

First Mennonite Church

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST – Dr. Scott Lehman ✦ WORSHIP LEADER – Brent Hyman

Prelude *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain/Costello*

Drama: *Resurrection Story* Benjamin
Althea Shoaf, Seth Ringger, and Pat Scheiner

**Alive Forever, Amen*
**My Redeemer Lives*

Redeemer Sorenson
Chancel Choir

Offering for Household Treasury/Local Ministries Naomi Lehman

Offertory: *Toccata for a Joyous Day* McKlveen
Grace Notes
Children age 3-Grade 4 may walk to Children's Church.
Guests, please fill out the cards in the pew and drop in the offering plate.

Intercessory Prayer Charlie Habegger

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Morgan Alberson

**Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

Message *Importance of Resurrection/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

**#357 [brown] Christ Arose*

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise! Forrest
Chancel Choir (with *congregational singing on director's cue)

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today/Zimmerman*

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please go to the chapel, as someone is waiting to pray with you.

*We invite you to stand if you are able

TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Chapel class.

No evening service tonight.

KIDS - Your Easter gift will be distributed at children's church today - OR - visit the EMPTY tomb after church. He is ALIVE!!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – April 17

7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

TUESDAY – April 18

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour

6:30 p.m. Prayer with a Pastor – Prayer room

7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society

WEDNESDAY – April 19

5:00 p.m. Grace Notes Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:10 p.m. Little Notes of Praise – Rm. 17

6:10 p.m. JAM – Rm. 7

6:10 p.m. Mennonotes – choir room

6:50 p.m. Grades 1-5 – in the Family Life Center

6:50 p.m. Youth – meet in the Cellar

7:00 p.m. Age 4-K – Room at the bottom of the ramp

7:00 p.m. Age 2 & 3 – Toddler Nursery

7:00 p.m. Chapel – *The Ten Commandments* – Pastor Jeff

7:00 p.m. DVD series -- *Your Powerful Prayers: Reaching the Heart of God with a Bold and Humble Faith* led by Kim Ringger & Jenn Reusser – Room 15

7:00 p.m. *Elementary Truth* led by Darin Ringger – Room 13

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries – Project Committee Room. Quilting is also available.

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group – Prayer room

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering today is for Household Treasury/Local Ministries. Next Sunday it is for Berne Preschool.

Menu for Wednesday, April 19: Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, jello & beverages.

On Tuesdays for the month of April, the Family Faithbuilders Class will be responsible for setting up tables for the Wednesday evening meals.

If anyone is interested in church membership, please contact Pastor Jeff.

Next Sunday there will be a Gideon's Report.

Berne Preschool registration for the 2017-2018 school year will take place in the patio on Monday, April 24, from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Any child who is 3 or 4 years old by August 1, 2017, is eligible. The registration fee is \$40.00. Enrollment for morning and afternoon classes is on a first-come basis. For more information, please contact Greta Eicher Lehman at 589-2588. Families who attend First Mennonite are given preference and should call before registration.

Attention College Students! Consider being involved in volunteer service this summer. Scholarships for voluntary summer service are available to full-time students (Fall 2017). If you plan to serve, or are considering service this summer, pick up an application and guidelines for the Voluntary Service Scholarship from the church office. Applications must be submitted no later than July 1st.

The Senior Fellowship Activity will enjoy breakfast at an area restaurant and then go to Fort Wayne for a Tin Caps baseball game on Wednesday, May 31. We will be leaving at 8 am from the east parking lot. There will only be a few steps to negotiate at the ballpark. The cost will be \$22 per person, which includes ball game ticket, breakfast (including tax and gratuity), and bus expense. Make reservations by calling Stan Von Gunten at 260-589-3887, no later than May 7, as we will need an exact count for the ball game tickets. We will be returning home at approximately 3:30 p.m.

THIS SUMMER AT CAMP LUZ campers will be learning what it means to be "under God's construction." God has created each one of us with a purpose. We see throughout the Bible, God is calling his people into roles of leadership, prayer and work for His glory. New this year is ONLINE registration & payment. When registering, choose the option to pay nothing. When camp receives the registration, an email will be sent to you with a link for the exact amount to be paid after the church's portion of 50% for the first child and 75% for any additional children from the same family. Camp dates and age groups can be found at camp luz.com. Questions? Talk to Debby. All campers will receive a FREE t-shirt!

Swiss Village has a number of volunteer openings, from helping in the library in Kinder Haus, reading to the children in Kinder Haus, helping give wheelchair rides to residents, helping with our Music & Memory program for residents with Alzheimer's and dementia, along with many other opportunities. If you would like to serve others at Swiss Village, please contact Jen Lehman, Director of Development and Volunteers, at (260) 589-4529 or JenniferL@SwissVillage.org.

God calls us to encourage each other. Here is a list of April birthdays for missionaries and church staff. A basket will be placed in the foyer in which you may place cards for them, and these will be sent for you.
 20 Cheryl Bauman 21 Monia Maxwell 26 Jerry Flueckiger 29 Daniel Fennig

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Ed & Joyce Fox, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 20; also to Syd & Modjeska Hawkins, who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on April 21; and to Cliff & Betty Habegger, who will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary on April 22.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCES

As of the end of March, we have the following balances on hand:

Benevolence Treasury	\$ 64,510
Household Treasury	\$ 39,285

Actual spending compared to the approved plan for the Household Treasury is as follows:

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Disciple Commission	\$10,718	\$9,625
Witness Commission	912	1,000
Worship Commission	2,347	2,356
Care Commission	1,256	2,794
Personnel	106,750	119,303
General Administration	8,466	8,856
Church Property & Maintenance	<u>34,069</u>	<u>30,088</u>
Total Household Treasury	<u>\$164,518</u>	<u>\$174,022</u>