



# Eastminster Messenger

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Zugzwang..chess players know the impossible situation. With remarkable precision and without equivalent in English, that German word zugzwang is the perfect descriptor for the chess predicament of being without a safe place to move. We don't have to know a thing about chess to relate. Peter viscerally knows the feeling and returns to what he knows best...fishing (John 21:1-17).

Well, it was a long night. Without a single catch, Peter, experiences another impossible situation. Then.. a new day breaks. Jesus is there and with his guidance they get a nibble - 153 of 'em to be exact. Jesus is alive, the failed fishing effort has completely turned around, and Peter...well, he's still churning more than the sea.

Jesus is present, and Peter is zugzwang. Pulled ashore by the Spirit in this poignant passage, Jesus shows us that he knows people, the impossible situations faced, and the way forward. Let's share together in the Spirit for all those facing impossible situations.

Just what might the Spirit speak through this passage?

Let's see and learn the next move.

Let us worship God!

Sunday, May 11, John 21:1-17 "The Way of Jesus Facing the Impossible"

Grace and courage, Ryan

(Side note: Andrea and I love a good corn maze. This is a local maze that we really enjoy. I hope this journey through John 21:1-17 will be a blessing for you!)

## WHO'S UP FOR A YARD SALE?!

We know someone who is, and it's for a great purpose! Diane will be hosting a yard sale **Saturday May 10, from 8am to 1pm**. All proceeds from Diane's personal sale items will be donated to the **Youth camp fund**. If you're interested in bringing something to sell, call Diane Vancleave at (812) 499-7201, and bring them over to her at 2208 S.E. Browning Road, Evansville, 47725. Proceeds from your items will be yours to keep or do with as you please.

## NEW TO CHURCH?

### NEW CLASS IN MAY & JUNE

Are you newly visiting or just interested in learning more about faith and Eastminster Church? We're excited to share upcoming conversations on those topics. Join in a wonderful exploration of new life in Christ, Eastminster Church, and our faith stories. Hope you join the conversation! More information on calendar soon!

For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Ryan, the office, or note on the visitor cards. Hope you join the conversation! More info on calendar soon.!



## SIGN UP TIME AND SHARE IN PRAYER FOR THIS SUMMER'S MISSION TRIP



***We are excited to return*** to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky in late July, where we will be staying at beloved Camp Burnamwood. Mission work, great fellowship at camp, and fun outings in the area are all in the plans.

All interested youth and adults are invited to reach out to Trey Fulkerson or Ryan Bradney.

More information will be coming soon!



Thank you for the truly incredible generosity that you share. We have had a wonderful response to the Capital Campaign so far! If you would like to support this incredible campaign, we ask that all pledge cards be turned in by April 30.

Thank you, EPC! By God's grace and Spirit, Eastminster keeps Looking Up!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Join us from 5:30 - 7:30 on Monday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 5, for a **Rain Forest Expedition!** Come with us through the rain forest, as we discover games, music, crafts, stories, food and a **FREE T-SHIRT!** We'll have fun learning and growing in the way of Jesus.

Sign up sheets are available now in the Narthex and Gallery! Invite your friends and get ready for fun!





# Loaves and 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 and 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 restaurant, it's completely up to you.

At the first meal, someone will agree to be the second host and follow this same procedure. A different member will host the group each month.

## Why Join Loaves & Fishes?

The purpose of Loaves & Fishes is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to better know others we worship with in 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 May 5, 2025 by e-mail at [kczhorrell@aol.com](mailto:kczhorrell@aol.com) or by phone at 812-476-5641. Groups will be formed and notified by May 23, 2025.



## Please pray for the following individuals:

Ann Meyers, Dave & Barbara Moran, Beth Bailey, Randy Mattingly, Peggy Pennington, Kim Hale, Linda Coleman, Maria Keller, James Foster, Betty Sue & Pamela Jean, Jane Williams, Dee J., Johnnie Pegues & her daughter, the Doerter family, Jim Bradley, and Riley Willis. If you have prayer requests or wish to have your name removed from the list, please call the church office at 812-476-3355.



*Classic*

*Movie*

*Night!*

**Friday May 9**

**6:00**



*"Life With Father"*



## GREETING AND VALET SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE GALLERY ENTRANCE

We are thankful for all the ways you help further the welcoming that Christ makes possible!

We are delighted that we now have two additional greeters in the gallery to welcome those who drive up and need valet service.

*"Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)*

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