

## From the Pastor's Perspective

*"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed." -1 Peter 2:24*

April begins right during Holy Week (April Fools Day is the Wednesday between Palm Sunday and Easter). This is also the week of Rochester Public School's spring break. Further, for some "snowbirds" early April is a time to start heading back up north. So for many, this week is a travel week. Holy Week—when Christians remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem; His Last Supper with the disciples; His betrayal, arrest and trial; His crucifixion, death and burial; and His resurrection—almost becomes part of the background behind the busyness of this early April.

So, amid the transition and travel, I call us intentionally to stop and turn to focus on the background: calling the backdrop into the limelight.

We've been asking, "Who is Jesus?" This year, we are gathering on Friday evening for a special service. We come together to focus on the shocking scene of Jesus hanging on a cross, gasping for His last breath. All that we have learned about Jesus as we have been traveling with Him since Christmas now seems absurd. How can this be God's Son and God Himself? How can this be the Messiah, the Savior of the world? How can this be the One who healed the sick, raised the dead, commanded demons and controlled nature? How can this be the Almighty One who commands all the legions of heaven?

We call the day "Good Friday." It doesn't seem to fit, because this cannot be "good." It certainly isn't good for Jesus, right?

We stare at Jesus hanging on the cross and we hear it again: Good Friday.

We'll only understand it better come Easter Sunday. But during the blur of April's beginning, don't pass through Friday too quickly.

When we pause here with Jesus, and only with the Holy Spirit's inspiration, we can begin to grasp that something good is going on amid this horrific scene. Somehow God is taking all that is evil, all that is bad and sin and ugly, and transforming it. It is too much to take in, but here at the cross we begin to notice God's most dramatic miracle. Jesus takes on Himself all that is darkness, destruction, despair, and defeat, and in Him all its awful power is absorbed. Jesus Himself embraces all the fullness of its death. Jesus and evil die together in a death grip. It is a terrible scene. But in the long silence that follows, transformation suddenly sprouts. Like the seeds that crack open only after the raging fire has burned, so new life only now begins amid the charred wasteland. The tomb opens.

It is Good Friday because in Jesus, all that is evil is defeated. Sin is atoned and forgiveness is won. A terrible price, for sure - one beyond our ability to fathom. But here we see that Jesus is the One who Saves. This is how. And it dawns on us that we should have been on that cross. Jesus has taken our place! When we take Jesus as our Savior, He takes our sin and death and gives us His righteousness and life. Wow. It is good...for us! On the cross, we see our own salvation achieved: forgiveness earned and life atoned. Don't pass by too quickly. Sitting with Jesus here is good!

Easter is coming, and in Jesus' resurrection, even the very power of death is defeated. Against this Holy Week backdrop is all the hope and joy and blessing of life. This is the foundation for abundant and eternal life, offered to everyone.

So, as April breezes in, pause to make the backdrop the main scene. Pull Good Friday into focus. Prioritize Easter. Stop and see Jesus. And keep asking, "Who Is He?"

Happy Easter!

Pastor David

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### Lenten Series: *The Chosen*: Season 3

Wednesdays through Lent at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary & 6:15pm in the Fireside Room.

Each week we'll watch an episode and then spend some time in reflection and discussion. Show times for Season 6 episodes at Marcus Cinema are coming soon!



### Schedule for Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Fri., Apr. 3..... Good Friday worship service at 6:30pm

Fri., Apr. 3..... Easter Egg Hunt Setup (see page 5 for details)

Sat., Apr. 4..... Easter Egg Hunt from 9-11am

Sun., Apr. 5..... Easter Sunday: sunrise service at Silver Lake Park at 6:30am  
Regular morning worship schedule with Children's Message  
(no Sun. School or Children's Church).

### Good Friday Service on Friday, April 3 at 6:30pm

The Friday before Easter is called "Good Friday." It is good for us, as on this day Jesus atoned for our sin. But it was not good for Jesus, who willingly gave Himself to earn our forgiveness. We go to the cross with Jesus, and we experience the darkness of that dark day.

