



# Acts of Faith

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**“It is finished.”** Russia's relentless bombardment of residential areas across Ukraine has so far forced millions of refugees to flee their homes and their country. They leave some loved ones and most of their possessions behind not knowing where they are going or what lies ahead for them, How difficult and heart breaking this must be. Wouldn't we also run if we were in their situation. We pray for the people of Ukraine that there is a swift and peaceful resolution to this war and for comfort to those who now live in fear.

The truth is all of us are running from something. Everyone's life is full of fear, frustrations, failures, pain, and disappointments which we want to leave behind. Sin is the culprit in every case. No matter how good are intentions are or how hard we run, we cannot change who we are. But none of us have to run through life. John reminds us of Peter's testimony, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”* John 6:68

As we recall the passion of Jesus Christ during Lent and Holy Week, we are reassured that God loved us so much He sent His beloved Son to suffer and die to remove the sinful stains from our lives. Jesus chose the criminal's cross because He loved us! We can find rest here in the suffering and wounds of Jesus. His precious blood cleanses us from all our sins. Because of His death, we are now justified by His grace and mercy. *“It is finished.”* John 19:3 It is done. The is nothing left to do. Here we are assured by Christ Himself, that His atoning work was accomplished. Jesus has offered Himself as a sin offering for all mankind. *“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”* 2 Corinthians 5:21 The debt of our sin has been paid in full. On Good Friday, Jesus said, **“It is finished!”** On Easter, God the Father said (by raising Jesus), *“It is sufficient, the debt of sin is cancelled, and you are forgiven.”* *“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”* (1 John 5:11) Easter proclaims the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of our own, and demonstrates the power of God to accomplish it.

So, what is our response? We look into the eyes of beloved Savior, give Him thanks and praise, and allow Him to wrap His loving arms around us. In Christ alone we find the rest and peace we so desperately desire. Being crucified with Christ, we can allow Christ to live in us. As Jesus was obedient to His Father's will, we also shall be obedient to God, doing willingly what He has planned for us to do, and not living for ourselves.

Have a happy and blessed Easter this year and sustain it all year long. Oh, yes, bring it to church with you each Sunday. We could really use some of that Easter cheer when we gather for worship!

***He is risen, He is Risen indeed, Halleluiah.***

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>

Worship Schedule  
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service  
 Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.

**Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program**  
 Station City, State Freq. Day & Time  
 WKEI Kewanee, IL 1450 AM Sun 5:30 AM

*April's Calendar*

- | Apr. 03 **Fifth Sunday in Lent with Holy communion**
- | Apr. 07 **Lenten Service 6:30 PM**
- | Apr. 10 **Palm Sunday with Holy communion**
- | Apr. 14 **Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM with Holy communion**
- | Apr. 15 **Good Friday Service 6:30 PM**
- | Apr. 17 **Easter Festival with Holy communion**
- | Apr. 21 WOF mtg. 10:00 AM  
Elders and Council Mtgs. 6:30 &7:00 PM
- | Apr. 24 **Second Sunday of Easter with Holy communion**

**Altar Guild Schedule**

Apr. 03	Sharon Larson	Purple
Apr. 07		Purple
Apr. 10	Kari Tavares	Red
Apr. 14	Marilyn Sturtevant	White
Apr. 15	Marilyn Sturtevant	Black
Apr. 17	Leah Weber	White
Apr. 24	Sharon Larson	White

**Elders List:**

Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783  
 Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801  
 Ron Larson: 309-853-5111  
 Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203

**USHER'S LIST**

1st Sunday: Ted Sturtevant  
 2nd Sunday: Nick Phillips  
 3rd Sunday: Wayne Becker  
 4th Sunday: Kevin Hull  
 5th Sunday: Jim Cook

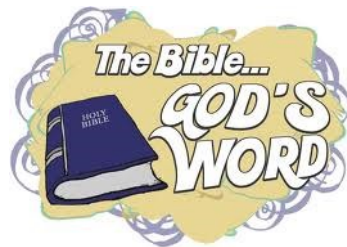
**Those For Whom We Pray:** Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

**Our Faith family:** Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Vanda Hallock, Wendell Hier, and John J. Hernandez.

**Friends:** Jeff Bowman, Sue Copeland, Ron Pettit, Lacey Hammons, Kent West, Jim Tudder, Patty Koch, Hudson McCook, Chris Becker, the citizens of oppressed Ukraine and all military personnel and first responders.

**Inactive Members:** Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

**CID:** Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.



**"Death, then what?"**

When death happens, there are always questions. Why now? Why her? Why him? Why me? Where is God? What's it going to be like when I die? Will it hurt? What will I feel? What happens after I take my last breath? The bottom line is we don't know everything about death and what happens afterward. Some have had near death experiences, but is that the same as dying and going to the other side—permanently?

This study looks at God's answers to these questions of death. So join us after the Sunday service as we consider death—and what follows after.

# Birthdays of the Month

April 1	Emma Cox	April 17	Vanda Hallock
April 4	Lacey Leezer	April 21	Logan Hernandez
April 4	Andrew Yarger	April 25	Kelly Gillespie
April 10	Yvonne Wegener	April 25	Larry Gillespie
April 10	Heather Weber	April 28	Marlin Gillespie
April 12	Peggy Faber		
April 14	Rev. Paul Weber		
April 15	Lorie Townsend		
April 16	Abigail Clapper		

## Baptism Dates

Joy Hernandez Butler	Apr. 4
Julie Carpenter	Apr. 19
Abigail Clapper	Apr. 27
Mary Duncan	Apr. 21
Michael Estes	Apr. 16
Charles Heinrich	Apr. 23
Jaxson Hicks	Apr. 20
Marvin Newman	Apr. 20
Milton Stapel	Apr. 5
Kari Tavares	Apr. 1

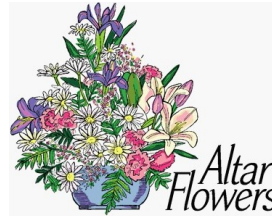


## Wedding Anniversaries

Peggy and Steven Faber	April 3
Sandra and Nicholas Phillips	April 8
Carol and James Cook	April 16

## 2022 Altar Flower Chart

is up and available for you to sign up for altar flowers. Please consider placing flowers on our Lord's altar to remember a significant loved one or event in your life.



