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April 2022 Newsletter

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April SERVANT SCHEDULE:

	USHER	LECTOR	COMM. ASST.	Acolyte	
<u>4/3</u>	Bill Cowen & Kent Yunker	Vickey Cowen	Vickey Cowen & Nina Yunker		 <p>SERVANTS OF GOD</p> <p>*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTY, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT</p>
<u>4/10</u>	Dale & Gail Kurns	Lana Papp	Jim & Pat Fredrickson		
<u>4/17</u>	Roger Woltermann	Annette Fjeldheim	Kathy Trask & Becky Woltermann	Cheyenne Aanenson	
<u>4/24</u>	Brian & Adam Sallee	Lynette Sallee	Lynette & Amy Sallee		



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WORSHIP, FAITH IN ACTION, OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, NEWS, EVENTS, CAUSES, HAPPENINGS, COMMUNITY, STEWARDSHIP, MINISTRY, CONNECTIONS & MORE!

April Social Concern is...

40 Days of Lent: This offering will go to support Russian Missionary Braden Burkle.

“The point is that: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully (2 Cor. 9:6)



Easter is almost upon us! As always, the Lenten season has been a long and arduous one. Biblically speaking, it's supposed to be that way. It's the time of year we cling to God's abundant blessings while contemplating ancient and present-day stories of wilderness struggle. Lent also rides on the heels of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

For this reason alone, we can't help but be exhausted. In the church, a lot of preparation goes into making these seasons meaningful for our communities. So for the church, not only does Easter mark the most significant event in our Christian narrative, that of Christ's resurrection, but it also marks the time of year we can finally rest as the church seasons begin to lengthen. Easter is the season of resurrection, restoration, and new beginnings. Oh, how we long for God's Easter promises to take root in our souls!

One may consider this an understatement, however, considering the amount of wearisome rhetoric we've been subjected to of late. The angel in our Easter story tells the women at Christ's tomb, "Do not be afraid" (Matt. 28:5), yet we're convinced to act and think on the contrary in our time and culture. We continue our trudging through the aftermath of COVID. We pray for Ukraine as we fear nuclear war. As production and shipping prices increase across the world, we make up for it with our hard work and paychecks. Tensions push people to their breaking point. Physical violence at political rallies and (even the Oscars this year) is now the norm. We cannot escape messages that are, indeed, leading us to our demise. To be sure, we long for way more than restoration. We long for perpetual relief from the many grievances we face every day.

But how do we find relief in the now? Something tells me prayer works but it isn't enough. Rather, our faith instructs us to internalize, then create, and purposefully live into Easter. Jesus and God's angels remind us to "fear not". In fact, Jesus says some variation of "do not be afraid" over 20 times in the Gospels. Similar imperatives to relinquish fear can be found up to 145 times throughout all of Scripture. In addition to teachings to love God and neighbor, Jesus shows us that being at peace with one's surroundings will create the change we want to see in the world. He teaches us that inner solitude and all aspects of restorative forgiveness sit at the core of what Easter is all about.

Let's paint ourselves an image to perhaps visualize what Easter, God's Kingdom Come, could and should look like when we jettison our fears of the future and each other. In the foreground, a townscape of Lewistown is surrounded by the beauty of golden prairies and shimmering, solitary mountain ranges. In the lower-left, a family of newcomers is being welcomed into another family's home for dinner. On the right and toward the center, laborers are working side-by-side in community gardens and institutions that support and honor the well-being of all. Small businesses are busting at the seams with purposeful products that promote health and healing. Seniors are being accompanied out of their solitary rooms into the brightness of day. Those struggling with addictions and hopelessness find encouragement throughout their neighborhood as people band together to take care of one another.

An enormous table is painted in the background. A celebration of unprecedented measure is taking place in the countryside. People of various colors and ethnicities are breaking bread as more and more residents make their way to the celebration. There is laughter, there is dancing. Not a single inkling of fear resides in the hearts and minds of the people. Even if there was cause for fear, our little town fears not. In this painting of our town, nothing stands in the way of us living into Easter. Death is an afterthought, the stranger is our friend, all are welcomed and supported.

Resurrection is not only a future prospect but something we're called to create. When we lean on God and each other, we can make this painting come to life in vivid technicolor! We are capable of working with God to create relief and release from the fear that holds us captive. May we be so bold to do so. And may we begin today, even before we start shouting, "Alleluia, He is risen!" Prayers for the continued journey!

Your Sister-Servant,
Pr. Stacey

Want to help war refugees from Ukraine?

A message from Aneta Panusz (OSLC Worship Pianist in Bonner, MT)

My homeland, Poland, is now home to hundreds of thousands of refugees, including a countless number of children. The **Happy Kids Foundation**, in cooperation with the **Siepomaga Foundation**, and the city of Łódź (my husband's hometown), have launched a campaign to save some of the most vulnerable victims of Putin's war: orphans. The Foundation offers safe haven and care through a network of orphanages and foster families in Łódź and throughout Poland. Our donations will help with both immediate needs (transportation, food, cleaning products, clothes, etc.) and long-term, comprehensive care for war victims, including medical treatment, physical rehabilitation, mental health therapy, and legal services. Please note 1USD=4.30ZL, so \$1 goes a long way. You can give to this online at this link:

<https://www.siepomaga.pl/en/siepomaga-plrazem>



Zion Lutheran Church Trust Scholarships

The Trust Fund Committee of Zion Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Montana, invites member higher education students who are in their second year and above to apply for a scholarship. In the event a member student has been accepted at an accredited Lutheran college, he or she is eligible to apply for a Zion Lutheran Trust Scholarship in their freshman year.

