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**"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."**



## **Palm Sunday**

Kids get your waving arms ready...it is a long-standing tradition for the children to enter the sanctuary singing and waving palm branches on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> during worship. It is a great way to start off Easter week.

## **Good Friday**

The Good Friday service is April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, kids will enjoy activities, snacks and an Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00.

## **Easter Sunday Service & Breakfast: April 21**

Join us for worship at 7:00 A.M. to celebrate the risen savior! The Youth Group will serve breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service. Members of the congregation are welcome to bring cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, etc. Youth and their families need to be at church by 5:30 Easter morning to prepare breakfast. Also, some help will be needed on Saturday after the Easter Egg Hunt. Please let Angie or Cathy know if you can help.

## **Easter Lilies:**

If you would like to bring an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary in memory of loved ones. Please let Julie Kueckelhan know by April 18<sup>th</sup>.



## HYMN HISTORY – “HE LIVES”



Alfred H. Ackley was born on January 21, 1887. His father, a Methodist preacher and musically gifted man, gave Alfred his foundation in music at an early age. Alfred went on to study harmony and composition in New York and London. His specialty was cello. Over time, he felt a call to preach and pastored for many years, but never stopped writing music and hymns.

One particular morning, Easter Sunday in 1932, Rev. Ackley was preparing for his services of the day. As he was shaving, he tuned in to the radio in time to hear a special Easter broadcast.

“Good morning!” The well-known liberal preacher began. “It’s Easter! You know folks, it really doesn’t make any difference to me if Christ be risen or not. As far as I am concerned His body could be as dust in some Palestinian tomb. The man thing is, His truth goes marching on!”

Rev. Ackley was furious. “**It’s a lie!**” he shouted at the radio set, forgetting that the speaker could not hear him.

Mrs. Ackley did hear him, however, and questioned, “Why are you shouting so early in the morning?”

“Didn’t you hear what that good-for-nothing preacher said?” he replied. “He said it didn’t matter whether Christ be risen or not!”

Rev. Ackley knew that the truth of the resurrection DID matter, as evidenced by a conversation he had had with a young Jewish man just a few weeks prior. “Why should I worship a dead Jew?” the young man asked; to which Rev. Ackley had replied, “That’s the whole point. **He isn’t dead; He’s alive!**”

Rev. Ackley, in telling the story later, said that he preached that Easter Sunday quite differently than he had ever preached before, but at the end of the day, still felt that he had not yet said everything he wanted to say!

His wife sized up the situation and said, “Listen here, Alfred Ackley, it’s time you did that which you can do best. Why don’t you write a song about it and then maybe you’ll feel better. You’ll have something that will go on telling the story.”

That very night, Rev. Alfred Ackley wrote out the words, and then composed the melody just as it appears in our hymnals today. Adapted from Music in the Air, Mark Ward Sr. and Al Smith’s Treasury of Hymn Histories

After a winter like we haven’t had in quite awhile, I think it is safe to say we are all especially looking forward to springtime. There are places that have been hit especially hard like Nebraska, parts of Iowa and Missouri and we offer a special prayer for them. Weather is so unpredictable. As I write this, our temperature is 30 degrees cooler than the day before and big snowflakes are landing on the tulip tree buds and green grass while it thunders. Crazy!

We are looking forward to planting corn for our “Growing Hope” mission project at Rhea Helmerich’s this spring to help our world neighbors become self-sustaining through agriculture.

This spring we offer special prayers for all farmers to be able to plant and raise a good crop, and be safe in your works.

~ Laura

# Thank you to all of the farmers!

### Congratulations Corner

Abby Pannell, Dalton Pannell, Jessica Grathwohl, & Sophie Waibel were recognized at the BHS Academic Awards Night!

Sophie Waibel received the Grit Award in Track.

Cora Smith was the only one to qualify for the State of Missouri Public Schools math contest on March 30th!

### Kids Say the Funniest Things...



"Mom," If I text my prayer to God will it get a faster reply?

