



"THE STARTER"

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Celebrate Our Risen Lord



Sunday April 2, 2023
10:30 AM

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Thursday April 6, 2023
7:00PM

Morgan Hall



Good Friday Service
April 7, 2023
12:15PM



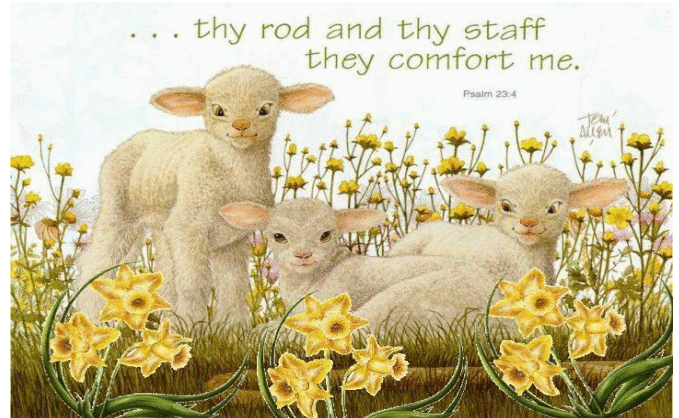
Saturday Morning at 9:00AM we will be assembling our Living Cross with live and silk flowers. All are welcome to help.



Sunday April 9, 2023
10:30AM
Continental Breakfast 9:30am



Please be respectful of the few parking places in front of the church. If you are able to do so please leave them for those with difficult mobility issues.



Graham Ferris went home to be with the Lord on February 17, 2023. Graveside rights will be at the Peru City Cemetery, on April 28th at 10:00am.



Religious Emblem Award

Congratulations to Evan Hall on receiving the Religious Emblem Award in scouting. Goals of the program are to explore faith together, help Children realize God is active in every part of their lives, know that Jesus is their best friend and to memorize the Lord's Prayer. Thank you to Dean Tieman for making this possible.



9 Reasons Jesus is called the Lamb of God

1-He was born in Bethlehem

The Levites (priests raised lambs in Bethlehem. They sacrificed lambs in the temple.

Moreover, they were the shepherds who first visited Jesus when He was born.

The priests received the lambs to be sacrificed. How fascinating that the Levitical priests received the announcement of Christ's birth first. Most likely they didn't realize the great honor the Lord bestowed on them by making them the first to receive the Lamb of God.

Bethlehem is also known as the house of bread. Jesus declared He is the Bread of Life. Only our great God could work out these details of Christ's birth and life on earth!

2-John the Baptist

John the Baptist, a priest from the Levitical line, called Jesus the Lamb of God. The priest identified the lambs for sacrifice. John, who had authority through his priestly bloodline, announced Jesus' identity to the world.

The baptism we see John the Baptist perform in John 1 represented going down and coming up. When this announcement was made at the scene of baptism (John 1:29) the people received this word much differently than we do. Him calling Jesus the Lamb of God was infused with symbolism, including, but not limited to:

*lambs as symbols of sacrifice for sin and peace offerings (Leviticus 23:19)

*the messianic lamb would be led to slaughter (Isaiah 53)

*the connection to the Passover Lamb in Exodus

*the images of deliverance from bondage

3-He fulfilled the Story of Abraham and Isaac

Abraham took a donkey with two men. Two disciples went to get the donkey for Jesus when he entered Jerusalem before His crucifixion.

Abraham took his son (his firstborn and only son of Sarah). When Isaac asked there the sacrificial lamb was, Abraham answered that God would provide. God provided His own Son as the sacrificial lamb to stand in the place of each of us.

Isaac carried the wood on his back to be led to the slaughter. Jesus carried the cross on his back to his own crucifixion.

God knew Abraham's heart was pure. God intervened and provided a ram. (FUN FACT: A sheep is considered a lamb for its first year. A female lamb becomes a ewe and a male lamb becomes a ram.) In Jesus, God delivered His Son as the Lamb of the final offering for sin.

Abraham offered his son on Mount Moriah. Jesus was offered up on the same mount.

4-Jerusalem

All lambs had to be brought to Jerusalem (from where they were raised in Bethlehem) and be offered to the high priest. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey and went to the temple. He cleansed it to prepare for a true, pure, perfect sacrifice.

5-The Passover Lamb

The father of the family chooses the lamb at Passover. Furthermore, our Father chose Jesus... The Lamb of God.

The Passover instructions declare 1 lamb per family. All who are in Christ, are 1 family.

6-It takes 4 days to inspect the Passover lamb. In the same way, the people of Jerusalem tested, quizzed, and challenged Jesus for 4 days. These people include the high priest, Sanhedrin, Pharisees, Sadducees, and others.

7-Spotless

Jesus was without spot or blemish. Spotless means pure and blameless. Physically, we see it as without sickness, disease, or skin spots. His skin was clean and clear from any disease or blemishes. Spiritually, it means without blame, harmless. He didn't harm anyone and always spoke God's word.

8-The times of sacrifice

The sacrifices occurred in the morning and evening. These times coincide with our clocks at the times of 9am and 3pm. By 3pm, the Passover lambs were killed. Jesus was placed on the cross at 9am, the time of the morning sacrifice. He died at the time of the evening sacrifice. The sun was covered from noon until 3pm, then He died. (Mark 15 & Matthew 27)

9-One-year-old lamb

A lamb was considered in the prime of its life. Jesus, at age 33 and only 3 years into his ministry, was considered in the prime of His life.



