

Christian Education Network of the ELCA

"... that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love ..."
Colossians 2:2

Egg Hunt Reimagined in Times of Covid-19 **By Carole Joyce, Deacon**

The egg hunt supplies arrived last week. Remember just days ago before the country and our congregations shut down? As I looked at the box of treasures including "Jesus Lives" crafts, temporary tattoos, stickers, and activity sheets, I realized there would be no egg hunt. Most likely our children were not going physically connect with their church family for a long time.

Yes, we are offering a children's Bible story and family activity on Facebook. But children are tactile and now stuck at home. Holy week and Easter are a really big deal in the church year. Holy week and Easter are a really big deal for children as well.

So shhh! Don't tell the kids, but my two churches are planning Holy week/Easter surprise packages. One will be mailing them out—a congregation without too many children. The other will have "drive through" pick up on Palm Sunday morning—a congregation with lots of children.

We'll include a craft, Holy week/Easter story, coloring pages. Maybe candy and an empty egg. I haven't had time to get too creative yet. I plan to raid the Sunday school supply room to see what we have on-hand. I think we'll use the Holy week/Easter leaflets just sitting in the classrooms.

I invite you to reimage how your Holy week and Easter traditions can carry on in this challenging time. Don't worry about coming up with a million creative ideas. Keep it simple and stay connected to your families however it works best in your community.