

April 2024

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

The R E A C H O U T

I heard a pastor say to a group of men. “**The best way to make a statement to the community is to attend church.**” You might be able to worship God at home, by zoom, or by watching TV, but to witness or make a statement you must show up and attend church. Then the world knows exactly what you believe. That you believe in Jesus Christ as our messiah. We prove that no matter what? Our faith lies in God and his Son our savior Jesus the Christ. We have all kinds of reasons not to show God our attendances, but this one thing is our vote in this world and our times. I don’t know much about that, but when we don’t show up we miss what is going on. If we don’t read the newsletter or the bulletin board, we cannot participate in the life of the church. **If we don’t participate in the life of the church, the church has no life.** If the church is doing its job, it is reaching out to the community in all sorts of ways. If we are truly teaching discipleship, then we are visible and viable to our neighbors. Pastor, how can you make these statements?

During 2020 we had some parts of the service we shut down because we did not have the volunteers. People in the congregation made statements like, when are we going to start doing this or that again? We just can’t do everything we want to do without the help of volunteers. The people helping out must have the same mission and mind as Christ or the people we serve will not get the right message from our service or serving. I remember when we had the inner-city youth come to our day camp. The bus driver said you really want us here.

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I said of course we do, why would you say that? She said a lot of people invite them to their church for show and to say look we helped them people out. Your people are actually playing with and spending time with our youth like you really want us here.

Another example comes from our fish dinners. We are under a lot of pressure to serve efficiently. But we poke at each other and we have fun. We just keep ourselves entertained. People from their cars watch and enjoy our banter. Some join in. We stop and pray with people. We check-in with those going through the drive through, there is more going on than just cooking fish. I have heard people say things like “what joy you have working together”. I have heard people say they want to come to Good Hope because of all the positive joyful excitement at the dinners.

We as followers of Christ must work together serving the community so they can see what it means to have joy in the Lord. There is a joy in serving God by serving our neighbor. Is our church an exciting and joyful place to come and worship, serve and love the Lord? Serving God is a wonderful gift. We don't always understand the mission or where it is heading. We can't always see where Christ is leading the way to, but we know the end result is to be where Christ is, and I am certain that is where I want to be. In John, Thomas says we don't know where you are going, how can we know the way? Jesus says, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on you do know Him and have seen him.

This is an exciting time for Good Hope here on the corner of route 165 and route 7! We are now planning ways to reclaim our different missions and ministries. None of this will be easy. I am hoping and praying that the Holy Spirit is in this with us. That we make everything we do about praising God and teaching disciples. It is the Holy Spirit that takes what we do and turns it into what is needed to glorify God! We are looking to reestablish Sunday School, Levites, anointing, and worship assistants. This takes your help. Let me know if you want to learn to preach, or worship assist, or make bread. Maybe you want to set up communion or help with the changing of the paraments. Are you interested in the new ministries we are starting?

More and most important is come to worship! Read your Reachout!! And participate!!

Pastor Ralph

FELLOWSHIP AT GOOD HOPE

Council is hosting fellowship the first weekend of every month. Saturdays at 4:30 and Sundays from 9-10am.

Come and enjoy coffee, tea, and cookies.

Come and meet your council members.

Come and join the conversation to plan the future of Good Hope!



GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Open House

13 April 4:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR TO SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL RENOVATIONS. WE WILL ALSO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, COOKIES, COFFEE, AND TEA.

WE INVITE YOU TO STAY WITH US FOR OUR "COME AS YOU ARE" CHURCH SERVICE FOLLOWING THE OPEN HOUSE.

WE ARE EXCITED FOR YOU TO BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US!

