

From the Heart of Christ...

Palm Sunday



NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome to Mountain Springs Community Church

We warmly welcome you here today. We are very informal, so grab a cup of coffee and join us as we celebrate God's grace in Jesus Christ. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the worship service.

Today's Message

Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday. Good Friday. Dark Saturday. Easter. These are very important days in the life of the Christian Church and for individual Christians. This week is the culmination of our Lenten journey. For weeks, we have been preparing our hearts to consider a new meaning of the cross. Join us as we walk through Passion Week, from the joyful crowds of Palm Sunday to the deep sorrow of Good Friday and ultimately to the triumph of Easter Sunday. On that Resurrection Sunday, we will rejoice in union once again as we say "Christ is risen! He has risen indeed!" *(From the Back to God Ministries Lent Devotional)*

Communion

This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We welcome all who confess that Jesus Christ is their Savior and Lord to join us for the celebration.

Benevolence Offering

We give Benevolence offerings whenever we celebrate Holy Communion. The pattern of Benevolence offerings on Communion Sundays goes all the way back to the early church. It is a way for us to remember and reflect the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, by giving for the care of those in need.

MoneyLife Financial Freedom Class

The MoneyLife Financial Freedom Class will meet **tonight, April 14** at Jim & Lynn Gutzwiller's home, at 5:00pm with a light dinner followed with the last lesson 10.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00pm this **Wednesday, April 17** at the Ministry House. We will study Lesson 7.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

We will celebrate a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00pm, **Thursday, April 18**. Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday," is the Thursday of Holy/Passion Week, one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in "Maundy Thursday" refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

More information on the back

April 14, 2019

Bible Reading John 12:12-19
Message The Palm Parade

Calendar

Today

10:00 am Worship
5:00 pm MoneyLife Financial Class

Wednesday

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday

10:00 am Worship

Please check the web calendar for the extended schedule.

Today's Helpers

Prayer Team Kent & Lorna Sprik
Nursery Josh & Lyndsay Anderson
KOTK 3yr-1st grade Lynn Gutzwiller
KOTK 2nd-6th grade No Class

Next Week's Helpers

Prayer Team Pat DeJong & Holly DeVries
Nursery Moe Veurink & Ben Gutzwiller
KOTK 3yr-1st grade Lorna Sprik
KOTK 2nd-6th grade Mike VanMilligen

Birthdays

Childcare is available in the Nursery on the lower level. Children ages 3 years through 6th grade will be dismissed to the Kids of the Kingdom program before the message.

Please forward bulletin announcements to Lorna Sprik office@mountainspringscommunitychurch.org by Thursday noon.

Church Council Members

Elders

Pastor Peter DeVries
Lynn Gutzwiller
Brian Lunde

Deacons

Jill VanMilligen
Michelle Veurink
Heather Lloyd

Next Sunday—Easter Service

We will be Flowering the Cross next Sunday during our Easter worship service. Please bring your fresh cut flowers to help make the cross beautiful!! You are welcome to invite your neighbors and friends to celebrate the resurrection with us.

Nominations for Council

Our church is accepting nominations for Council. The church council is a very important part of our congregational life. We thank Elder Brian Lunde and Deacons Michelle Veurink and Jill VanMilligen for their service. Council invites you to submit nominations of persons you believe would be able to serve as spiritual leaders of the congregation. We are seeking two elders and two deacons. Nomination forms are posted on the website. We thank you for your help and encouragement.

Spring Clean Up

Please mark your calendars now....there will be a spring clean up day for the church and the grounds on **Saturday, May 18**. More details to follow.

Deacon Report

March Special Offering for Impact \$290.00
March Income \$11,894
March Expenses \$10,666
March Income \$ 1,238

Fiscal year to date (07/01/18 – 3/31/19)

Income \$91,284
Expenses \$ 93,376
Deficit **\$(2,092)**

We are doing better than projected due to an increase in Contribution Income (+\$2,600) and fewer expenses (-\$1,500).

Actual Deficit **\$2,092**
Projected Deficit **\$6,578**