

# Woestina

## Reformed Church Newsletter

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### A McHeard Moment: Why is that prayer never answered?

*First please allow me to say what a joy to have the newsletter back again. I am so thankful to Craig and Linda Foote in putting this back together! This is the third issue and the first one I was able to contribute an article to. Thank you, Mr., and Mrs. Foote, for providing an article in my absence. I would like to honor the length of space I have noticed in the last two months so let me just get with my thoughts.*

*Hopefully the title “why is that prayer never answered?” is piqued your interest. What Prayer am I referring to? I am referring to the last petition in the Lord’s Prayer...” but deliver us from evil”. We recite it every Sunday when we worship. Many congregations and spaces of worship recite the same words. So why is there still evil in the world? Many Christians around the world pray those words...doesn’t God hear us? The answer is Yes! The answer to why that prayer is never answered is we think it is never answered because we say it incorrectly. Well, you say that what the scriptures say so what do you mean we say it incorrectly? This is what I mean. The word ‘evil’ here in the Greek (Matthew 6:13) comes in the form of the substantive genitive neuter singular, which literarily means “the evil one”. Therefore, when we pray that final petition in the Lord’s Prayer we say “and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one”. So that prayer is answered after all...Jesus does deliver us from the evil one.*

*We will be celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday this month. This Holy Week (the days between Palm Sunday and Easter) is an answered to that prayer. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ has indeed delivered us from the evil one, namely Satan. Every day it is good for us to pray that God would deliver us from the evil one because the evil one is constantly trying to bring hurt and harm to God’s people. So, the next time we pray the Lord’s Prayer let us be specific and grammatically correct and say, “but deliver us from the evil one”!*

## *What we Know as Believers About Easter and the Cross*

*Brought to you by Linda and Craig Foote*

Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection. After Jesus was crucified, his body was taken down from the cross, and placed in a cave (tomb). The cave was guarded by Roman soldiers and a massive stone was put over the entrance.

On Sunday, three days after the crucifixion, Mary Magdalene visited the tomb to find that the stone had been moved and Jesus' body was gone. Angels visited Mary and told her Jesus was not there.

*According to the Gospels in the Bible, Mary Magdalene saw Jesus that day and for days afterwards by many people. His followers realized that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the Resurrection and believe it shows that Jesus died for our sins and that mankind will have eternal life in Heaven if we believe in Jesus. It shows us God's power over death and sin and reveals to us by our faith the future we inherit as believers in Jesus Christ.*

*What the Bible says about the Cross*

*Hebrews 12:2*

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*Philippians 2:8*

*And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

*1 Corinthians 1:17*

*For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.*

*Matthew 16:24*

*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.***



## SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

### ***For our Church Family:***

*Those that are sick and in need, our shut ins, and Pastor Kent.  
For new lives born and those families that have lost a loved one.*

### ***For our Community, Nation, & World Peace:***

*Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, all those affected  
by war and crime, natural disaster, and Christians throughout the  
World*

**Please give your prayer requests to Pastor Kent**

## JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



**Sunday's @ 9:30 a.m (see bulletin board for occasional changes)**

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*The food pantry is always taking donations. If you or someone you know in our community has any needs, please call Karin Carr or Linda Young (contact information below) and they will be happy to assist. The pantry is currently open every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from **9:00am – 11:00am**. Any emergent needs can be met by scheduling a pick-up appointment by calling either Linda or Karin. Current items needed are **Vegetable Oil, Soups, Sugar, Coffee, Tuna, Laundry & Dish Detergent, Tissues, Crackers, Boxed Potatoes & Shampoo***

**Karin Carr – (518) 256-5640**

**Linda Young – (518) 952-4310**

# Ginny's Lunch

Ginny's lunch will be on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Doors open at 10:00am and lunch will be served at noon. Bible Study afterwards

## **April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Chicken Soup  
Pea Soup  
Bread or Rolls  
Sherbert



## **April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cream of Broccoli and  
Cauliflower Soup  
Chicken Soup  
Bread or Rolls  
Fruited Jello

If you plan on joining, please call Nancy MacLea at 518-355-0543  
or email her at [nmaclea@nycap.rr.com](mailto:nmaclea@nycap.rr.com)  
Please leave a message with your name and phone number if needed.

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## April Birthday's & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

4/01- Cheryl Beloncik  
4/14 - Maryann Bunker  
4/15 - Parker McHeard  
4/16 - Jeff Nagell  
4/19 - Paulyn Cox  
4/24 - Cyndy Starr McKay

### Anniversaries

4/03- Joe & Diane Bennett  
4/10- Lawrence & Nancy Spring  
4/27- Charles & Nancy Gore



## *\*Mission of the Month\**

***The April Mission of the Month is the Woestina Food Pantry***

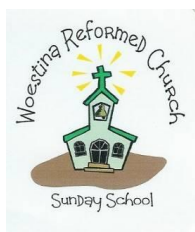
***Located here in our church, the Woestina Food Pantry gives much needed food and supplies to those in need. The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Food or monetary donations are always welcome.***