### There Will Be No Communion On Easter Sunday

We typically celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. While it is always meaningful to share in Communion—especially on Easter—we will not be offering it during our Easter Sunday services. Holy Communion is a remembrance of Jesus' sacrificial death, which is the central focus of the days leading up to Easter. Easter Sunday, however, is a celebration of His resurrection and new life! For those who wish to partake in Communion, it will be offered at the 6:30am Sunrise Service at Silver Lake.

### Financial Summary of Church Operations Through February 2026

Income from Church Congregational Giving	\$86,719
Other Operating Income	\$24,889
Total Income from Operations	\$111,609
Total Expense from Operations	\$115,819
Net Income/(Loss) from Operations	<b>\$(4,211)</b>

Although the net income is \$4,211 in the red, giving is near the budgetary numbers for 2026. Expenses are also slightly under budgeted amount. Currently, the Finance Team has no concerns.

For questions or for more information – contact Arlene Morris, chair of the finance committee, at [vammorris@gmail.com](mailto:vammorris@gmail.com).

### Dear Pastor and Congregation of Evangel United Methodist Church

Thank you for paying 100 percent apportionments in 2025! Your congregation is one of the 48 churches in the River Bluffs District paying 100% of their apportionments. This totals 83% of what was apportioned, an increase over last year. Apportionment giving connects us as United Methodists, working together to share the love of Jesus Christ with our communities.

As United Methodists we are called to love boldly, and these apportionment gifts are visible signs of the ways our churches are doing that. In this challenging season in Minnesota, I continue to be amazed at the beautiful ways our United Methodist Churches are meeting the moment by caring for their neighbors as they share the love of Christ. Our congregations are places of hope and grace in an often-divided culture. Your apportionments support the structure of our connexional system so that we can work together to offer the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Your congregation joins many others in the River Bluffs District in paying apportionments in full. Thank you for your steadfast faithfulness to our common ministry. I have included a Certificate of Appreciation to honor your commitment.

May God continue to work through your church as you bless the world around you.

In Christ, Rev. Michelle Hargrave

## EvangelCares Update

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." — Philippians 2:4  
 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." — John 13:35

The EvangelCares Team encourages anyone with questions about EvangelCares to contact the team. Feel free to contact Roger or Janet Guderian using the contact information below. We'd love to explain what we offer and to answer any questions that you have.

There are over 20 EvangelCares Volunteers ready to help with temporary food support, encouragement yardwork & leaf raking, transportation, caregiver support, household moving assistance, and light housekeeping. There are 3 ways to request help:

1. Click: [Evangel Cares Needs Form](#)
2. Complete a request form at the church information center.
3. Contact the EvangelCares coordinator (see below).

Please allow for at least a 1-week turnaround time.

### **Any questions? Contact:**

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## United Methodist Women

Sewing Circle.....Mondays throughout April in Room 223 at 1pm (9am on Monday, April 6)

Women's Gathering.....Thursday, April 16 at 1:00pm in the Lobby. ALL women are invited.

If you have any questions, contact Becky Pierce at 507-289-6802.

## Join the Evangel Movie Group!

You're invited to join in for great films, food, and fellowship! Simply show up at the restaurant or theater for any of the upcoming showings below — no formal RSVP required. We'll go out for ice cream after each movie! Ice cream after each movie!

### **All movies will be shown at:**

Marcus Rochester Cinema | 4340 Maine Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904

For questions or more details, please contact Reese Werner at [dtwerner@msn.com](mailto:dtwerner@msn.com)

#### ***A Great Awakening***

Tuesday, April 7 | Movie at 6:10pm  
 Dinner at 5:15pm at Noodles and Co.

#### ***Legends of the Lost Ark***

Tuesday, April 14 | Movie at 6:40pm  
 Dinner at 5:30pm (Location TBD).

We hope you'll join us for an uplifting evening of movies, conversation, and community. Bring a friend!

