



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- April 1 Palm Sunday
- April 2-6 Meals on Wheels
- April 3 Willing Workers
- April 6 Good Friday
- April 8 Sunrise service at Sailor Springs
- April 8 Bob Larson - evening
- April 12 Red Cross Blood Drive
- April 15 Mitchell family - evening
- April 22 Mark Luzzader
- April 22 Elder/Board Meeting
- April 23 Kingdom Builders
- April 23 Darrel Brandon preaching
- April 29 Youth Sunday



**Sermon Titles**

- Apr. 1 "Is the Lord Your Strength?" (Habakkuk 3:19)
- Apr. 8 "Because He Lives" (Luke 8:26-35)
- Apr. 15 "Tell Them I Love Them" (Matthew 18:16-20)
- Apr. 22 Oil Belt Sunday  
Mark Luzzader speaking
- April 29 Youth Sunday  
Guest magician  
"Rico the Magnificent"



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Sunday: 9 AM Bible School for all ages  
10 AM Morning Worship Service  
6 PM Youth Program (age 3 - grade 3)  
7 PM Evening Service & Youth (grades 4-8)  
8 PM Youth Bible Study (High & higher)

Wednesday  
6 PM Youth Program (age 3 - grade 3)  
7 PM Adult Bible Study & Youth (grades 4-8)

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**SIX SPECIAL WEEKS of SIX SPECIAL GUESTS**

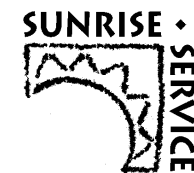
- April 8 at 7 pm Bob Larson presenting the work of Pine Haven Children's Ranch
- April 15 at 7 pm The Mitchell Family Singers of Robinson, IL
- April 22 at 9 am Mark Luzzader of Oil Belt Christian Service Camp
- April 29 at 10 am "Rico The Magnificent" doing a program of "Magic with a Message" for Youth Sunday
- May 6 at 10 am Rick Sutton, prison chaplain at Pinkneyville Correctional Center will be preaching
- May 13 at 9 am Cherish Edwards of Oblong Children's Christian Home

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**Easter Services April 8th**

**6 a.m. Sunrise Service at Sailor Springs followed by breakfast at Sailor Springs**



**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
special offering to be received goal: 10,000

**7:00 p.m. Bob Larson from Pine Haven Christian Children's Ranch**

**Attendance**

March 4	69
March 11	79
March 18	83
March 25	84

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**From Darrel's Desk**

Easter is not Biblical. At least the word "Easter" never appears in the Bible.

The term "Easter" is actually derived from *Austra* (or *Eostre*), a mythical Anglo-Saxon goddess of fertility and of the dawn. Her name came from the Anglo-Saxon word *Aus* (or *Eos*) meaning "to shine", which was especially used of the dawn. It was from that connection that we have our word "east" as a reference to the place of the dawn. The name "Australia" is derived from this root because it was (from a European perspective) the eastern part of the world.

The Venerable Bede in his "Ecclesiastical History of the English People" says that the Anglo-Saxon Christians adopted the name of the goddess of the dawn and many of the practices used to worship her as a means of communicating the good news of the resurrection to that ancient culture.

- That is where the Easter bunny comes from (it was seen as the earthly symbol of the goddess Eostre).
- That is where the Easter egg comes from (the egg being a symbol of fertility).

Bede says the early Christians, in what we know as England, co-opted these symbols and these practices and incorporated them into their Christian celebration of the resurrection because they hoped that by giving new meaning to the old myths, people would come to accept the truth of the gospel.

What an irony that the fiction is still more popular than the truth, even among so-called educated people. On resurrection Sunday, there will be people who will decorate eggs but who will not darken the door of a church. There will be parents who will give their children chocolate bunnies but who will not bring them to Sunday School. There will be families that will observe the pagan myths but that will not remember the reality of the resurrection. The fictional characters of a pagan religion can be commemorated in our public schools but we cannot tell the truth about the Jesus of history.

Well, on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, you can come to Clay City Christian Church and hear the truth about Jesus Christ: how he died to pay the penalty for your sins, how he was buried in a borrowed grave, how God brought him back to life three days later and how he lives today. Will you join us as we celebrate the reality of the resurrection?

Tracey and I would like to say thank you for all the thoughts, cards, and prayers during the last 15 months. Many hurdles have arisen in Tracey's path and she has been able to get over every one of them. We feel that the strength to get over them comes from all of those prayers. Presently as many of you know we are at the University of Minnesota for Tracey to get a stem cell transplant. Once again we can't say thank you enough for the cards and especially the prayers.

*Mike Conley*

A big **Thank You** to all the volunteers who helped with the soup supper. And thank you to everyone who donated to the youth fund.

Dear Friends,  
Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated. One can't have too many prayers. Thanks to all my Clay City Friends. God Bless!

*Ann Shaffer*

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**April Birthdays**

- 7 Loretta Wilder
- 8 Marilyn Patridge
- 13 Bridgette Heath
- 14 Gary Schnepfer
- 15 Courtney Travis
- 20 Paul Schnepfer
- 22 Michele Anderson
- 24 Faith Snell
- 29 Amy Delonshaw



**April Anniversaries**

- 3 Larry & Michele Anderson
- 10 Richard & Ruth Herdes
- 26 Bill & Elinor Staser



**PLEASE NOTE:** turn in all bulletin information by Wednesday night. Newsletter information needs to be in by the 20th of the month.

Charles Thornton was baptized after the Sunday morning service on April 11th. Charles is the fiancé of Amy Delonshaw and resides in LeRoy, IL.



I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, prayers, cards, visits, phone call and everything. I so appreciate each and every one of you. May God bless and keep you all safe.

Love,  
*Marcia Emmerich*

**Annual Easter Offering**  
**GOAL: \$10,000.00**



Projects: improving the parsonage and complete the funding for surfacing the parking lot.

<b>In His Service for April</b>					
	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>
Greeters	Women's class	Darrel's class	Men's class	Women's class	Youth and Darrel's class
Pastoral Prayer	Larry Brant	Bill Staser	Darrel Brandon	Gary Clark	Larry Brant
Reading at the Lord's Table	Bill Staser	Wayne Harris	Bob Snell	Larry Brant	Jim Cockerel
Video Projector	Melissa Riley	Ryan Herdes	Sandy Brandon	Lynne Wilson	Melissa Riley
Communion Preparation	Marilyn Patridge				
Communion to the sick	Gary Clark				