

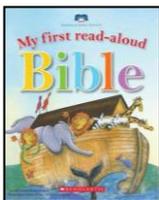
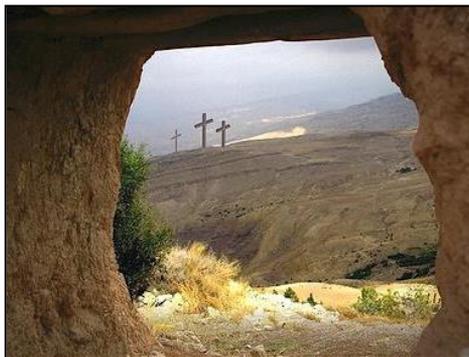
Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES



April 21, 2019

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!!

Very rarely is emptiness seen as a positive attribute. An empty bank account, an empty gas tank, an empty cradle, an empty seat at the table—they're all reminders of our limitations and the losses we are doomed to experience. An unexpected emptiness is often even worse. The women who came to prepare Jesus' body that Easter Sunday had experienced such a sudden loss: their Jesus, who had seemed so beloved by everyone just a week earlier, had suffered such a humiliating, public death. They and the disciples found themselves practicing a type of stewardship they had never expected: collecting their Messiah's body and preparing it for burial. They had experienced so much emptiness already that they were shocked to experience a sudden, different, positive emptiness: He had risen, indeed! The emptiness of the tomb replaced their empty hopes with hopefulness and their empty works with the fulfilling task of telling everyone that he has risen! When we see that empty tomb, we no longer see a great loss, but a great gain: salvation has been won, and we have been made right with God!



Kids Korner

We have a supply of children's Bibles available for use during the worship service. They are in the entryway by the basket of kids bulletins!

Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to applaud mothers. The men of our congregation are treating the moms and will be doing the cooking!

We invite moms, grandmas, and the whole family to join us for breakfast on **Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12th** at 9:15 a.m.



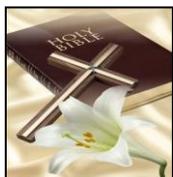
Birthday Greetings



Birthday greetings to Kelsey Miller (April 23), Ellie Free (April 25), Eric Smith (April 26), Mike Waddell (April 28), Olive Free (April 28), Joy Symonds (May 1), Sandy Jones (May 2), Dave Baird (May 4), and Mark Jones (May 4).

An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - John 10:11-18



Among the many names given to Jesus is “the good shepherd” as described in this section of the gospel of John. His job as a shepherd, he says, is to “lay down my life for the sheep.” Because he has complete knowledge of all of us, there is an intimate relationship between him and his sheep, all of us who believe in him. But Jesus goes on: “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.” A good shepherd uses all the resources at hand for the benefit of the sheep. Similarly, our resources, given to us for our needs, should also be used in bringing in the “other sheep.” We look to Jesus as our model for obedience and unconditional love, and we, in turn, are to be models for others “not of this sheep pen.”

Bowling Outing



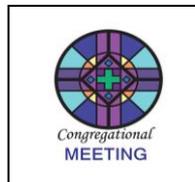
A bowling outing is set for

Sunday, May 5th @ Noon

This year we are going to Elgin Lanes, 401 Shepherd Dr., Elgin. 2 games of bowling, pizza, soda, and shoes are included in the package and the cost for each bowler will be \$11.00. Please watch for the signup sheet so we can reserve enough lanes.

Congregational Meeting

We are planning to have our next Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, May 19th**, at 9:15 a.m. Come and be a part of shaping your church and our ministries.



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Weekly Mission Prayer



Forward in Christ magazine – Lord Jesus, *Forward in Christ* is one of the tools our synod uses to encourage people with your Word and promises. Give each of the authors and editors wisdom in their writing. Use their work to bring glory and honor to your

holy name. Let the articles and stories in the magazine enlighten its readers with understanding and faith. Inspire subscribers to share it with others. Increase its readership and bless more people through it. Amen.

Service to Our Lord

	<i>April 21</i>	<i>April 28</i>
<i>Pianists</i>	<i>Becky Miller</i>	<i>Rachel John</i>
<i>Ushers–8:00</i>	<i>Jim Stumpner Matthew Jachimstal</i>	<i>Sean Hogan Reilly Hogan</i>
<i>Ushers–10:30</i>	<i>Doug Salzwedel Glenn Miller Rachel Miller</i>	<i>Rich Long David Long Josh Miller</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>EASTER BREAKFAST</i>	<i>Stroh / Cuming</i>

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance ~

April 7: 92
April 14: 94

Thank Offerings ~