## Life Groups Launching this Spring

Growing in discipleship consistently over time is supported best by a long-term group with others (usually 2-5 others) who are also seeking to grow in their faith. These "life groups" can meet weekly or monthly (or whatever works!) and focus on sharing from the participants' own lives: celebrating victories, discussing struggles, and encouraging each other to grow spiritually. It can be as structured as the group finds helpful. Evangel is seeking to launch two life groups this spring. If you feel this may be just what you're looking for, talk to Pastor David.

## Register for Summer Bible Camp!

Make a plan for spiritual retreat, grounding and adventure! Bible Camp consistently has been where people have had a profound experience of God. Consider MN United Methodist camps - brochures are available at the Information Center in the Lobby or click this link: <https://www.campminnesota.org/>. Evangel believes so strongly in Bible Camp that we offer a \$100 incentive to anybody from Evangel going to Bible Camp.

This year, a special donation has paid the way for three Evangel people who have never been to a Christian Camp to go to camp this year! Go and experience the amazing adventure and meet God like nowhere else! Be sure to pick up a MN UMC Camping Brochure at the information center in the lobby. Talk to Pastor David or Jim if you or anyone you know may be interested.

And, as always, financial gifts toward camp scholarships provide support for those for whom cost is a barrier. Mark your special offerings for "camping scholarships."

## Evangel's "Over 90" Club: Dale Larsen



Dale Larsen joined Evangel's distinguished "Over 90s Club" on Nov. 17, 2025. Although Dale was born in Mankato, he grew up in Lapeer, Michigan. His faith became personal at age twelve after reading *Ken in Alaska*, when he experienced a deep sense of assurance in Christ. During high school he took part in Bible studies that helped shape his commitment to Christian living and service.

Following high school Dale served two years in the Army as a classified courier while stationed in Texas. Then he got his four-year degree at a Bible college in Detroit. After graduation his plans didn't work out as he hoped. While working in landscaping, Dale read *The Cross and the Switchblade*, which led him to join Teen Challenge in Detroit. There he began reaching out to young people involved in the growing hippie movement.

A *Time* magazine article convinced Dale that many in the movement were searching for the deepest meaning of life. So in 1968 he traveled to California, working first on Sunset Strip and then in a San Francisco coffeehouse ministry. In 1970 Dale met Sandy while on a trip to Washington, D.C. culminating Arthur Blessitt's cross-country walk. Sandy followed Dale back to San Francisco, and they married in November.

The early years of their marriage included many adventures: street ministry in New York City, travel to Great Britain with Blessitt, and a year of ministry each in Sweden and Northern Ireland. In the mid-1970s Sandy's father's health brought the couple back to the Midwest. Dale again worked landscaping and, after moving to Chicago, the couple began writing Sunday School curriculum. Eventually they became full-time writers, writing for a variety of Christian publishers. In the 1980s they lived in Wisconsin, spent a year in Ukraine teaching English, and later returned to Illinois to care for Sandy's mother. They moved to Rochester in 2008 and are now largely retired.

When asked what key insight has shaped his life, Dale quoted, "There is no power in all the universe that can keep you from the center of God's will, except you." He also offered the wized advice to keep your marriage #1, before work and ministry. Encourage your spouse to be the best they can be...and that does NOT mean telling them how to do things better!

Looking forward, Dale simply asks God, "What's our next adventure?" Dale knows it's not over!

### Save the Date!

The Jumpin' Jehosaphats will be performing live in concert at Evangel on Sunday, May 17!

Join us for a free meal after the second service, followed by an upbeat, family-friendly concert you won't want to miss. It's going to be a fun and joyful time together—so mark your calendars and invite a friend!

Stay tuned for more details!



### Planning Ahead! (Being ready to live fully.)

Evangel is hosting a 4-seminar series on being prepared to live fully as you age and having the peace of mind that comes from being ready for what life may bring. Seminars will be on Wednesdays throughout May (6, 13, 20 and 27) at 6:15pm in the Fireside Room. Come for a community dinner at 5pm and stay for the seminar!

