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Communion Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Annie Engelbrecht

Usher

Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Annie Engelbrecht

Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters

Marilyn Ellsperman,
Jayne & Pat Manis

Acolyte

Addison Fritz

Communion Elders

Karla Horrell
Shannon Irmscher
Carrie Mogavero
Patsy Sproatt
Dick Yeager
Marilyn Ellsperman
Corey Fritz
Dan Engelbrecht

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

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From the Pulpit

Our Lord had a plan for mankind from the beginning. There are several times in scripture where he gives us a glimpse of His strategy, His blueprint for the ages. This week we examine one of those instances.

Here in Ephesians 3 the Lord helps us to answer the questions:
Do you want to know what I'm doing?
Do you want to know why I'm doing it?
Do you want to know who I'm doing it through?

God used a reluctant and rebellious man named Paul to communicate and accomplish an amazing task. He had actually gone against God's ultimate plan. But through a series of events was shown the priorities of the redeemer of the universe.

Ephesians 3:8-9 - ⁸ Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. ⁹ I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.

Through God's Plan, Purpose and Prayer there is hope for all of us, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. He chose those of us in the church to make a difference in the lives of persons we interact with every day.

Ephesians 3:10-11 - ¹⁰ God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. Paul's prayer was an essential catalyst in insuring that we would consider God's love and power to strengthen and protect us as we serve and honor the Lord.

Ephesians 3:16-17 - ¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

As we observe the conclusion to "March Madness" where many in our country support their favorite universities and coaches. Let us never forget that the Lord used a great "coach" named Paul to encourage us for eternity.

Grace to You,
Pastor Cliff Herring

Update on our Transitional Pastor Search

Last month we provided information about the Transitional Pastor Search process that began in January. In this month's update, we will explain a bit more about the transitional pastor position.

The purpose of the transitional pastor job is to provide full-time pastoral leadership while our church transitions from our time when Reverend Davenport served as our senior pastor to our time when our next permanent senior pastor will be installed.

The average time churches spend searching for a permanent senior pastor is about 12 months, sometimes longer. This time is needed to conduct a thorough process of finding a pastor who will have the right "fit" for Eastminster's spiritual needs and direction. The transitional pastor will help provide Eastminster with the spiritual leadership and stability we need during the time we are searching for a new permanent senior pastor.

The transitional pastor position is a special calling for those who are called to it. There are two key differences between a transitional pastor and a permanent pastor. First, it is a temporary position. The transitional pastor will be hired on a short-term basis of about 12 months, until the search for our next senior pastor is completed. Second, the transitional pastor is not eligible to be considered for the permanent pastor.

Transitional pastors perform many of the same job duties as a permanent pastor: leading worship and preaching biblically-based sermons, serving as head of church staff, administering the sacraments, providing pastoral care, and so forth. In addition, those who have been called to serve as transitional pastors typically have received specialized training to deal with various types of issues and needs of churches undergoing transition in leadership.

Eastminster's Transitional Pastor Search Committee is continuing to make progress on the search for Eastminster's transitional pastor. Although similar in many ways to the search for a permanent pastor, the search process for a transitional pastor will be considerably shorter.

If you have questions about the Transitional Pastor search, you may speak with any member of the Transitional Pastor Search Committee: Barb Ferguson, Tim Fiedler, Patti Garcia, Karla Horrell, Shannon Irmscher, Melissa Mattingly and John Niehaus. Please pray for God's guidance to the committee throughout the search. Also, please keep these individuals in your daily prayers.

Men's Breakfast This Saturday, April 6 at 8 a.m.

All men are invited and encouraged to attend! This is a great opportunity for all men to share in a time of food, fellowship and study.



EPW is hosting a "shower" for the House of Bread and Peace during the month of April. Donations can be placed in the white laundry baskets located in the narthex near the welcome center. Any household items and personal items for women are greatly appreciated! Thank you!!!
With Blessings, Beth Bailey



Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following: The family of Sonny Queen - Jack Turpin's cousin; Jane Williams; Melba Hutchinson; Bryan Figg; Pat Harrawood; Trish Toelle; Dave & Bobbi Moran; David & Faye Kishline; Barry Hill; Chris & John Matzen; Marylou Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law, Gary; Jenny Murphy's father - Jerry Nagle; Patti Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy's brother - John; Charles M.; Bob Lewis; John Chaddock; JoAnn Meth; Barb Ferguson.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or Dave Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Children ages 10 and up with any amount of piano background are invited to Pedals, Pipes and Pizza on Saturday, April 6th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the University of Evansville for an up-close experience with the pipe organ.



This year, attendees will be working together to build a small, working pipe organ themselves!
Registration is \$10 and includes lunch.
Talk to Rachel or email reluttrull@gmail.com for



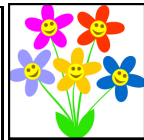
Join us on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00 PM for an evening of fun, food & fellowship! We will meet at Little Italy Restaurant located in the North Park Shopping Center. Call the Church Office to make your reservations.

