

# April 2025 Newsletter

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## How important is Easter?

The longest single argument the Apostle Paul makes on any topic is found in 1 Cor. 15. In this chapter, Paul is teaching about Jesus' resurrection. How important is the resurrection? Look at the following truth Paul brings out; "And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins (1 Cor. 15:17)." How sad to have a useless faith. Christ being raised changes everything. Because of Resurrection Sunday, our sins are forgiven, our future is secure. God has a wonderful eternal plan for everyone in Christ.

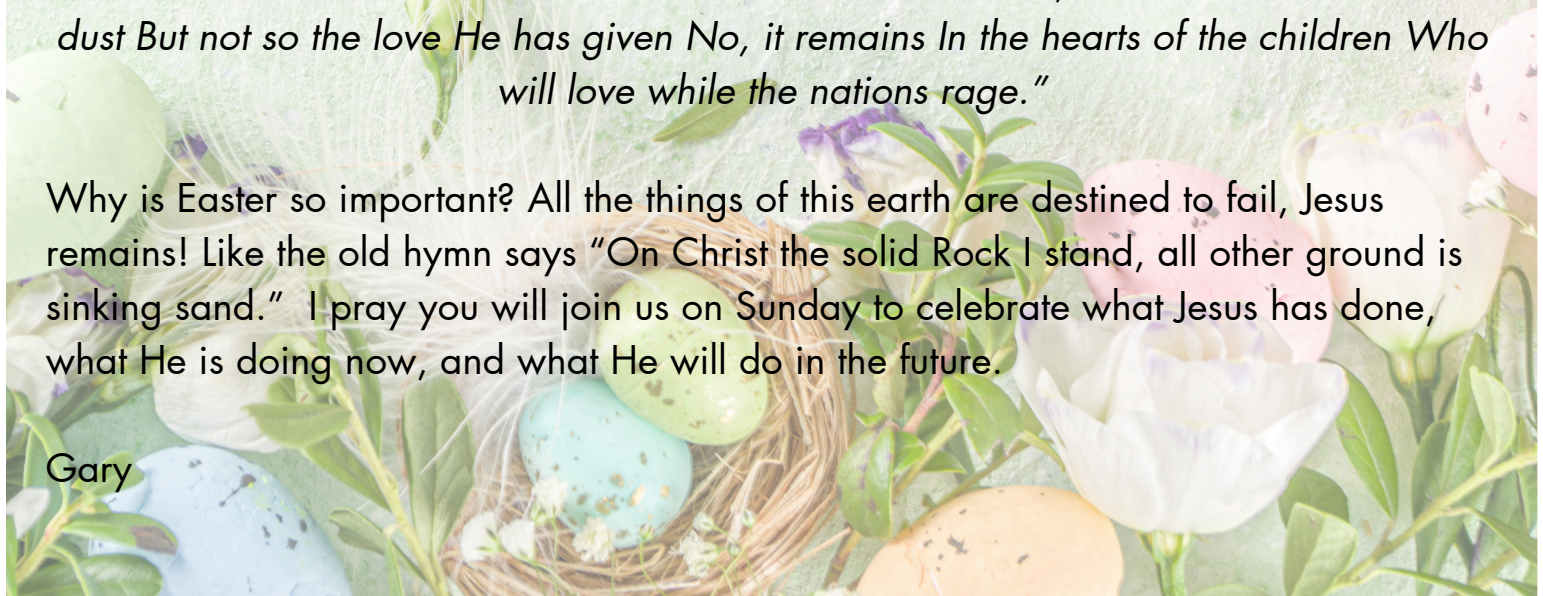
But at times, we are guilty of looking at all the trouble of this world and saying, "how can Jesus make a difference? Look at all the wars, the corruption, look at how people are hurting... How can Jesus help?" The resurrection is the answer. Paul ends his teaching in 1 Cor. 15 telling us how to live because God gives us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15: 58)." Paul is saying faith in Christ is the only solid rock in this world of corruption and trouble. Jesus is the only incorruptible, only Savior, only One to place our faith in. The resurrection tells us so.

I've been listening to some older Christian music. I want to leave you with some lyrics Rich Mullins wrote in 1989 in his song titled, While the Nations Rage.

*"Where are the nails that pierced His hands? Well the nails have turned to rust But behold the Man. He is risen And He reigns In the hearts of the children Rising up in His name. Where are the thorns that drew His blood? Well, the thorns have turned to dust But not so the love He has given No, it remains In the hearts of the children Who will love while the nations rage."*

Why is Easter so important? All the things of this earth are destined to fail, Jesus remains! Like the old hymn says "On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." I pray you will join us on Sunday to celebrate what Jesus has done, what He is doing now, and what He will do in the future.

Gary



Taking Donations of

# Easter

EGGS!!!!

