

LIVING GOSPEL CHURCH NEWS

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Christ is Risen!

Mark 16: 1-7 *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"*

Death couldn't hold Him down. Christ has risen from the dead! We don't serve a lifeless god, or an inanimate statue. You won't find Jesus buried in a tomb, because He is not there! *Our God is alive!* Jesus ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father yet today. He is living and breathing inside of you and me. As all is being made new in the Spring, it is the perfect time to remember that we too are made new in Christ! **2 Corinthians 5:17**, "*If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!*"

May we fully live as the new creations we are; *alive with Christ living in us!* May we boldly tell His story of tremendous sacrifice at the cross, and wondrous victory over death, and how His love has changed us. *Our God is alive!* Let us shout for joy that our Savior is Risen from the dead!

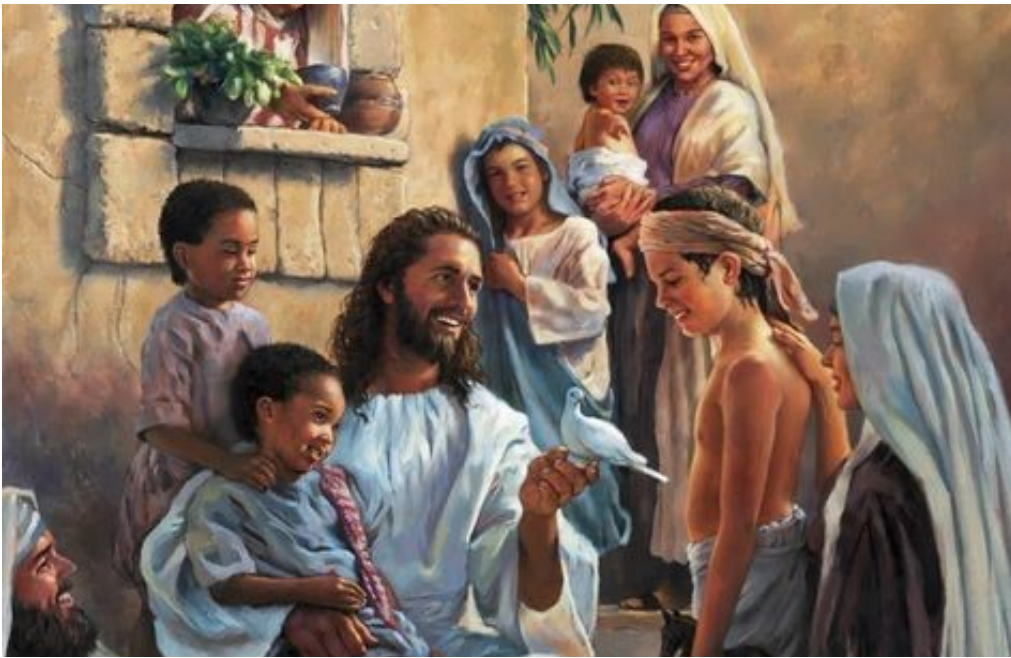
Mark 16:6

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Children's Ministry is Alive With the Love of Jesus

Most have heard and commented how joyous it is to hear little feet heading down the stairs for children's ministry. It is so great to hear that sound! It is also wonderful to have a group that has been growing in numbers! They have been actively learning more about Jesus through a variety of lessons and activities.

Bob Breneman graciously agreed to start working with the children's ministry one Sunday a month through music on the beautiful hand-crafted dulcimer instruments that he has. *Thank you Bob for sharing your gift and light with these children!*

As Jesus remarked to his followers in **Matthew 5:14-16** **"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."**

Recent lessons have focused on the meaning of Easter and the death and resurrection of Jesus. There have been a few fun lessons that have been shared. One lesson had a focus on the poem "The Sweet Truth of Easter"; they learned about the true meaning of Easter and how Jesus died on the Cross and rose again.

