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2016 APRIL BEACON

Shining the Light in April

Christ has risen. The Easter egg hunts, family meals and multiple church services are over. The chocolate wrappers are empty and strewn about like the forgotten palms along the road to Jerusalem. What now?

Now the cleanup begins. We pick ourselves up, wipe off the grief of Good Friday and move forward. We proclaim the resurrection of Christ in word and in deed by picking up the reins of Christ's ministry and boldly going where he leads. It is not an easy task. Have you heard or said, "I have done this for (fill in the blank) number of years. I am tired". Or "let someone else do it." Yes, the work seems tedious but Christ gives us strength. We have no need to fear and no need to feel overwhelmed. Remember these beautiful words from Isaiah Chapter 40.

²⁸Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God;

he created all the world.

He never grows tired or weary.

No one understands his thoughts.

²⁹He strengthens those who are weak and tired.

³⁰Even those who are young grow weak;

young people can fall exhausted.

³¹But those who trust in the LORD for help

will find their strength renewed.

They will rise on wings like eagles;

they will run and not get weary;

they will walk and not grow weak.

We are Easter people. We need recognize that and live our daily lives with the hope instilled in us through Christ Jesus. So let us be about the Lord's work, feeding the hungry, sharing the gospel to those who need Good News, and offering relationship to the lonely and forgotten. In other words, be kind to any and all you meet for you may just be looking into the eyes of Christ. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Happy Spring!

Pastor Janet

CIRCLE OF CONCERN:

Mike Russell, Albert Bricker, Steve Howe, Tony Dempson, Eleanor Klenck, Molinet Family, Don Deutsch, Katrina Mann, Jim Bourne, Harold Motz, Arletha Southwood, Don & Tyler Howe, Kathy, Bob, Jason, Jean Fischer, Anna Fibert, Sharon Krohn, Pastor Janet's Family

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Melanie Mann, April 12th

Glen & Jennifer Saalweachter, April 12th

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Good Samaritan Home was discussed. Janet, Cathy, Randy & Glen attended the annual meeting. They reported that the food was good, they need a new board member. Debra McBride has been named the new chaplain and Mark Aclea has been named administer.

Info is being obtained for a chair lift. Copier machine is going to be serviced and will check on a service contract. We will be getting a free computer that we will be able to use for parts only. Old computers that we have will be disposed of at the next electrical recycle day.

Treasurer will be getting the books audited. Sharon Krohn is resigning as church secretary & we THANK her for all the work she has done for the church.

A motion was made & carried that the church donate \$250 to Erika McAlister for help in their expenses. Erika will be having a Kidney transplant on June 1st in Indianapolis. We will be passing a card around for all to sign & if you would like to make an individual donation.

Health Fair was discussed (see food pantry for info). We will be starting the church Spring cleaning this month.

The men's bathroom will be updated and made nicer.

Next council meeting will be held on April 23, 2016 at 9AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FOOD PANTRY:

The food pantry is doing well. They are helping families of 1-15 which is the highest they have had. The next food pantry will be April 11, 2016 from 9-11 AM & 4-6 PM.

Books N Music has taken a role in donating items to the people. The pantry is in need for deodorant, hygiene products, adult diapers & laundry soap. They can also have volunteers to help with the distribution of items. If you have any questions, please see Cathy or Sharon.

HEALTH FAIR:

The Health Fair will be held on April 11, 2016 to go along with the Food Pantry times.

There will be 8-10 vendors coming to help with this Fair. They are trying to get the Dental lab, Bloodmobile, Medical lab clinic, Rogers Hair Academy. They are contacting Mead Johnson, Proctor & Gamble for donations.

The University of Evansville will have students to demonstrate how to make meals with the items the families receive from the Food Pantry.

CHURCH CLEANING:

Spring cleaning will start on April 04, 2016 at 6:30 PM. We will start with the church by cleaning the pews, vacuuming the church and woodwork.

Please join us for the needed beautifying of our worship house.

The Boy Scout group will be doing the waxing of the floors and washing the windows on their meeting night.

CEMETERY BOARD:

The Cemetery Board meeting will be held on April 10, 2016 after church service.

CHURCH SURVEY:

Have you turned in your church survey? If not, please complete and give to Pastor Janet or one of the Church Council members (Randy, Glen, David or Ruby).

MEROM 5K WALK/RUN:

WHEN: April 30, 2016 at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Merom Conference Center, 8555 Phillip, Merom, IN 47861

Schedule: Saturday 8-9:30am light breakfast in Dining Hall (optional)

Saturday 9:30am morning prayer

Saturday 10 am run/walk begins

Saturday 11:30am Lunch (free will offering)

Just to run/walk \$20 (\$25 after April 10th)

If you are interested in attending this event, please notify Pastor Janet.

STUFF:

You have a ratty bathrobe that you won't part with because "they just don't make them like this anymore.

You've outlived the lifetime warranty on your car's shock absorbers.

You've almost forgiven your mother for throwing out your baseball card that would be worth more than five thousand dollars today.

Household items common when you were a kid are now found in antique shop.

You're beginning to realize that time is more important than things, no matter how nice those things are.

You can afford wine that comes with a cork.

RECIPE FOR APRIL:**STRAWBERRY DELIGHT**

1 ½ C all purpose flour, ¾ C melted butter, ¾ C chopped pecans, 2 C sifted powdered sugar, 1 (8oz) pkg softened cream cheese, 1 (8oz) thawed Cool Whip, 3 C sliced strawberries, 1 c sugar, ¼ C all purpose flour, 3 Tbsp strawberry flavored gelatin, 1 C water.

For crust, combine the 1 ½ C flour & melted butter; stir in pecans. Pat evenly in the bottom of 13x9 pan. Bake 350 oven about 20 minutes or until golden brown around edges. Cool in pan on wire rack. In large mixing bowl beat powdered sugar & cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until combined. Add

whipped topping by spoonfuls, beat until smooth. Spread over cooled crust. Arrange sliced strawberries on top. Cover & chill while preparing top layer. For top layer, in medium saucepan combine sugar, the $\frac{1}{4}$ C flour & the strawberry flavored gelatin; stir in water. Cook & stir until thickened & bubbly. Cook & stir 1 minute more. Remove from heat. Cover surface & set aside to cool (About 30 min) Spoon cooled gelatin mixture over strawberries. Cover & chill for 4 to 24 hrs. Cut into squares.

CHICKEN FRICASSEE

1 Cup chopped celery, 1 lg onion, 1 can cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup, 1 lg loaf bread (cubed & dried), 1 lg chicken (Cooked & boned), 5 to 6 C chicken broth, salt & pepper

Add chopped celery & onion to chicken while cooking. When chicken is cooked, remove from broth, skin & debone, cutting chicken into small pieces. Mix bread, chicken, onion, celery, salt, pepper & broth. Pour into greased pan, Spoon soup over top. Bake at 350 about an hour.