macaroni salad, pineapple, and a half pint of milk.

Sunday, 4/12/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

Monday, 4/13/26 – Pretzel dogs, tator tots, peas, fruit cup, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 4/14/26 – Cheeseburger with a bun, broccoli, spiced pears, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 4/15/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older, with a nutritious lunch Monday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday and Wednesday. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information, please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-309-665-5900.

The Homer Peace Meal congregate site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-309-665-5900. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.

Menu substitutions may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.

The OSF Peace Meal menu is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.