

The R E A C H O U T

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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

I have been waiting for the trip to be over. Yet, I still have two more weeks. I don't know about you, but I am tired, hungry and thirsty. Tired because I really didn't think I had that much stuff in my life that was dark, yet I find as I reflect on myself and my sins, I have come up short. I find I come up as a sinner. I see my part in sin. It grieves me and causes me to pray and reach out to God, asking for God to change my life. Lord God please change me!!! Please, when I feel pain and think I need to protect myself, help me to know you are my protection in all struggles. God, as I look on my past forty days, I react from a position of fear. God what is wrong with me that I might be afraid? Knowing that you are my father, who created the heaven and the earth. You are with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. I have acted in ways that do not shine the light of Christ to this community. I dwell in darkness and not the light. Dear God, I have seen my transgressions and ask you block out my sins from your sight. Grant me peace and gift me with the faith and trust in the resurrection for those

who are sinners like me.

Hungry, for a community who sees you and mirrors your Son, Christ the Lord. We are a wonderful congregation of your children. We have hopes and dreams. There is a strong faith and desire to know you, but we do not share and dream together trusting your Spirit. We don't feel you in the leadership of Good Hope because of past hurts and pains. We have a very strong, passionate fear of letting you drive us to the crazy places where you need us to be. We are concerned about what we can see. Help us to let go and trust that you are enough for us. Help us to reach outside our walls and lift this community with the love and light you have first given to us.

Thirsty for the living water that comes from Christ. You know I don't want to thirst again. I want that water that will sustain me forever. Even as I type this I am not totally sure if I know what that means, but I feel it means that I have the faith I need when everything around

Look what is

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

April 25

me seems dry or not available. When people let me down, or when I think this is going to work but there is not enough faith in my support system to make it happen. I really believe that God has done what God said would be done. It is kind of like when Abraham was told he would have heirs and his offspring would be so numerous it would be like the stars in the sky. I really believe he believed, but how could he (Abraham) help God fulfill that promise. It is kind of like that, I thirst to see justice, I thirst for peace, I thirst for Love, and I thirst for everyone to receive that freedom from those things that distract them from a true wonderful relationship with Christ. How do we get that, perceive that, or feel that in our lives? I watch wonderful people be miserable and make others miserable, because they cannot let go of the law. I thirst for grace that reaches every broken and hurt heart. I want everyone to know the love of Christ that shuts off the fears that cause us to protect ourselves so much we cannot let anything or anyone in. How much do I trust God to just do it, verses me and my actions to make it happen??? Really, can I accept that maybe God has already done it. Can I believe it is FINISHED!!

I pray God has been with each and every person of Good Hope while they have walked their Lenten journey and I pray that you each fully experience the real presence of Christ this Easter season!! *Rev Ralph Edwards*



Youth & Family

April, the feeling of Spring around us, and Easter fast approaching. It's a wonderful time of year. Take the opportunities God gives you to spend time outside with family. If the weather is wet and dreary, spend time together inside. The best memories we have are the ones we create and share with those in our lives.

Sunday School has been fun, and we are learning a lot about different aspects of God's love. We recently did a craft that went off without a hitch, this means we will do more crafts in the future! I am very happy with how things are going and I hope we continue to have such an amazing group of kids to learn with and play games with!

Nathan Edwards

Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

MONTHLY MEETINGS

HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 11:00 AM

DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

The March meeting for Hannah Circle was Canceled. We will meet April 25th at the church at 10:00am. We will plan our itinerary to visit shut-ins. Please continue to save foil and aluminum comes for us as this is a very important fundraiser.

DORCUS CIRCLE NEWS

No Report

Stewardship Committee

Please join us on Palm Sunday after the 10:30 service we will be making crosses from our palms used in our Palm Sunday Service.

These will be sent to our active military personnel and our shut ins to remind them we care.

You may also complete a cross for yourself to remember what our Lenten Service and Easter are all about.

Come and Join in the Fun!

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
April 2nd	Fifth Sunday In Lent	Purple	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.
April 9th	Palm Sunday	Red	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66	Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.
April 16th	Easter Sunday	White	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10	On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!
April 23rd	Second Sunday of Easter	White	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.
April 30th	Third Sunday in Easter	White	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.

