

LIVING GOSPEL CHURCH NEWS

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Rejoice! We Worship a Living God!

Revelation 1:18 *I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

What a joy and encouragement to know we worship a king who reigns forever! *Where O death is your victory? Where O death is your sting?*

Death couldn't hold Him down. The grave couldn't keep Him! Christ has risen from the dead! We don't serve a lifeless god made of wood or metal. We don't worship an inanimate statue. We don't remember a king who is still in the grave. **Jesus Christ is alive and all powerful**, sitting at the right hand of the Father today! We know He is because He has sent His Holy Spirit to dwell inside each of us who believe in Him. We can feel His presence near to us and moving in us through His Spirit. We feel His guiding hand in our lives, and deep love bursting into the most hidden parts of our hearts. We feel His calming assurance wash over us. *We feel alive in Him.*

Let us take time daily to rejoice in our Risen Savior! His victory over death is *our victory!* His eternal life is shared with each of us, and we can find encouragement in these words from 2 Corinthians 4:17 *"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."*

Whatever troubles you face in this life, take heart beloved child of God, you will not be defeated, because *Jesus has overcome the world!*



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Praise the Lord

God Loves His Church

**Psalm 22:3 NASB Yet You are holy,
You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

“God loves the church. He loves the idea, the potential, and everything to do with the church, the body of Christ. In fact He stated that zeal for this house has consumed Him! He has devoted His strength, wisdom and intense emotions to this house on earth: His eternal dwelling place.” Pastor/Author, Bill Johnson

A powerful truth to meditate on regarding the purpose and power of the Church.

The Church came to be by God’s design, not man’s. It may have gone in many different directions by man, but the original design and intent for the Body to gather as the Church came from God.

It is wonderful and necessary to have personal time with God, alone with Him throughout our days, so He may reveal Himself to each of us individually as He desires. It is also wonderful and necessary to gather with brothers and sisters in collective worship, study, and fellowship to experience God in an entirely different way. We come to know God more fully by engaging in His Church.

There is an indescribable joy we experience when we are in the company of saints lifting up praises to our King together and a great peace that moves through us when we join in prayer together. There are aspects of the presence of God we will only experience in a corporate gathering, *by His design.*

God created us to be in fellowship, to be of one spirit, to be in unity with each other, and to find the fullness of His strength as we walk together. These are things we will not experience apart from the Church.

God longs for us to share His joy in the whole and fullness He has for us. This involves committing to both personal and a corporate worship.

Your presence matters. You are needed here, in His Church. You have a purpose and role to fill in His Church. You are a blessing to others, simply by sharing your smile, your hug, your encouragement, your prayers, and your service.

God inhabits the praises of His people. Let us gather often as the Church and rejoice, for God saw fit to join us as a family in the body of Christ.

Celebrating- April Birthdays

Maverick Hawley	April 2
Marlene Dreifke	April 5
Dawn Keepses	April 6
Skyler Hawley	April 6
Brycen Batz	April 12
Doug Muench	April 15
Alexis Motto	April 20
Joey Hawley	April 20
Kaitlyn Batz	April 20
Nancy Keuffer	April 20
Michelle Rowe	April 24
Jill Landsverk	April 26
Connie Hessler	April 27
Deb Wearne	April 30

Wedding Anniversaries

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



**Items to Donate for
Our Annual
Rummage Sale
Fundraiser?**

May 12-13

**Our 2023 Service Team
to Constanza, DR will be
holding a rummage sale
again.**

*Do you have any items you
wish to part with and would
like to donate to the
rummage sale?*

*We don't need you to price
any items either so it's super
easy! We ask shoppers to
make a donation. You can
certainly pass along a value
to help us guide shoppers.*

