



Newsletter

APRIL 2023

Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

John 3:8

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are numerous references in the Bible that relate the Holy Spirit, its presence and its work, to the movement of wind or breath. The scripture quoted above from the Gospel of John refers to the teaching of Jesus about the evidence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus says that the Spirit is as obvious as the wind which can be heard and felt, but also as mysterious as the wind in not knowing from where it comes or where it is going.

Meteorologists may take issue with that teaching as their discipline has allowed them to observe, interpret, forecast and predict what the weather is about to do, including the direction and power of wind. But for most of us, the wind remains a mystery to be discovered and described by professionals. We know enough to enjoy a summer breeze, shelter from a stormy blast, and be in awe of the damage of hurricane and tornado activity.

And maybe that's exactly what Jesus wants us to do regarding the presence and work of the Spirit. Scripture, history, reason and experience may go a long way in helping us observe, interpret, forecast and predict the presence and power of the Spirit of God, but for most of us, we remain in awe of what the Spirit may do in comfort, guidance, strength, power, healing, conviction, forgiveness, assurance and peace. We may not be able to explain the work of the Spirit, but we are learning to respect, admire and appreciate all that God is doing in our lives and the world around us.

Praise be to God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

Wade Panse, Pastor


**We appreciate
ALL YOU DO!**

It is with our utmost Love and Appreciation that we Thank You both, Sheila and Keith, for all you have done for the church this last 3 months. Your generosity with your wage is beyond. We have been blessed and ministered to and "it is well with our souls". We hope to see you next January-March.

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Our church has received another check in the amount of \$88.14 from the Harding's Rewards Program. We thank all our members who are participating. If you are NOT participating, please consider doing so. Ask the church secretary if you need assistance, or go to Hardingscommunityrewards.com.

HOLY WEEK IN EARLY APRIL

What a privilege we have early in the month of April as Palm Sunday is observed on the first Sunday, April 2 and we worship together at our own church. We are invited to participate with the Christian community here in Cassopolis for worship on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 at the United Presbyterian Church and again Good Friday at 6:30 at the Living Word Community Church. This holy week culminates in the glorious celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 9 with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please plan now to participate in each scheduled service of worship, or as many as may be convenient for you and your family.

SERMON SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 2	Palm Sunday	"Hosanna"	Celebration	Matt 21:1-11
April 7	Good Friday	"When Jesus Saw His Mother"	Compassion	John 19:25-27
April 9	Easter	"He Is Not Here, He Has Risen"	Resurrection	Matt 28:1-10
April 16	2 nd Sunday of Easter	"Where Angels Long to Look"	Faith	1 Peter 1:10-12
April 23	3 rd Sunday of Easter	"A Lamb without Blemish"	Redemption	1 Peter 1:17-23
April 30	4 th Sunday of Easter	"Living Like Jesus"	Example	1 Peter 2:19-25

Thank You Notes Received

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent monetary donation of \$250. Contributions to Helping Hands are used to support outreach to our community in Cass County. These services include our food pantry, clothing, utility, medical and transportation assistance as well as support to elementary kids through the Sam Adams Back Pack program and to local low-income seniors.

Our organization provided over 6,048 services to individuals in 2022 because of donors like yourself. We are grateful for your donation that supports services to people in need.

Thank You,

Leigh Goyings

Helping Hands Secretary

With Sincere Thanks...

There is a saying...

“People will forget what you did...

They may forget what you said...

But they will never forget how you made them feel.”

Thank you for caring.

The Williams Family

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS AWESOME. Thanks to all whom worked set up, prepared food, cleaned up, did dishes, which really includes every member and friend of this church. God Bless You.

From the computer of Pastor Sheila,

Keith and I certainly appreciate all the kindness, stories, conversations, worship services, prayer concerns and ideas that we have shared with you in the past three months.

As you prepare yourself for the return of Pastor Wade and Patti, we prepare ourselves for a new assignment at Lacota United Methodist Church, we all will prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for the kind words, the hugs, the tears and the wonderful potluck that we had our last day of service. We love you all, take care and may God be with you till we meet again.

Have a blessed Holy Week.

Pastor Sheila and Keith



Not all Superhero's wear capes. Ours wore a Cross.

Easter- The rest of the Christmas story.

We use duct tape to fix anything,

God used nails to fix Everything.

**If you think getting up on Sunday morning is hard,
try rising from the dead,**



Kitchen Trash Removal

Please remember when providing refreshments for fellowship, you must **remove the trash bag from the kitchen and take it out to the green cart. Also, be sure to bring the cart to edge of the road before leaving** so that it will be picked-up on Monday morning. Thank you so much for your assistance in keeping our church maintained. Your cooperation and understanding are much appreciated!

Just a reminder:

Please make sure that a toilet stops running before leaving the Bathrooms. Some time the end of January a toilet stuck and ended up costing an additional \$ 266.00 in water/sewer. Thank you so much.



Helping Hands

When you are out and about doing your grocery shopping, please keep in mind those in need within our local community. If you are able, considering picking-up a few extra nonperishable food items to add to our donation collection in the fellowship hall. Any and all donations are a blessing to those who are struggling.



April



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Worship 10 AM Holy Communion 	3	4	5	6	7 	8
9 	10 Diane Sumption	11	12	13	14 Bill Westrate	15 Monica McMichael
16 Worship 10 AM Noisy Offering: Special Olympics	17 Daphne Krager	18 Sewing Sewers 10 AM	19	20	21	22 St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1 PM 
23 Bonnie Checkley -----30 Kim & Larry Garver 	24	25 Kimberly Garver	26	27	28 	29

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