

EMMANUEL'S
GOOD NEWS
April 2024

Christ
is
Risen!

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Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Today is also Maundy Thursday, when Jesus celebrates the Last supper with his disciples before his suffering and death on the cross. The word 'Maundy' means "to obey." Jesus washes his disciple's feet as a servant and commands them to do likewise. He commands them to love one another as he has loved them. He commands them to remember this night by partaking of bread and wine whenever they gather thus instituting the sacrament of Holy Communion. During this meal Judas is revealed as the one who will betray Jesus. This act sets in motion the forces set against Jesus. Tomorrow is Good Friday; the most solemn days of Holy Week. It's ironic that Monday is April Fool's Day because God gets the last laugh in what appears to be a victory for Satan as Jesus is betrayed, arrested, beaten, found guilty on trumped up charges and sentenced to death by crucifixion. He suffers and dies on the cross as a common criminal. It seems that Satan has won. And yet it is in this very death that Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God, shed his blood for the remission of our sins. He paid the price for the punishment that we deserve for human sin. On Good Friday, we contemplate our sin being nailed to the cross with Jesus. We then wait with anticipation for the resurrection. The power of sin, death and evil does not win. The power of God vindicates His Son, and raises Him from the dead. God made a way for humanity to be reconciled to Himself by believing and having faith in Jesus.

In the Gospel according to Mark, we read the account of Jesus resurrection. The women come to the grave and find the stone rolled away. An angel of the Lord tells them: "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here...go tell the disciples he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him as he told you." Then Mark says: "Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid." That is the end of the story. They told no one. The Gospel writer purposefully has an abrupt ending to cause the listener or reader to ask: "How could they keep this good news to themselves?" Indeed, it is a question we too must ask of ourselves as ones who have heard the story and come to believe that Jesus died of our sins on the cross and rose again giving us new life and the promise of salvation. As we celebrate this Easter the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, let us not keep it to ourselves. Go and tell somebody that Jesus is alive! He is with us. We no longer need to be ruled by fear. Let us proclaim boldly to the world: "He is risen! He is risen indeed!!!"

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Bryan

**Scriptures for Sundays
Daily Bible Readings
for April 2024**



Daily Devotions

March 31st Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *or*
Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8 *or* John 20:1-18

March 31st Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Evening

	Isaiah 25:6-9
	Psalm 114
	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
	Luke 24:13-49
Monday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
	Genesis 1:1-19
	1 Corinthians 15:35-49
Tuesday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
	Genesis 1:20—2:4a
	1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Wednesday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
	Song of Solomon 3:1-11
	Mark 16:1-8
Thursday	Psalm 133
	Daniel 1:1-21
	Acts 2:42-47
Friday	Psalm 133
	Daniel 2:1-23
	Acts 4:23-31
Saturday	Psalm 133
	Daniel 2:24-49
	John 12:44-50

April 7 Second Sunday of Easter

	Acts 4:32-35
	Psalm 133
	1 John 1:1—2:2
	John 20:19-31
Monday	Psalm 135
	Daniel 3:1-30
	1 John 2:3-11
Tuesday	Psalm 135
	Daniel 6:1-28
	1 John 2:12-17
Wednesday	Psalm 135
	Isaiah 26:1-15
	Mark 12:18-27
Thursday	Psalm 4
	Daniel 9:1-19
	1 John 2:18-25
Friday	Psalm 4
	Daniel 10:2-19
	1 John 2:26-28
Saturday	Psalm 4
	Acts 3:1-10

Luke 22:24-30

April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

	Acts 3:12-19
	Psalm 4
	1 John 3:1-7
	Luke 24:36b-48
Monday	Psalm 150
	Jeremiah 30:1-11a
	1 John 3:10-16
Tuesday	Psalm 150
	Hosea 5:15—6:6
	2 John 1-6
Wednesday	Psalm 150
	Proverbs 9:1-6
	Mark 16:9-18
Thursday	Psalm 23
	Genesis 30:25-43
	Acts 3:17-26
Friday	Psalm 23
	Genesis 46:28—47:6
	Acts 4:1-4
Saturday	Psalm 23
	Genesis 48:8-19
	Mark 6:30-34

