

AMAZING GRACE

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Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Did your paycheck just make it through the month? Praise the Lord!

Did you just experience a successful surgery? Praise the Lord!

Did you experience the birth of a new baby? Praise the Lord!

Have you received the new life and salvation in Jesus Christ, your Savior and Lord? Hallelujah!

“Praise the Lord” is a spontaneous pouring from your mouth of joy, thanksgiving and praise to God. It is just how we use it in Christian everyday circles. Something good happens, we want to praise God and we express it, “Praise the Lord!”

The phrase actually has lots of history. “Praise the Lord” is the English translation of the Hebrew *hallelujah*. Which is a two-word phrase *hallel jah* which means ‘you all praise Yahweh’ – *hallel* praise and *jah* short for Yahweh (the Hebrew name of God – Exodus 3:14). But it is not only a command to a group of people, but a joyous praise in song to boast in God, who He is and what He has done. Twenty-four times in the Psalms, *hallelujah* is used to give praise to the Lord, most especially in the *Hallel* Psalms 113-118. The other four times *Hallelujah* is used in the Bible is in Revelation 19:1-6. In Revelation the word *Hallelujah* is not translated into English. Using *Hallelujah!* in its original Hebrew without translation expresses an extreme, extraordinary, over-the-top praise to God. The people were praising Christ for his victory over Satan, the angels were praising, the crowds of people were praising God for His victory through Christ.

Hallelujah has an equivalent in Latin and Greek as *alleluia*. *Alleluia* is most often used in our worship liturgy and in choral music to express praise to God. It is often found along with other scripture verses of praise to the Lord, such as “Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” John 6:68. During the more penitent season of Lent, we have put away the use of *alleluia*, but during this season of Easter it will ring loud and clear. Alleluia, Jesus is risen! Alleluia, Jesus is risen indeed! Praise the Lord! You have Life now and forever with Jesus because of His crucifixion and resurrection! Praise the Lord! You are no longer dead but alive in Christ Jesus! Hallelujah! Our Easter hymns ring with the joyous praise of Christ Jesus, the risen and exalted Lord. Alleluia!!

For what this week will you give the Lord praise? Hallelujah!! For life, praise the Lord!

Giving praise to the Lord for His goodness and mercy and LIFE!
Pastors Bert and Shelly



Holy Week Schedule

- April 2nd Palm Sunday
- April 6th Maundy Thursday
- April 7th Good Friday
- April 9th Easter Sunday

Hallelujah

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***Deadline for the next
newsletter is
April 21st.***

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Administrative Council

Minutes

March 12, 2023

John Pence, called the March 12, 2023, meeting to order with the following CAC members present: Scott Klopfenstein, Seth Regula, Bert Regula, Marcia Davis, John Pence, Pastor Shelly, Pastor Bert, Garrett Serr, Matt Kohler, and Tanya Hinegardner.

Marcia Davis had the devotional which was based on Elijah and the burdens that we carry.

Secretary's report was approved as presented. Marcia Davis moved and Bert Regula seconded the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Bert Regula, presented the treasurer's report for February 2023. Total receipts for February were \$21,528.04 and expenses were \$21,483.32. The ending balance in the checking account on 02/28/2023 was \$52,624.58. The expenses were higher because the yearly real estate taxes were paid. Seth Regula moved and Matt Kohler seconded the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

*Pastor's Report for the month of February 2023

Pastoral Visitation for February

Home Visits	6
Office Visits	8
Ministry Meetings	24
Bereavement Visits	4
Hospital Visits	3

Officiated at funeral of Euanna Herndon February 22, 2023.

We have also participated in a variety of other parish and community interactions which include phone calls, emails, texts, and other activities.

