



## **APRIL NEWSLETTER 2019**

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**From the Pastor...**

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### **THE FOOLISHNESS OF APRIL**

During the month of April there are several special occasions that are worth noting. Of course, the month begins with April Fool's Day. It is the day in which many people play practical jokes on each other. I know that some people really dread this day because their friends can be quite annoying with their foolish and not so humorous jokes.

Another more serious date to mention in the month of April is tax day, which occurs on April 15. In this age of procrastination, there are many people who are frantically preparing their taxes for this important date. Similar to April fool's, it is a time of great anxiety for many of us.

I submit that the greatest foolishness of all in the month of April is Easter Sunday. Easter is the proclamation that Jesus rose from the dead. For those who are skeptics of this great miracle, it seems to be complete and utter foolishness. No one can rise from the dead; unless it is a divine act. Resurrection is the greatest and most significant miracle that God ever performed given the creation of the world.

St. Paul tells us that if Jesus is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain. Easter represents the victory of God over sin and death. The power of the evil one is vanquished forever. What makes this event so significant beyond that fact is that all who believe in the victory of God will share in His eternal glory. We are victors by association with the One who has conquered sin and death for all.

I invite you to join us at St. Paul as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 am. Prior to the service there will be a breakfast prepared and served by the men from St. Paul from 8:00-9:00 am.

In addition, there are several other events being offered during the month of April to prepare for Easter. These include the following Lenten services:

Wednesday, April 3- 11:30am service at Zoar UCC followed by a luncheon

Wednesday, April 3- Lenten meal 5:30-6:30pm at St. Paul followed by evening prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 10- 11:30am service at St. Paul followed by a luncheon

Wednesday, April 17- 11:30am service at Bolivar Community Church followed by a luncheon

**SOLI DEL GLORIA!**

# Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
4/7	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	4/7	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Mark Cunningham		10:30 am	Donna Dudash
4/14	8:00 am	Charlann Young	4/14	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Skip Steward
4/18	7:00 pm	Marcia Howenstine	4/18	7:00 pm	Richard Dudash
4/19	7:00 pm	Randy Simers	4/19	7:00 pm	Pam Ward
4/21	9:30 am	Rose Harris & Terry Tegtmeier	4/21	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine
4/28	8:00 am	Pam Ward	4/28	8:00 am	Steve Maurer
	10:30 am	Mark Cunningham		10:30 am	Cheryl Simers
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4/7	8:00 am	Greg & Julie Majors	4/7	8:00 am	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 am	Lisa & Bailey Keane		10:30 am	Logan Hornberger
4/14	8:00 am	Jim & Jen Ward	4/14	8:00 am	Whitney Ward
	10:30 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger		10:30 am	Michael Eberly
4/18	7:00 pm	Randy & Cheryl Simers	4/18	7:00 pm	--
4/19	7:00 pm	Skip & Jean Steward	4/19	7:00 pm	Whitney Ward
4/21	9:30 am	Kevin Kienzle	4/21	9:30 am	Tripp Fabianich & Vivianne Eberly
4/28	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	4/28	8:00 am	Shawntel Hafer
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Izaak Matthews
		<u>Guj</u> Altar Guild Dee Garrison, Donna Dudash, Linda Clugston			<u>No Fellowship</u> Easter Breakfast
					<u>Community Meal – Maundy Thursday</u> Cheryl Simers & Brenda Tegtmeier
Screen Monitor			Nursery		
4/7	8:00 am	Cameron Majors	4/7	8:00 am	Linda Blazina
	10:30 am	Doug Dix		10:30 am	Peggy Dix
4/14	8:00 am	Julie Majors	4/14	8:00 am	Majors Family
	10:30 am	Lisa Keane		10:30 am	Deanna McMaken
4/18	7:00 pm	Doug Dix	4/18	7:00 pm	--
4/19	7:00 pm	Doug Dix	4/19	7:00 pm	--
4/21	9:30 am	Dee Garrison	4/21	9:30 am	Pam Ward
4/28	8:00 am	Whitney Ward	4/28	8:00 am	Jim Ward Family
	10:30 am	Rick Caughey		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey

## Offering and Attendance

Date	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
<b>Offering</b>	\$2,312.50	\$3,212.50	\$12,057.00	\$4,236.00	\$
<b>Attendance</b>	64	84	83	78	

### Readings:

4/7	4/14	4/18	4/19	4/21	4/28
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord Easter</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-32</b>
<u>Isaiah 43:16-21</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9</u>	<u>Exodus 12:1-4,11-14</u>	<u>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</u>	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u>	<u>Acts 5:27-32</u>
<u>Psalm 126</u>	<u>Psalm 31:9-16</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</u>	<u>Psalm 22</u>	<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</u>	<u>Psalm 118:14-29</u>
<u>Philippians 3:4-14</u>	<u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:16-25</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 15:19-26</u>	<u>Revelation 1:4-8</u>
<u>John 12:1-8</u>	<u>Luke 22:14 – 23:56</u>	<u>John 13:1-17, 31-35</u>	<u>John 18: 1-19:42</u>	<u>Luke 24:1-12</u>	<u>John 20:19-31</u>



**Council News:** The Council recently approved an agreement with Lifetouch for a new church directory. The photographs will be taken on May 14 & 15 at the church. You can schedule your setting beginning **April 7 thru May 5**. Starting immediately, you can go online to [www.stpaulbolivar.org](http://www.stpaulbolivar.org) and there will be a link to Lifetouch so you can schedule your setting.



**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers:** Bob Ely, Nicky Rheah, Tony Whatling, Melisa Waller, Robert Leffler, Arloene Howenstine, Walker Gonzalez, Diane Clugston, Susan Tiller, Linda Beachy, Pat Sundheimer, Louise Harris, Maddy Russell, Debbie Neorr, Peggy Keck, Paul Gosselin, Mary Pickens, Tom Bitticker, Dan Levesseur, Molly Bauer, Kelly McDaniel,

Jackson Kinsey, Jean Baker, Bill Tait, Ret Kendrick, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Scott Fout, Jeremy Warfield, Gray Ashworth, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving

**Evangelism/Vision News:** This combined committee wishes to thank everyone who has been a volunteer over the past several months to assist in spreading the “Good News”. We have decided that the goal of our committee and therefore the focus will be ---“Be the best church you can be with the size you are”---. There are many things we can do and we have the resources to do it ---all we need are volunteers. We are all “Keeper of the Keys” and we would like each of you to prayerfully consider jumping on board.



**Christian Book Club** We discussed “Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World,” on Tuesday, March 26. It was a long book with lots of information, but we

had a nice group discussion that demonstrated how much we had learned. Our next book will be easier, cheaper, and shorter, to give everyone a bit of a break for the next two months. We will be reading an historical fiction by Sigmund Brouwer, “The Weeping Chamber.” This book takes place during the turbulent last days of Christ, detailing the journey of one man in search of personal redemption. Though fictional, it deals with many of the people involved in the Easter story – including Caiaphas, Herod, Pilate, Judas and other apostles. It is a

very appropriate read for Lent. The cost is \$5 and if you'd like a copy notify Terry Tegtmeier. We plan to discuss it on **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** (slightly earlier than usual.)

**The updated Church Directory is available in the narthex.**

**Youth News: APRIL YOUTH GOUP MEETINGS - TADPOLES / FROGS / GROGS Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 9:00** All youth are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and a group lesson followed by a GROG led Easter Egg Hunt for the FROGS / TADPOLES. We will then travel as a group to SKYZONE for a special GLOW ZONE event from 7PM - 9PM. All participants will need to sign the ONLINE WAIVER and will receive a Sky Zone Glow T-Shirt and Sky Socks. 4381 Whipple Ave. N.W. Canton, Oh 44718

**TADPOLES / FROGS / GROGS Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 4:45PM - 7:00PM** –We will be partnering with the veteran's group Team RWB for an evening of service to community as we help prepare food for distribution at the Akron / Canton Foodbank. 350 Opportunity Parkway Akron, Oh 44307. Closed toe shoes are required. We will then travel as a group for dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. 510 S. Main St. Bldg. 33 Akron, Oh 44311 -Parents / chaperones are invited to join us as well!