Serving in God's House

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	April 2nd 5th Sunday In Lent	April 9th Palm Sunday	April 16th Easter Sunday	April 23 2nd Sunday In Easter	April 30th 3rd Sunday In Easter
Altar Guild	Kathy Kramer	Donna Haller	Andy Tesyk	Jacki Makowski	Art & Barb Gray
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10:30 am	Zachary Braham	Jacob Braham	Tyler Haskin	Zachary Braham	Jacob Braham
Communion Assistant	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller
Lector 8:00 am	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Jane Peachey	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
10:30 am	Pam Nock	Kathy Kramer	Jean Saurwein	Walt Kyser	Jean Saurwein
Liturgy	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Jane Peachey	Pam Nock
Ushers 10:30 am	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Sandy Kuntz	Roberta McMurray	Art & Barb Gray	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Ruth McMurray Sarah Deiger
Anointers 8:00 am	Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus				Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus
10:30 am	Nancy Barret Robin Marino				Nancy Barret Robin Marino
Communion Bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
AFTER you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Worship 5pm
<i>2</i> Worship 8am& 10:30am	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Lent Service 7pm	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Worship 5pm
<i>9</i> Worship 8am 10:30am then	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Blessing of Oils 10:30am	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Maundy Thursday 7pm	<i>14</i> Good Friday 7pm	<i>15</i> Worship 5pm
<i>16</i> Easter Sunday Worship 8am 10:30am	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Worship 5pm
<i>23/30</i> Worship 8am 10:30am	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Worship 5pm

Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

Due to One Call we have a new system for the prayer chain. Call if you have a prayer that needs lifted up!

If you would like a One Call sent out just talk to:

Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Or

Church Office .. 330-549-2406



Michael Bartel
Shirly Cantwell
Mike & Judy
Dickey
Eric Barret
Candi Peachey

Jerome Hoeferts
Joanna Gallagher
Joanna Podolsky
Joe Kreidler
Debbie Stevenson
Leon Cassidy
James Webber
Jared Auszheimer
Jimmie Hood
Barb Hartsock
Pam Fesenmyer
Paul Gremlich

Paul Horst Grayson Coburn
Noelle Dunlap Jim Frost
Paul A
Joann Mayberry
Liam Meggitt
Nancy Musser Scowden
Gerald Hostetter
Debbie Frost
David Ausnehmer
Gwin Frost
Mary Noeth
Adam Gentile

Our weekly Intercessory Prayer for the people of our congregation:

APRIL 2

Liv Brown
Norma Burbick
Michelle Bush
Linda Carlson

APRIL 9

June Casity
Leon Casity
Michaela Cavalcanti
John Chuey

APRIL 16

Michael Chuey
Tammy Chuey
Anthony Cicchi
Danielle Cicchi

APRIL 23

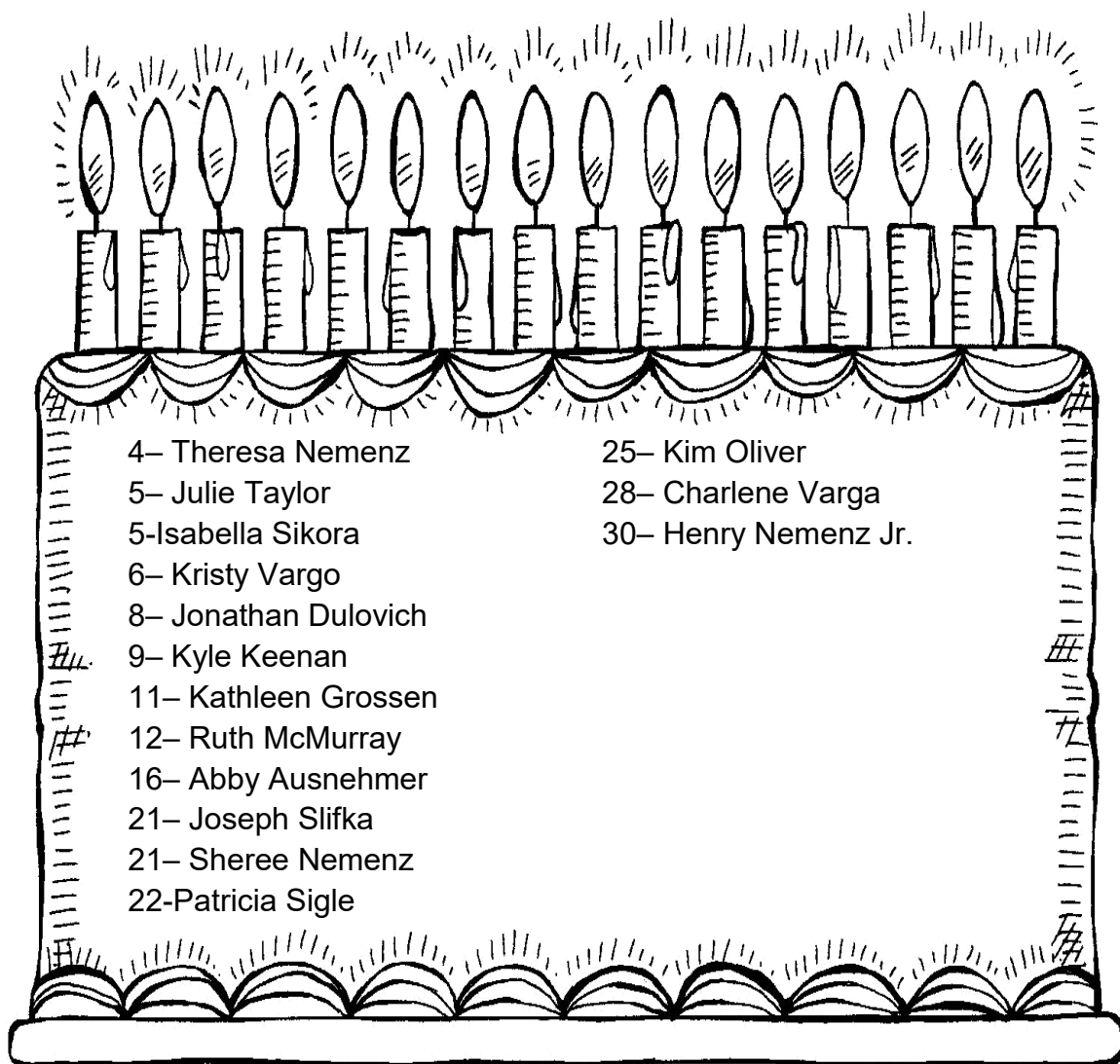
Gianna Cicchi
Renae Cicchi
Don Coburn
Jamie Coburn