For Children's Egg Hunt  
Easter Sunday



For the month of April we will be accepting donations  
of FILLED plastic Easter Eggs  
for kids to find.  
Please only eggs filled with pre-packaged  
candy or toys.

He is  
Risen

EASTER SUNRISE  
SERVICE

APRIL 20, 2025

6:30AM



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW  
IN THE MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

## Painting with Joyce

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH  
6:00-8:00PM

IN ORDER FOR JOYCE TO PREPARE  
FOR THE CLASS SUPPLIES,  
PLEASE BE SURE TO CALL THE  
OFFICE AT 618-568-1544 OR  
SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD  
BY SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

# EASTER EGG HUNT



**EASTER SUNDAY  
AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE  
THE WHOLE FAMILY IS  
ENCOURAGED TO JOIN!**

**HUNT IS FOR KIDS UP TO AGE 13  
CHILDREN UNDER 3 MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY SOMEONE TO HELP**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd Gus Gibbs  
3rd Zach Jones  
3rd Denny Harsy  
4th Erin Carter  
7th Landen Walker  
9th Dennis Elledge  
10th Joyce Elledge  
10th Adi Jo Wilson  
13th Bob Lewis  
14th Kristian Porter  
14th Jessica Martin  
17th Gene Gray  
18th Carsen Sarensen-Carter  
19th Sarah Zirkelbach  
20th Kevin Asbury  
22nd Julie Garavaglia  
22nd Dane Gibbs  
25th Lu Pruitt  
26th Jason Cobin  
26th Jane Tuthill  
28th Ashley Harsy  
29th Becky Burroughs  
29th CJ Monroe

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

26th Denny & Peggy Harsy  
26th Dale & Karen Odom  
26th Dustin & Brittany Dobill  
28th Lloyd & Joan Watts  
29th Kevin & Tricia Asbury



# APRIL DATES

\*Please remember that dates are subject to change, and that there may be some events added later after this newsletter is published. Follow the weekly bulletins and follow us on Facebook.

4/2 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45 Bible Study 6:30-7:30  
4/5 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.  
4/6 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
4/9 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45 Bible Study 6:30-7:30  
4/12 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
4/12 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
4/13 Palm Sunday  
4/13 Quarterly Congregational Meeting and Palm Sunday Dinner after church  
4/13 Family Trip to see King of Kings at VIP Theatre in Carbondale @ 4:20  
4/13 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
4/14 Book Club 6:00 p.m.  
4/15 Senior's Luncheon 12:00 noon  
4/18 Good Friday  
4/20 Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast  
4/20 Easter Worship and Egg Hunt after Church  
4/21 Area Men's Meeting at Minor  
4/23 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45 Bible Study 6:30-7:30  
4/24 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
4/27 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
4/28 Paint Class with Joyce Elledge 6:00  
4/30 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45 Bible Study 6:30-7:30

## FOR MORE INFORMATION.....

- Men's Breakfast-Tim Gossett will be leading the devotion
- Women's Breakfast - Vicky Parry is leading the devotion.
- Book Club: This Month's Book is *How to Read a Book: A Novel* by Monica Wood
- Sunday Night Youth. We need volunteers to help provide a meal to the youth on Sunday nights! Sign up at the bulletin board.
- Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will once again be after Easter Worship Service! We are once again collecting FILLED PLASTIC eggs for kids to pick up. If you'd like to donate, drop donations off until Wednesday, April 16th. You can also make a monetary donation simply by writing "Egg Hunt" on the memo portion of your check. Egg Hunt is for children ages 13 and under and will be outside if weather permits.
- No Nursery Volunteer. We like for all of our nursery volunteers to celebrate Easter with their families. Therefore, we will not be supplying a volunteer to watch kids in the nursery. Nursery will still be available; we simply ask that children are not left unsupervised.
- Reminder our Food Pantry provides groceries to residents in the Elverado School District

# APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

## Communion Purchase

Julie Briley

## Communion Meditation

4/6 Joyce Hickman  
4/13 Lance Weil  
4/20 Tim Gossett  
4/27 Landon Buser

## Communion Prep

Lisa Stewart & Sylvia Krelo

## Communion to Shut-Ins

4/6 Gary Jones  
4/13 Gordon Burroughs  
4/20 Gary Pruitt  
4/27 Steve Parry

## COMMUNION SERVERS

### 4/6/2025

Gary Monroe  
Ron Ritter  
Steve Parry  
Jim Williamson  
Craig Briley  
Paula Dunlap  
Tim Gossett  
Dale Odom

### 4/13/2025

Jeremy Keith  
AJ Keith  
Dirk Valerius  
Christian Kistner  
Gary Jones  
Mike Stewart  
Hank Stewart  
Wes Wilt