***See Karin Carr or Linda  
Young for pantry needs***

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***From our Congregation: What To Do With Worry***

- 1) Remember that God is the Creator- quite capable of providing for you.
- 2) Remember how valuable you are to God- He is your Father, and you are His child.
- 3) Decide what you are going to give your attention and devote yourself to witnessing to Christ with your life and words and becoming like Christ.
- 4) Trust that God will meet your basic needs and give you what you need to do His will, just as He does with the rest of creation.
- 5) Trust God's sovereignty not only with circumstances but with people (instead of worrying or judging).
- 6) Pray- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God that surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6)



## Sunday School News

*Wishing everyone a "Happy Easter" and for the kids a good spring break, enjoy your trips!*

*Thank you to the kids for helping with the large coffee hour last month and thank you to everyone who made a dish to share. It's really nice to once again be gathering downstairs.*

*Just a reminder of some of the upcoming events:*

*Placement of flags on graves in the Woestina Cemetery for Memorial Day will be May 28 at 11:45 am after church.*

*Youth Sunday will be June 11 this year, where the Sunday School will be doing the morning service.*

*VBS which will be from July 24 – 28 from 6 to 8 pm. If you would like to volunteer let me know. Also let me know if you need a registration form. Remember its only 2 hours an evening for 1 week!*

*A photo to share, this was taken in 2012 when the Sunday School collected items for the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. Pictured are Nathan, Garrett, Parker, Amy & Emily.*



*We are also still collecting empty soda & water bottles. You can drop off at Southside Beverage at 1451 State Highway 5S, Amsterdam, NY 12010 or leave them by the garage in the ed center. Make sure you tell them they are for the Woestina Church Youth Group.*

*Once again, I encourage you to invite a child in your neighborhood to come to Sunday School, it may be their only opportunity to hear about God's word. Today's youth need to know that God is there for them. Also offer a ride they may need one.*

*Nancy Gore, Sunday School Committee*

## *Time in Faith and Faith in Time*



*I have received two precious timepieces in my lifetime, a tiny watch with red trim showing through some ornate metal work and my grandmother's gold watch. Both have played an important part in building my faith. The first one was a gift from my parents for my 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was finishing up 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and being the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest of five children, they felt that I should take responsibility for myself in getting ready for school or bed by telling time. The little watch was my most precious gift because it wasn't a winter coat, boots, shoes or some other article of clothing that I needed.*

*The face and crystal, of the watch, were slightly bigger than the diameter of a pea. We lived on a dirt road near Fort Drum and the 60 acres of land surrounding my house were my playground. In 1960 we played outside all summer, returning for lunch and dinner or to complete any chores that were our responsibility. One day I looked down and the crystal of my watch was missing. Imagine looking for a pea in the lush grass of summertime, very much like looking for a needle in a haystack.*

*I had learned about God and his precious son, Jesus, in my Sunday school lessons. I said my prayers each night, but I had never experienced God answering prayer.*

*I prayed fervently asking God to let me find that tiny piece of clear glass that I had lost. I remember crying, praying and searching for hours that day in the yard where I had been playing earlier. I had nearly given up all hope when I spotted something glistening in the grassy path to my house. It was my watch crystal shining in the sunlight, and that is why I believe and have faith in God.*

*The 2nd timepiece was my grandmother's gold watch. It was something my father cherished since his mother died while he was fighting in North Africa during WWII. My father gave it to me after I graduated from college. He trusted that I would also cherish this watch and it is all I have of a grandmother who I never knew.*

*My Faith is something that has waned and grown over time. My faith has been tested many times during my adult life. My youngest brother died a few months after my son Brian was born. The love we had for a newborn child helped my parents and I through those first few numbing months after Tom's death. The pain of losing my dear dad was very hard for me but he is why I love the Gospel music that we shared together, early on Sunday mornings. Lance and I lost our mothers in a span of six months followed a few years later by the deaths of my sister, brother and Lance's sister.*

*With each loss I was able to seek comfort in my faith in God, but with Lance I began to grieve from the moment I heard the words, mass on the brain. Five months later, I mourned and grieved so much that if breathing and the beating of my heart weren't involuntary functions, I don't think I would have survived. Of course, with Covid-19, normal life ceased, and I for a long time merely existed. I would go into the sanctuary alone and just try to feel something within my hollow body. When church services were again held in the sanctuary, I had to force myself to come to church. I couldn't even raise my head and sobbed uncontrollably throughout each service. Fortunately, the masks helped to absorb some of my tears. Each Sunday, I forced myself to come back, because I remembered that tiny watch crystal that God helped me find and the speck of faith that started growing within me 60 years before I lost my precious husband.*

*Lance has been gone from me for three years now, and I continue to grieve. I don't know when it happened but, I know with the passing of time my faith has grown.*

Frances Kugler



## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



### **The Cross**

*The Cross is a symbol of Christ's death as the perfect "Lamb of God". The price of sin was paid for by Jesus when He willingly died on the cross for all mankind's sin.*

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### ***SPECIAL DAYS CELEBRATED IN APRIL***