If you wish to donate cookies for the open house, please bring them to the church Friday, April 12 from 10am- 2pm or Saturday by 3:30. Thank you!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

APRIL

Serving in God's house	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

MAY

Serving in God's house	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Baret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
April 7th	2nd Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 4: 23-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20: 19-31	The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.
April 14th	3rd Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 3: 12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3: 1-7 Luke 24: 36b-48	The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.
April 21st	4th Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18	The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.
April 28th	5th Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm 22: 25-31 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8	This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

The New Levites Breakfast
The Last Saturday Every Month

9am to 10am

Start Date May 25, 2024

Location: Five Branches Smokehouse
10826 Market Street, North Lima

Text your R.S.V.P. to: Carl Frost 330-540-1427 or Pastor Ralph 330-360-1372

The priests of Aaron clearly acquired sole right to the Jewish priesthood. Those who performed subordinate services associated with public worship were known as Levites. In this capacity, the Levites were musicians, gate keepers, guardians, Temple officials, judges, and craftsmen.

Here is the plan!!

We meet and have breakfast. At 10am we break and those who can, meet at the church, and change light bulbs and heating filters or any odd jobs that need done at the church. We head our separate ways between 11 and noon.



BAKED POTATO BAR

SUNDAY APRIL 14

WHERE: PARADISE CHURCH
 NEW BUFFALO ROAD

TIME: 11AM- 1PM

SPONSORED BY

NL COMMUNITY DAY CAMP

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE KIDS!

2024 DAY CAMP - AUGUST 5TH- 9TH



Our Prayer List



Family of Joe
Kreidler
Ruth Thompson
Mark Shaffer

In the military:
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Miller
Daniel McMurray

The prayer list will
be pinned on the
cross during Good
Friday worship.
Please let the office
know if you want
someone on the new
prayer list.

Our weekly intercessory
prayer for the people of our
congregation :



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

April 7

Sarah Ross
Alyssa Sandfrey
Gene Sandfrey
Samantha Sandfrey

April 14

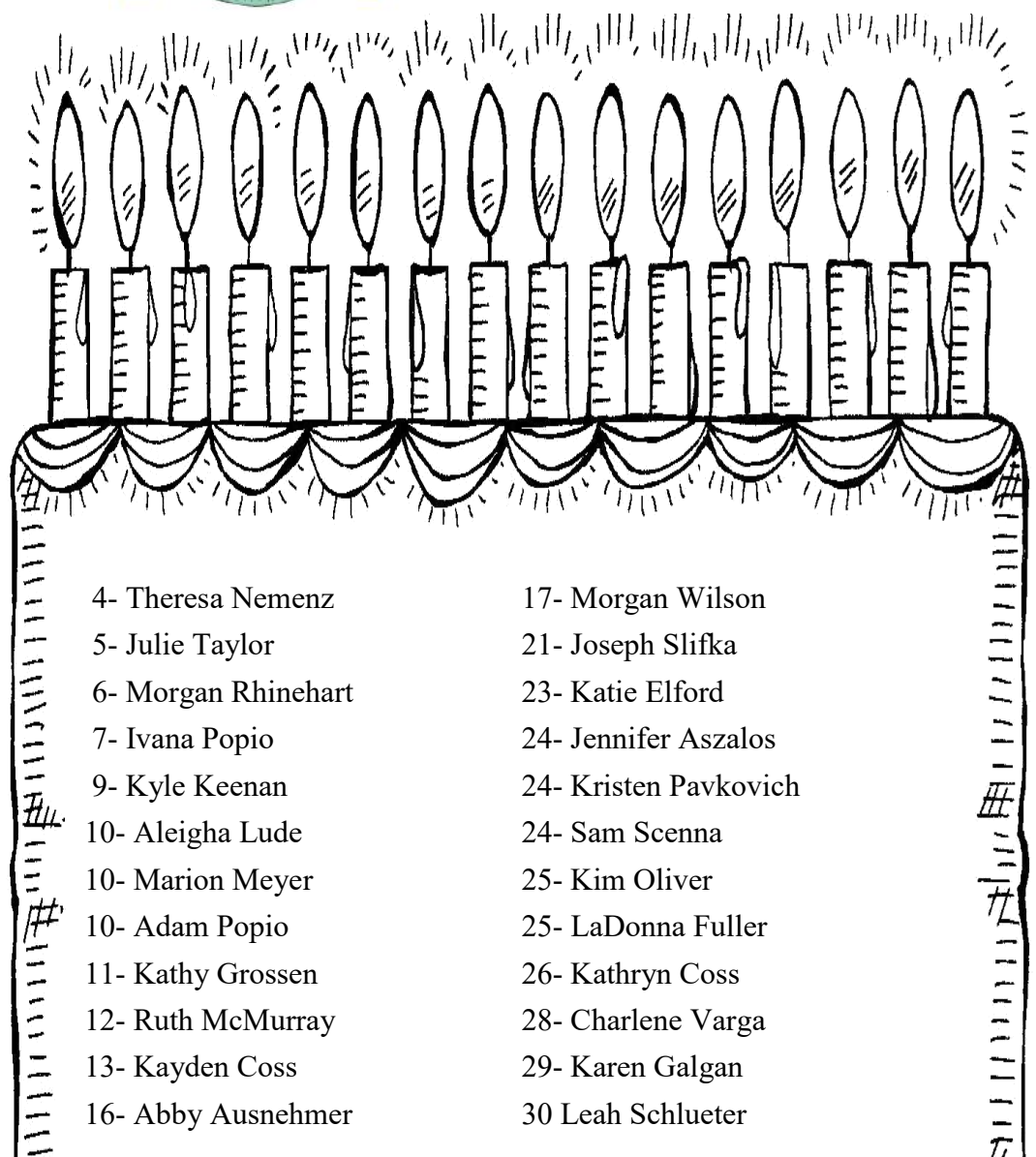
Sonya Sandfrey
Chelsie Sauerwein
Cindy Sauerwein
Jean Sauerwein