Informational Updates

- Adult Sunday school studying Revelation
- Pastor Shelly led worship at St. John's, Montpelier, February 26th, during pastoral vacancy, congregation has received an interim pastor
- Ash Wednesday Service 7PM February 22nd
- Planning for Lenten Dramas for midweek workshop
- Attended NALC Pastors' Conference continuing education
- Attended LCMC Leadership Retreat continuing education
- Provided "The Pastor Speaks" article for the Sidney Daily News

NALC Correspondence

- Fresh Eyes for Mission with facilitator Rev. David Wendel to discuss the possibility of a summit at Grace June 23rd-25th timeline or data collection

Action Items

Continuing Education

- Canadian Rockies Theological Conference, April 18th-20th,

2023, Canmore Alberta Canada, Fiction and Fact: The Writings of Bishop Bo Giertz

*Old Business

- Discussed the Safety meeting that was held in Adult Sunday School and are looking into making it an annual event. Everyone thought it was very informative
- The May 31st concert is a community event and if anyone would like to donate to the concert please contact Greg Woolley
- The church needs two delegates for the NALC convention on August 7th – 11th
- Clean up day on a Saturday in April when the mulch delivery is set up and will be posted in the bulletin

*New Business

- Pre-work for the Fresh Eyes workshop was distributed
- Summer worship will begin outside for the second service on June 11th
- Nikki will be taking vacation on May 25th and 26th and July 10th-15th
- Pastor Bert & Pastor Shelly will be taking vacation on May 18th-22nd

Committee Reports:

Choice: Tanya Hinegardner – No report received.

Education: John Pence & Marcia Davis– Vacation Bible School will be July 17th-21st, 2023. The Bell Choir will be playing for Easter and Confirmation.

Mission: Scott Klopfenstein – Will be having the Lenten meal on March 29th.

Endowment: Matt Kohler – Still requesting donations for scholarships.

Friendship: Marcia Davis – Working on reestablishing the mentor project for youth.

Lay/Witness: Bert Regula – Lay Witness met on March 5th after late service with 8 members present. Devotions were given by Lisa Wright. Members reported on their visits and an updated shut in list was passed out. June 11th was chosen for the "Picnic in the Park" to be held on Church grounds. Activities were discussed with final plans to be reported at the next meeting. The committee is trying to find a date and time for "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage". The date for Stuff the Truck will be October 6th and 7th, if it works with Mary Bates of the NALC Disaster Team. The next meeting will be March 12th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. before the Lenten Meal. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Youth: Garrett Serr – No report received.

Worship: Seth Regula – No report received.

Property & Trustee: Scott Klopfenstein & John Pence – Working on getting the kitchen floor replaced.

*Any other business before adjourning?

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tanya Hinegardner, Sec.

Committee Reports

Education Committee : The Education Committee met on February 20, 2023 with Lori Wiswell, Pastor Shelly, Becky Copeland, Jen Woolley, Darlene Woolley, Bonnie Kauffman, Elsa Stengel, Doug Hinegardner and Abby Pence present. Doug opened with prayer. Financial report was and approved with a balance of \$13,964.26, Nov-Feb income of \$1,054.76 and \$936.06 in expenses. Secretary's report was reviewed and approved. Becky provided a Sunday school update that the number of students is still lower prior to COVID but varies week to week. Unit 1 of the new curriculum started and they will be recycling some of the Sunday school lessons and materials for next year. Children's bell choir will be playing on Easter Sunday -April 9th at the 8:00 am service and Confirmation Sunday-May 7th at the 10:30 service. Pastor Shelly updated the committee that the catechism finished the study of Baptism and Office of the Keys and is now studying Holy Communion. Adult Sunday school is studying the book of Revelation. Adult attendance is up. A Safety Training presentation took place on February 12. Gospel gang is studying the Lord's Prayer and are averaging nine students. Vacation bible school will take place July 17-July 21 and the theme this year will be "Keepers of the Kingdom." We will be passing out post cards again during the Community Days parade. Cradle Roll Ministry will be switching materials. The new materials focus on developing rituals and routine with your child. There are currently five children enrolled right now. Grace Lutheran and surrounding churches will be raising money for "Growing Community in Faith" a Christian concert on May 31, 2023. There will be a fundraiser here at Grace "Parent's Night Out" on March 31st. Next meeting will be May 8, 2023 at 6:30pm. See the bulletin for further details. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Abby Pence

Lay Ministry/Witness Committee: The Lay Witness Committee met on Sunday, March 5 following the Contemporary worship service. We were happy to welcome CAC representative Bert Regula and Fritz Serr who joined us to help with the planning of our Picnic in the Park project.

Members present were Barb Elsass, Mike & Karen Hecht, Linda Jenkins, Lisa Wright, Susan Ware, and Pastor Bert.

Linda opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following Pastor Bert's comments we were off and running with much to do. After some discussion of the program "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage", members agreed we need to get the message out that this is a marriage enrichment program geared to all married couples regardless of age or number of years married. We also need to seek suggestions from potential participants concerning a suitable date (or dates) to schedule meeting times. We did set a date for the "Stuff the Truck" event that will be held on October 6-7. More information to follow.

Fritz shared a wealth of information concerning the 2021 Picnic in the Park and guided us in our planning of the 2023 event. We've penciled in June 11th as a possible date and the event will take place in the park behind the church. Members will be contacting groups within the church and community for volunteer participation. We will meet on March 22nd at 5:00pm to

share the results and for further planning.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Barb Elsass will have devotions.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Ware, Secretary

Mission Committee: The Mission Committee met on March 15th at 5:30 pm with 7 members present and Pastor Wayne as guest. Pastor Bert led the meeting in prayer. Pastor Bert announced that we received a \$5,000 grant from the NALC, last year we had received \$12,000. We are extremely thankful for this grant money; however, due to the decreased amount we need to make some difficult decisions on where to designate the funds. The committee all agreed that we want to keep the salaries of the social worker, Tuwsuilege, and the evangelist, Ndumieshi. Both have been doing excellent work going out to the remote villages and providing education and sharing Christ. We continue to get reports from them on a routine basis and there are many stories of hope and saving through Christ that are being done in these villages. The initial grant proposal had a request for an assistant evangelist salary, health insurance, along with a motorcycle and gas for traveling to villages. We feel there is a strong need to reach out to even more people of the villages. The committee hopes to set a goal and acquire at least 8 individuals to donate \$50 a month (\$600 a year) to fulfill this request. We want to see if anyone from Grace Lutheran Church would prayerfully consider being a \$50 a month donor, as the need for another evangelist will do even more wonders of God's work! The committee is happy to share the reports of baptisms and new members consistently attending the village churches.

Pastor Wayne will be going to St. John's church in Greenville on April 23 to speak about the Tanzania Ministry, the 2024 mission trip, and see if there is anyone interested in the giving of \$50 a month. Pastor Wayne will also be heading to Wyoming to speak to a church that Pastor Bert connected with while at the NALC conference in Texas. This Pastor, Robb Carr, is excited to have the church hear about the ministry project as well as the 2024 mission trip, as they have been wanting to participate in some sort of missions in Tanzania. Pastor Robb Carr's church has committed to sponsor the student Joshua per communication with Pastor Bert! A men's conference, led by One Plus God ministries, will be held on April 29th at Der Dutchman. Men of Grace are encouraged to attend. The Mission Committee will be hosting the Lent meal on March 29th. We will be serving an Italian meal of spaghetti, bread, salad, green beans, and desserts. Donations will go to the Tanzania Ministry for educational training materials on first aid, nutrition, small business management, and hygiene. The last order of business is to acquire one name that includes the original project of the 24 students/orphans that we sponsor as well as the new project of the evangelism and social worker that go into the remote villages and share the love of Jesus and provide education to the people. We all agreed on the name of "Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry". This name along with information regarding the ministry will be posted on the NALC website. We ended the meeting with the Lord's prayer. Submitted by Julie Klopfenstein

