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*April 2025*

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

# The R E A C H O U T

1After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Matthew 28:1-10

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Mark 16:1-8

1But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

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8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. Luke 24:1-12

1Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:1-18

How often are we looking for Jesus? He is not here, he has risen. He has given to us a helper, an advocate. He has risen and the tomb is empty. What a gift for us. We are the witness to the next generation of a faith that is believed though not seen. We are not firsthand believers. Jesus says to his disciples, you did not get this on your own, but God revealed this to you through the Holy Spirit. They could say no, I saw it with my own eyes, but we have to believe through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have heard the stories and it is something in each of us that believes it. God is reaching out to us and we feel it. Why do you come to church? Why do people still come to be baptized? There is something calling each of us to believe. This Easter, hear the words of the Scripture. What has God done in your life that you may believe. Is it just a feeling inside? Why do we search for Christ among the dead? He is not there! Where is He? He is with each and every one of us. Go from this place and proclaim what God has restored in your life through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As I wrote this, I found myself constantly empty as the tomb. I seem to be always seeking Christ in my life? Why do I make the mistakes in my life? Why do I sin boldly? I know my creator and savior lives. How do I constantly keep failing to recognize my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I don't know about you, but there are a lot of waves crashing around me. Sickness, evil, and false gods all distracting me from my Lord and Savior. Every day I must remember my baptism where I was washed, cleansed, and anointed a Child of God and sealed folks and sealed by the Holy Spirit. I have to start there and die to myself and rise in Christ every day. I must renew my commitment daily. Start with an empty tomb! Start with Christ Alive. Start with Christ risen. Then remember what he has done for you and what you can do for those around you.

May the risen Christ bless you and keep you, may He restore you and shine His face on you!! Amen!!

***Pastor Ralph***

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

| DATE       | EVENT                                | COLOR  | READINGS   | INTRODUCTION  |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--|---|
| April 6th  | 5th Sunday in Lent                   | purple | Isaiah 43: 16-21<br>Psalm 126<br>Philippians 3: 4b-14<br>John 12: 1-8                        | Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.   |
| April 13th | Palm Sunday                          | purple | Isaiah 50: 4-9a<br>Psalm 31: 9-16<br>Philippians 2: 5-11<br>Luke 23: 1-49                    | Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love. |
| April 17th | Maundy Thursday                      | white  | Exodus 12: 1-14<br>Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19<br>1 Corinthians 11: 23-26<br>John 13: 1-17, 31b-35 | This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal.  |
| April 18th | Good Friday                          | empty  | The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew                                    | Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all.  |
| April 20th | Resurrection Of Our Lord: Easter Day | white  | Acts 10: 34-43<br>Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24<br>1 Corinthians 15: 19-26<br>Luke 24: 1-12          | "The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!  |
| April 27th | 2nd Sunday Of Easter                 | white  | Acts 5: 27-32<br>Psalm 118: 14-29<br>Revelation 1: 4-8<br>John 20: 19-31                     | In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.  |

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### APRIL

| Serving in God's house  | April 6                                    | April 13                   | April 20                                   | April 27                     |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Lector 8:00<br>Liturgy  | Nancy Crouse<br>Pastor Ralph               | Greg Razo                  | Nancy Crouse                               | Greg Razo<br>Pastor Ralph    |
| Lector 10:30<br>Liturgy | Andy Tesyk<br>Pastor Ralph                 | Kathy Kramer               | Andy Tesyk                                 | Kathy Kramer<br>Pastor Ralph |
| Communion bread         | Charlie Scheffert                          | Charlie Scheffert          | Charlie Scheffert                          | Charlie Scheffert            |
| Altar Guild             | Andy Tesyk                                 | Andy Tesyk                 | Andy Tesyk                                 | Andy Tesyk                   |
| Chrema                  | Andy Tesyk<br>Wendy Edwards<br>Tammy Chuey | Nancy Barret<br>Andy Tesyk | Nancy Barret<br>Sandy Kuntz<br>Tammy Chuey | Wendy Edwards<br>Andy Tesyk  |

