



# April Newsletter

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## From the Pastor's Desk

*"<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

*- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

So that in him, might become the righteousness of God... this word righteousness bears so much weight and it is worth exploring what this "righteousness of God" means.

The dictionary definition of righteous is "(of a person or conduct) morally right or justifiable; virtuous." Right off the bat we can already see issues. "Morally right or justifiable." Whose decision is it to declare a person or action just? Is the action justified or unjustified depending on who is doing said action? Whose moral compass are we using to judge the morality of others? Our own?

The long and short of it is that as long as we continue to seek and strive for righteousness according to ourselves, we will never find it, we will never be satisfied, and we certainly will never be free.

Then Paul comes in with this statement: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his

appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." Through Christ, you have been made righteous before God. Through Christ, this righteousness has been given to you. This is the freeing word that is found at the end of the Lenten season. Like a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, there lies the Cross of Christ. Instead of riches, we come to a place where all of our sins, all of our attempts at our own righteousness, are laid. Instead of gold, we are given eternal life, salvation, and forgiveness in God's name now and forever.

As we wrap up this season of lent, drawing ever nearer to the cross of Christ and the empty tomb of Easter morning, know that Christ has reconciled you to God. He has made the plea on your behalf. In His name, may you have new life each and everyday.

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Maxwell Whitehead*





# April Calendar

## Wednesday, April 3

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Council Mtg  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, April 17

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Communion)**  
10:15 AM Sunday School Resumes

## Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Communion)**  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, April 10

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, April 24

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, April 14 (traditional)

9:00 AM **Worship Service**  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM **Worship Service (Contemporary)**  
10:15 AM Sunday School



# Worship Helpers

## Sunday, April 7 (Communion)

Reader .....Matt Wirth  
Acolyte/Communion Asst. .... Grace  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, April 21 (Communion)

Reader ..... Josh Huth  
Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Piper  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, April 14 (Traditional)

Reader ..... Kayla Mehlhaf  
Acolyte ..... Bailee  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, April 28 (Contemporary)

Reader ..... Sharon Wirth  
Acolyte/Communion Helper .....Quinn J.  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band



# Committee's of the Month

The committee reads Scriptures on Sundays each month. Confirmed youth of members are included. List of duties are on the bulletin board.

## April

Matt and Sharon Wirth  
Derrick and Kayla Mehlhaf  
Josh and Kristie Huth  
Shelley Wray

## May

Matt and Denise Graves  
Steven and Linda Holmberg  
Joe and Teddy Schafer  
Jon and Krista Schaeffer

## June

Mike and Lisa McIlvenna  
Loren and Michelle Johnson  
Joe and Teddy Schafer



## APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

**April 7:** Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31  
**April 14:** Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31  
**April 21:** Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18  
**April 28:** Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

## Looking Ahead To May

### Wednesday, May 1

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Council Mtg  
 7:00 PM VCIS

### Sunday, May 5

**9:00 AM** **Worship Service (Communion)**  
 10:15 AM Sunday School

### Wednesday, May 8

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM VCIS

### Sunday, May 12

**9:00 AM** **Worship Service (traditional)**  
 10:15 AM Sunday School

**DEADLINE**



The May Newsletter Deadline is April 23. Submissions after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion into the newsletter. **Please submit all articles and information on time. Thank you!**

**AS ONE BODY**  
**WE ARE THE**  
**CHURCH**

















Please Consider Giving Online











**Thank you volunteers!**  
**We can't do this without you!!**



**Food  
 Pantry  
 Needs**

Please consider helping if you can. We are in need of the following items...

-  Facial Tissue
-  Toilet Paper
-  Shampoo
-  Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
-  Lotion
-  Body Wash
-  Sauces -
-  Soy
-  Worcestershire
-  BBQ.
-  Ketchup
-  Canned Goods
-  Toaster Pastries
-  Cereal Bars

-  Granola Bars
-  Cooking Oil
-  Mayo
-  Salad Dressings
-  Spices
-  Peanut Butter
-  Jelly
-  Pastas
-  Rice (not instant)
-  Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).

# Our Savior's Questionnaire

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

What events would you like to see happen at Our Savior's? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a preference for the type of worship (Traditional/Contemporary)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there something you would add/remove to Sunday service? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you read the newsletter?  Yes  No If no, would you be willing to tell us why? \_\_\_\_\_

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If there was an occasional Sunday evening contemporary service, would that interest you or your family?

Yes  No

Other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Please complete this questionnaire and put it the box.



# Our Saviors VBS 2024

June 3, 2024 - June 6, 2024



8:30 AM - 12:00 PM • Mon-Wed



8:30 AM - 2:45 PM • Thursday



7:00 PM • Thursday • VBS Program



All kids who are potty trained up to kids who were in 6th grade in 2024 are welcome. Kids need to eat breakfast at home and a small snack will be provided during the day.

Sign up by May 20th to be guaranteed a free T-shirt

On Thursday we hope to be able to do Danish Dancing for the nursing home residents at 2:00. A sack lunch will be needed on Thursday. A program will be held Thursday night at 7:00 for the kids to sing their songs and show what they've learned during the week.

Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/9474f0> or scan the QRCode below