### 4/20/2025

Erin Carter  
Grace Godoyo  
Aaron Thompson  
Maddax Thompson  
Don Garver  
Mark Wilson  
Jordan Evans  
Larry Hickman

### 4/27/2025

Lyle Thompson  
Joyce Hickman  
Ed Davis  
Kevin Asbury  
Warren Yates  
Kathy Yates  
Jarrod Kreid  
Tom Scott

## Sunday School Milk & Juice

4/6 Joe & Cayla Reiman  
4/13 & 4/20 Craig & Julie Briley  
4/27 Doug & Amy Gibbs

## Opening Prayer

4/6 Alan Evans  
4/13 Doug Gibbs  
4/20 Larry Hickman  
4/27 Lyle Thompson

## Nursery

4/6 Dot Williams with Riley & Michaela  
4/13 Carla Bigham with Ginny Reiman  
4/20 No Nursery Volunteer  
4/27 Emily Evans with Zoey Swenson

## Inside Greeters

4/6 Becky Burroughs & Marilyn Piper  
4/13 Lisa Stewart & Sylvia Krelo  
4/20 Thelma Viernum & Dale Odom  
4/27 Kathy Aldridge & Paula Dunlap

## Hall Greeter

4/6 Larry Hickman  
4/13 Brandon Buser  
4/20 Gary Jones  
4/27 Jordan Evans

## Exit Greeter

4/6 Thelma Viernum  
4/13 Jeannette Thompson  
4/20 Dale Odom  
4/27 Vicky Carter

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
6 Youth Group	7	8	9 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m. Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
13 Congregational Meeting and Dinner after Church Trip to Movie Youth Group	14 Book Club 6 p.m.	15 Senior's Movie Luncheon 12:00 noon	16 No Wednesday Night Fellowship	17	18	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 Area Men's Meeting at Minor	22	23 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	24 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	25	26
27 Youth Group	28 Paint Class with Joyce	29	30 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.			

# Prayers and Praises

**Praises:** Kathy Yates has received wonderful news that her cancer is in remission! Praise God!!! Kantyn Kimmel and fiancé Addison Will were both baptized into Christ on Saturday, February 8th!!! Congratulations Kantyn and Addison!!!

**New Members:** Kathy Aldridge place her membership on March 9th! Mark Bauer placed his membership Thursday, February 13th!

**Surgery & Recovering:** Whitney Dunbar (Surgery 2/20); Tim Taylor (back surgery); Leon Milfield (cousin of Warren Yates and Carla Bigham– had bypass surgery and is now in a Montana rehab)

**Others in Need:** Nadine Lacy (broken pelvis); Dale Yates (broken vertebrae after chainsaw accident); Tom Fox (falls and trip to the ER-may be blood pressure related); Patty Manis (continued carotid issues); Max McDonald (85% blockage in heart-possible surgery); Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Darin Snyder (double pneumonia); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall); Joan Watts; Aydan Zoller (16 year old with multiple health issues); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Gavin Barnett (diagnosis on Barrely's esophagus); Lonnie Jacobs (health issues); Dennis Phoenix (diabetic-toe amputation. Fell and broke femur-facing more amputation on his right foot); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Heidi Humerickhouse (6 month old with serious health issues); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Marge Quillman (91-broken hip, infection-cannot do surgery); Cheryl Reese (Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis (Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues); Carol Myers (serious health issues); Nancy Denton (serious heart issues); Chris Darnell (brain bleed-in St. Louis hospital); Nick Fowler (biopsy-testing for possible skin cancer in the stomach); Karen Monroe; David Flowers (broken leg after a fall); Alex Walters (32 year old admitted to Barnes Jewish Hospital after a collapse);

**Those With Cancer:** Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Lisa Bastien (melanoma); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson's son-in-law's brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin (thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Larry Thompson (radiation treatments); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer); Melissa Jane Pabst (leukemia has returned); Aiden Caracker (senior @ Elverado with rare cancer-undergoing treatment); Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Addilyn Holmes (6 y.o. stage 3 renal cancer, Wilms tumor-kidney removed-starts chemo January 10th followed by radiation; Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

**Military Service:** Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming); Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizillion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

**Those in Mourning:** Eshter Taylor; Laura Hoffmann; John Halstead; Barb Alstat

# April Wednesday Night Menu

Meal starts at 5:45. Comes with Drink and Dessert. Cost is \$7/plate or \$18/family. To help Donna prepare, PLEASE sign up prior to the Tuesday before.

4/2 Baked Spaghetti, Salad, and Garlic Bread

4/9 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans

4/16 No Wednesday Night Fellowship

4/23 Chicken Breast, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, and Rolls

4/30 Sub Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, and Chips

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# Christ Is Risen!

CHRIST  
IS RISEN  
INDEED

*Alleluia*