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# *The Messiah Messenger*



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**Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love**



# Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Being a Comfort Dog takes a lot of training.

I had 18 months of training when I was a pup, and let me tell you, the training never stops!

Last month I even attended a training with Pastor Engel about Death Notifications.

Even though I napped through part of it, they still gave me a Certificate of Completion.

This month we each will receive a death notification.

We will hear about how my Jesus died on Good Friday.

My Jesus' friend John wrote, **"When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, 'It is finished,' and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit"** (John 19:31).

But don't be sad, because we will also receive a Life Notification!

When women went to the tomb on Sunday morning, my Jesus' friend Matthew said that an **"angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said'"** (Matthew 28:5-6).

That's the best news ever!

I look forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday.

Come and celebrate the Life Notification about Jesus — and stay PAWSOME!

Your friend Gabriel



# From the Pastor



## **Go to Dark Gethsemane**

*Calvary's mournful mountain  
climb;*

*There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" bear Him cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die. .*

*Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breath-  
less clay;*

*All is solitude and gloom,--  
Who hath taken Him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our  
eyes.*

*Savior, teach us so to rise.*

James Montgomery

Dear Friends in Christ,

You've all heard the saying that nothing is certain except death and taxes.

Well, this month we have both.

Normally April 15 is Tax Day, but this year Easter weekend bumps that to Monday, April 18.

So instead, this April 15 we get Death Day, what we normally call Good Friday.

We will gather on that evening to remember the sacrifice made by Jesus to redeem the world.

We will also hear from Noah, whom God remembered and delivered from the flood waters.

But the April 15 Death Day will be followed by the April 17 Life Day that we call Easter.

We will gather on that morning to sing our Alleluias that have been silent during Lent.

That day we will also receive a visit from Jonah, the reluctant prophet, who experienced his own version of a resurrection.

Death Day and Life Day, the two days changed the world.

Let's celebrate them together.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel

*It was the Weekend that changed the World  
Let it change you, too*

*Good Friday Worship at 7pm*

*Easter Sunday Worship at 9am*

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