April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Acts 4:5-12
	Psalm 23
	1 John 3:16-24
	John 10:11-18
Monday	Psalm 95
	1 Samuel 16:1-13
	1 Peter 5:1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 95
	1 Chronicles 11:1-9
	Revelation 7:13-17
Wednesday	Psalm 95
	Micah 7:8-20
	Mark 14:26-31
Thursday	Psalm 22:25-31
	Amos 8:1-7
	Acts 8:1b-8
Friday	Psalm 22:25-31
	Amos 8:11-13
	Acts 8:9-25
Saturday	Psalm 22:25-31
	Amos 9:7-15
	Mark 4:30-32

April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Acts 8:26-40
	Psalm 22:25-31
	1 John 4:7-21
	John 15:1-8
Monday	Psalm 80
	Isaiah 5:1-7
	Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday	Psalm 80

PRAYER CONCERNS

Wednesday Isaiah 32:9-20
 James 3:17-18
 Psalm 80
 Isaiah 65:17-25
 Thursday John 14:18-31
 Psalm 98
 Isaiah 49:5-6
 Acts 10:1-34
 Friday Psalm 98
 Isaiah 42:5-9
 Acts 10:34-43
 Saturday Psalm 98
 Deuteronomy 32:44-47
 Mark 10:42-45
May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17
 M Psalm 93
 Deuteronomy 7:1-11
 1 Timothy 6:11-12



Please Remember To Include These People In Your Prayers Shut-ins and Those Residing in Care Centers

Marcella Fuller



Please Pray for healing and strength for these Members and Friends of Emmanuel

Betsy Roman JoAnn Boyd
 Becky Molnar Glenn Lorenz



Mission Statement:

Glorify God and spread
 God's Word to all

by the power of the Holy Spirit



Prayer Chain

For Immediate or Emergency Prayers
 and/or Intercessions please contact
 Marge Lessig at 740-622-6759
 You may call the church office 740-622-
 2550 during business hours 9:00 to 11:00.

The Prayer Chain will react
 immediately, and
 each member will call the next link of
 the Prayer Chain in turn.



Around the Church

April Birthdays

April 4 April Turner
Gay Crilow
Pam Matz
April 11 Opal Schumaker
April 14 Laurie McClary
April 15 Katha Newell
April 20 Richard Emerson
Marcella Fuller
April 21 Nancy Newell
April 22 Ruth Kohler
April 24 Nancy Williams
April 28 Karen Andrews



May Birthdays

May 7 Kenzie Wheeler
May 8 Liz Kittner-Nunez
May 9 Ruth Leiendecker
May 14 Kyle Valentine
May 14 Avery Lynn Matthews
May 18 Daphne Conger
May 19 Brad Leiendecker
Tom Bowman
Maxine Underwood
May 29 Lynn Valentine

Stewardship Note

At this time of year many of you receive unearned income in the form of tax refunds. Why not give thanks to God for these unexpected gifts by giving 10% to Emmanuel Lutheran Church to support God's work in Coshocton. And, you get to keep 90%.

April Volunteers

Radio Ministry (lector)

April 7 Fred Sheldon (Mark Andrews)
April 14 Jenn Williams
April 21 Karen Andrews & Ryan
Quinlan
April 28 Nancy Williams

Fellowship

April 7 Karen & Mark Andrews
April 14
April 21 Debbie Scheetz
April 28 Marge Lessig



April Altar Guild

Marty Bickel & Linda Storm

May Altar Guild

Marge Lessig & Karen Bowman



Women's Meeting March 21, 2024

Present: 9

Devotion given by Nancy

Marge E will give devotion next month

Minutes from last meeting reviewed and accepted by group as read

Review of bank statement notes all checks are back and at the end of February there was \$6,387.83 balance. Voted on and accepted by group

Correspondence: No new correspondence to review

Old Business:

Reviewed plan for Easter breakfast: begins at 9:15am, Marge will be there around 8am and group should arrive by 8:45am to assure time to get items assembled and ready to serve.

Reviewed list of items and we have 6 casseroles, milk and juice, fruit and cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes and cream cheese pastries for our menu.