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday
 Tuesday, April 4: WOC Blood Drive @ American Legion Hall
 Tuesday, April 4: Cleaning 9:00 am-11:00 am
 Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship
 Friday, April 7: Good Friday Worship
 Saturday, April 8: Luther League Easter Egg Hunt
 Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday
 Wednesday, April 12: CAC Meeting
 Sunday, April 16: Quarterly Congregational Meeting
 Wednesday, April 19: WOC Board Meeting
 Sunday, April 23: Choir Service
 Wednesday, April 26: Men's Group Meeting

Worship Assistants for Lenten

	April 6 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	April 7 7:00 pm Good Friday
Organists	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName
Acolytes	Brendan Serr	Maycee Kipker
Crucifers	Brendan Serr	Maycee Kipker
Lay Readers	Linda Jenkins	Scott Klopfenstein



Congratulations to Derek & Meghan Bailey on the birth of their son Oliver Dean Bailey born March 2, 2023. Oliver weighed 9lbs. 3 oz. and measured 21" long. He is welcomed home by brother Hayden and sisters Caraline & Emma.

Official Notice - Quarterly Congregational Meeting

9:15 AM April 16, 2023

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a quarterly congregational meeting beginning at 9:15 AM Sunday, April 16, 2023.



Youth Spiritual Mentor Program

The Spiritual Mentor Program is looking for both men & women who would be willing to assume the role as spiritual mentor for children who are attending Sunday School at Grace. As a mentor, you would be expected to pray for the child, as well as offer encouragement and support as they grow in faith. You might also leave small gifts at holidays and birthdays, if you like, but that is NOT expected or required. This is more about providing prayerful, spiritual gifts than material ones. Mentors can be of all ages and genders. If you are a confirmed member willing to participate, your volunteering will be welcomed! (High School and College Students –involvement in this project would be an asset to any college or scholarship application).

Mentors will be assigned to children who are entering school. You would be expected to follow them through their Jr. High years and catechism– even beyond, if you wish. If you are willing to be a part of this very special program, please complete the form at the back of the church and place it in the collection plate or return it to the church office. You will be notified sometime in early April regarding the name of your child as well as their birthdate and baptismal date. Most times, the attachment and fulfillment received by working with and praying for these children is far more rewarding than you ever imagined!

Grace at Worship ...



Resurrection of Our Lord

The season of Easter is in stark contrast to the preceding season of Lent, with its muted decor and symbols of Christ's suffering and death. Easter bursts into our lives full of color, flowers, upbeat hymnody, and reminders of the new life we share in Christ. Not only are the sights around us energizing and uplifting, the lilies and other flowers touch our sense of smell and heighten our awareness that Jesus is alive! During the 50 days of Easter we are reminded of the blessing of our Baptism; through Christ who were once dead in sin have been made alive and restored to a right relationship with God.

Worship Servants for Sundays in April 2023

	Palm Sunday April 2	Easter Sunday April 9	Second Sunday of Easter April 16	Third Sunday of Easter April 23	Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30
Lessons	Isaiah 50:4-9; Ps 118:19-29; Phil 2:5-11; Matt 26:1-27.66	Acts 10:34-43; Ps 16; Colos. 3:1-4; Matt 28:1-10	Acts 5:29-42; Ps 148; 1 Pete 1:3-9; John 20:19-31	Acts 2:14a,36-41; Ps 116:1-14; 1 Pete 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23; 1 Pete 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Organists	Nancy McName	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName
Acolytes	Lilly Davis	Kyle Burch	Brooke Ann Byrd	Lilly Davis	Kyle Burch
Crucifers	Lilly Davis	Kyle Burch	Brooke Ann Byrd	Lilly Davis	Kyle Burch
Lay Readers	Patty Mann	Darren Myers	Shelby Fite	Choir	Fritz Serr
A/V	None	Ian Stengel Cortney Copeland	None	Preston Serr Cortney Copeland	None
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Acolytes	Ethan Barhorst	Drew Stinebaugh	Kendall Hilbun	Ethan Barhorst	Drew Stinebaugh
Lay Readers	Tom Woolley	Darlene Woolley	Michael Hecht	Karen Hatfield	April Platfoot
Communion Preparation	8:00 Am	8:00 Am 10:30 Am	8:00 Am	10:30 Am	8:00 Am
A/V	Kay Frieders	Karen Hatfield	Jill Ludwig	Karen Hatfield	Kay Frieders
Song Leaders	Krista Withrow Greg Woolley	Kay Frieders Matt Kohler	Kassie Ludwig Rick Sailor	Kay Frieders Greg Woolley	Kassie Ludwig Rick Sailor

