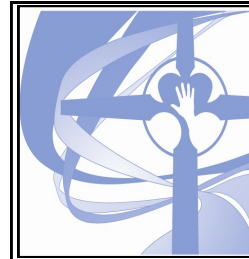


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Hey friends, “kicking up dust” and “on the move”. Two of the wonderful, active images from a New Testament dictionary that convey more of the meat and potatoes of *diakoneo*, a powerful word used for “serving”. It is *diakoneo* that the angels are up to in the wilderness as they care for Jesus following his extensive time of testing (Matt 4:11). It is *diakoneo*, kicking up dust, on the move active service in the Gospels that so many engage in: angels, Jesus, and unsung women.

This first Sunday of Lent, as we venture into the significance of Jesus wilderness experience and the beautiful, essential expressions of service shared out there, I’m very excited to share in the upcoming sermon series with you: “*Interesting Sound-track for the Current Journey: A Few Favorite Musicians & The Road to the Cross.*”

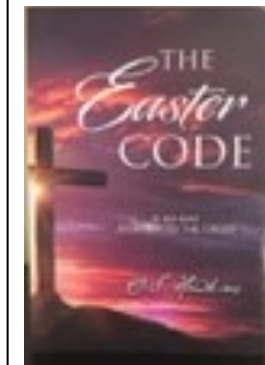
In the series, we’ll explore Jesus’s journey to the cross and interesting Gospel connections to songs from a few favorite musicians. May each worship service along the entire Lenten journey strengthen you in soul, spirit, and life in service together with Christ.

There are so many expression of your life in service to give thanks for! Are there forms of “on the move” service from Jesus and fellow disciples that are blessing you? What are the images and expressions of faithful service you’ve heard of, or seen, that have been an inspiration?

Giving thanks for the many active and collaborative expressions of service, Christ strengthens you and all us of to share. Looking forward to growing further in Christ’s service along this Lenten journey. Be it angels, neighbors, strangers, family, or friends from church, may you be blessed to share in a beautiful and practical expression of compassionate service this week, no matter the wilderness you might be navigating through. Journey on!

Joy and courage, Ryan

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



The Easter Code invites you to travel with Jesus on His way to Jerusalem in the forty days leading up to His resurrection. Along this journey you will be visiting places He went and people with whom He spoke. You will hear parables He told along the way,

promises He left for all posterity, and the powerful and expressive prayers He offered. This forty-day Lenten devotional reminds you that this season is a time to remember Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Draw closer to Christ this Easter season as you celebrate His Resurrection. To get your copy, see Corey in the Narthex on Sunday.



Please review the current directory located on the welcome table in the Gallery to make sure your contact information is correct or to add additional information. Please put your name and any updated information on a 5x7 index card that is provided and place in the basket. We will have the current directory out for review for several weeks but hope to publish a new “updated” directory soon. Thank you!



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SUMMER MISSION TRIP THIS JULY!!!

Excited to embark to Eastern Kentucky for this summer's mission trip



The week of July 10 in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, we'll be staying at the beautiful Camp Burnamwood in their nice 3 story lodge. Mission work in the neighboring towns, great fellowship at camp, and fun outings in the area.

Thank you all for any prayers and support for the mission God gives. All interested youth and adults are invited to reach out to Trey Fulkerson, Donna Cooke, or Ryan Bradney. More soon!



Help Us Grow!

The Evansville Wartime Museum, Educational Committee would like to request donations of the following items, for use with our children's learning

programs.

Pillows, pillowcases, and foam to be used for floor seating, colored pencils, crayons, scissors, and construction paper to be used for educational crafts

If you have any of these items or other things that might help us, please drop them off at the museum or contact Stephanie Pitchers at steph.batroni@gmail.com

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for the following:



Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, David Holder, Shirley Vandlandingham, Ashly Steckel, Jesse Garcia, Lee & Karen

Miller, Rilee Jane Colbert, Steve Aud, Sabrina Holden, Jerry, Dawn, the people of Ukraine & Turkey, Ginny Schroeder, and Peggy Pennington.