In another lesson the focus was on **2 Peter 3:18** **18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.**

In this lesson they planted seeds to symbolize that just as the flowers will grow as they are "fed" water and sunlight, they too will grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior as they continue to learn more and more about Jesus Christ who is our Living Water and Light of the World.

The children will have special ways to help us rejoice and celebrate our King and Risen Savior! How wonderful to have children sharing again as they learn more about God and his everlasting love for all.

Celebrating- April Birthdays

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| Maverick Hawley | April 2 |
| Marlene Dreifke | April 5 |
| Dawn Keepses | April 6 |
| Skyler Hawley | April 6 |
| Brycen Batz | April 12 |
| Doug Muench | April 15 |
| Carrie Abela | April 19 |
| Lexi Hawley | April 20 |
| Joey Hawley | April 20 |
| Kaitlyn Batz | April 20 |
| Nancy Keuffer | April 20 |
| Michelle Rowe | April 24 |
| Connie Hessler | April 27 |
| Deb Wearne | April 30 |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Deb and Steven Wearne | April 18 |
| Peggy and John Moll | April 22 |
| Stacy and John Holder | April 25 |



Improvements to the Kitchen

April 24th– short meeting following worship service

The focus of this meeting will be discussing proposed improvements to our kitchen using some of the funds from the legacy gift left to us by Erna Manweiler.

The board has developed a plan, along with member input, to improve the flow, provide better access to electrical outlets and better service to our guests.

At the meeting we will have an estimated budget with details of the changes we would like to make.

We hope you will be present to discuss and vote-giving us direction to move forward, on April 24th.

If there are any questions at any time you may ask any board member. Karen Breneman has agreed to be a lead contact for this project.

Let us continue to be in prayer for God's favor, grace and wisdom with each decision and project. May they always be to His glory and the glory of His Church.



Where is Your Mission Field?

Romans 10: 13-14 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

We may or may not ever be called to serve as missionaries across the globe, but we are all called to share the gospel with those around us.

We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and to share our testimonies of how God is transforming our lives through His Holy Spirit dwelling in us. We are called to be the hope of Christ to our neighbors. We are called to be light in a world of darkness.

*We don't have to look very far at all to find our mission field. All we have to do is look to the left and to the right to see endless opportunity to share God's love all around us. **Your mission field begins at home**, and it may continue in your school, at your work, in your neighborhood, in a volunteer capacity, and in your extended family. If you're open to God's leading, He might very well take you to different nations to share His Word. *Discover your mission field for right now* and see how God wants you to prepare the soil right where you are at, so in time a great harvest can be reaped. Seek His direction, and follow! Tell of the great works He has done in your life! Speak of His faithfulness with great joy in your heart!*

Psalm 96:3 *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

Coming Events

Sat. April 9th– Rio Community Egg Hunt. Rio Elementary School. Registration begins at 9:45, Activities and raffle prizes begin at 10 am. Egg Hunt will be at 11 am.

Good Friday Service Friday, April 15th 6 pm at the church.

Sat. April 16th All invited to the wedding vow renewal ceremony for Deb and Steve Wearne as they celebrate 30 years of marriage. 1 pm ceremony at church. Snacks and fun to follow at the Rio Legion.

Easter Service, Sunday April 17th 10 am at the church. Invite family and friends to join in the celebration of our risen Savior!

Sunday, April 24th- Special meeting following service to share proposed kitchen enhancement project with legacy funds. Please stay and be part of the conversation.

Taste and See the Lord is Good.

Wednesdays: 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship– **Come and join the fun! We have room! Do something different and get to know God and others in a new light.**

Create your own small group-"Where 2 or 3 gather there I am"

*May God bless you with greater understanding and wisdom as you
taste of Him in new ways this year.
Seek Him and find He is good!*

*Always Here for
You*

**Let us be in the habit
of meeting together.**

Is there something
troubling your heart?
Could you use someone
to talk to and pray with?

I am here for you. We are
not meant to shoulder our
burdens alone.

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***May God Bless You
and Make His Face
Shine Upon You.***

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