

APRIL 2026

FIRSTNEWS



Jesus is Our Risen Lord!



Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! We rejoice this Easter season because our Lord is risen! Since Jesus has been raised, we know that we too will be raised to the promise of eternal life with Him. Happy Easter, everyone!

In the Gospel of Luke, we are invited into Jesus' resurrection with the words from Luke 24:2-3, "2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." Imagine the astonishment that these women had as they wondered: 'what happened to Jesus' body? Who has taken his body away and where is He?' Like the first witnesses on Easter morning, we stand in amazement for what God has done for us when Jesus came out of that tomb. Jesus wasn't just crucified, but He also rose back to life from the dead!

But the fact of Easter isn't only to lead us to praise to God for Jesus dying and being raised for us. Jesus' resurrection should also lead us to obedience to what Jesus desires us to do. We are also to tell the story of Easter. The women in Luke 24 were the first proclaimers of Easter and they shared the truth of Easter to Jesus' own disciples. As we're told in Luke 24:9, "When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others." Like the women and the disciples, so we are to tell others about our risen Jesus. This Easter, may we be encouraged by the message of hope and encourage a lost world to be transformed by our resurrected Lord!

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with us! April 5th is Easter Sunday. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Easter service will be at a special time of 10 am and you are invited to join us in the church sanctuary or online on Facebook Live. The choir will be sharing a special Easter Cantata called, "Jesus Saves." We will be taking communion together. I will be sharing a message on Easter titled, "Easter Message: Do You Recognize Who Jesus Is?" from Luke 24:13-35. Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with us this Easter! The children will have an Easter egg hunt during the Children's Church time. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Sorina and I love you and hope you have a Happy Easter. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! Blessings, Pastor Kenny

Happy Birthday

- 1 Carolyn Gray
- 9 Holly Popa
- 9 Jackie Duff
- 9 Dick Daudert
- 9 Beckie Harp
- 9 Alan Wessell
- 11 Bob Hurd
- 11 Karen Van Wagner
- 14 Barbara Swofford
- 14 Sheryl Thorn
- 15 Janice Chapman
- 18 Sarah Swope
- 26 Linda Whittenbrink
- 27 Bill Gipson
- 29 Linda Olson
- 29 Jewell Persons

HAPPY
Anniversary

- 7 Darrell & Velta Blevins
- 8 Thomas & Gwen Hill
- 8 Frank & Violet Vega
- 10 Dick & Jan Daudert
- 22 Milton & Carol Wood





April



4/1 (Wednesday) - NO MID WEEK SERVICE

4/2 (Thursday) - Maundy Service at 6:30. Join us as we will participate in the sacraments or ordinances of the Lord's Supper & foot washing.

4/2 (Thursday) Grief Support Group will meet at 11:15am in fellowship hall. They will then depart to a nearby restaurant for a lunch meeting.

4/5 Easter Sunday at a special time of 10:00am. Join us as we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The choir will be sharing a special Easter Cantata called, "Jesus Saves." The children will have an Easter egg hunt during the Children's Church time. There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.

4/11 at 8:00am is our monthly Men's Breakfast at the church. Join us for breakfast, meeting & devotion. All men are welcome!

4/12 (Sunday) A special Baptism Service during the morning service. Please see Pastor Kenny if you would like to be baptized.

4/21 at 6:30pm (Tuesday) is the CWC meeting in fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome!

4/24th & 25th (Friday & Saturday) is our Ladies Weekend of Fun & Fellowship through Crafts, Scrapbooking, Puzzles and/or Games at the church. The fun starts Friday at 1pm and Saturday at 9am. Please see Deb Hepler with any questions.

4/25 (Saturday) from 5pm - 7pm Join the children, youth & their families for Game Night in the fellowship hall! We will have a pot luck meal, followed by a devotion and games. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby to bring snacks or desserts. The church will provide hot dogs.



CWC NEWS

It's the beginning of a new year for the CWC (Christian Women Connection). April is Membership Month so please consider joining and spread the word to other women in our congregation.

4/12 Souper Sunday - join us for soup, salad & dessert after the morning service. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby

4/21 Tuesday at 6:30pm is our Monthly Meeting, All women are welcome to attend.

4/24 & 4/25 (Friday & Saturday) is our Ladies Weekend of Fun & Fellowship through Crafts, Scrapbooking, Puzzles and/or Games at the church. The group will be starting at 1pm on Friday and at 9am on Saturday. Contact Deb Hepler with any questions.

It's not too early to start promoting our upcoming Hometown Harvest Vendor Market on October 17th! Flyers, Posters and Vendor Agreements are available in the lobby. Help get the word out!

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