

The Messenger

April 2019

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

COMMUNION

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on April 7. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot coffee or cool tea.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with our Worship Service on April 14, Palm Sunday. Come celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PARTY

Our Sunday School Easter Party will be on Sunday, April 14, at 10 am. Each child should bring a basket or bag for the egg hunt. The Sunday School will provide the candy eggs. We will have a brunch with cereals, fruits and juices. Come out for a fun time, Siblings are welcome or bring a friend!



THURSDAY, APRIL 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will meet at 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary for our service commemorating the Lord's Supper and reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifice.



SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EASTER!

Easter celebration begins at 6:30 am with our SonRise service, an inspiring ceremony to begin our most important holiday. After this service, we have a delicious breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. At 9:00 am, our children and youth will meet for a celebration of their own during our Sunday School time. Again we will celebrate the victory of our Risen Savior at 10:30 am for our Sunday Worship Service. Come -sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

CHRIST IS RISEN!!

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From the Pastor's Desk

The 60-minute Fix

I, as well as you, have learned that saying, “I guarantee” is risky. In a world of “guarantees,” we find that many things that are guaranteed are attached to a legal loophole. Yes, saying “I guarantee” can get one into legal trouble. It can also disappoint or stir up feeling of anger, deceit, and mistrust. This is why my “60-minute fix” does not contain the word guarantee.

So, what is the 60-minute fix. Well, it's something I have been thinking about for a long time. Let's begin the explanation by looking at some human problems. There are those that feel lost, disconnected, marginalized, outcast, enslaved, up against insurmountable odds, etc. How about those facing the reality of sickness, disease, or familial problems. Or experiencing death of a loved one through natural or disaster like causes. My list, (or yours), could go on and on.

Now, there are many options available to help overcome the many feelings, emotions, or situations mentioned here. As a counselor, I do believe in therapy. Working with someone who is objective can offer empowerment to anyone seeking refuge and abundant life.

But, what if someone told those who are facing challenges, hurdles, or stepping stoned in life that seem impossible to overcome there is an answer, and it could start with one-hour a week.

I know what you, or anyone reading this might be saying. “He's the minister, and he's going to talk about church.” Well, you are correct.

I am an average person who has experienced many of the strife's, emotions and perceived insurmountable situations listed above. I became a minister of God in order to minister to those like me. I am not a great theologian, full of wisdom, or a person whose sermons will be collected into a book to be read and studied in seminary. But, here is what I have found.

We are designed to be in community with God and with one another. Perhaps that is why things like loneliness or feeling disconnected affects us the way it does. That means church to me.

The Bible has a lot to say about feeling lonely and its opposite, feeling connected. **Answers are available** through the regular attending of church and introducing or re-introducing the Holy Word of God into your life. And while I can't guarantee the healing you are seeking, God can guarantee answers to all of life's dilemma's. There is not one promise God has made that was not true or did not see fruition.

Has someone said you are not worth healing? Do you tell yourself that? Believe that God is saying this is not true. All it takes for an escape from hardship and dilemma is one-hour per week, 60 minutes! Shake off the stigma, the lies, and the misconceptions of today's modern day church. All God asking is to give Him and His son Jesus a chance to help.

So give us a chance. It's free and what I can guarantee is that you will be welcomed and made to feel comfortable. All for 60 minutes a week!

Not ready to make a decision, have question? Give me a call and I will be glad to speak with you about how you could experience the greatest life possible.

Shalom, Pastor Lou



Congratulations !

We would like to welcome **Makenna Ellen Myers!** Makenna was born on March 19th and she is the daughter of Barry and Breanne Myers. Makenna is the first grandchild for Brian and Connie Myers and the Great-Granddaughter of Dave and Rosemary Myers.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Pauline Dennis is shown enjoying a bowl of soup as she attended the Lenten supper held at the church on March 13.

UPCOMING DATES

Put these dates on your calendar for future fun and fellowship.

April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	Maundy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter
April 28	Alberdeen Road Clean Up
May 4	Spring Turkey Dinner
May 18	Spring Church Cleaning
June 15	300 Club
October 19	Fall Turkey Dinner

300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION - June 15th

Hurry up and get your tickets for our annual 300 Club fundraiser!

Mark your calendars and get ready for a great day of fun, food and prizes. On Saturday, June 15, we will hold our annual 300 Club from 12 to 6 pm. For tickets or to help out, please see Allen Dennis or any Consistory member.

CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 pm.

EMMANUEL GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

In addition to the Youth Group's Weis and Carones Card Fundraisers, we have a Gift Card Fundraiser which is a great way to help our church. The Fundraiser Sheets are on the table in the narthex. Just look over the list (and there's a lot to choose from) and mark how many cards you want. As with the Youth Group's fundraiser, this is essentially a "no cost" fundraiser. You are just purchasing gift cards in the amount that you would normally spend at that store or restaurant. The fundraising part is that Emmanuel purchases them at a discount which helps our bottom line. Orders are placed after the 1st Sunday of each month. Please see Lisa Ceaser with any questions.

Youth Group Fundraiser



Remember to get your Weis and Carone's cards!

This is a great way to support the Youth Group without spending anything extra. You're just going to spend that money at the grocery store anyway so why not give the Youth Group some help with their finances? For every \$1,000 worth of cards they sell, they make \$50. There are forms on the table in the narthex if you wish to purchase any cards.

Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth group meeting will be April 7 at 5:30, they will be "Tie" Dying Easter Eggs using men's neckties. Anyone ages 10 – teens are welcome to come and join the fun.

Sunday School News

Bake Sale during the Turkey Supper

We will need baked goods to sell for our fundraiser during the Turkey Dinner. Please try to drop them off before 3:00 so we can get them packed and priced. We truly appreciate your support so that we can have a great Sunday School for our kids.

ALBERDEEN ROAD CLEAN-UP

On Sunday, April 28, members from Emmanuel will again confirm our commitment to being good stewards by giving our time to clean up the junk and debris on Alberdeen Road. We will gather at the church after worship. For more information, see Allen Dennis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

Everyone is welcome to join the newly established Kitchen Committee. Our next meeting will be April 12 at 9:00 am in the kitchen. Everyone is welcome and volunteers are needed.

TURKEY SUPPER DATES

THURSDAY, MAY 2

At 6:00 p.m., tables are set up, and the vegetables are cleaned and cut up for the pickled cabbage.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. we start making the pickled cabbage and stuffing. (Some foods are just better when their flavors can mingle – just watch the cooking shows, you'll see.)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. we clean the meat off the turkeys. **Final food preparations are made at 2:30 p.m.** **Serving the supper begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m.** We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. **By 7:00 pm it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in.** Everything needs to be washed up, cleared out, wiped down, dried and put away so the Sunday School rooms can be put back into order and the walls put back up. Come out and lend a hand. This is a great way to support our church and its missions and *have fun* while doing it!!

Bake Goods needed for the Turkey Supper

We will need baked goods for desserts for the upcoming Turkey Supper. Please try to drop them off before 3:00 so we can get them cut, ready and packed for takeout. We truly appreciate your support. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would to share one of your favorite desserts. Please see Cindy Heller with any questions.