THE MESSENGER APRIL 2022

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service time 10:30 AM

**A WORD FROM PASTOR JEFF SILVERNAIL**

April Messenger - Pastor Jeff

“They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.” Mark 15:21

As April begins we are still walking through Lent and nearing the remembrance of the sacrificial love of Jesus in Holy Week and the celebration of resurrection victory on Easter.

I am reminded of Simon of Cyrene, picked out of the crowd to walk with Jesus and carry his cross. It may have seemed like an unjust burden to have to carry someone else’s cross, but in retrospect we see it as a great honor and privilege to be able to walk with Jesus sharing in his burden. For Jesus was actually carrying our cross weighed down with the sins of the world.

This April we walk with Jesus, joined in his death and joined in his resurrection. A song by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, “In Christ Alone” captures the journey from death to life. Here are a couple of verses:

*In Christ alone who took on flesh*

*Fullness of God in helpless babe*

*This gift of love and righteousness*

*Scorned by the ones He came to save*

*Till on that cross as Jesus died*

*The wrath of God was satisfied*

*For every sin on Him was laid*

*Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay*

*Light of the world by darkness slain*

*Then bursting forth in glorious Day*

*Up from the grave He rose again*

*And as He stands in victory*

*Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me*

*For I am His and He is mine*

*Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Jeff

**GILEAD’S VISION STATEMENT**

We ring out a joyous message of welcome and togetherness to neighbors near and far through the Spirit of Christ!

**VALUES FOR GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PRAISING GOD through Traditional and Contemporary music and Lutheran liturgy.

GROWING IN FAITH through Fellowship, Study, Prayer and Service.

STAYING CONNECTED with each other and reaching out to others in the community.

LISTENING for the Spirit’s guidance in all we do.

AFFIRMING each person as worthy of love and respect.

Please keep our homebound and those that can’t be with us in your prayers:

Bill Beck, John Grassman, Mike Boomhower, Matthew Raymond, Tom Spade, Bob Guerin, June Boomhower, Rick Brown, Allen Sheffer, Audrey Hayner, Elaine Frank, Marcy Mulner, Greg Baxter, Joe Carista, Sharon Sigot, Joyce and Nicholas Banks.

 APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Madeline Price 1 Emil Kreiger 19

Kirt Coonradt 21 Glenn Coonradt 12 Joan Wocher 26 MaryBeth Jerry 28

 APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

 Craig and Kathleen Newton 21

 Ray and Jenny Faluszczak 26

 APRIL CHURCH CALENDAR

**5th Sunday in Lent, April 3rd Maundy Thursday, April 14th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

 1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

 Psalm: 126 Psalm: 116:1-2, 12-19

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 12:1-8 Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Palm Sunday, April 10th Good Friday, April 15th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:10-16 1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Psalm: 136:1-9 Psalm: 22

2nd Reading: Romans 15:1-7,13 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 Gospel: John 18:1 – 19:42

**Easter Sunday, April 17th 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 24th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

1st Reading: Acts 10:34-43 1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24 Psalm: 118:14-29

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 2nd Reading: Revelations 1:4-8

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 Gospel: John 20:19-31

 **EVENTS CALENDAR**

 **April 12th Council Meeting 6:30pm**

 **April 15th Good Friday Service 12pm**

 **April 16th Easter Egg Hunt 10Am**

 **April 17th Easter Sunday Service 10:30am**

 **April 28th Body and Soul Pantry/Dinner 3-6pm**

**WORSHIP LEADERS READERS**

April 3rd Pastor Dan Hahn April 3rd Eleanor Bode

April 10th Deacon Jim Netzer April 10th Andrea Keefer

April 15th Deacon Jim Netzer April 15th

April 17th Pastor Dan Hahn April 17th

April 24th Deacon Jim Netzer April 24th Leonard Flath

 **EASTER FLOWERS**

This year I can only ORDER Lillies $ 11.00 and Pansy $ 7.00. I can possibly get Hyacinths, tulips, and Daffodils only if they are available when I pick up the order. I have tried to find another supplier but have no luck so far. The Hyacinths, Daffodils, and Tulips are $ 8.00.

There will be a signup sheet at the rear of the church, or you may call me: 518-279-9552

Thank you

John

 **EASTER EGG HUNT**

We will be holding an old-fashioned Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16.  Our hunt was so successful last year that we have decided to have 3 separate hunts based on age groups:  Age 5 and under will begin at 10:00 a.m., over 5 to 9 at 10:45 a.m., and ages 10 and over at 11:30 a.m.  Plastic treat-filled eggs will be provided.  This will be an outside event, so dress for the weather. If you would like to support our egg hunt we are accepting donations of filled plastic eggs.  Call the church office at 518-279-9270 or email akeefer.gilead@gmail.com to set up a drop-off time. We can't wait to see you there!!

 **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday Church School has faced many challenges since September. Due to many factors including conflicting commitments and the Covid-19 resurgence, we have not had as many friends joining together on Sunday mornings.

We have decided to postpone all remaining classes this spring and will resume in September 2022.

Hopefully, all of our regular friends and some new ones will be reunited to share bible adventures and songs and fun together. We will send further details over the summer.

All Students, watch the mail for some surprises…We miss all of our children very much.

See you in September.

Jen and Tori

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**READ ME, SEE WHAT’S NEW!!**





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