APRIL 30

Jordy Coburn
Julia Coburn
Justin Coburn
Lynn Coburn



Deanne & Robert Leshar



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

: Council Meeting:

Present: Jeff, Penny, Pastor Ralph, Andy, Amber, Brian, Kevin, and Ed
Excused: Jane, Paul, and Nathan

Jeff calls meeting to order and opens with prayer.

Pastor Ralph makes motions to accept treasurer's report until audit. Amber seconds. Motion carried.

Pastor Ralph makes motion to accept financial secretary's report. Kevin seconds. Motion carried.

Kevin motions to accept February's minutes. Penny seconds. Motion carried.

Mutual ministry - no report
Maintenance team - no report
Stewardship team reports on yearly pledge campaign. They are preparing Palm Sunday letters for the congregation to send out. They are collecting military addresses from the congregation.

Family and youth reported.

Sunday school

Date- Lesson

February 26th – Luther

March 5th - Forgiveness

March 12th - Ten Commandments

March 19th - The Lord's Prayer

Putting together a new system

Made Crafts for the Lord's Prayer

Lesson

Have Crafts Ready for Palm Sunday

Annual Report Revision

Annual Report Cards made and mailed out

Working with Ruth for inserts in bulletins
For Serving Military

Outside Sign

Soup Dinner

Preparing for Soup Dinner (Tickets, Flyers, etc.)

Secretarial Work

Bulletins

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Service Bulletins

Newsletter

Answer Phones

Assisting Jane with CCC's phone calls, and referrals.

Transformation - no report

Pastor Ralph reported for February and upcoming March events.

I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

I had 8 meetings with various Groups in the Church and Outside Representing Good Hope.

Feb 1 Drug Court Graduation

Feb 14 Action Breakfast, Jane Peachey and Jenifer Razo

Feb 18 Teen Challenge Family day and Graduation

Feb 18 Beef Tips and noodle dinner

Feb 21 Coalition Meeting

Feb 21 Web site went Live

Feb 28 Training for the Chicago trip

Feb 28 Shrove Tuesday meal at Mt. Olivet Support Day Camp

Old business:

Brian signed contract to reduce trash bill from \$86 to \$58.

Kevin suggests committees and teams provide oral reports. Council agreed.

Hold harmless and renter's agreement signed. Rent will be collected on the 15th.

Jane will be responsible for the general checking account. Gene will be responsible for all other treasurer business.

New business:

Envelope team - Penny and Kevin
John and Kevin are planning to clean out the catacombs.
Jeff to ask John and Tammy about the rummage sale.

Items of interest:

One child is attending confirmation

classes.

Pastor Ralph has started leadership training with Jane.

Pastor Ralph suggests reports be turned in the Thursday before council meetings to allow questions to be formed ahead of time.

The church picnic is scheduled for July 9th. Planning team is Amber, Penny, and Kevin. The Bishop is coming to worship and preach on May 7th.

Amber motions to adjourn. Pastor Ralph seconds. Motion carried.