The meeting of the Session Board was held on Monday, March 20, 2023. Clean Up Day announced, church parking addressed, voted to replace awning, Sunday Funday. There will be a soup and sandwich after worship. Meetings will be third Monday of the month.



Living Cross

As in past years, we plan to place a cross on our front lawn on Easter morning after our worship service that is covered with flowers. We have a good supply of silk flowers, but fresh flowers are welcome, too. We plan to assemble this at 9:00am on Saturday, April 20th. Come join the fun!



Vendor Fair

The vendor fair is Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9 – 2pm in Morgan Hall. There is a sign-up on the welcome table if you're interested and available to help on Saturday. We are also looking for all bakers. Sign-up is also up for baking donations.



Sunday Funday

Bible Story, rock painting, light dinner, games all happens on Sunday, April 2 at 4:00pm. Everyone is invited.



Join us on Sunday, April 30 2023 at the Illinois Valley Super Bowl for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The fun begins at 1:30pm.



Soup and Sandwich

There will be a soup and sandwich following worship service on April 16th, hosted by Dean and Dawn Tieman. Everyone is invited.



Church Clean-Up

Mark your calendars!! It's time for spring cleaning, Saturday April 15th will be a work day starting at 9:00am.



HAPPY

The gift of God is ETERNAL life in Jesus Christ our Lord

Romans 6:23

I am the Living one: I was dead, and behold I am ALIVE forever and ever!

Revelation 1:18

The Father has sent His Son to be the SAVIOR of the world.

1John 4:34

I am the way and the TRUTH and the life

John 14:16

God has given us ETERNAL life, and this life is in His Son.

1John 5:11

Remember Jesus Christ RAISED from the dead

2Timothy 2:8



Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Rita Tieman, Deb Taylor, Rob and Cyndee Dickson,

**Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:

Carol Edgcomb Don Walker

Jane McClintock Lin Stuhr

Lillian Mini

** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows

** Pray for Jews for Jesus

** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply

** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic

** Pray for Cup of Cold Water Ministries

** Pray for Transport for Christ

** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless





A symbol of my faith that strengthens me each day as I by God's grace walk the narrow way. You see God's own Son He gave His life for me and took my debt of sin to a place called Calvary. I owe Him my life and all I'll ever be all He asks is that I'll let Him live through me. So I run the race empowered by His grace and give Him all the glory as I look into His face.



Prayer Cross

Lent is a good time to think about prayer and to practice praying regularly. You can use prayers that are already written, like the Lord's Prayer or the words under Praying Together, or you can write or say prayers of you own. Making a prayer cross is something you can do with your family to practice prayer each day.

Make a cross out of thick branches or recycled cardboard tubes. Hold pieces in position and wrap string or twine around the intersection of the two cross pieces until they are secure. Hang it on the wall or stand it up with a base of rocks.

Whenever you have a worry or a struggle, write it on a piece of paper and tape it to the cross. You can also write down joys and thanksgivings. All of these are prayers. Gather with your family around the cross as often as you can. Share the things you are praying about and invite others to pray along with you.

We don't know how or when our prayers will be answered, but we can remember that God loves us and is with us through everything.

Praying Together

*Teach me to always say what's true.
Be willing in each thing I do.
Help me to be good each day,
And lead me in your holy way.
Amen.*



Easter

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him – Proverbs 30:5

And I will give them a heart to know me. That I and the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart – Jeremiah 24:7

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it – Isaiah 55:11

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:3

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts--Proverbs 21:2

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice – Philippians 4:4



The Story of the Jelly Beans

By Lacy Lynch

White is for the bread they broke before the sad event,

Black is for the dark night in the garden where Jesus went.

Orange is for the sunshine on the day of his arrest,

Purple for the robe he wore-a "king" they called in jest.

Red is for the blood He spilled which was for me and you,

Pink is for His Mother, whose heart broke into two.

The grass outside the tomb was green when Magdalene arrived,

And yellow is for her shock to find out Jesus was alive!!





Easter Poem

*Eggs and Chicks and Bunnies are near for Easter, you see, will soon be here
 But what is Easter-and why the spring season? Gather round and I'll tell you the reason!
 Chicks are hatched out of eggs, you see they represent new life for you and me
 For Jesus died and was buried three days then Easter morning, he was raised
 So when we die, we can live again Jesus gave new life to all God's children
 Bunnies are part of Easter too they're born in the spring when all is new
 The grass, the flowers, and leaves start to grow putting an end to their sleep in the snow
 So as you gather your treats and have fun let them remind you of Jesus and all he has done.
 JESUS is LORD!*



**THE BIGGEST COMMUNICATION
 PROBLEM IS WE DON'T
 LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND!
WE LISTEN TO REPLY!**



The Great Commission

Save the date VBS Day will be here soon. Plans are being made for Saturday, July 8, 2023. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.



Baseball season will soon be here!! Time for peanuts and cracker jacks, rooting on the Chiefs! Sign-up please to get group ticket pricing. We've been invited to Faith and Family night, Saturday, June 10th and Wednesday July 26th. Fireworks after each game.



April 1	Vendor Fair	10:00am
April 2	Sunday Funday	4:00pm
April 30	Bowling	1:30pm
May 21	Bridget Wilmot Recital	
June 10	Peoria Chief's Game	
June 18	Flute Camp Sue Gillio	
July 8	VBS	
July 26	Peoria Chiefs Game	