Women of the Church

Circle 1

Circle one met March 1 with ten members answering roll call naming their favorite flower. Barb Krugh opened our meeting reading from Ecclesiastes 3. She also shared the reading, "Longing for Spring."

Minutes were read and approved. Treasury balance is \$160.24. President Karen reminded us about sewing day on March 16th and the collection of personal care items for Fish Pond Food Pantry.

During the business portion of the meeting, members volunteered to bring desserts for the Lenten Meal and also provide help and cookies for the Blood Bank.

Barb Krugh led the Bible study on Eve. We all are tempted as Eve was by Satan to desire more. We need to step back and count the many blessings we have. Jesus was tempted also by Satan and used Scripture to answer him. God is near if we just rely on Him to fill our soul.

Next meeting is April 5. Our meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Wical, Secretary

Circle 3

Circle 3 met March 21st with 8 members answering roll call with a bible verse containing "teeth".

Darlene Woolley led Bible Study entitled "How to Make Sense Out of Suffering Part 1". Nothing can separate us from the love of God, even in our pain, question, and disappointment. God doesn't say we will not suffer because we are predestined for glory also being preserved. Suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared as God's glory which shall be revealed in us. We must keep our faith and pray for comfort in the hope of receiving God's grace.

Secretary & Treasures reports given with a balance of \$114.73.

Business— Darlene Woolley & Linda Jenkins will make barbeque for April 4th Blood Drive and will also help during the day.

Reminder of personal care items for Fish Pond Food Pantry. Our circle is responsible for drinks & coffee at Easter Breakfast April 9th.

Hostess Karen Hecht treated us with delightful cheesecake with fruit topping along with additional non fattening treats!

Meeting closed with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Nancy McName, Secretary

WOC April Collections

Oosterlen Services for Youth - Susan Ware, Chairperson

Gift Cards: \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 amounts for Kroger, Wal Mart, Meijer, Hobby Lobby, McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, Pizza (Donato's, Domino's, Little Caesar's, Pizza Hut), Home Depot, Lowe's, Rural King, Tractor Supply, Gas Cards. (Gift cards are used for rewards, parties, teaching proper public behavior, and for supplies for Life Skills Center programming.) Art Supplies: sketch paper; acrylic paint (colors – white, blue, red, yellow); paint brushes (various sizes); colorful yarn;

sidewalk chalk; drawing paper; craft kits; colored pencils; permanent and non-permanent markers; construction paper; journals/diaries (from dollar store); play-doh (non-toxic); poster board; water, fabric, and glitter paints; paint-by-number sets; Elmer's Tack Adhesive Putty; white school glue; assorted buttons, feathers, sequins and glitter; model car kits; stencils; stickers. Candy (individually wrapped, no gum please) Clear Plastic Storage Tubs w/lids (such as Sterilite or Rubbermaid); Large, Medium, Small. (Tubs need to be clear for safety reasons.) Clothing: Underwear (Female and Male- boxer briefs are preferred for males, sizes, Youth Large to Adult XL); sweatpants and sweatshirts (sizes Small-XL, although size Medium is most often needed); sports bras (without metal, various sizes, although Medium is most often needed); t-shirts (adult sizes Small to 5 XL, non-shrinking, plain with no writing or emblems); socks/no show socks (white, basic for males and females). Games/Toys: Decks of playing cards; card games (such as Uno or Skip-Bo); assorted board games; coloring books; word search/activity books; small grab bag toys (such as balls, plastic animals, yo-yo's; small games); Match Box type cars, Lego's sets (or similar type building kits); chess sets. School Supplies: pens; #2 pencils without metal tops; lined notebook paper; pocket folders; single subject lined notebooks (without spiral wire binding); glue sticks; rulers; protractors; compasses. Toiletries: bath towels and wash cloths; combs/brushes; stick deodorant (2.6 oz. or larger – the boys prefer Axe brand and the girls prefer Dove brand or gender neutral); Ethnic hair care products; toothbrushes and toothpaste; body lotions (Aloe or Cocoa butter if possible or the popular bath and body type for special treats); diapers and pull-ups (for babies and toddlers, various sizes), diaper wipes.