Name THE HELP TANK

SUBMISSION FORM

DEADLINE: Sunday, March 12, 12:30 PM

Winner announced at EWM: Saturday, April 1 at Noon

Winner Receives: one free ride in the tank, one-year membership (up to family) and a tank t-shirt.

Guidelines for Names:

- Names must be indicative of the Evansville area and with WWII
- Names must be a maximum of two words

How to Submit: 1. Form can be dropped off at the EWM from Thursday thru Sunday, Noon to 3:30 p.m. or 2. By going to EWM website or Facebook page or 3. Mail to Evansville Wartime Museum Tank Name Campaign 7503 Petersburg Rd. Evansville, IN 47725

Recommended name for tank: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



25 women enjoyed a wonderful meal and a great presentation from our own Donna Cooke at the last EPW gathering. All women of the church are always welcome to attend this fun time of fellowship and food. The next gathering will be:

EPW GATHERING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 at NOON

COST WILL BE \$5 PER PERSON



EASTMINSTER QUILTERS

As we are not a committee of the Church, the Eastminster Quilters' annual report was not included in the official EPC document; however, we want to keep you up with our activities. We continue to meet every Tuesday morning and to be productive while enjoying good fellowship. We are machine quilters not hand quilters, and make throw-sized or crib-sized quilts only. We feel that instead of "heirlooms" our quilts are to be used regularly as a token of the warmth of Christ's love.

Our newer members continue to make good progress, and indeed, we all learn each time we try a new pattern or technique. We presented ten quilts this year. One for a newborn (friend of the congregation); one to a young girl to celebrate her baptism; four to individuals due to illness or surgery; and two to Cedar Hall School to help with their annual fundraiser. The final two quilts went back to our former quilting member who made them – the only two of hers remaining -- since she is unable to quilt any longer.

We did again take a short break from quilting: one member made a casserole carrier and an apron (special occasion) and others made Mug Rugs – small squares to set your coffee mug on which are made with the same steps as a quilt. We donated several of those to EPW for table game prizes. We did also present the September EPW program and many members brought their own quilts for a fun "Show and Tell".

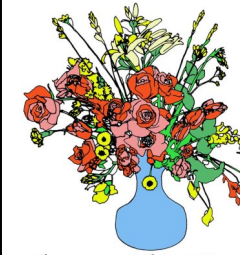
Early in the year we were given the use of an older long arm machine but have had difficulty setting it up in the space available, so it is not usable for us at this time.

The Quilting room is open Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon and we welcome new members at any level of sewing skill. We thank the Community and World Missions Committee for the financial support that allows us to maintain our equipment and purchase the materials needed for our projects. You can also help by letting one of the quilters (or the office) know of congregation members or friends of the church we may not be aware of who are in circumstances where a quilt would be appropriate.

Mary Fulkerson, Nancy Sanderson, Marian LaChance, Janet Zeiher & Patsy Sproatt



Flowers are for any occasion!



Chancel Flowers can be ordered for any Sunday simply by letting Beth Bailey know that you would like to provide them. Flowers can be purchased for any occasion; anniversary, birthday, etc., but it

doesn't have to be a "special" day to order flowers. Anytime is a great time to have flowers! Examples of what you can order can be found on the Ziedler's website or let Beth know what type of arrangement you prefer. The church receives 10% discount for every

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MISSION HOUSE

We give thanks for all the love that is being put into sprucing up the mission house as it is prepared for sale. It is coming along well!

Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping with painting or other upcoming work, please reach out to the church office. Thanks all. Good work to continue!



EPC BOOK CLUB

At the next book club get-together we will discuss the Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wiggs. Please join us on Tuesday, February 28, at noon at the Sports Den located on Weinbach Ave.