Seminars:

#### **5/6: "Make It Stop!" or "Spam, Scam & Illicit Marketing"**

By Amanda Grayson of the Rochester Police Department. How to be prepared for and respond to malicious, predatory and scamming contacts.

#### **5/13: "Keep Giving" or "Legacy Giving"**

By Wayne Walters and the Evangel Finance Team. How to give out of wealth, resources, wills and estates to continue to support your ministry passions.

#### **5/20: "When Is It Time for More (Care)?" or "When? Where? Cost? and Care?"**

By Jim Miner of Plaza Realty and Doug Schommer of Visiting Angels. How to discern when it is time to consider moving into housing and facilities that offer more care, for ourselves or for loved ones.

#### **5/27: "Are You Ready?" or "End of Life Readiness"**

By Jim Miner of Plaza Realty and Doug Schommer of Visiting Angels. End of life legal plans, housing details, estate planning, medical policies, POAs, etc.

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 Clancy Craven, Assoc. Dir. of Connections & Growth: [ccraven@evangelum.org](mailto:ccraven@evangelum.org)

### Connections and Growth Calendar for March

Every Sunday	Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am
Every Sunday	Children’s Church at 8:30am and 10:30am
Every Sunday	Nursery open at 8:30am and 10:30am
Every Thursday	Bible Storytime for Good News Children’s Center kids at 9am
Friday, April 3	Easter Egg Hunt Set Up
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 5	Easter Sunday (No Sun. School or Children’s Church) Children’s Message & gift during Easter Worship
	Zumbro Ridge Food Drive concludes
Sunday, April 12	Unite@ the National Eagle Center
TBD	Connections & Growth Team

### Evangel’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt Is on Saturday, April 4

Connections and Growth will present our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, from 9:00am to 11:00am. This event will be held for Evangel families and friends, the Chinese and Hispanic churches, Zumbro Ridge Estates, and a limited outreach to our Rochester community. Our goal is to balance our larger community outreach events with more intimate gatherings for family and friends—ensuring we connect with our community while also strengthening our church family bonds.

Many of our favorite Easter Egg Hunt activities will return, including age-specific egg hunts, games, gift bags, a cookie shop, arts and crafts, storytelling, and more!

#### Set-Up: Friday, April 3 from 6:00–9:00pm

We need volunteers—kids, youth, and adults—to help decorate, stuff eggs with candy, and set up tables, the Easter tomb, and games. Pizza will be provided!

6:00pm – FREE Pizza  
 6:30pm – Break for Good Friday service (Sanctuary)  
 After service – Easter Egg Hunt setup



#### Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4, from 9:00–11:00am

Come for the whole morning! There will be plenty of fun activities between egg hunts.

#### Egg hunt times are:

Infant - Pre. Kindergarten.....9:30am  
 Kindergarten - Grade 2:.....10:00am  
 Grades 3-5 .....10:30am

To volunteer, click: [Easter Egg Hunt & Setup](#). We hope to see you April 3 & 4. We will have the best time together while celebrating the joy and meaning of Easter.



## **Sunday School / All Church Food Drive for Zumbro Ridge**

Food insecurity in Rochester is real. It's ongoing, and circumstances in our world are such that it may continue for quite some time. Zumbro Ridge Estates, Evangel's neighbor just three miles north of our building, needs our help. Their food pantry (which Evangel helped build), is often bare. This is a vetted reality as Evangel has close contact with the manager of the neighborhood and her food pantry volunteer. For the past few weeks Evangel has been collecting food for our neighbors at Zumbro Ridge. Final donations are being accepted now and we will conclude building the wall on Easter Sunday April 5.



### You can help in several ways:

- **Bring non-perishable foods to the Evangel lobby and leave it at the display.** This can be a fun family or inter-generational activity. The Connections and Growth Team will arrange it to look like a grocery store shelf.
- **Cash:** Connections and Growth can purchase food for you. We can get great deals. Cash should be put into a sealed envelope with a note for the food drive.
- **Check:** Please give your check made out to Evangel Church to Jim or Clancy or put in the offering with "Zumbro Food Drive" marked in the memo.