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### MAY

| Serving in God's house  | May 4                                      | May 11                     | May 18                                     | May 25                       |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Lector 8:00             | Nancy Crouse                               | Greg Razo                  | Nancy Crouse                               | Greg Razo                    |
| Lector 10:30<br>Liturgy | Andy Tesyk<br>Pastor Ralph                 | Kathy Kramer               | Andy Tesyk                                 | Kathy Kramer<br>Pastor Ralph |
| Communion bread         | Debbie Dulovich                            | Debbie Dulovich            | Debbie Dulovich                            | Debbie Dulovich              |
| Altar Guild             | Andy Tesyk                                 | Andy Tesyk                 | Andy Tesyk                                 | Andy Tesyk                   |
| Chrema                  | Andy Tesyk<br>Wendy Edwards<br>Tammy Chuey | Nancy Barret<br>Andy Tesyk | Nancy Barret<br>Sandy Kuntz<br>Tammy Chuey | Wendy Edwards<br>Andy Tesyk  |



## LENTEN FISH FRY AT GOOD HOPE

APRIL 4 & 11  
3:30PM ~ 6:30PM

Fried fish or fried shrimp. Side dishes include coleslaw, haluski, perogies, mac and cheese and green beans.

Dinners are \$15. Desserts are \$3.

DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

## QUARTER AUCTION TO BENEFIT CAMP FREDERICK

May 17: doors open at 5pm & auction starts at 6pm

The Shrine Club Pavilion

1735 W. South Range Rd.

North Lima, Oh 44452

To pre-order your paddles: [www. Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com)

Pastor Ralph will be the emcee and Good Hope  
will have a table.

## LENT WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism

April 2- To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus

April 9- To Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth

Join us immediately following the worship for sandwiches and drinks.



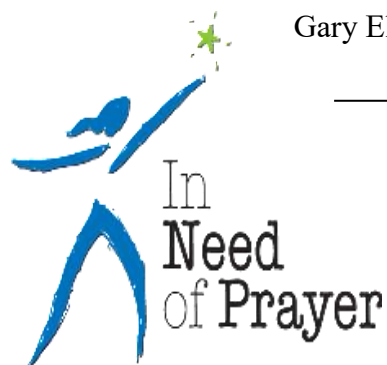
# Our Prayer List

Ruth Thompson  
Maria Neopolitan  
Ava Viviano  
Debbie Haines  
Linda Lude  
Gary Elliot

Michael Smith  
Kerry Gumbs  
Jeff Waldele  
Janet Chittock  
Bruce Holisky  
Jack Parillo

Aubree Tukalo  
Westen  
Mason Shaw  
Alice Kreidler  
Judy Powell  
Wayne Graham

Andy Tesyk  
Michael Rogenski  
Daralee Graham  
In the military:  
Alyssa  
Bryce Liberty  
Jakeb Fry  
Daniel McMurray



Our weekly intercessory  
prayer for the people of our  
congregation :