Board Meeting

April 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Men's Ministry

We met on March 20, 2023. Prayer was given by Fritz Serr. We had a brief discussion about Pastor Wayne's Men's Conference on April 29th and decided we'd like to put together a group of men from Grace to go. All are welcome. This month's topic was about the way God calls us and how we respond to that call. We talked about how Abram was called to take all his possessions and move to a new land versus the rich man who was told to sell and give to the needy. God has a reason behind each calling which we don't fully understand but we know that all things are possible through God. We are all sinners, none of us are perfect but we all need the Holy Spirit for continued guidance. Next month's meeting will be moved to Wednesday April 26th at 7:00 PM. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Dennis Weaver





Grace @ Prayer

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Doris Jean Frieders (Jack's mom)
Penny Borchers
Greg Correct
Alex Poepelman
Dwight Johnson
Cliff Miller
Adam Schulze
Mike Clark
Tim Herndon
Ryon Elmore
Mindy Steinbrunner
Emma Homan (Krista Withrow's cousin's baby)
Carolyn & Duane Helman
Bob Klopfenstein
Mark Hilbun
Shirley DeWeese
Lisa Williams
Cindy Herndon

Paige Schneider (Daniel & Amanda Schneider's daughter)
Ashley Holthaus
Logan Heath
Rebecca Paul (Tanzania Child)
Amy Grewe
Annette Meyer
Autumn Regula (Rick & Deb Regula's granddaughter)
Ron Middleton
Shirley Umstad (Lisa Wright's mom)
Peyton Wright (Jared & Caleigh Wright's daughter)
Liz Westfall (Shirley Schindel's cousin)
Rhonda Burch
Cindy Davis
Ava Wolf (Ken & Melanie Wolf's daughter)
Dick Shaner (Sierra DeWeese's great-grandpa)
Jane Wildermuth
And others we name in our hearts

Announcements

Church picture directories will be available to pick up at the church office during regular office hours. One copy is available at no charge for those who were photographed. A signature will be required so we can keep track of those who need to be notified if not picked up.

AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN FRY

Jackson Center American Legion Chicken Fry, April 1st, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. 627 East College Street.?? 1/2 chicken, coleslaw and roll \$ 10.00.?? Presale tickets available at?? J. C. Village office as well as the J.C. Pro Hwd.?? Also available the day of the fry at the legion.?? Drive thru only.???? Thank you for supporting our veterans.

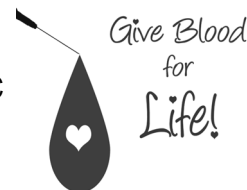
Senior Lunch Tuesday, April 11th at 11:00 am at the United Methodist Church in Maplewood. Menu will be Ham Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Veggie Straws & Easter dessert. There will also be a bingo game. Lunch begin at 11:00 am. Menu subject to change. **Please RSVP by April 10th** to the church 937-596-8155.

Choir Service

Everyone is invited to attend this year's Choir Service. The adult choir of Grace will be in charge of the 8:00 service on **Sunday, April 23**. The message will be a combination of songs performed by the choir and an inspirational message from Fritz Serr. We hope to see you at this year's choir service on Sunday, April 23, at 8:00 am.