**Turn cash or checks into the offering or drop off at the church**

**Let's have a strong finish to this year's food drive!**

## **Evangel Pre-K & Elementary GROW Curriculum – April**

During the month of April, our Pre-K and Elementary students will dive into a new series titled "CLUE." This engaging series will focus on Easter and the events that followed Jesus' resurrection.

Students will explore key biblical stories, including:

- Jesus' death and resurrection
- Jesus appearing to His disciples
- The journey on the road to Emmaus
- Jesus meeting His disciples at the Sea of Galilee

We are excited to see how Evangel children continue growing in their faith through the GROW curriculum!



## **Unite@ National Eagle Center on April 12 (rescheduled from March)**

**Sunday, April 12 from 2-4pm | Cost: \$7.00**

**50 Pembroke Ave. S., Wabasha, MN 55981**

The March Blizzard slowed us down but can't stop us! We have rescheduled our Unite@ event at the National Eagle Center for April 12. We will "fly" down to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Minnesota on Sunday, April 12 to enjoy everything eagles!

The National Eagle Center will put us closer to eagles than we have ever been before: we'll see them up close, enjoy a presentation from an eagle expert, view them in their natural habitat flying into roost and tour this magnificent facility dedicated to eagles! This is an inter-generational event as always so EVERYONE from age 2 to 102 is invited! Friends are always invited!. To sign up click: [National Eagle Center Sign Up](#)



**Mega Kids Camp Registration Is Open!**



Mega Kids Camp will take place July 13–16 at the National Volleyball Center at Century High School. Registration officially opened on March 21, and we’re excited for another incredible year! Many favorite elements from past camps will return in 2026, including our camp mascot, Mega; 9 different activity tracks led by skilled head coaches; and 12 high-energy rallies led by Rally Coach Jim. Kids can also look forward to energetic music, engaging multimedia experiences, snacks, and hundreds of prizes!

This year, Evangel will serve as the primary host of Mega Kids Camp, with Brooklyn Center UMC joining us as a partner to help make camp a success. Don’t miss out on this unforgettable summer experience! To register, click the link below: <http://www.rochestermegacamp.org/>



**Mega Kids Camp Volunteers Needed — 500 Reasons to Say Yes!**

Registration for Mega Kids Camp opened on March 21, and almost 350 kids have already signed up! We are hoping for 500 kids this year—and we need your help to make it happen!

Whether you’re available for just a short time or the entire week, there’s a place for you to serve. Mega Kids Camp makes an incredible impact on children’s lives, and each year we see more kids come to know Jesus. For the past 13 years, God has richly blessed this ministry, and we believe He continues to anoint it for one purpose: bringing kids to Jesus.

Interested in volunteering? Here’s how you can get involved:

- Click: [Mega Camp Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- Email Clancy Craven at [ccraven@evangelum.org](mailto:ccraven@evangelum.org)
- Email Jim Klepper at [jklepper@evangelum.org](mailto:jklepper@evangelum.org)
- Call the Evangel Office at 507-289-4817

Thank you for considering being part of a life-changing experience this summer at Mega Kids Camp!



## **Provide Treats for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour**

Help us provide tasty treats between Sunday services! You can bake, make, or buy items—just check labels and avoid nuts, almond flour/flavoring, and peanut oil. Sign up at the serving table in the Lobby on Sunday mornings. Please bring treats by the Wednesday before your assigned Sunday. We need about 10 dozen each week—consider teaming up with family or friends!

## **“Say It with Flowers” – Sanctuary Decorations**

You’re invited to help decorate the Evangel Sanctuary for Sunday services by providing floral arrangements. Feel free to bring your own bouquet or have one delivered by a local florist. Sign up on the bulletin board next to Room 223. If you have any questions, contact Bev Morgan at 507-271-1383.