Spaghetti Luncheon April 14th

We will be kicking off our "Send a Kid" to camp campaign on Sunday, April 14, immediately following worship.

Camp is June 9-14

Donations for the luncheon will help off-set the expense of sending 19 campers to camp. Any portion of that is helpful and appreciated. You may send a donation in to the office at any time with "camp fund" notated. If you are a camper and have not turned in your registration forms, please do so ASAP!



Mystery Dinner

Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 12th with dinner at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Invitation from the "Governor of Louisiana"-come see how the church is transformed to his "mansion." Help solve the "murder" mystery!!! Plenty of character parts available...you will receive a Character Sheet the Sunday before the event on Friday. This sheet will tell you...who you are (background), dress & personality traits, then gossip and info you know about other characters present. No memorization—just bring the sheet with you to the party!! Don't share this info with anyone—yours to share only. Sign up in Office or call Mary. Payment can be placed in envelope marked "Mystery Dinner" and left in offering plate, church office or mailed to church.



Chancel Flowers

Chancel Flowers may now be ordered. The cost is \$55 for two vases, payable at the time of order. You may sign up for your special day by filling out the Flower Chart located on the wall just outside the Sanctuary (piano side). You may also put your check in the offering plate with "chancel flowers" marked in the memo field. Orders may also be placed by calling the church office and dropping a check in the mail.

**Orders for Easter Lilies will be taken soon.
Be watching for more information!**

Christian Education



4/10/19 Assembly Night @ 6pm

**4/14/19 Palm Sunday Processional
for children and youth/Easter
Egg Hunt**

**4/15/19 7pm Bob Goff @ Bethel Church
(presented by the Evansville
Christian Life Center)**

**4/21/19 Easter/Rain date for Easter
Egg Hunt/Memory Contest Ends**

Children's Worship

April 7th—Erin Tipton
April 14th—Stacie Schalasky
April 21st—Erin Tipton
April 28th—Sabrina Holden
May 5th—Erin Tipton
May 12th—Stacie Schalasky
May 19th—Sabrina Holden
May 26th—Erin Tipton

It is THAT time of year when we need to start thinking about our summer programs for our children. If you would be interested in volunteering for Children's Worship through the summer months, please check the sign up sheet at the WELCOME CENTER in the Narthex! Parents, grandparents, people who like to hang out with some pretty cool kids, please consider signing up. We need your help to be able to continue to offer these programs!

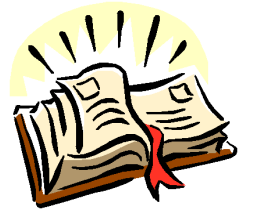
Thanks so much!
CE Committee



SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
on Palm Sunday 4/14/19 for
Preschool through 5th grades.
Meet in Room 102 and come
enjoy a variety of Easter Activities that day!

Congratulations to the following children/youth who completed their memory work! You all are AMAZING!! Way to go!!

**Adrienne Carter
Addison Fritz
Maddie Holden
Bella Kuhs
Elizabeth Lee
Adam Tipton
Evan Tipton
Owen Tipton**



Your church family is so very proud of you!

So many of you are well on your way to being finished. Keep up the great work!



EGG HUNT DONATIONS!

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be 4/14/19 before the Spaghetti Dinner! The baskets for FILLED egg donations will be in the Narthex starting this week. Please bring a dozen eggs for every child participating. For example 3 kids participating=3 dozen eggs. Don't have children or grandchildren participating? No worries! Please feel free to donate plastic Easter eggs for this event!

Please remember our youngest children need non-choking items and we have several children in the congregation with food allergies (nuts, eggs and milk). We know many of the candy options have these ingredients and we do not need to avoid them all together. We just want everyone to feel included and enjoy this event!

Holy Week at Eastminster



Palm Sunday - April 14

We'll have our regular 8:00 and 10:30 services with our children's palm processional at 10:30 and The Great Egg Caper following worship that day.

Maundy Thursday - April 18 at 7:00 p.m.



As always, this will be a very meaningful experience of worship. The Rev. Dr. Shane D. O'Neill will be preaching and we will share Holy Communion by intinction and hear inspiring anthems from our choir.

Maundy Thursday - Good Friday Prayer Vigil



Every year for more than two decades we have provided the opportunity to experience a meaningful and powerful hour in the sanctuary between the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday service and 6:00 PM on Good Friday. Sign up for an hour during that period and we'll have appropriate music and books available for you to guide you in your time alone

Easter Sunday

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service in The Gallery
8:00 - Worship
9:00 - Sunday School
10:30 - Worship