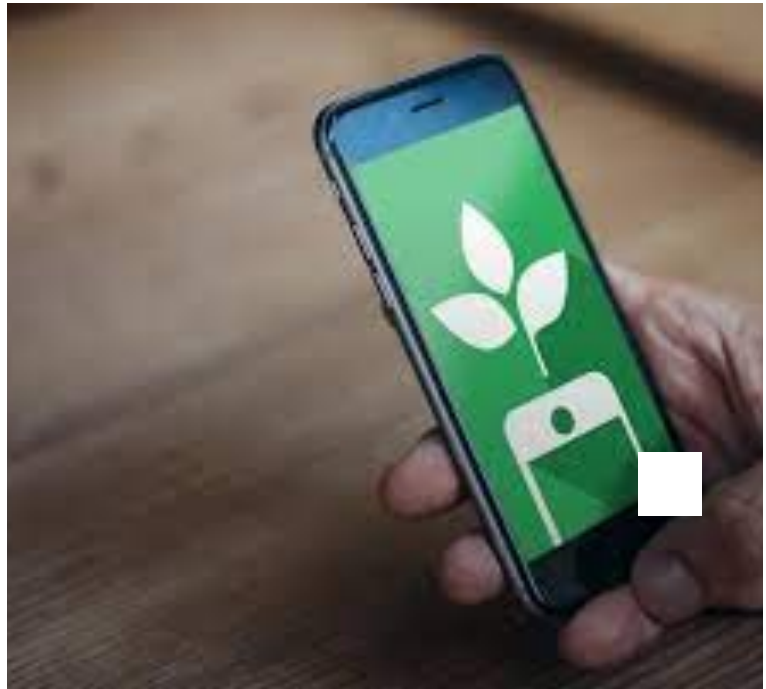
*We appreciate all your
support each year to help
send our service team to do
the work of the Lord and
bring the hope of Christ to
that part of the world.
These teams go for us and
represent our church. They
actively share the love of
Christ with others and our
prayers and generous sup-
port go with them.*

*Please have all items in good
condition, available prior to
or the morning of the village
wide sales. We appreciate
you waiting to bring items
until just before the sale.*

Thank you!

With great appreciation,

2023 Mission Service Team



New Online Giving Platform-Tithely

Malachi 3:10 NIV Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

For those who are already giving online, we are switching to a new platform, called Tithely. You will need to enter your information into this new platform, it will not automatically switch over from Pushpay.

We are doing a soft roll out in April and will have all switched over by the end of May. It is ready for use now. Your April tithes through Pushpay are just fine and will go through. I would encourage you to start switching soon, but for sure in the first half of May please make a point to change over to Tithely.

If you have never set up online giving, I invite and encourage you to try it. These platforms are safe and go through required security measures. We have to register every year attesting to our measures and safe guards.

Reasons to consider online giving:

You can set your tithe automatically with your budget. It comes out each week/month...however you set it up, just like if you set your bills to be paid online. You can adjust it any time you like. This makes monthly budgeting simple for you.

If you are not present weekly at church, your tithe is still given to the ongoing needs of the church. This is a great help to our church financials. You can give from anywhere through our app or website.

Go to your app store and search for tithely.com and upload it. Once you have it search for our church name and click on it.

We realize online giving is not for everyone and that's ok too. It is for many and we are available to answer questions and help you get set up. See Pastor Karrie. Thank you for considering online giving as a way to care for our church.

Coming Events

Friday, April 7– Good Friday Service, 6 pm.

Sunday, April 9– Easter Celebration Service. 10 am. Invite family and friends!

Monday, April 17– Ladies' prayer group at church. 9 am.

Sunday, April 23– Learn about services with Harbor Recovery Center in Portage. Guest presenter will join us for part of our worship service.

Small Group Discussions and Study: Build Friendships and Faith

Wednesday's: 7:00 pm at church; **All are welcome: from brand new Christians to lifetime followers of Christ.** We learn and grow together. Come for the fellowship. Leave blessed, renewed, and strengthened.

Gather 2-3 others on a day and time that work for you. You will grow by leaps and bounds when you discuss His Word *together!*

Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV) And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Encouragement With Pastor Karrie

I am here for you, as your shepherd, a spiritual counselor, a comforter, an encourager and a friend. Always.

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

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