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From the Pulpit

“Children of Light”

OT: 1 Sam. 16:1-13
NT: Eph. 5:8-14

Light and darkness are common themes in the Bible. The light brings truth and the darkness hides it. We are to be Children of the Light. Truth should be our priority. Faith demands our searching even if that means struggling with the Biblical witness and questioning long held doctrine. Thomas Jefferson once said, “Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear.”

One of the Great Ends of the Church is “the preservation of the truth.” Part of our mission in this world is to tell the truth and to challenge falsehoods. A skeptical faith is deeper and less prone to catastrophic collapse.

Blessings,
Scott

Important Note from the Mission Study Committee

The surveys are underway, and we have sent out the one- on-one interview cards. Please respond to both on or before March 23.

The Mission Study Committee plans to have a congregational lunch-and-learn event to review the results of the survey. This will be on Palm Sunday, April 5, following the 10:30 A.M. service. Please let the Mission Study committee know via email (epcevvsurveys@gmail.com) or place the insert from your bulletin into the offering plate. We need a count of how many will be attending this meeting in order to have enough food available.

We hope the attendance will be great and are excited to share the results of the survey.

In His Service,
Allen Helmstetter, Chris Kuhs, Corey Fritz,
Dan Irmscher, Mark Miller, Ian Garcia, and Stacie Schalasky



AED/CPR Safety

Can you help in the event of a medical emergency?

Are you certified in AED operation or CPR?

If so, please let the office know. We would like to keep a list on file of who can help.



FLOWER CALENDAR



The Flower Calendar for 2020 has many openings. If you would like to have flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up. The cost is now \$65 for two vases.



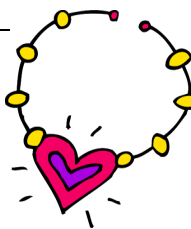
News From the Place

During this time of concern, the Youth Group will continue meeting together until further notice. Please use your better judgment on whether you should send your youth based on your current situation. Although homemade snacks are very much appreciated by our coterie of teenagers, we ask that you do not donate any for the Youth Group until things begin to settle down (**a statement I never thought I would have to make!**)

Office hours will be held this week on Tuesday, March 17th from 4:30 pm -7:00 pm and also on Thursday, March 19, from 4:30 pm -7:00 pm. Youth Group will commence as scheduled this Sunday from 6:00pm - 8:00 pm. This week we will be taking a look at The Apostles Creed, not only to help the youth study their memory work, but also to get a better idea of why we say it so much in church. This will be followed by a time for games and fellowship.

Trey

The Small Groups Committee is planning a jewelry stamping class at The Farmhouse, tentatively on Tuesday, March 24, 6 to 8 PM. As social restrictions and guidelines due to the COVID-19 outbreak change, this may need to be pushed to a later date, but the committee will keep everyone informed if arrangements change. We will be learning how to stamp a piece of metal jewelry to keep and it will be an opportunity to have fun and possibly get to know someone a little better. Cost is \$30 for the class. Please contact Karen Blume, 812-774-7574, or Karla Horrell, 812-480-7635 for more information. Sign-up is limited to six people, but a second class could be opened up if there is enough interest. A commitment to attend is non-refundable from The Farmhouse.



Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following:

Beth Bailey; Tracey Manis; Scott & Tammy Solether; Amelia; Barb Ferguson; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; Christine & John Matzen; Mary Lou Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law: Gary; Jenny Murphy's father: Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy's brother: John, Maria Keller, Leslie Webb, Kylie, Doris Ann, Jane Ball, Walt Lowe; Rose Kuhn.



If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or Dave Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com or call the church office.



The Great Egg Caper Palm Sunday April 5 Immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship!

The more children, the happier our celebration will be Palm Sunday, April 5, immediately following our 10:30 a.m. worship service, as all children, birth through 5th grade, are invited to take part in our Great Egg Caper.

Each child is asked to bring 1 dozen plastic eggs that have been filled with candy to be used in the hunt.

Anyone else wishing to contribute filled plastic or candy eggs for the hunt may certainly do so. The more eggs the better the hunt! There will be two baskets located in the Narthex - one for toddler safe candy and another for all ages. Please see a member of the Christian Education committee or call the church office with any questions.

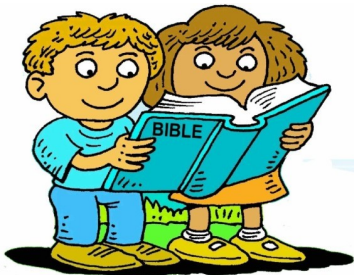


Bible Memory Work

Our children and youth have begun their Bible Memory Work

Good job to those who have already memorized part or ALL of their verses!

Being familiar with scripture is a valuable gift we can give our children and youth. Let's work together to help them build a firm foundation of faith for their lives!



Children's Worship Leader Schedule

March 22 - Gordon Wiley
March 29 - TBA
April 5 - TBA
April 12 - Barb Kuykendall
April 19 - Gordon Wiley
April 26 - TBA

Many dates are still open, please prayerfully consider how you might help!

The sign up sheet is located on welcome table in the narthex.



The purpose of our prayer chain is to provide spiritual support and healing for church members, their families and friends.

Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving; present your requests to God. *Philippians 4:6*

When placing someone on the prayer chain, please obtain their permission, and be sure to give the reason for prayer. Visits and cards can also be arranged by the Prayer Chain if you include an address with your request. **It is also very important to give your name with a contact number so that we can follow up with you if needed.**

Your prayer request will be included in the daily prayers of our prayer warriors for **one month**. Names of those who have been requested to have prayer will be included in the bulletin and newsletter for four weeks. You may continue to request prayers for prolonged illness as well.

Feel free to send us back a "Prayers Answered" or "Thanksgiving" requests upon resolution of the request, if appropriate. We enjoy hearing about how God's hand moves on all those he loves.

Please contact David Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com; Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office to add someone to the prayer chain and to give updates too.



As we set our hearts
to the praise of Christ in heaven,
may we always set our hands
to the service of Christ in the world.
AMEN