



APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 1 Gospel Concert
Ernie Couch & Revival
- April 2 Good Friday Service
- April 4 Easter SonRise Community Service and Easter Worship
NO Evening Service
- April 5-9 Meals on Wheels
- April 6 Willing Workers
- April 11 Bob Larsson from Pine Haven speaking at evening service
- April 18 Elders' Meeting
- April 25 Board Meeting
- April 26 Kingdom Builders at Oak Mound



Sermon Titles

- April 4 Jesus Was Fit To Rise
- April 11 Yes You Can!
- April 18 The Danger of Being Unfit
- April 25 Hell Is No Joke



Special Easter Services

Palm Sunday
March 28 at 10 a.m.

Good Friday
April 2 at 7 pm

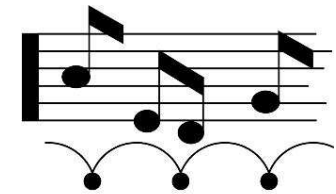
Easter SonRise Community Service
April 4 at 6:30 am
at United Methodist Church

Easter Worship
April 4 at 10 am
NO Evening Service

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING
APRIL 4 AT 10 am

GOAL: \$10,000.00

Proceeds to defray revival costs and other expenses of the ongoing work of the church as decided by the Church Board



Gospel Concert

Ernie Couch & Revival

Thursday
April 1
7 p.m.

a love offering
will be received

Attendance

March 7	78
March 14	76
March 21	98



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Sunday: 9 AM Bible School for all ages
10 AM Morning Worship Service
6 PM Youth Program (K - grade 5)
7 PM Evening Service
Wednesday 7 PM Youth Program (6-12 grades)
7 PM Adult Bible Study

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From Darrel's Desk . . .

As you will know, Easter is just around the corner. I hope you will note the dates and times of our special Easter-season services including our Palm Sunday, Good Friday service and our Community SonRise Service. (The choir will be singing a special at the Palm Sunday service.)



Although we decorate more for Christmas than we do for Easter, Easter is more important. The choir sings more songs for Christmas than for Easter but Easter is more important. The church spends more on treats for children at Christmas than at Easter but Easter is more important. We have more parties at Christmas time than at Easter time but Easter is still more important.

The miraculous birth of a baby whose mother was a virgin is certainly special and is unique in human history but that event did not change human history. God in human flesh is a big deal and I do not mean to minimize that. But if that were the whole story, then all we would be celebrating is that God left heaven and took a vacation in the Holy Land.

But Easter! Easter is the celebration of the fact that God paid the penalty for crimes that had been committed *against* Him. Easter is the celebration of the fact that God died.

The 19th Century German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche stated, "God is dead". By that, he meant that the concept of God is irrelevant. In reality, Nietzsche was both profound and out of date. God WAS dead on Friday but God rose again on the Sunday we call Easter. Easter is the celebration of the fact that God, in human form, suffered, died, was buried and rose again.

In I Corinthians 15, Paul wrote:

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

Christmas is important but Easter is of FIRST importance. Since Easter is the most important, I trust I will see you in our Easter services.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|---------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 3 | Larry & Michelle Anderson | 20 | Peyton Anderson |
| 4 | Dylan Heinzmann | 20 | Paul Schnepfer |
| 7 | Loretta Wilder | 21 | Jeanne Harbin |
| 8 | Marilyn Patridge | 22 | Michelle Anderson |
| 10 | Richard & Ruth Herdes | 24 | Faith Snell |
| 13 | Sierra Roberts | 26 | Bill & Elinor Staser |
| 14 | Gary Schnepfer | 29 | Amy Delonshaw Thornton |



Thank you for the support we received for our soup supper fundraiser. Thanks to those who donated desserts, time and money. \$854.50 was raised. The youth use the money raised to help them attend events such as CIY.



The youth & youth leaders

I appreciate all the prayers offered up on my behalf, as well as the words and expressions of heartfelt concern and encouragement that people have conveyed, the cards, the phone calls, the visits, etc. They all mean me more to me than anyone can possibly ever know !

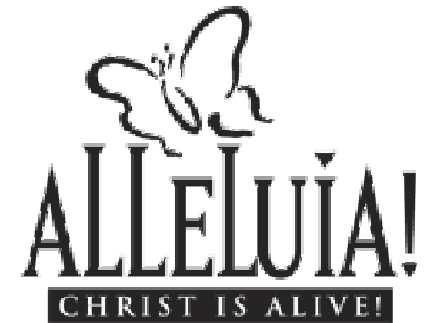
Steve Bangert

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful love offering that we received. There are no words to express how grateful we feel to receive such a generous gift. Everyone's been so helpful to us through all we've been going through. Again, thank you so much.

John & Caralyn Riley

A big THANK YOU to Bernetta Patridge. She comes in every week and folds the Sunday bulletins. I appreciate her help so much.

Sandy



In His Service for April				
	4	11	18	25
Pastoral Prayer	Bill Staser	Gary Clark	Darrel Brandon	Wayne Harris
Reading at the Lord's Table	Larry Brant	Darrel Brandon	Wayne Harris	Jim Cockerel
Nursery volunteers	Lou Anna Brant	Joanne Herdes	Lesli Spitzner	Michelle Anderson
Communion Preparation	Beverly Clark			