\*\*Now is the time to plan for the summer mission trip! I invite all Middle School and High School families interested in attending our mission trip. **SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - FRIDAY, JUNE 22 - Lynn** (Boston), MA **June 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** (returning home 22<sup>nd</sup>) Our group will partner with local ministries to work at homeless shelters and serve the children and elderly in the city. In the evenings, we will have the opportunity to explore neighboring Boston, enjoy North Shore beach, and attend a cookout at a waterfront park in Salem

**Happy Birthday**



Dennis Smith	4/3	Arloene Howenstine	4/13
Randy Sanders	4/4	Rich Harmon	4/17
Taylor McKown	4/6	Rose Cunningham	4/23
Josh Dix	4/8	Butch App	4/24
Chris Ward	4/10	Gary Sears	4/24
Carole Dean	4/12	Terry Sears	4/24
Terri Howell	4/13	Tyra Hafer	4/28

**Anniversaries**



Vaughn & Nicole Sears	4/12	Tom & Tammy Huggins	4/21
Randy & Heidi Sanders	4/14	Richard & Donna Dudash	4/24
Skip & Jeanie Steward	4/16		

**NALC News:** All congregations in the NALC are being asked to nominate individuals for the following positions: **Bishop** – Ordained minister & Member of the NALC **Executive Council** – 1 Clergy and 1 layperson, - **Court of Adjudication** – 2 persons (lay or clergy). These positions will be filled at the NALC Convocation to be held August 8-9 in Indianapolis.



**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Maundy Thursday Service – April 18<sup>th</sup> @ St. Paul Lutheran**

**Good Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup> St. Paul Lutheran 7:00 pm**

**Easter Breakfast 8-9:00 a.m. – Easter Service 9:30 a.m.**

**Spaghetti Dinner & Evening Prayer Service: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Spaghetti & Meatballs – Prayer Service** following at 7:00 p.m.

**United States Census 2020:** The Census Bureau is looking for people to train and compensate \$13.00 an hour for part-time work. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020 or apply on line at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)



**Rummage Sale – Friday May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon...** You may bring items to the Fellowship Hall as of April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please place all items

**back in book section of hall. No television sets please!**

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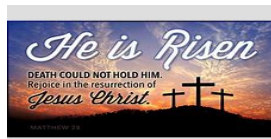
### **April Prayer Focus**

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection of the dead." - Philippians 3:10-11 - In the month of April let us consider the power of Christ's resurrection.

We have heard so often of it, and this month we will commemorate it again on Easter. Some of us have seen more than 60 Easters. But do we really know the power of the Resurrection as we should?

The resurrection of Christ is our hope of glory. And it is only by union with him that we will attain it.

Surely this Easter season should prompt us to seek a greater communion with Christ. In your prayers this month, ask God to remove any hindrance to communion with Christ. When you go forward to receive the sacrament, pray to God that he would give you a more perfect union with his Son. Pray also that those who are in need of salvation would come to "know him, and the power of his resurrection." Amen.






**St. Paul Shut-In List:** A list of our Shut-Ins is as follows, your prayers, cards and visits are appreciated..

• <b>Martha Eckhardt</b> – 12515 Sherman Church Rd. NE – Bolivar, OH 44612
• <b>Jack Garrison</b> – 4690 US 250 – Beach City, OH 44608
• <b>Jean Baker</b> – Inn at Northwood 5779 N. Wooster Ave. STE. 101 –Dover, OH 44622
• <b>Bonnie Burkhart</b> – Park Village Assisted Living – 1529 N. Crater Ave, Apt 56H – Dover, OH 44622
• <b>Arloene Howenstine</b> – 541 La Dyne Ave. NW - Bolivar, OH 44612
• <b>Bill Haueter</b> – Hennis Care Center - 300 Yant St, Bolivar, OH 44612



# Month of April 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6
			Lenten Meal 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee 6:30 p.m.		
4/7	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/13
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			Property 9:00 a.m.
4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.		Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m. 	Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. 	
4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27
Worship & Communion 9:30 am Easter Breakfast 8- 9:00 a.m. 	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.	Prayer Chain update due Newsletter Deadline	Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			
4/28	4/29	4/30				
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.					