APRIL 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

***APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> – PALM SUNDAY***

***APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> – MAUNDY THURSDAY***

***APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> – GOOD FRIDAY***

***APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> – EASTER SUNDAY***

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***Holy Week Services:***

***Maundy Thursday Service, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM***

***Good Friday Service, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM***

***Easter Sunrise Service, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM (Fellowship Breakfast to follow the service)***

***Easter Sunday Service, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM***

# KIDS PAGE

1. Does Easter happen on the same day every year?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Only on Leap Years

2. For what reason are Eggs commonly associated with Easter?

- a) They are a good source of protein
- b) They symbolize new life
- c) To use up all the Christmas chocolate
- d) Because they look super cute

3. Now, here is a question for a kids Easter quiz: What is the name of the game where you go searching for Easter eggs and collect them in a basket?

- a) Easter Smash
- b) Easter Adventure
- c) Easter Hide and Seek
- d) Easter Egg Hunt

4. What type of hat is traditionally made and decorated at Easter for a special parade?

- a) Egg Cap
- b) Bonnet
- c) Bunny Ears
- d) Hot Cross Hat

5. What is the religious name for the 40 days before Easter?

- a) February
- b) Dry January
- c) Lent
- d) Rent

6. What type of cake-style bun do people eat at Easter?

- a) Rainbow Bagel
- b) Cross-shaped sponge
- c) Dinosaur Egg Pudding
- d) Hot Cross Buns

7. This is a tricky question for a kids Easter quiz! How many countries around the world mark the Christian celebration of Easter?

- a) 38 countries
- b) 52 countries
- c) 95 countries
- d) 123 countries

8. True or False: Easter Island is a real place in the World



*Rainbow eggs for Easter)*

9. Name the traditional Easter cake that is decorated with 12 marzipan balls?

- a) Signal Cake
- b) Silly Cake
- c) Simnel Cake
- d) Supper Cake

10. No quiz about Easter is complete without the Easter bunny! But which other animal is commonly seen around Easter?

- a) Chick
- b) Cow
- c) Parrot
- d) Elephant

11. Which of these is NOT a day of holy week?

- a) Maundy Thursday
- b) Good Friday
- c) Mourning Saturday
- d) Palm Sunday

12. The first day of Holy Week celebrates Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem riding on which animal?

- a) Donkey
- b) Dragon
- c) White Horse
- d) Tiger

13. What is the name of the meal eaten on Maundy Thursday in the bible?

- a) The Big Dinner
- b) The First Banquet
- c) The Last Supper
- d) The Red Feast

14. The U.S. President traditionally holds an famous Easter event outside The White House on Capitol Hill in [Washington DC](#). What is it called?

- a) The annual White House Easter Egg Roll
- b) The annual White House Easter Fun Run
- c) The annual White House Easter Bunny Hop
- d) The annual White House Easter Egg smash

15. In France, every Easter Monday, the residents of Haux make a massive Easter omelet that serves over 1,000 people. How many eggs are cracked into the giant pan?

- a) 10,000
- b) 6,250
- c) 4,500
- d) 2,000

The Answers will be in the MAY Edition of the Newsletter



*A special thank you to all those that donated food, drinks and time for a very special Coffee Hour and Fellowship gathering on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions and efforts are greatly appreciated in making this event such a success!*

## *Did you Know Items about Easter?*

### *Easter Sunday is on a different date every year*

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon that is after the 21st of March.

### *It is traditional to eat lamb on Easter Sunday*

The eating of lamb on Easter Sunday goes back further than Easter and is connected to Passover, a Jewish festival. Passover celebrate the Israelites being freed from slavery and at the end of Passover a 'Passover lamb' is eaten. It is likely that Jews who converted to Christianity kept the tradition of eating a lamb but rather than eat it on Passover they ate it on Easter Sunday

### *Easter Island was discovered on Easter Sunday*

On April 5, 1772, Jacob Roggeveen first stepped foot on the Island. It was Easter Sunday, so he named the island Easter Island.

It was already called Rapa Nui by the people who lived on the island, but Roggeveen decided to name it after Easter Sunday anyway. So, in the English-speaking world we call it Easter Island but its real name is Rapa Nui.

### *The word Easter came before Christianity*

The name Easter originates from an Anglo-Saxon springtime goddess named Ēostre.

### *Painting eggs comes from Ukraine!*

Around Easter, painting eggs is a really fun activity to do.

Did you know that the activity comes from Ukraine?

They call their decorated eggs a 'pysanka' which means 'to write'



### *The Jelly Bean Prayer*

*RED is for the blood  
He Gave.*

*GREEN is for the grass  
He made.*

*YELLOW is for the sun  
so bright.*

*ORANGE is for the edge  
of night.*

*BLUE is for the sins  
we made.*

*WHITE is for the grace  
He gave.*

*PURPLE is for His hour  
of sorrow.*

*PINK is for our  
new tomorrow.*

*A bag full of jelly beans  
colorful and sweet  
Is a prayer, is a promise,  
is a special treat.*

*Happy Easter!*

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