## April 6

Tom Klim  
Molly Knecht  
Skyler Knecht  
Erik Kochanowski

## April 13

Jessica Kochanowski  
Taylor Kochanowski  
Tessa Kochanowski  
Brandon Kramer

## April 20

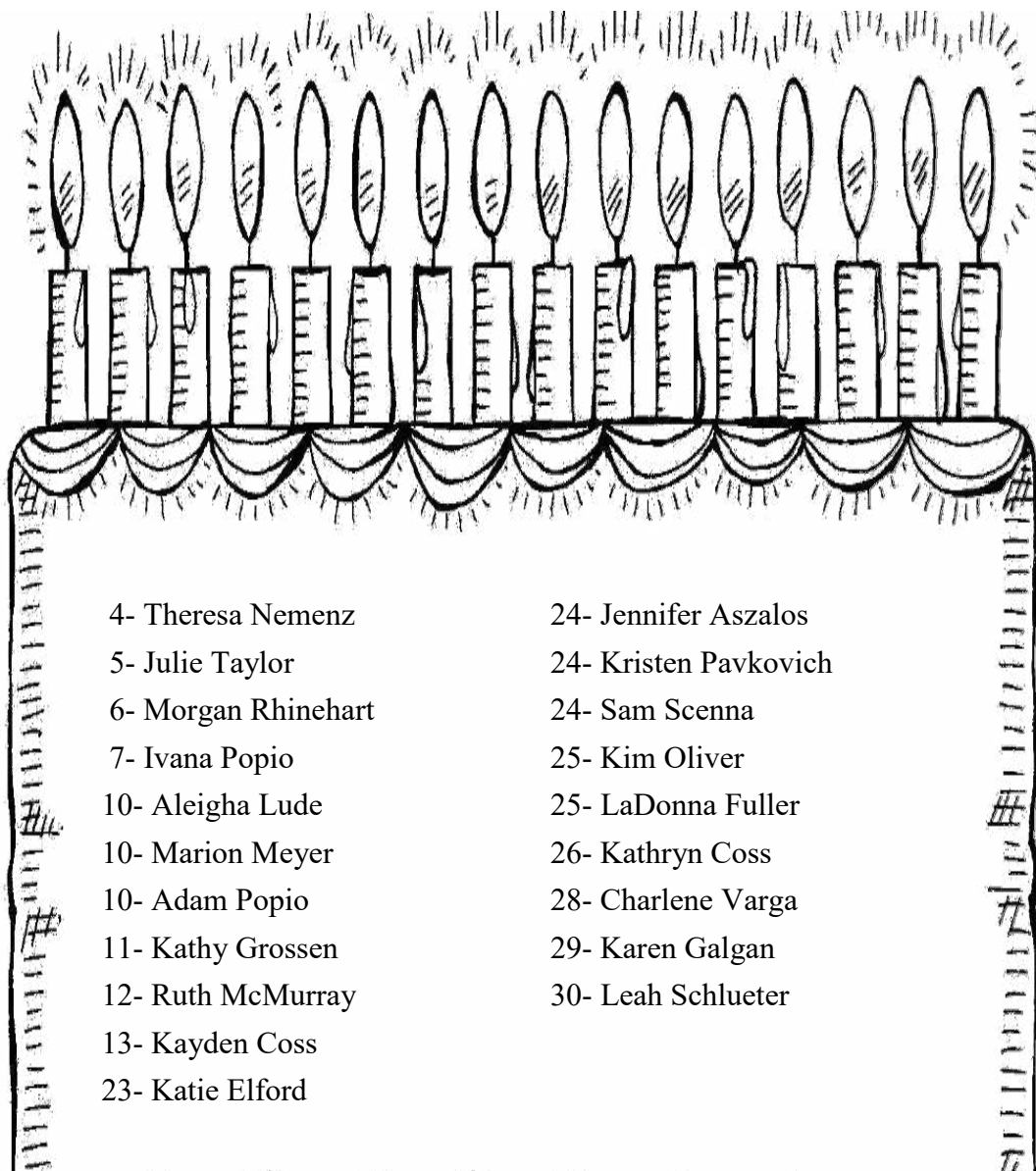
Kathy Kramer  
Lacey Kramer  
Maddox Kramer  
Alice Kreidler

## April 27

David Kuntz  
Sandy Kuntz  
John Lindquist  
Lorry Lindquist



8- Pastor Ralph & Wendy Edwards  
11- John & Pam Nock  
11- Ken & Leslie Lude



4- Theresa Nemenz  
5- Julie Taylor  
6- Morgan Rhinehart  
7- Ivana Popio  
10- Aleigha Lude  
10- Marion Meyer  
10- Adam Popio  
11- Kathy Grossen  
12- Ruth McMurray  
13- Kayden Coss  
23- Katie Elford

24- Jennifer Aszalos  
24- Kristen Pavkovich  
24- Sam Scenna  
25- Kim Oliver  
25- LaDonna Fuller  
26- Kathryn Coss  
28- Charlene Varga  
29- Karen Galgan  
30- Leah Schlueter



SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
FUN!!