April 21

Spike Sauerwein
Patrick Scenna
Sam Scenna
Sarah Scenna

April 28

Charlie Scheffert
Clare Scheffert
Codie Scheffert
Hank Schlueter
Leah Schlueter



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2024

present: Chris, Kim, Carl, Jean, Natalie, Mark, P. Ralph, Wendy

excused: Lauren and Mike

P. Ralph opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report –March– 2024

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ◇ I had 25 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ◇ I had 18 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 5 sermons.
 - Feb 9 Fish Fry 3-7pm
 - Feb 13 Shrove Tuesday
 - Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes 11-1pm
 - Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
 - Feb 17 Soup-to-Go- day camp
 - Feb 18 First Sunday in Lent
 - Feb 21 Bible Study 6pm
 - Feb 23 Fish Fry
 - Feb 25 Second Sunday in Lent
 - Feb 28 Bible Study 6pm
 - Mar 1 Fish Fry
 - Mar 3 Third Sunday in Lent
 - Mar 6 Bible Study 6pm
 - Mar 8 Fish Fry
 - Mar 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- ◇ Mar 13 Bible Study 6pm

Secretary's Report:

Attended and took minutes for congregational meeting

Attended Ash Wednesday worship

Provided documents for yearly financial audit

Worked at fish fry

Sump pump replaced under elevator

Attended confirmation classes

Changed paraments

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes

Prepared bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

All bills and statements to Naomi

(council cont.)

Old Business:

- a. Natalie will take pictures for the directory and look for a background. Pictures will be taken at fellowship May 4th and 5th with a make-up date on June 1st.
- b. The sump pump under the elevator has been replaced by Go-To-Plumbing.
- c. P. Ralph returned the empty paint cans to Crouse's and was able to get a refund on the purchase of the paint.
- d. The shingles above the sanctuary will be replaced when the weather warms up. Carl will check with Dave Heck to see if he has any bundles of shingles for us.

New Business:

- a. Mark will find an evaluation form to evaluate Good Hope's employees. He will hold a meeting with council to perform the evaluation.
- b. The church picnic was discussed and will be decided at a later date.