## **You Are Needed: Serve on Sunday Hospitality Teams**

- Greeters/ushers
- Scripture readers
- Holy Communion servers
- Staff the Welcome Center
- Outdoor greeters
- Hosting coffee and treats
- Intercessory prayer partners
- Musicians/special music

If you are willing to serve in any of these needs, please contact Kay Hess or Pastor David.

## **Empowering Students Through Scholarships & Grants**

Scholarship application deadlines are coming up very quickly. If you or a student you know is preparing for college, university, or seminary, now is the time to explore these opportunities and begin an application.

Each year, the Dakotas | Minnesota Methodist Foundations partners with church families to help students continue their education through scholarships. Undergraduate and seminary students who are connected to Minnesota United Methodist churches, and pursuing a call to ministry, are invited to apply for a variety of awards for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Deadlines Coming Quick:

- Dollars for Scholars program with the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation – Deadline: March 20. <https://www.dkmmmf.org/scholarships-landing>
- United Methodist Higher Education Foundation General Named Endowed Scholarship – Deadline: April 1. <https://www.dkmmmf.org/scholarships-landing>
- Minnesota Conference scholarships and awards – Deadline: May 15. <https://www.dkmmmf.org/minnesota-scholarships>

Students may reapply for scholarships for up to three (3) years, as eligibility allows.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, contact Katie Meister, Dakotas | Minnesota Methodist Foundations Engagement Director at [Katie.Meister@dkmmmf.org](mailto:Katie.Meister@dkmmmf.org) or call 605-990-7790.



# CROSSFIRE NEWS

Stephanie Mettler, Youth Minister  
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Hello, church family!

Here's the latest youth news—there's a lot to be excited about!

## **DISCIPLENOW: ON THE WAY — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our retreat is coming up soon (April 24–26 at Evangel), and we're looking for a few more helping hands! In particular, we need drivers for the evening of April 25. If you're available, please let me or Anita Hermanson know as soon as possible. Keep in mind that volunteer requirements will need to be completed ahead of time, so early sign-ups are a big help.

We're also looking for volunteers to serve on meal teams or to provide snacks throughout the weekend. If that's something you'd enjoy, please reach out to Cheryl Root or me. Every contribution helps make this weekend meaningful and memorable for our youth!



## **SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH**

Thank you so much for the many ways you continue to support our youth. Because of your generosity and encouragement, we are on track to meet our mission trip financial goal—what an incredible blessing! Your partnership is making a lasting impact as our students grow in faith and discover their place in the church, community, and beyond.

## **WRAPPING UP & GEARING UP**

As we head toward the end of the semester, our final regular Friday night youth group gathering is just around the corner. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Just two weeks later, we'll come together for DiscipleNow, and then we'll begin looking ahead to all the fun and connection that summer will bring.



We're excited to keep gathering in new ways over the summer months. If you have favorite memories from your own youth group days or ideas for summer activities, we'd love to hear them!

Thank you again for being such an important part of our youth ministry.

-Stephanie

## **Youth Calendar**

**Sunday School: Every Sunday from 9:30–10:25am**

- Friday, April 10..... Youth Small Group: 7-9 PM
- April 24-26..... DiscipleNow retreat: On the Way
- Friday, May 15..... Mini Golf at Blue Lagoon

## **Calling Adult Volunteers**

We're always looking to grow our team—especially anyone with a passion for leading music during our gatherings. If you're interested in helping out in any way, please reach out to Youth Director Stephanie Mettler or a member of the Youth Leadership Team. Your support makes a huge difference!

## **Youth Leadership Team**

Stephanie Mettler, Lane & Anita Hermanson, Mandi Ellenbaum, Peter Kroneman, Jim Klepper & Pastor David Werner

## Mission Team Update

Here are the highlights from the Mission Team meeting on March 11, 2026:

- Approved disbursements to Midwest Mission and our supported missionary in Central Asia
- Began planning for the May 17 Jumpin' Jehosaphats concert.
- Discussed getting involved in the Midwest Mission School Supply Collection

We're grateful for the ways God is at work through these efforts—and there's more to come!



