

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

Mar Families	19
Mar Items Shared	866
Yearly Family Totals	222
Yearly Items Shared	12184

Up-Coming Events

Sun. March 6th:
Deacons Mtg,
After Church
Bible Study: Meal @ 5pm
Study @ 6pm

Mon. Mar. 7th:
Food Pantry Open
10am to 1pm

Wed. Mar 9th:
Membership Class
6:30pm

Thurs. Mar 10th:
Food Pantry Open
3pm to 6pm

Sun. Mar 13th:
Bible Study
Meal @ 5pm
Study @ 6pm

Mon. Mar 14th:
Food Pantry Open
10am to 1pm
Midwest Food Bank
2pm

Thurs. Mar 24th:
Food Pantry Closed
Seder Dinner 6pm

Sun. Feb. 14th to
Sun. Mar 20th:
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!

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2016

Call to Worship

Worship Opening Song

Prayer

Meeting & Greeting

Worship

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Thoughts for Living:

Sermon Series: "This Is Our Story"

Part Five: "A Clean Slate"

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:

"Christianity is basically about about love and being loved and reconciliation. These things are so important, they're foundational and they can transform individuals and families"

~Philip Yancey

Scripture:

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: [a] The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin [b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- ❖ *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.*