Church Growth ideas:

- a. Lauren has created a new welcome pamphlet. Chris will have them printed out. They will be distributed to visitors and put in the welcome bags.
- b. Sign-up sheets will be available this weekend for fellowship, music in the park, and cookies for the open house.
- c. Plans for the open house were finalized. Chris will provide doughnuts, Jean will bring cookies, the basement clean up will be finished, and P. Ralph will anoint those who want to be.
- d. Power point slides for announcements will start this week.
- e. Mark will contact Naomi to set up a meeting to go over the church's finances.

Natalie led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

Feb. 4- 67

Feb. 11- 74

Feb. 18- 65

Feb. 25- 67

Treasurer's Report February 1- February 29, 2024

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual	Budget	Budget remaining
Income	\$12,448.93	\$16,159.92	\$3,710.99
Expense	\$12,537.78	\$16,833.67	\$4,295.89
Net Total	(\$88.85)	(\$673.75)	(\$584.90)

Mark Your Calendar

April 6 & 7- Fellowship at 4:30pm

April 7- Fellowship 9- 10am

April 12 & 26- Friday Fish Fry 3- 6pm

April 13- Open House at Good Hope 4pm

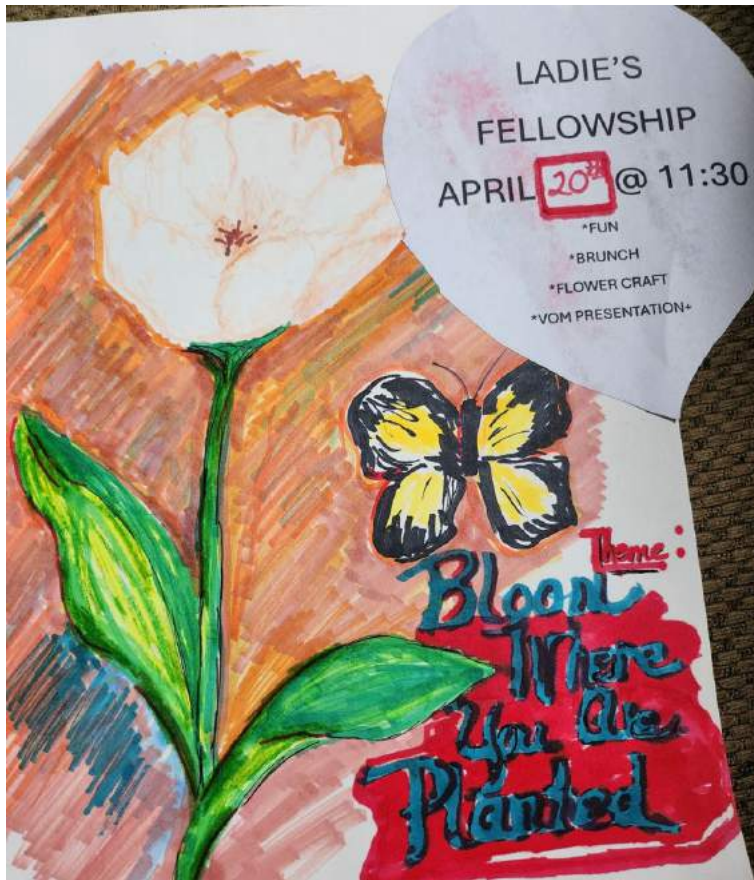
April 27- Men's Rally in the Valley

May 4 & 5- Pictures taken for the directory. More info to follow.


****Office Notes****


Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

Pastor Ralph and I will be leaving right after church on Easter and will return Saturday April 6th. Please call Pastor Kari Lankford at 330-831-0919 if you have an emergency.



Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 330-549-2406 if you plan to attend.




Quarters Auction
 to Benefit
Camp Frederick
May 18, 2024
 Doors Open at 5:00
 Auction Starts at 6:00
 The event will be located at:
The Shrine Club Pavilion
 1735 W. South Range Rd
 North Lima, OH 44452
For Discounted Pre-Ordering go to:
www.Eventbrite.com or scan the qr code on this flyer




FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
 Calvary United Methodist Church
 12062 South Avenue
 North Lima
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd
 SERVING FROM 5:30 to 6:30 PM
 EVERYONE IS INVITED!
 COME JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP



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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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