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2025

Ken opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Carl, Pastor Ralph, Wendy, Ken, and Greg

excused: Andy and Mark

## Pastor's Report –March– 2025

Area of Focus Last Month:

I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others. I had 11 contacts by phone for significant help. We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Over the past month I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.

- Feb 3 My Call Story started on YouTube
- Feb 11 1st Pod Cast
- Feb 14, 28, Fish Fry Shaker Woods
- Feb 15 I speak at the Men of Faith Breakfast 8am
- Feb 15 Trained Kelly and Mark Shaffer Anointing
- Feb 18 Kelly and Mark Shaffer voted in for Anointing
- Feb 22 Baptism: Kaciann Violet Coss
- Feb 23 Teen Challenge Worships with us and lunch

## Secretary's Report:

Feb. 9- congregational meeting

Feb. 15- beef tips dinner

Feb. 21- picked up pet supplies

Feb. 2, 9, 16- family Sunday school

Feb. 6, 13, 20- confirmation class

prepared 2024 annual report

changed paraments and restocked supplies in pews

answered calls for 3 c's

updated electronic sign

organized clothing shed

completed office duties

prepared 4 bulletins and 8 power point services

prepared and distributed the Reachout

all bills and statements to Naomi

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**Old Business:**

- a. Ken, Greg, and Sandy are setting up dinner team meetings.

**New Business:**

- a. Ken will print out an employee evaluation form to bring to the next meeting.
- b. Greg said the fish fry went really well. They are adding pierogies and shrimp to the menu for next week. Ken said 180 dinners were sold.
- c. Pastor Ralph motions to accept into membership through baptism as of April 20, 2025: Chelsea, Auni, Ledger, and Eleanor Razo and Aza and Ava Patterson. Mark seconds.  
Motion carried.
- d. The next rummage sale will be May 31. There will also be a chicken dinner and raffle, We will start collecting donations right after Easter.
- The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Treasurer's Report February 1- February 28, 2025**

| Negative shown in parentheses | Actual       | Budget      | Budget remaining |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| Income                        | \$14,305.44  | \$16,163.34 | \$1,857.90       |
| Expense                       | \$15,968.39  | \$15,901.68 | (\$66.71)        |
| Net Total                     | (\$1,662.95) | \$261.66    | \$1,924.61       |

| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: January | February | March  |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|
| 5- 59                      | 2- 53    | 2- 82  |
| 12- 51                     | 9- 59    | 9- 62  |
| 19- 53                     | 16- 56   | 16- 77 |
| 26- 59                     | 23- 99   | 23- 71 |
|                            |          | 30- 81 |

## **\*Mark Your Calendar\***

**April 2 & 9-** Lent worship 6pm

**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30-** Bible study at 11am

**April 4 & 11-** Lenten Fish Dinners at Good Hope 3:30pm- 6:30pm

**April 6, 13, 27-** Family Sunday School 9:15am

**April 9-** Worship at Briarfield Place 11am

**April 15-** Council meeting 6pm

**April 17-** Maundy Thursday worship 6pm

**April 18-** Good Friday worship 6pm

**April 26-** Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

**May 17-** Quarter Auction 6pm

**May 31-** Rummage Sale/ Chicken Dinner/ Raffle

**\*The regular Bible Study is being held in the chapel on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays at 11am. The second Wednesday of the month we go to Briarfield Place for worship. All are invited.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/94263012735?pwd=UIA0L1FjMEpDT0ZWQUdsY250VzlUUT09>**



**Thank you Herk's Flooring and the Lude Family!**

The flooring has been replaced in the room off the kitchen. It's beautiful and easy to clean!



# RUMMAGE SALE & RAFFLE

You may make donations for  
the sale right after Easter.

**MAY 31st**

**9am- 5pm**

**GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**12030 Market Street, North Lima**

**CHICKEN DINNER**

**NOON- 4PM**

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Return Services Requested

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**Worship Services**

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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