



Newsletter

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Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Dear Friends in Christ,

I once went soaring. On my fortieth birthday my wife gave me the opportunity to soar on wings like eagles as I was passenger in a two person glider at the Ionia, MI airport. We were towed by a powered aircraft to 5000 feet and then set free to ride the wind. What a thrill.

The prophet Isaiah writes about soaring as it relates to putting our hope and trust in the Lord. On that October day in Ionia I think my hope was to land safely, not exactly a spiritual “high” in relationship to my Lord.

But as I read the Isaiah passage in these days, I am more conscious of those who are hoping to “walk and not faint.” There are so many in the world, in our community, and in our church who are struggling with the burden of life. Illness and disease, grief and sorrow, violence and crime, anxiety and stress often bring us down from hoping to soar, to hoping to survive.

That is especially true for those in Ukraine and other war torn countries where their next step, their next meal, their next breath is a gift from God. Surviving another day is an act of grace.

We intercede for those in need this month, around the world, or across the street, that all may put their hope and trust in the Lord for provision and guidance. Whether soaring or stepping may we find the Lord faithful.

Blessings

Wade Panse, Pastor

EASTER INSPIRATION

“Because I live, you also will live.”

John 14:19

THANK YOU!!!

A sincere word of gratitude for the ministry of Rev. Karen Wheat these last three months. She has been faithful in serving, courageous in travel, inspired in preaching and humble in sharing her spiritual gifts with our congregation. Thank you Karen. May God bless you and Vince.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your interim pastor for the past three months. It has been a joy! You have all shown both Vince and me great kindness and support. My prayer is that you have a great rest of the year as you carry on proclaiming and living the love of God in Cassopolis. May many blessings come your way, and may God smile upon you all, now and always.

Shalom,

Pastor Karen and Vince Wheat



Dear Church Family:

As you may have heard, in mid-May we will have a new face in the office. Liana Heath is going to be our capable new secretary. I accepted this position in 2013, and have served almost nine years and three pastors. I am happy to say I am leaving when the church is thriving, thanks to all of you and our wonderful Pastor, Wade Panse.

I do not feel sad about leaving the position, because I know I will see each of you in church on Sunday mornings!

Much Love, Vicki Beebe



OUR CHURCH WILL OFFER A COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15 AT 12:00 NOON.



Our church has received another check in the amount of \$57.74 from the Harding's Rewards Program. We thank all our members who are participating. If you are NOT participating, please consider doing so. Vicki in the office will help you, or go to Hardingscommunityrewards.com.



Adamsville Road Church of God will present their next series of GriefShare on May 22-May 31. This is their first daytime session starting on Mondays at 10:00 - noon. Please contact adamsvilleroad@gmail.com or 574-264-7255.

OUR LATEST "GOD" DOLLARS DEPOSIT

The "God" Dollars jar was emptied, and the money was counted on Sunday, March 20, and the deposit was \$1,107. There are now many more "G" dollars in circulation, so we will be able to start collecting once again. Thank you for your faithful contributions.

No bunny loves you like Jesus.





After a drought of almost 2.5 years, the Cassopolis United Methodist Church has resumed dances for the special needs community. The dance was held on Friday, March 19, and there was plenty of pizza, cupcakes, ice cream and other goodies for the nearly 70 who attended. D J Mitchell Moore kept the music and dancing going from 5 - 7:30 PM.

Those who attended represented the six area LADD Homes, Special Olympics community and students from Brookside and Northpoint schools.

Many thanks to Yvonne Kern, Martha Delio, Don & Lauren Woodhouse, Leslie Molia, Char Hiemstra and Jim Beebe. Special thanks to Carey, Kenny and Arden May-Fox for helping with the clean-up!

We look forward to our next dance, hopefully in the autumn.

Bob & Kelley Nickel

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



After organizing our CROP Walk project for many years, Jane Moraw is looking for someone to take over for 2022.

There is a local member meeting on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00-12:00 at the Presbyterian Church in Edwardsburg, IN. Their Pastor is Scott Scheel and his phone # is 574 327-3145. The walk is usually the first Saturday in October at our local COA. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN COORDINATING THIS PROJECT FOR 2022, PLEASE SEE JANE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE. Thank you.



Let's Be Healthy Together!

*Life Line Screening will be at Pleasant View Church of Christ on Monday, April 25, 2022 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings to provide peace of mind or early detection for risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. The combination of these test helps detect problems-before you have symptoms and while you and your doctor can still take action. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up for only \$149 or call toll-free **866-229-0469** text the word **circle** to **797979** or visit **<https://llsa.social/HSC>** for more **information**. There is no time like the present to take action!*

Come For One Day ... Or Come For All 3!

Gull Lake Women's Conference

New for 2022: Each day is different! Come for one day or come for all three to enjoy a total of SEVEN different messages!

June 2, 3, & 4

Daily Program: 9AM – 3PM

Evening Gala: Thursday Evening, June 2 @ 6PM

(This conference is not until June, but we want to get the word out early. You can expect more information to follow, or you can go to Gull Lake Women's conference for info.

<https://gulllake.org/events/gull-lake-womens-conference/>



A Little April Humor



"Lately it seems the most exercise I get is shaking my head left and right in disbelief."

April showers



bring May flowers

APRIL

UNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Worship 10 AM Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 10 AM Palm Sunday <i>Diane Sumption</i>	11	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday <i>Bill Westrate</i>	15 Good Friday - Service here @ noon Monica McMichael	16
17 Worship 10 AM  EASTER Noisy offering - Helping Hangs <i>Daphne Krager</i>	18	19 Sewing Sowers meet 10 AM	20	21	22	23 <i>St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry</i> 11:30 - 1\ <i>Bonnie Checkley</i>
24 Worship 10 AM	25 LIFELINE SCREENING <i>Kimberly Garver</i>	26 <i>Sarah Stanage</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>Kimberly & Larry Garver</i> 

If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office know.