

# The Aardsma Weekly

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**Happy Easter!**



Happy belated Easter, everybody! We had a relatively quiet, peaceful Easter this year. It was just the five of us kids at home and Mom and Dad.

On Easter Sunday, things went like normal. We all slept in, ate breakfast late, and began church at around 11:00. Everyone (except me) had severe colds, and so the hymns we tried to sing sounded a little funny, but nobody minded.

Since we've been really busy in the garden lately, we didn't have time to make a traditional Easter dinner. Instead, we had store-bought pork egg rolls. (That is one of our absolutely favorite Sunday meals.) We all enjoyed it thoroughly.

And then came that event which Caleb had been anticipating for the last few weeks: the Egg Hunt. We had it outside. After lunch the five of us were bundled into Mom's room while Mom and Dad went outside to hide all the eggs. Mom and Dad hid eggs all over the property, even outside of the fence.

We found all the eggs, and each person got a gift. Everyone also got an egg with money in it. Once we were inside, we opened the eggs, ate some candy, and unwrapped our gifts. Caleb had found ten dollars, Beka had found five, and Timmy, Matthew, and I had all found ones. Beka and I both had beautiful sterling bracelets, Caleb had a watch, and Timmy and Matthew got hunting books.

After we had all attempted to make ourselves sick on candy, we trooped into Mom's room to watch some cartoons. After the movie, we went to our various rooms to eat some more candy for a while. Then we had our weekly family meeting, during which we talk about the work to be done in the coming week, and what we have accomplished the week before.

Once we had finished the meeting, and eaten supper, we sat down to play 'Probe'. 'Probe' is sort of like 'Hangman'. Mom won. Then we all went to bed, after eating some more candy, of course.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." (First Peter 1:3-4)

## The Weekly Bible Verse

Psalm 25:4-5: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my Salvation; for you I wait all day long.”



### Bits and Pieces



Since it's been rainy this week, Beka and I have been cooking up a storm! Cookies, cakes, pies...all to be frozen and eaten over strawberry season. Strawberry season is a big deal for us, and it's 'all hands on deck' all the time. We don't have time to do much cooking at all over that June period.

And so the freezers are filling up. So far this week I've made a double batch of chocolate chip cookies, two big pans of chocolate cake, and a double batch of peanut butter cookies. Beka's made lots of things, too.

Matthew has drastically reduced his hours for the summer at the Paxton Vet Clinic where he works. Before, he was working every morning, six days a week. Now he just works Monday's and Saturday's, so he has more time to look after his lawn care business. This has been nice, since he has more time to help with the things around the house, and he can personally take care of his very mischievous dog.



## A Word About The Weather



I said above that it has been rainy this week, but that's not entirely true. It has also snowed, shined, and hailed. That's Illinois for you! But we're glad for the rain, since it will help all of our seeds to grow. We're just hoping that it doesn't get too cold, or it might freeze our newly-uncovered strawberry plants.



## Another Easter Joke



**Q:** What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?

**A:** A receding hareline.