

EASTER CELEBRATION

Long Live King Jesus

One of the truly emotional moments of my childhood came while watching *The Lion King* on one of those rainy days when we were kept in the classroom. (Some context might be needed here. Remember, I grew up in San Diego,



Now, picture Peter, standing before the masses on Pentecost, boldly proclaiming, "Let all of Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Messiah" (Acts 2:36). Or recall Paul's unflinching words in 1 Corin-

thians 15:55-57: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." What are the Apostles doing? With each word, they are driving home the undeniable reality that Jesus now reigns triumphant over death. They are declaring, in essence, "Death is Dead. Long Live King Jesus."

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Scars' words are borrowed from the realm of European monarchs, dating back several hundred years. When a King died, it would first be declared, "The King is Dead." This proclamation would be quickly followed by the announcement, "Long Live The King!" This second proclamation concerns the succeeding monarch. The thought was that the Kingdom could not exist without a King, so at the death of one King, their successor must be declared.

Now, admittedly, this all sounds strange to Americans who think in terms of democratic politics, where the ruler is determined by votes. It's easy to assume Jesus is like a politician vying for our approval. Yet, Jesus doesn't draw His authority from our endorsement but from triumphing over all other contenders for control over us. This underscores the profound significance of the resurrection. Without question, we are all subject to death – which is inevitable for each of us, regardless of our approval. Yet, through his death and resurrection, Jesus ascends to the throne.

Watching *The Lion King* was the first time I heard these words. It remained the only time I heard them until September 8th, 2022, when Queen Elizabeth died and King Charles III assumed the throne. Upon her death, it was declared, "The Queen is Dead. Long Live The King."

Thus, in a world plagued by fear and uncertainty, Easter is a call to embrace hope, defy the shadows of despair, and surrender everything in allegiance to King Jesus. Death is Dead. Long Live King Jesus. • *Chaplain Jon Nichols*

VOLUNTEERS

Our Volunteers Raise the Bar

Are you an OHM Volunteer? Join us for lunch and a celebration for all you do for Open House Ministries!
April 25th, Noon to 1:30 pm

Please RSVP by April 15th to Norma Seeley at events@sheltered.org or contact Norma at 360-737-0300

We're looking forward to celebrating with you!!



SAVE THE DATE



Open House Ministries is participating in Washington State's Non-profit Fundraiser

MAY 7 - 8

Early giving starts April 23

You can help us reach our goal at:
www.wagives.org/organization/Open-House-Ministries

TOURS & TALKS

First Friday tours are back!
Noon to 1 pm

Contact us for a tour at events@sheltered.org

2024 ANNUAL HOPE FUNDRAISER



OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES HOPE FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE

For our annual fundraiser to benefit the families at Open House Ministries.

Celebrate the evening with us

June 27th at 7pm

Limited in-person at the Open House Ministries Multi-purpose Gym

RSVP by June 20th
to events@sheltered.org

REACHING OUT TO SERVE

Open House Ministries was one of several organizations recently at Seton High School, connecting with students for their service requirements. Having a focused opportunity to connect with kids and share our mission and vision for restoring families helps plant seeds of hope for future generations. We look forward to having some of the students serve on our campus.



Volunteer Coordinator Norma Seeley with Executive Director Renee Stevens



GENEROUS GIVING

A Lasting Legacy

Making a planned gift to Open House Ministries isn't just for the wealthy or for those trying to minimize taxes. It's a wonderful way to leave a legacy and continue a lifetime of support for an organization you believe in. There are many ways to do this through the use of non-cash assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRAs, and real estate. These can enable you to both avoid income and capital gains taxes and even provide a lifetime income.

After providing for family, friends, and others, many individuals also choose to remember charitable organizations that are important to them by including them in their will or trust. If you believe in the mission of Open House Ministries, this can be a significant and lasting way for you to help ensure we have a strong financial future and continue to provide families with life-changing assistance.

Planned gifts can provide many benefits and we would be delighted to discuss the various options that might be best for you. We have the expertise and information that will help you decide if this might be a way for you to make a gift and assist in getting your financial affairs in order. Please contact Jean LaCrosse at 360-737-0300 or email ross.merritt@sheltered.org for more information.

Please consider Open House Ministries in your estate or tax plans. *Thank you!* ●

SHELTER NEEDS

Toilet paper and paper towels

Safety Disposable Razors

Canned goods

One pound packages of hamburger

Boys and girls pull ups
Size 3/4t and 4/5t

Thank you!

JOB OPENINGS

Part-time Accounting Clerk

Case Management Position

Part-time Child Care Position

Development Position

Facilities Position

Please inquire at
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