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Ascension Sunday

"Joyful Sorrow"

When we look at our church calendar, we discover there are far more days that have special meaning than we customarily consider. I would imagine in a "person on the street" survey, Christmas and Easter would be the only two holidays suggested if people were asked to name Christian holidays.

Even within the church, many would be hard-pressed to go beyond Pentecost as the suggestion of a third holiday. There are, of course, entire "seasons" within the church year – primarily Advent and Lent.

Before Pentecost, though, and after Easter, there is another very special day within the church year that brings those two together. Ascension Sunday is the culmination of the Easter season and the lead-in to Pentecost.

In our day and age, though, the idea of Ascension is nearly as baffling as both Easter and Pentecost! We don't live in a world that sees things in quite the same way that those of 2,000 years ago saw them. We don't think of the earth as the center of the universe with heaven being above and hell being below. Our so-called "enlightened" understanding forces us to view things differently and that presents a serious challenge to the way we look at something like the Ascension of Jesus.

Beyond the literal understanding of what took place, though, there are far more important matters to consider – matters that cut to the very heart of our faith. Read Luke 24:44-53 where the disciples offer us the very paradoxical mood of "Joyful Sorrow."

Ascension Blessings,
Dennis



Our new prayer chain is up and running!

Thank you to Leslie Webb (Prayer Captain) and to those who committed to being a link in our new chain this past Sunday.

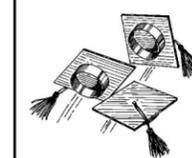
If you have a prayer concern you may submit it by email at epcprayers@gmail.com. This address will be linked immediately to Leslie Webb who will then get your information activated.

If you would prefer not to send a concern by email, you may still contact the church office to make your request known.

The Prayer Wall (located in Fellowship Hall) is another option for you to ask for prayer. Simply fill out a card with the name(s), specific concern(s), the date in the upper right-hand corner along with your name and place it on the wall. Prayer Wall requests are typically removed from the wall after 6 weeks unless you notify the church or replace the concern with a new card.

It is also important for you to remember to keep the Prayer Captain up-to-date with your prayer concern so that we may rejoice in answered prayer or to continue praying.

If you would like to be a part of the chain but were unable to attend the informational meeting on Sunday, contact Mary at the office or email Leslie by email to be added.



It's Graduation Time!

If you or someone in your family is (or has) graduated this spring from high school or beyond, please call the church office and let us know. We'll be sharing this information with our church family in next week's newsletter.



Ascension Sunday May 28, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Tony McClees

USHER
Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Shannon Irmscher

HEAD USHER
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Sarah Karges & Team
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

Jacob Irmscher

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

FLOWER DEACONS

Dan Engelbrecht
Chris Kuhs

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Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth Director
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music

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Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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EPW RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

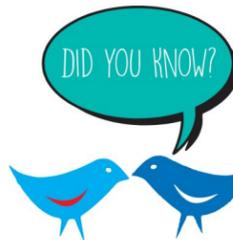
This Sunday, May 28

following worship, will be our carry-up day to move (mostly) boxed rummage items from the basement into Fellowship Hall for our June 2nd and 3rd rummage sale. We need as many volunteers as possible to make the job go quickly. Lunch will be provided for those who stay and help.



May 30 – June 1 are set-up days and *all* are welcome to come and help any time between 9 AM and 3 PM those days.

Doors open for shopping at 7 AM – 2 PM Friday, June 2 and 7 AM – noon on June 3. *Thank you* for your support of EPW's work!



There are several adult and child-sized jackets and sweaters that have been left on the coat rack in Fellowship Hall for well over a year. These have now been moved from that rack to the coat rack in room 101. If you have lost a jacket or sweater, please stop

by room 101 and check these out as soon as possible. At the end of May, the adult sizes will be taken to Goodwill and the children's sizes will be offered in the rummage sale.



A Country Kitchen

A Country Kitchen will be open during the rummage sale offering cookies, brownies, sweet breads, and other homemade food items.

Combo lunches of chicken salad or ham salad will be available for \$4.00.

