

## 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	102
Feb Items Shared	5897
Yearly Family Totals	199
Yearly Items Shared	11195

## Up-Coming Events

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

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

Wed. Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Membership Class  
6:30pm

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

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

Mon. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>:  
Food Pantry Open  
10am to 1pm

Wed. Mar 9<sup>th</sup>:  
Membership Class  
6:30pm

Thurs. Mar 24<sup>th</sup>:  
Food Pantry Closed  
Seder Dinner 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!

Third Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016

## Call to Worship

**Worship** Opening Song

**Prayer**

**Meeting & Greeting**

**Worship**

**Scripture** Psalm 63:1-8

**Thoughts for Living:**

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

**Part Four: "Practicing for Our Faith"**

**Communion & Prayer at the Altar**

❖ **Worship** Closing Song

## 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.

## 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:

*"[Our] formation requires participation in those practices that form deep memory, that draw us into the history of suffering and hope, exodus and liberation, death and resurrection."*

~E. Byron Anderson

## Scripture:

*A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.  
O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.*

- ❖ *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.*