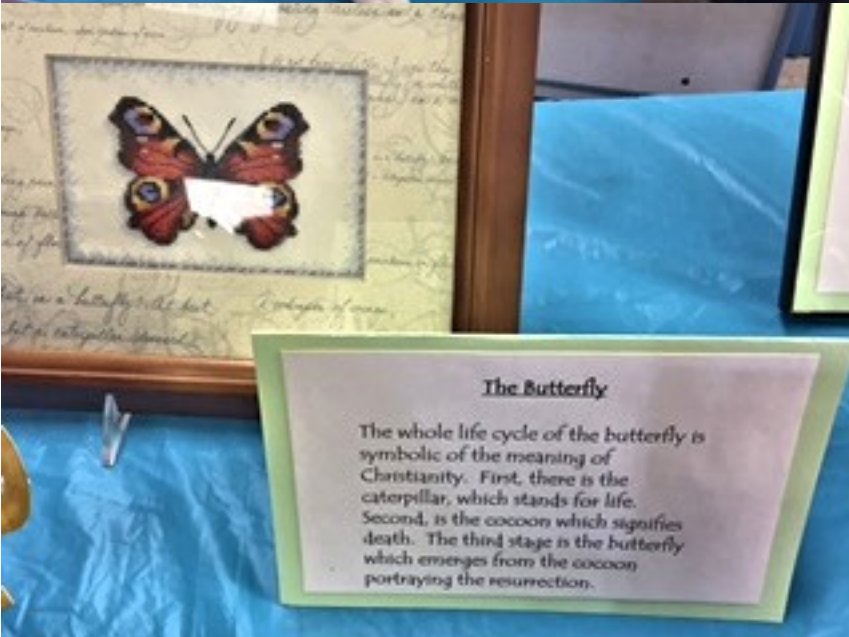


**The Easter Rabbit**

There are several theories about how the rabbit became associated to Easter. The Anglo-Saxons worshipped their goddess of springtime, Eostre, through her earthly symbol, the rabbit. Also in Egyptian mythology, the hare is the symbol of the moon. It is thought that perhaps the rabbit's significance at Easter is its association with the date of the festival, since the date of Easter is determined by the moon. In 1215, it was decided that Easter should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the twenty-first of March.

Germany brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America in 1832. It became popular with the children of the Civil War. The rabbit is the symbol of the daily rebirth of the world.

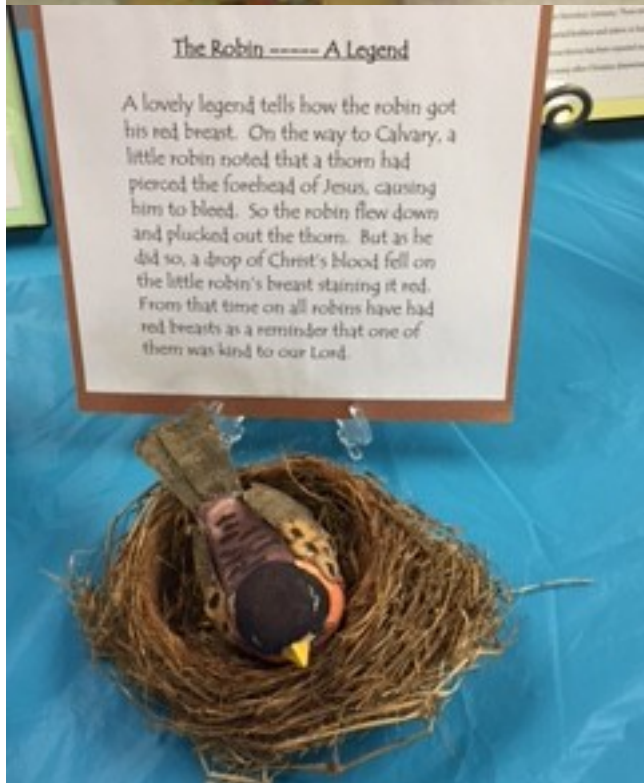
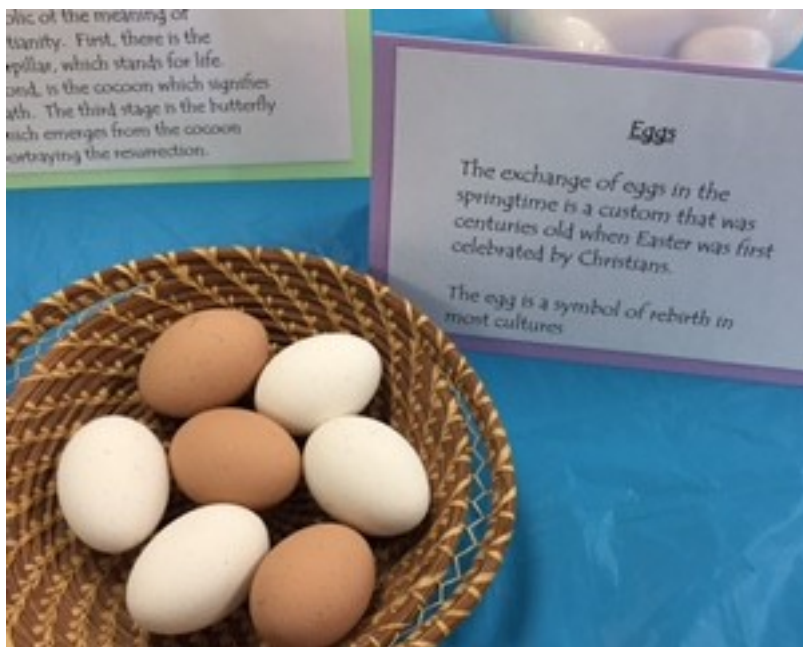


**The Butterfly**

The whole life cycle of the butterfly is symbolic of the meaning of Christianity. First, there is the caterpillar, which stands for life. Second, is the cocoon which signifies death. The third stage is the butterfly which emerges from the cocoon portraying the resurrection.

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