**REMEMBER:** Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

**Women of Faith:** The Women of Faith will meet on April 21st at 10:00 AM. Nancy is the hostess for the month. Please bring a can of non-cream soup for a Hobo Soup lunch. The program will be the LWML Quarterly Bible Study. All the ladies in the congregation are welcome to join the WOF for bible study, fellowship, and promoting mission work at home and abroad.

Through your mite offerings this month, missionaries are able to use social media platforms to effectively reach out to untold thousands of people, not only in Eastern Europe, but worldwide. Gary Thies of Mission Central shares, "Over five million Muslims now live in Germany. The challenge is very great but, there is hope. In Berlin a German Lutheran Pastor has a congregation of more than a thousand former Muslims, and is reaching out to these people who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Thank you for your prayers and your mites to support this mission effort.



The LWML CID Convention will be April 29-30th in Springfield, IL. Marilyn Sturtevant and Mary Hahn are Faith's attending delegates. The in-gathering collection will be items for the Orphan Grain Train. WOF invites the congregation to participate with them by providing prayers, cash donations, infant supplies, school supplies, new clothing, hygiene supplies, medical equipment, and bedding items. These gifts collected in April will be taken to the LWML gathering with our delegates. (See attached sheet for details)

# 60th Regular Convention Central Illinois District

July 17-19, 2022  
Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL

**Portals of Prayer:** April-June editions are still available in various sizes in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for home or one to give to a friend.

## Spring (Church) Planting Season

At its last convention, our Synod resolved “That congregations and circuits be encouraged and supported by their respective districts to investigate and identify new mission plants” (2019 Res. 1-02).

To enable pastors and others to begin talking about church planting, CID is cooperating with the Synod’s Office of National Mission to produce these resources: a.) a brochure, in two parts and b.) a set of four short videos. These tools will help inform and stimulate church plantings conversations in congregations. The District will be discussing church planting at its convention in July.

CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb and his predecessor Joel Cluver are attempting, between them, to visit every Circuit Winkel in the District to encourage discussion of church planting prospects. Central Illinois Church Extension Fund has generously given CID a grant to help pay for these visits. It will also pay for subsequent visits to congregations showing particular interest in church planting.

## Celebrate the 175th anniversary of the LCMS! April 26, 2022

Visit the following website for information on the 175th anniversary of Synod. <http://www.cidlcms.org/news-lcms-175.html>. On April 26, 1847, representatives of a few congregations signed the constitution of a new church body, the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, since re-named “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.” The Central Illinois District is one of 35 Districts nationwide into which our Synod has divided its members.



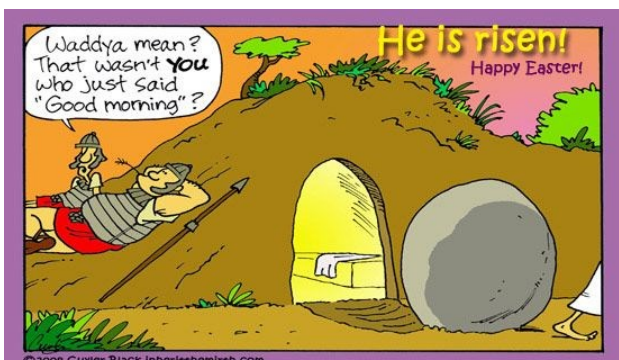
It’s time to order Easter Lilies! We invite you to sponsor an Easter lily to enhance the chancel this year. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to order your lily. The price is \$10.00 with checks payable to Faith. Please mark the envelope memo line for Easter lilies and include your name.

Spring LifeLight Bible session will begin on Monday, May 2nd at 1:00 PM. If you are interested in attending this nine week session please let Gary Hahn know.



*“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39*

**Worry is like a rocking chair:  
it keeps you busy,  
but never gets you anywhere  
Trust in the Lord**



# *Gifts from the Heart*

## *Reunited as Women in Mission*

The **2022 CID LWML Convention** has chosen “**Orphan Grain Train**” as their Gifts from the Heart recipient. Faith's donated items will be taken to the Convention by our Women of Faith Convention Delegates, Mary Hahn and Marilyn Sturtevant.

**Orphan Grain Train's Mission Statement:** In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near.

A **Collection Container** will be in our church narthex for any of the listed donations: Donations should be brought no later than Sunday, April 24th

**Cash donations to pay for shipping .. one box costs \$11**  
(Please make checks payable to Orphan Grain Train)

**Infant Supplies:** Cloth and Disposable diapers, Layettes, Stuffed toys

**School supplies:** Backpacks, new coloring books and crayons, pens and pencils, writing paper and notebooks, sports equipment such as balls, bats, and gloves.

**Clothing:** Infant, children's, women's and men's clothes, shoes, socks, NEW underwear(Bring clothing in plastic bags)

**Hygiene supplies:** Toothbrushes, towels and washcloths, bar soap, combs, sanitary products for women.

**Medical equipment:** Bed and bath linens, crutches, canes, Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, disposable gowns and gloves.

**Quilts, comforters, blankets:** All sizes are needed.

**Your PRAYERS are requested above all!**

**Please Help    Please Help    Please Help    Please Help    Please Help**