

## Spring Bible Study

Broken bodies, broken people, broken relationships all stem from our sharing in sin. The Passion of the Christ shares with us the reality of sin's consequences. This Lenten season, we will examine the wages of sin by looking into the life, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We will mainly be studying the Scriptures, but will also venture into the modern depictions of Christ's final days. We share in this experience to take seriously the wages of our sin, the power of God's forgiveness, and the freedom afforded to us by Jesus Christ. We'll gather for a meal at 5pm and begin our study at 6pm. LAMBS will be available for the children.

## Seder Dinner

In recognition of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we will host our annual Seder meal. You're invited to attend a night in which we will remember the struggles of slavery in Egypt, we will celebrate the power of God's liberation, and we focus ourselves upon the Cross of Christ—recognizing the solemn and painful journey from Jerusalem to Golgotha. Here, we open ourselves to the grief of sin and death, while surrendering our lives to God's promises.

## Food Pantry

Feb Families	83
Feb Items Shared	4473
Yearly Family Totals	178
Yearly Items Shared	9834

## Up-Coming Events

Sun, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>:  
*Loose Change Offering*  
*Bible Study:*  
*Meal @ 5pm*  
*Study @ 6pm*

Mon, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
*Food Pantry Open*  
*10am to 1pm*

Wed, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>:  
*Membership Class*  
*6:30pm*

Thurs. Feb 25<sup>th</sup>:  
*Food Pantry Open*  
*3pm to 6pm*

Sun. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>:  
*Bible Study:*  
*Meal @ 5pm*  
*Study @ 6pm*

Mon. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>:  
*Food Pantry Open*  
*10am to 1pm*

Thurs. March 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
*Food Pantry Open*  
*3pm to 6pm*

Sun. March 6<sup>th</sup>:  
*Deacons Mtg,*  
*After Church*  
*Bible Study: Meal @ 5pm*  
*Study @ 6pm*

Sun. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> to  
Sun. Mar 20<sup>th</sup>:  
*Spring Bible Study*  
*5pm to 7pm*



## *Celebrating the Risen Christ!*

*Lance Zaerr Jr., Pastor*

*Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM*  
*Worship: 10:30 AM*

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# WELCOME TO CHRIST ALIVE!

Second Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016

## Call to Worship

**Worship** Opening Song

**Prayer**

**Meeting & Greeting**

**Worship**

**Scripture** Genesis 15:1-18

**Thoughts for Living:**

**Sermon Series: "This Is Our Story"**

**Part Three: "The Promise of Renewal"**

**Communion & Prayer at the Altar**

❖ **Worship** Closing Song

## Scripture:

*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.*

## Welcome!

We want to express Christ's love to you with genuine, heartfelt warmth. We're eager for the opportunity to get to know you, and we're excited to share with you the wonderful ways God is working in our church. It won't take you long to discover that this is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Growing together, we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we learn, and we reach out to our world with life-transforming truth. We reach out to you, as well. Our doors are open. Our hearts are open, too. **If you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!**

## Worship Thought:

*"Righteousness by faith works its first miracle within the heart, convincing it of the love of God...and thereafter invokes the oral confession, 'Jesus is Lord.'"*

~Robert Jewett

## Prayer Requests:

- Mary Beth (Katelyn's Friend)—Colon Cancer
- Dr. Garst—Lung Cancer
- Shelby (Katelyn's Friend)—Child Died in the Womb
- Sterling (Katelyn's Friend)—1 year old diagnosed w/Cancer
- Brittany S. (Katelyn's Friend)—Diagnosed w/Cancer
- Rita Zaerr (Lance's Grandmother)—Diagnosed w/Cancer
- Patti Z.—Medical Issues
- Karen Yemm
- Troy B. (Todd & Tara's Brother)—Health Problems
- Jeff P.—Eyes
- Anonymous

To have a prayer request published, please contact Pastor Lance before noon on Fridays.

- ❖ *The invitation to communion comes from Christ Himself and not from any church. Therefore, we invite anyone who believes in Jesus Christ, has trusted Him for the forgiveness of sin, and who accepts Him as Lord and Savior to share in this sacrament with us. However, the call to communion is a call to repentance and humility; it is an invitation to partake in the body and blood of Christ, and it should not be taken lightly. Therefore, young people and adults who do not have a personal, saving faith in Jesus Christ, or who harbor willful, unconfessed sin, as well as ALL young children SHOULD NOT TAKE COMMUNION at this time. If you have questions about the meaning of communion, or your relationship to Christ, you are invited to talk with the pastor.*