Mark your calendars Jackson Center Community Blood Drive will be held **Tuesday, April 4th**. from 12:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the American Legion Post 627 E. College Street. There will be platelet collection until 5:30 pm along with the whole blood collection ending at 6:30 pm. You can schedule your appointment at www.DonorTime.com or CBC 937-461-3220. Any questions please contact Nancy McName





**Luther League
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8th.
10:00 am at the
Church Shelter
House.**

Thank you's

Thank you to my Church family for the prayers & cards. Pastors Bert & Shelly, Thank you so much for prayer before and after my surgery. God is good. I am doing well.
Cindy Davis

Thank you so much for all of your thoughts, prayers, and cards after my accident. The power of prayer is Amazing. God has truly blessed me to be a member of such a loving and caring church.

Thank you to Pastor Shelly & Pastor Bert for all their visits and phone calls checking up on me.

Thanks to everyone who helped and offered to help Chris with cleaning the church. He really appreciated it!

We have been truly blessed. God Bless!

Rhonda Burch

Thank you for helping us reach our goal for the senior scholarships. Your giving was much appreciated.

Matt Kohler

Endowment Fund Treasurer

The Men's Group would like to thank all the spouses, and supporters of the Men's Group for the preparation of our Lenten meal - set up and clean up. Thanks to everyone that attended and we appreciate the compliments regarding our meal! Thanks from The Men's Group!

**HAPPY
EASTER**



Mission Opportunities

Men's Conference with pastor Wayne de Wet as speaker on Saturday, April 29.

Place: Der Dutchman, Plain City

Date and Time: April 29, 9 am to 3 pm

Amish style pastries and drink included upon arrival and lunch buffet at noon Great discussions around the theme: "Men of God, let us RISE to the occasion!"

For registration: Go to www.oneplusgod.org - events

Ladies Spring Gathering in Amish Country, April 28-30 A relaxed Spirit-filled weekend with women of God of all ages: Sharing around God's Word, fun and worship. Accommodation in a lovely lodge! For registration: Go to www.oneplusgod.org - retreats

Elder Theater will be playing the film "Jesus Revolution" from March 31st - April 4th. The showing times are Friday 7:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 4:00pm & 7:00pm, Monday & Tuesday 7:00pm.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Dave Mann April Plattfoot Ciara Johnson Toni Shady
2 Palm Sunday 8:00 am Worship w/ Choir & Communion 9:00 am LL Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Pro Live 4-H Larry Shroyer	3 7:00 pm Circle 2 Doug Hinegardner	4 9:00 am-11:00 am Cleaning 12:30 pm-6:30 pm WOC Blood Drive 6:30 pm Life to Life Larry Symonds Rhett Wells	5 1:30 pm Circle 1 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Choir Practice Sharon Lenhart Kathy Metz	6 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Erika Metz Jared Ratermann	7 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Kelsi Poppe	8 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt Shelter House area Fritz & Deb Serr*
9 Easter Sunday 8:00 am Worship w/ Choir & Communion 9:00 am WOC Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Garrett Serr	10 Ross Ludwig	11 Carson Regula	12 6:00 am CAC Meeting 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Choir Practice Christina Bowen Ann Wildermuth	13 5:30 pm Praise Band Chris Clark Danielle Davis	14 Spencer Knouff Sue Ludwig Owen Woolley	15 Andrea Canaday Olivia Marcum
16 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Quarterly Cong. Meeting 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm-7:00 pm LL Austin & Amy Regula*	17 7:00 pm Choir Practice Tatum Davis	18 7:00 pm Circle 3 Carly Shipp Dennis & Sandy Weaver*	19 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 6:30 pm WOC Board Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Zayden Schmiesing Dean & Christina Wright*	20 5:30 pm Praise Band Ethan Barhorst	21 Marcia Davis Tom Schindel Trey Woolley	22 Melanie Wolf
23 3rd. Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Choir Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Bonnie Kaufman Glytana Sloan Dick Wildermuth	24 10:00 am- 3:00 pm Fish Dave & Patty Mann*	25 Shawn Smith	26 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Men's Group Elliott Davis	27 5:30 pm Praise Band Traci Myers Rick & Tina Sailor*	28 Cameron Middleton Tate Zorn	29
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