### You Can Give to the General Mission Fund By:

1. CHECK: Write 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Gift on the memo line and turn it into the Church Office or place in the Sunday offering.
2. ONLINE: Click [Give \(elexiogiving.com\)](http://elexiogiving.com) and select Missions—2<sup>nd</sup> Mile.
3. QR Code: Scan this QR code with your cellphone and select Missions—2<sup>nd</sup> Mile.

The Missions Team, with the guidance of Church Council, will distribute the funding.

Posted on the Mission Team Bulletin Board (across from room 223) is recent news of the missionaries and missions we support.

The Mission Team's next meeting is Wed., April 8 at 4:00pm in the Fireside Room. Zoom will be available. If you have questions, ideas or want to be involved with the team, contact any member of the Missions Team: Roger Guderian, Becky Pierce, Bev Morgan, Linda Gregg, Carol Madsen, Colleen Stacey or Pastor David.

## Mission Partnership with the Society of St. Andrew

Thank you, Evangel UMC, for reducing food waste and sharing the abundant harvest of this country's fields! Our food system is broken, but in partnership with the Society of St. Andrew you are part of the joyful solution and the community of compassion. Your lifetime gifts of \$20,611 have shared... 412,220 servings(!) of fresh fruits and vegetables with Americans struggling to put food on the table. AT THE SAME TIME, you've kept more than 100,000 pounds of perfectly good, nutritious food out of landfills. God's righteousness shines through your congregation's life!

Until all are fed,  
Pastor Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Director of Church Relations  
Gleaning America's Fields | Feeding America's Hungry  
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## Wednesday Night Meals

Every Wednesday at 5pm in the Dinette



All meals come with desert!

## Menu for April

April 1  
NO MEAL - Spring Break

April 8  
Soup & sandwiches

April 15  
Pizza & Salad

April 22  
Scrambled eggs, pancakes & sausage

April 29  
Cheeseburgers & french fries

# April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4
			1p - The Chosen 6:15p - Praise Team 6:15p - The Chosen 6:30p - Who Is the Holy Spirit?	9a - Bible Story time 5p - Meal hosting at Dorothy Day House 7p - Choir	11a - Older Folders 6pm - Easter Egg Hunt setup 6:30pm - Good Friday Service	9am - Easter Egg Hunt
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
6:30am - Sunrise Service at Silver Lake Park 8:15a - Prayer for Worship 8:30a - Traditional Service 10:30a - Contemporary Service	9a - Sewing Circle	6:10pm - Evangel Movie Group at Marcus Cinema	11am - Memorial Service for Jerry Steinke 1p - The Chosen 4p - Missions Team 5p - Wed. Night Meal 6:15pm - Board Games 6:15p - Confirmation 6:15p - Praise Team 6:30p - Who Is the Holy Spirit? 7:30p - Handbells	9a - Bible Story time 7p - Choir	11a - Older Folders 7pm - Youth Group	
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8:15a - Prayer for Worship 8:30a - Traditional Service 9:30a - Sunday School and Drop-In class 10:30a - Contemporary Service 11:45am - Youth Leadership Team 2p - Unite@ the Eagle Center	1p - Sewing Circle	6:40p - Evangel Movie Group at Marcus Cinema 7pm - Trustees	5p - Wed. Night Meal 6:15pm - Board Games 6:15p - Confirmation 6:15p - Praise Team	9a - Bible Story time 1p - Women's Gathering 6:30p - Finance Team 7p - Choir	11a - Older Folders	
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Christ's hands and feet in the world.



### **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 3  
Worship Service at 6:30pm

### **Easter Egg Hunt Set Up**

Friday, April 3  
6-9pm (break for Good Friday Service)

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 4 from 9-11am

## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5  
6:30am - Sunrise Service at Silver Lake Park  
8:30am - Traditional Service  
No Sunday School  
10:30am - Contemporary Service



Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!