End with the Lords Prayer



Maundy Thursday

April 13th

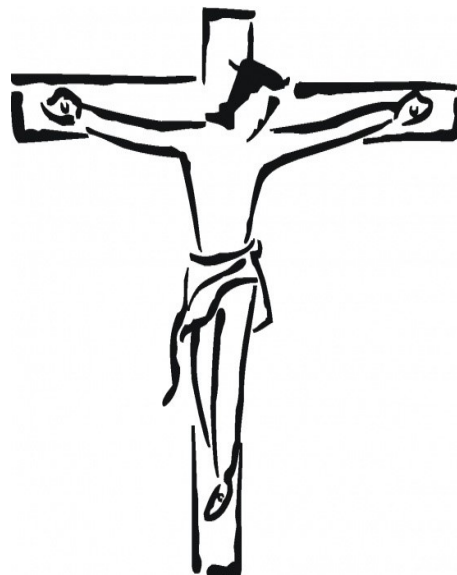
At 7Pm



Good Friday

April 14th

At 7pm



Easter Sunday

April 16th

During the 8am

And 10:30am

Services

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Spaghetti Dinner

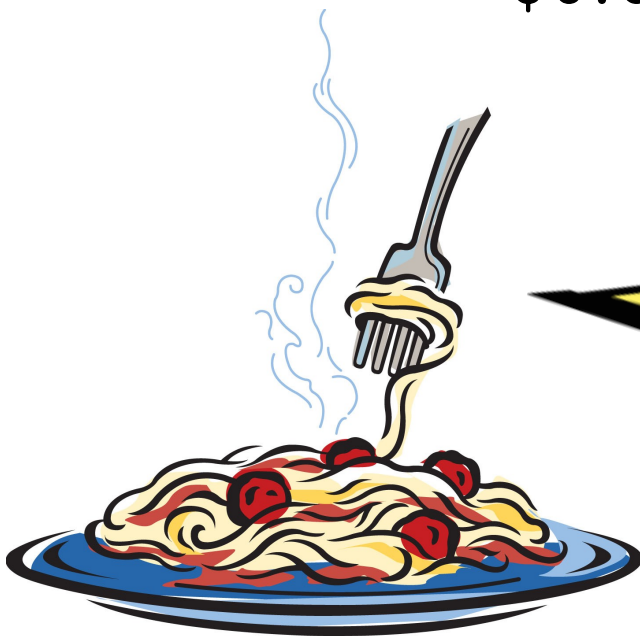
All You Can Eat!

When: Saturday May 20, 2017. 4pm– 7pm

Where: Good Hope Lutheran Church
12030 Market St.
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What: Spaghetti With your choice of
Meatballs or Sausage,
Salad, Bread, and Dessert.

How Much: \$10 For Adults
\$ 6 For Children



TAKE OUT
AVAILABLE

Call 330-549-2406 If you have any Questions

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is the time of the church year for me to invite rostered leaders to set aside Tuesday in Holy Week, 10:30 a.m. This year will be April 11. Please plan to join your colleagues and me for the liturgy in which we renew our vows of ordination, consecration, or commissioning; and bless the oil which we'll use for anointing during the next year.

Pastor Doug Fidler and the people of Trinity, Kent (600 S. Water St.) will welcome us with their gracious hospitality and offer us lunch following the service. Cost of lunch will be \$5, with retired rostered and their spouses offered free meals. Please contact the Trinity church office (330-673-5445 or info@trinitykent.org) by April 5 and let them know you plan to stay for lunch.

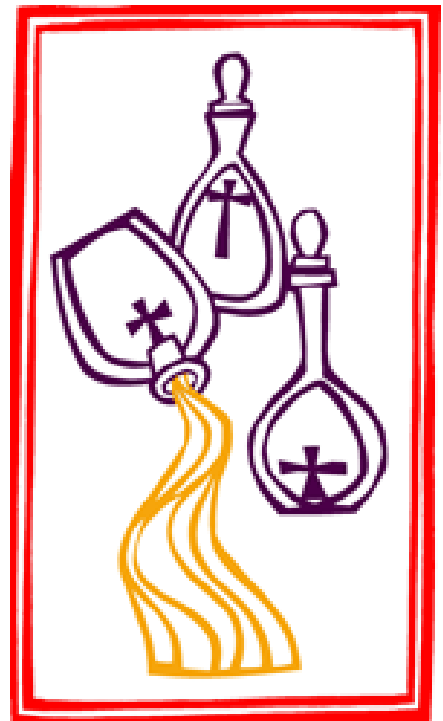
For those of you who serve congregations, the busiest week of the year might feel like a strange time to add another commitment to the schedule. I guarantee the sharing of word and sacrament, the speaking again of the holy promises you have made, and the company of colleagues, will give you renewed energy and commitment for that most holy week.

In Christ,



The Rev. Abraham D. Allende

Bishop



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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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