"Prayer was the first wireless communication." ~ Joe Brozovich

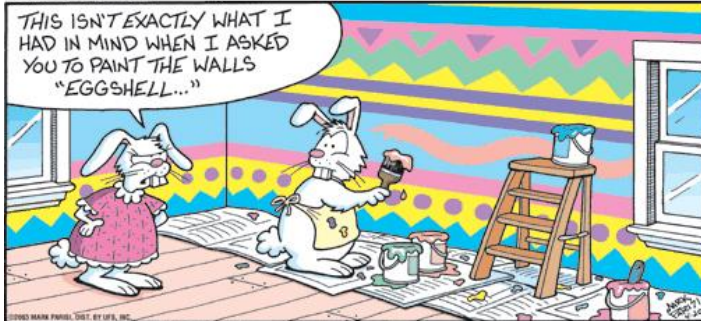
*Let's pick up trash together around the church, cemetery, and parking lots, on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.*

*This is an annual pick-up-trash and recyclables event with Boonville's Pick Up. Trash bags and safety vests will be provided. Bring your own gloves. The trash bags will be taken to Boonville for disposal.*

*A light lunch will be available for the volunteers at the Katy Depot at 11:00 a.m.*

*Call Nancy Meyer at 660-882-8083 for any questions.*

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### More OOPS!...these sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

*The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.*

*This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.*

*Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.*



## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – March 6, 2019

The church's membership list is being updated. A revised list was presented. A proposed addition to the Bylaws of the St. Johns UCC Constitution which will define church membership was discussed and will discuss again in future meetings.

Two purchase requests were made and approved: A new HVAC thermostat with a smartphone app and an extra paper tray for the printer.

The first quarterly meeting will be changed to April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, due to Easter falling on the third Sunday.

The next meeting will be April 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

~ Nancy Meyer, Secretary

### HEALTH FACTS - HEALTHY SLEEP HABITS

Your behaviors during the day, and especially before bedtime, can have a major impact on your sleep. They can promote healthy sleep or contribute to sleeplessness.

Your daily routines-what you eat and drink, the medications you take, how you schedule your days and how you choose to spend your evenings-can significantly impact your quality of sleep. A two-week diary can help you see what activities may affect your sleep.

Tips to establish healthy sleep habits:

- Keep a consistent sleep schedule. Go to bed and awake at the same time daily
- Try to sleep 7 hours
- Establish a relaxing bedtime routine
- Keep your bedroom at a comfortable, cool temperature
- Turn off electronic devices 30 minutes before bedtime
- Limit eating a heavy meal, exercising, drinking caffeine or alcohol, 2 hours before going to bed.


Consult your doctor if you have a high level of stress and anxiety that prevents you from sleeping or have chronic insomnia. There are many different techniques that can be effective. Sleep well!

~ Nancy Meyer, Health Minister



**Holy  
Baptism**

Lakoda Star Davis was baptized March 10<sup>th</sup> during worship. She is the niece of the Templemire family. We ask God's blessings on Dakota as she begins her Christian life.



The Board of Christian Education would like to thank everyone who brought soup, sandwiches, or desserts for our soup luncheon on March 17<sup>th</sup>. \$425 in donations will be used towards supplies for Hero Central VBS this July. We appreciate everyone's support!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dalton Friedrich Pannell	4
Zander Roberts	4
Abigail Frances Pannell	5
Shane Jennings	10
Brittany Woods	11
Jill Helmreich	12
Aryana Romero-Shelton	12
Louise Friedrich	14
Janice Cooper	17
Cathy Bail	20
Tucker Floyd	21
Tim Kueckelhan	21
Dave Wenger	21
Dustin Muse	23
Cate Smith	23
O. C. (Sonny) Friedrich	24
Andrew Grissum	24
Heather Simmons	24
Caleb Smith	25
Susan Forst	26
Kaylee Naylor	26
Ethan Waibel	26
Brandon Roberts	27



## ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie & Shawn Swalwell	3
Tami & Ben Rold	5
Dave & Ginger Wenger	7
Deanamarie & Daniel Naylor	16
Jenny & Bruce Waibel	18



As a new safety measure, the church doors will be locked after the service begins. If you are running late, don't worry... just knock on the front door.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Nebraska, Iowa & Missouri flood victims  
Church shootings in New Zealand  
Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child  
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson  
Kelly Lou Campbell  
Angie Carmichael, cancer  
Sharon Elliott, cancer  
Arlene Friedrich  
Rob Friedrich  
Bob & Linda Gander  
Grey, 6 yr. old friend of Holly's  
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)  
Vicki Hilden's parents  
Pam Jaeger  
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother  
Jenny Kirchner, cancer  
Dorothy Koestner, cancer  
Nancy Kueckelhan  
Ava LeCave  
Linda Lyles, bone marrow transplant  
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma  
Isaac Naranjo, brain injury  
Angie Nave  
Cathy Barton-Para, cancer  
Jill Pflantz, friend of Marg's  
Clifford Richey, friend of Charles Stegner  
Marilyn Rethemeyer, brain cancer  
Erika Sanderson, Pat's niece  
Kathryn Schupp, Nancy Meyer's mother  
Kevin Simmons  
Vicky Simmons  
Trevor Thurman, Linda Claas' grandson  
Bernadine Wassmann