Drop off for donations will be at the kitchen in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 1st or Friday June 2nd. If you have questions, please call Marilyn Ellsperman at 812-853-2724.

Summer Opportunities in Christian Education

Even though the months of summer are upon us and vacations will be planned, our Sunday School and Children's Worship program will continue throughout those months. We are blessed to have individuals who will contribute their time and energy to see that all of our positions for the summer are filled.

We'd like you to be one of those individuals! Last Sunday, we had an encouraging response with nearly a third of the spots filled for Adult Sunday School, Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship. That means we still have two-thirds of the spots remaining.

Children's Sunday School

We will provide you with all the material you'll need to lead our Children's Sunday School class from 9:00-10:00 ONE Sunday in June, July or August. What a great way to get to know some of our children and be blessed by being in their presence!



Children's Worship

Again, we'll provide you with the material and you will lead our children for one Sunday of Children's Worship (from the end of the Children's Sermon to the conclusion of 10:30 worship) ONE Sunday in June, July or August.

Adult Sunday School

Our Summer Adult Sunday School program will be based on the theme of "All the Places They Went" and it's a follow-up to where we began last fall. We're looking for leaders who would like to share their knowledge and research into individuals who were willing to step through doors that God had opened for them. It might be a famous person in history or it might be someone who personally has had an impact on your life – a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker.

Call the church office to volunteer or sign up this Sunday in the narthex. If you have any questions, we can direct you to the appropriate person for answers.



—Loaves & fishes—

Who is invited to Loaves & Fishes?

Everyone is invited to Loaves & Fishes.

What is Loaves & Fishes?

Loaves and Fishes is a dinner group with time for fellowship.

When & Where is Loaves & Fishes?

Usually there are 8 individuals in a group, couples & singles will be joined to make 8 total in the group. Once groups have been formed, information will be provided to all group members such as names, phone numbers, & e-mails.

The first "host(s)" will be asked to call or e-mail members in their group to set a date, time, & place that works for everyone for the first meal along with requests for allergies (food or pet). Some may have the group of 8 join together to put a meal together in their home, while others may choose to have the group meet for dinner at a local restaurant, it's completely up to you.

At the first meal, someone will agree to be the second host and follow this same procedure throughout the four months. A different member will host the group each month during the next 4 months. We will have two Loaves & Fishes per year so feel free to meet as often as your group would like in the 4-6 months.

Why Join Loaves & Fishes?

The purpose of Loaves & Fishes is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to know other members of our church. There is no agenda, just an evening of fellowship and food. Fun! Food! Fellowship!!!

How do I Join Loaves & Fishes?

If you would like to be part of a group please contact Karla Horrell by June 4, 2017 by e-mail at kczhorrell@aol.com or by phone at 812-476-5641.

Groups will be formed and notified by July 1, 2017.



SCRIP CARDS ARE HERE!

We have:

Barnes and Noble 10\$
Bath and Body Works \$25
Circle K \$25
CVS Pharmacy \$25
Dress Barn \$25
Hardee's \$10
Home Depot \$25
JoAnn Fabrics/Crafts \$25
Michael's \$25
Outback Steakhouse/Bonefish \$25
Panera Bread \$10
Sally Beauty Supply \$25
Sephora \$20
Schnuck's – free
Target \$25
Toys'r'Us/Babies'r'Us \$20
Walgreen's \$25
Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

The cards will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings after Sunday School and after the 10:30 service in the Narthex. We will also have them available on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings in the church office. Cash or check is great for purchase. The cards can be used by you or as gift cards. And they are wonderful for Christmas, birthdays, etc.

These are a great way to help the church. Each time you use one, a percentage of the sale price will be returned to the church by Scrip Cards, from 2.5 to 13%! If we run out of a particular type, please let Donna or Mary know, and we will order them. They will be here by the next Sunday!

Also, if you look at our list on the trifold board in the Narthex, you will see who the participating retailers are here in Evansville, and also an extensive list of retailers from across the country. (So if you're planning a trip, take a look - Pilot/ Flying J, and many, many places are available to order.) If you see something we don't have, again, tell us, and we will get it for you pronto. And thanks to everyone who bought cards on Sunday!

Donna