Students enrolled at any of these schools should coordinate their scholarship applications with the Pastor or Administrative Assistant at Zion.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academics, character, goals and financial need. All applications need to be postmarked or delivered to the address printed below no later than April 23, 2022.

You can pick up an application in the church office or we can email you a copy.

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April 10th – 1st Communion Class

April 14th – Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30pm

April 15th – Good Friday Service @ 6:30pm

April 17th – Easter Sunday

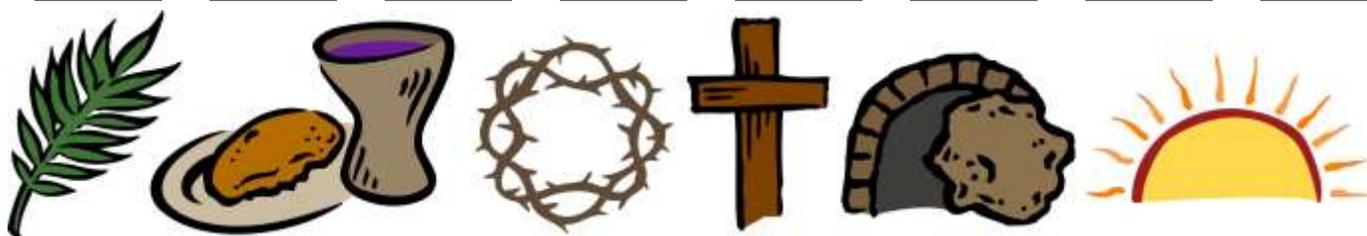
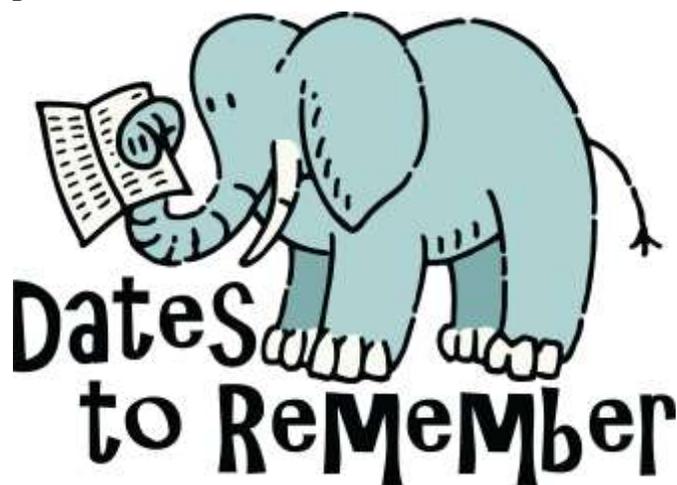
April 20th - No BLAST or confirmation

May 1st – Confirmation Sunday & Last ZYG

May 4th – Last BLAST Day

May 11th – BLAST Tea Party

May 22th – High School Graduation
(Wear your robes)



**April 14th – Maundy Thursday
Service will be at 6:30pm**

**April 15th – Good Friday Service
will be at 6:30pm**

**April 17th – Easter Sunday
Service will be at 9:30am**



Council has approved the use of Instant Church Directory. Using this you can have an up-to-date directory with you wherever you go.

-You will have the ability to update your information when ever needed. Members are able to upload their own family picture. We will also have the option to have a professional photographer take your photos.



-The app can be downloaded on iPhones, iPads, Android Devices and Kindle Fire.

-Members use the email address in the directory to create their own password.

-Only members who are entered in the directory can login to the website, and if the member is removed, they no longer have access.

-We will also have printed copies available for members who would like one.

How To.....

1. Download the app
-Instant directory
2. Create a Log In
3. Use your email on file at the church
4. Create password
5. Confirm in your email
6. In the app touch the 
≡ to Edit My Family

From there you should be able to add a family photo and any information that you would like. If there is info that you do not want to add leave the space blank.

Security information from Instant church Directory.

Member Information Security.

Even though your data is stored with us, we at Instant Church Directory do not access your members' data, except for specific troubleshooting purposes within the directory. All data provided by members is held securely and we do not use member information such as phone numbers or emails for marketing purposes (either internally or by selling the information to other organizations.)



Pr. Stacey will be teaching a First Communion Class Sunday April, 10th. The class will begin right after worship. If you would like to participate, please let Pr. Stacey or Falan know.

English author and priest Cannon William

F. Farrar wrote:

I am only one, but I am one;
I cannot do everything
But I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God, I will
do.

B.L.A.S.T.

The school year is coming to an end. We have all had a wonderful time. Our last Wednesday will be May 4th. The BLAST Tea Party will be on May 11th. We will not be having VBS this year, but this summer I will be planning a BLAST family barbecue! I hope that you all have a GREAT summer.

-Falan 😊



Believe Learn and Seek Truth

Upcoming Lessons

JUNE

6 12 Days of Easter Project (Days 1-7)

13 12 Days of Easter Project (Days 8-12)

20 No BLAST

27 The Good Shepherd

MAY

4/4 Our last Wednesday for the summer.

4/11 Tea Party



[Click here to view the April calendar](#)

The Evangelism Team: In-House Listening Sessions for ZLC!

Sessions will take place the 3rd Monday of every month from 5:30-7. Dinner will be served at 5:30. We'll then kick things off at 6, ending promptly at 7.

April: All ZLC Single adults

Blessings,

Your ZLC Evangelism Team



ZYG News

Our last ZYG meeting will be May 1st.

Thank you to all who have helped out through this year. We would not have been able to do it with out you.

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