### **Serving in our military:**

James Walker   Colin Jones   Craig Randall  
Cliff Burgoyne   Jeff Burgoyne   Natalie Meng  
Chris Hawley   Landon Bail   Blayne Vickery  
Lakoda Davis



Lord we pray for those with unspoken prayer requests, those whose hurts are too deep to be spoken, and those whose hearts are too broken. Let them feel Your presence, guidance and peace. Amen

	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers/Communion Servers</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
7	Rhea Helmreich	Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes	Phil 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8
14	Jason Hundley	Melissa Hundley & Garrett Hundley	Phil 2:5-11, Luke 22: 14-23:56
21	Julie Kueckelhan	Scott Grissum & Donna Kammerich	Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18
28	Angie Hackman	Cathy Bail & Carson Bail	Ps 118:14-29, John 20:19-31
	<b>Communion Clean Up:</b>	Jason Hundley, Jared Kueckelhan, Justin Kueckelhan	



- April 3: Women's Guild 1:30
- April 3: Church Council Meeting 6:00
- April 6: Clean up Boonville
- April 14: Penny Sunday & Benevolence Offering
- April 19: Good Friday Service 7:00
- April 20: Easter Egg Hunt 2:00
- April 21: Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 A.M.  
followed by Youth sponsored breakfast
- April 22: Newsletter Articles Due to Laura
- April 25: Financial Reports Due to Julie
- April 28: Quarterly Meeting following worship
- May 19: Boonville High School Graduation
- May 27: Memorial Day Service  
at the cemetery 9:30 a.m.
- July 8-12: VBS

**STATISTICS**

MARCH	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
3	No Church	\$153	-
10	\$2,124		46
17	\$1,736	\$100	45
24	\$677		23
31			
		Penny Sunday \$35	

Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance 28,690.83.



The Cemetery Fund received a memorial for Bob Simmons from Linda Simmons and family.

3 Nails  
1 Cross  
4 Giveness



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

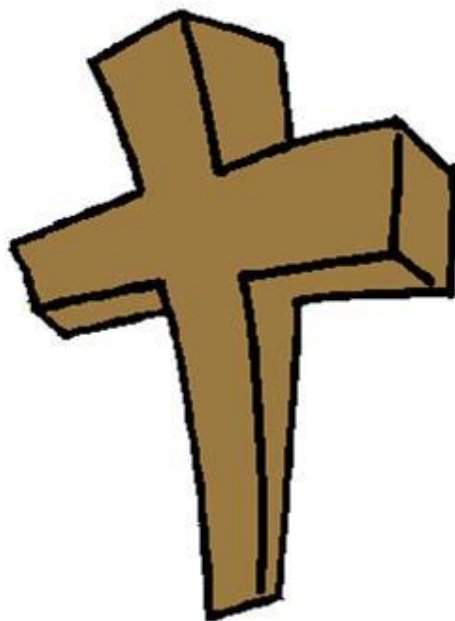
**Sunday Mornings at 9:30**

Psalm 6: David has psychological anguish and is grieving for himself and cries until his bedding is soaked with tears. He is praying to God for help. He feels everyone is against him. We can correlate this with Jesus praying on the Thursday before his death. The thought question is: "When does God control things happening to you and when does he not control"?

# Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R  
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O  
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O  
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S  
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T  
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E  
O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R  
H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y  
T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z  
X C R U C I F I X I O N N K Q

APOSTLES  
CHRIST  
CROSS  
CROWN  
CRUCIFIXION  
HOLY  
JESUS  
KING  
LAMB  
LOVE



MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
ROMANS  
ROOSTER  
SACRIFICE  
SALVATION  
SAVIOR  
THORNS

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Return Service Requested  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.  
In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last.  
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.  
**He lives, he lives** Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
**He lives, He lives, He lives**, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? **He lives within my heart!**

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