Friday night is movie night, 6 pm is start, bring snacks only

Mother's Day luncheon: lengthy discussion by group as to whether we want to have a luncheon or do another activity instead. The dates for a luncheon would have to be either before or after Mother's Day as the fellowship hall is rented. Discussed doing an activity at Rust Décor on May 5 if she has availability, Terri will contact Rust Décor to discuss available activities and availability of the space for about 20 women

New Business:

There is a game night on April 19 at 6pm, Bring snacks and games

Proposal made the we need additional long tables. Bazaar takes all we have and during that time, the church still has need of long tables. After discussion, group agreed that 6-foot tables are the most needed and that we will need 8 of them

Continued Discussion

Central Christian Church project has been showing a decrease in donations. Discussion held regarding how to incentivize more donations from the congregation. Proposal

made that a mass drive may work better than everyone bringing in throughout the month. Lengthy discussion regarding charitable contributions and whether we should expand the groups we are contributing to as some groups are better supported than others, so we may be more impactful if we spread our monies a little further

Respectfully submitted by Terri Harris

Men's Meeting March 13, 2024

Present 9

Members of the Congregation,

The men met March 13 with 9 members present. Nourishment and fellowship got the meeting rolling.

Old business:

* Planning for spring memorial garden and grounds cleanup underway. Watch for future dates to be set for this.

* First copy of our new building and grounds check sheet was handed out with explanation given. Asked for the men to look it over and offer their input and suggestions to make it a thorough document. Will finalize it in the April meeting.

*Finalized plans for our movie night on March 22.

* Stone was placed on the back side of our sign at the front entrance. Turned out nice and should provide for easier upkeep. This was funded by remaining money that was donated for improvements to landscaping around the church.

*Mel reported on a cost estimate he obtained for upgrades to the hot water issues we have in the kitchen and restrooms. It was decided to do further research on getting hot water back in the sacristy and nursery restrooms as well. Thanks Mel for your work on this.

*Men's group gave a donation to the roof project.

New business:

*Discussed future work that needs around the church.

Next meeting will be April 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Andrews

Easter Flower Sponsors

Mark & Karen Andrews in Honor of Karen's Mom, Marjorie Erman

Mark & Karen Andrews in Memory of Mark's Parents,

Darrell & Berry Andrews

Mark & Karen Andrews in Memory of Karen's Dad, Wayne Erman

Janice Bantum in Memory of My Husband, Ken Bantum

Tom and Karen Bowman in Memory of Loved Ones

Vicky Croy in Memory of my son, Tony Slater

Ernie Galajda in Memory of John & Susie Galajda

Richard Herrel and Daughters in Memory of Susanne Herrel

Rev. Bryan & Dana Kittner in Memory of Arlene & Harve Leppin

Marjorie Lessig in Memory of my children, Keith & Tonya French

The Matz Family in Memory of Loved Ones

The Matz Family in Memory of The Blair's and The Matz's

Darlene Ridenour in Honor of Everyone

Debbie Scheetz in Memory of Loved Ones

Debbie Scheetz in Honor of Church Friends

Marcia & Nick Schmitt in Memory of Loved Ones

Ryan Quinlan in Honor of My Whole Entire Family & Friends

Roy & Teresa Welker in Memory of Audrey Welker

Roy & Teresa Welker in Memory of Charles Welker

Roy & Teresa Welker, Happy Easter to all!!

Jenn Williams in Memory of Janice Sycks

Jenn Williams in Honor of Christ's Resurrection

Jim & Nancy Williams in Honor of Christ's Resurrection

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters	3	4	5	6
7 11:00am Worship	8	9 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 7:00pm Council	10 Office Closed 9:30 am Sarah's Prayer Shawls 9:00am Men's Group	11	12	13
14 11:00am Worship	15	16 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 7:00pm Council	17 9:30 am Sarah's Prayer Shawls 7:00pm Herb Society	18 1:00pm Ladies Group	19 6:00pm Ladies Game Night	20 11:00-4:30 Linda Storm Family Gathering
21 11:00am Worship	22	23 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters	24 9:30 am Sarah's Prayer Shawls	25	26	27 10:00-2:00 Herb Fair Marge Erman
28 11:00am Worship	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters				