

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well, well, well, we certainly have had our MARCH winds this year. Anyone daring to “Fly a Kite” may have found themselves in “orbit” on some days in March!

Well, well, well, following those March winds and all that “Kite Flying” we have done, the theory is that we will have APRIL “Showers” soon puddling up on our doorsteps!

Well, well, well, these April “Showers” we are referring to are meant to inspire MAY “Flowers”, or so the story is meant to go!

Well, well, well, the problem is what we had was not April “Showers” but some very dramatic FEBRUARY “Showers” leaving some question about what we might expect in April!

Indeed, there are a few cute little sayings about months and weather and expectations which sometimes “Ring True” and other times do not “Ring True”!

Personally, I question the one about “a bird in the hand and two in the bush” because “the bird in the hand” is generally infinitely more valuable than “the two birds in the bush”. This lesson was learned a few years ago while pheasant hunting in North Dakota!

Indeed, let us be at least somewhat hopeful that there will be more April “Showers” in anticipation of May “Flowers, than there will be April “Snow Showers”!

However, here is something that we can truly count on in the month of APRIL, we will be able to CELEBRATE the wonder of EASTER on April 16, 2017, GOD WILLING!!!

Yes, there are a great many “cute” little sayings which sometimes “Ring True” and sometimes do not “Ring True”, which sometimes are not really all that reliable, our April “Showers” and May “Flowers” may be among them.

However, “GOD IS LOVE” is a beautiful phrase which is something we can RELY upon, COUNT on, and DEPEND on!!!

EASTER SUNDAY is a day upon which we can truly CELEBRATE the reality of GOD’S LOVE for us as children in the Family of God!!!

EASTER SUNDAY is about GOD fulfilling a promise wrapped in LOVE through JESUS, the CROSS, and the EMPTY TOMB, evidenced in the RESURRECTION!!!

**John 3: 16**

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.”**

Indeed, we have a gracious, compassionate, caring, and LOVING GOD!!!

Indeed, when we gather to worship God on Easter Sunday we can do so with thankfulness of heart and praise in our voices because GOD’S LOVE for us is real:

RELY on it!!!

COUNT on it!!!

DEPEND on it!!!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Dana