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Welcome to the April 2021 Edition of The Journey Journal! Here is a quick list of what you can find in this month's newsletter: Reminders; Poem; Pray With Us; Earth Day; Webinars and Walks; and Riddles & Games .

Starting Off With a Couple of Reminders:

1. **Happy Easter (April 4):** Happy Easter!
2. **Happy Passover (March 27 to April 4):** Chag Pesach sameach!
3. **Happy Earth Day (April 22):** Happy Earth Day!



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Lines Written in Early Spring by William Wordsworth

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

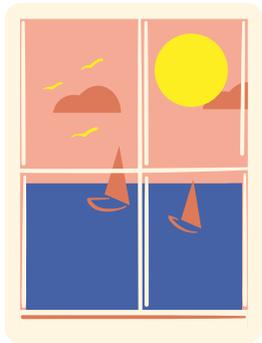
If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?



Pray With Us

Precious Lord, bless those around us and bless the beauty on our Earth that this springtime season has brought our way. Bless the animals of the earth, the lush gardens of our farmers, and the fields full of crops. Bless this planting season so that every seed and sapling is coated in Your touch. Allow there to be enough growth for all people to eat and enjoy Your goodness. I ask that You continue to keep the weather steady, keep the trees growing strong, and bless all the lovely gardens so that Your fruits of the field may ripen, to nourish our bodies. Let us continually be thankful for the miracles of spring, the charm of nature, and the love You never fail to provide for us. Help us to appreciate what You provide for us and encourage us to be generous with our supply. In Your name, I pray. Amen.

Happy and Blessed Spring,
Pastor Carol



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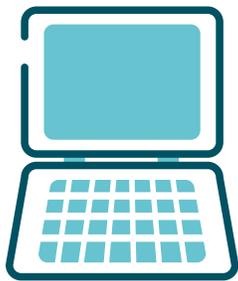
Earth Day



Earth Day is an annual celebration of the wonderful Earth that we live on. The beauty of our Earth is overwhelming; just a glance outside of our windows depicts the most beautiful scenes with the radiance of the sun, brilliance of lightning, and vibrance of greenery. From the oxygen that the Earth gives us, the home it provides, and the food it offers, there are so many things that the Earth does for us that we tend to overlook. Recently there has been an increasing trend of man made climate change - "a long-term shift in global or regional climate patterns" (National Geographic). This was evident in 2020 with the increase in disastrous and heartbreaking fires, winter storms, and pollution across the world. Climate change is a disappointing reality that we must face. Luckily, we have some time to slow down climate change! Everyday we can all make efforts to help out mother nature such as actively trying to lower our carbon footprints and replacing single use products with reusable ones. Every small action counts! This year Earth Day falls on Thursday, April 22. On this day (and everyday thereafter) we can all take the time to celebrate our Earth and work towards making it a cleaner and safer place in the future. Linked below is a website with a few things you can do to help our Earth!:

<https://www.nrdc.org/stories/how-you-can-stop-global-warming>

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Webinars and Walks



Life Planning Workshop: Documents Everyone Should Have in Place (Tues., April 27 at 12:30 pm Virtually)

This free virtual workshop will discuss the essential documents every person should have in place: wills, living wills, types of power of attorney, POLST documents, etc. You will leave with an understanding of necessary documents and how to get started in planning for the future. The workshop is presented virtually, via zoom. Attendees may connect by phone or by zoom conference call. Pre-registration is required. Registered attendees will receive link to connect. To register, call: (800) 458-0651 or email Beth Gebhart at bgebhart@lsmnj.org

Feet in the Street: Virtual Walk/Run (Fri., April 23 - Thurs., April 29)

Do you enjoy walking or running? Then this is the perfect event for you! Let's get moving to help NJ families and seniors! The virtual 1M/5K Fun Run (and WALK) supports LSMNJ's COVID-19 Relief Fund and the H.E.R.O. Program. Visit the LSMNJ page at <https://www.lsmnj.org/support-us/virtual-feet-in-the-street-1m-5k-fun-run/> for more information. If you are interested in the event the link called "race site" will direct you to a page to register. Happy racing!



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Riddles & Games

Hidden Message Puzzle

First find all the words in the list. Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other. Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.

S O H A P P Y E R A R T E H D
 E N C A Y S G X I E N C K C G
 Y L I E E S Z F P B U T P E T
 S C C A A X S U N D L S T J J
 Q R R Y T N Q N E Z E Q E N A
 P T E C C N S R Z L A T P N L
 H O T W L E U E T M V X J T U
 S Q L D O Z R O E H E Q P T T
 L X Y L P L C Y M R S S H J L
 A S I H U O F F S V T S B E L
 M R J S M T G P K B Y D G Y Y
 I Z T P X D I B R T O H R U P
 N N O N H H T O Q V V J C X Z
 A S X Z E D Y L N A Q H D S O
 T Y F N E G Y X O F O A U K P

Word List

- Animals
- Compost
- Earth
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Mountains
- Oceans
- Oxygen
- Pollution
- Recycle
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Sun
- Trees



Math Squares

Try to fill in the missing numbers.
 The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.
 The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right.
 The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.
 The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

	+		-		-2
×		+		÷	
4	-		+	3	-1
÷		-		-	
	+		×		37
2		7		-2	

	-2	7	2		
37	5	×	7	+	2
	-		-		÷
-1	3	+	8	-	4
	÷		+		×
-2	9	-	9	+	1

