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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Benjamin Franklin is quoted regularly with his phrase, "in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." It is tax season as commercials and advertisements continuously remind us of. Also, depending on how quick the postal service gets to your place, you may very well be getting this around Good Friday or Easter Sunday. With these things happening together perhaps we should add a caveat to Franklin's quote and say, unless your Jesus. We celebrate during Easter, that death could not hold Jesus, yes he died, but his resurrection shows his victory over death. Death did not get the final word. The death and resurrection of Jesus is central to our life as Christ followers. His resurrection makes one thing that is regarded as being "certain" and makes it at worst, a momentary experience. I have always loved how one pastor talked about his view of facing death, he pondered what man can do to him and came to the conclusion that the worst someone can do to you is "to give you a promotion to glory." When we align ourselves with Jesus, when we give him our sin and shame and receive his righteousness we no longer need to fear death as being the worst possible thing for us. We have a glorious future in store for us and in the meantime we have the joy of bringing that good news to the world. As Paul put it in 1 Corinthians 15:55-58 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (ESV)

Have a wonderful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

*Pastor David*

ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER,  
THEN, JUST AS CHRIST  
ACCEPTED YOU, IN ORDER  
TO BRING PRAISE TO GOD.

ROMANS 15: 7

***Pastor David's Office Hours: Mon 9-12 & 1-4 | Tues & Wed 1-5 | Thur 9-12***  
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## The What ifs

By Paula Guth, *The Chruch Mouse*

We all have times when the “what ifs” can take over our thoughts and our life. What if I get sick? What if the doctor orders a battery of tests and the results could show something serious? What if my car needs expensive repairs? What if my furnace is not working? What if a family member is diagnosed with cancer? The “what ifs” can distort your outlook so it seems everything is filled with gloom and worry about what will happen next.

I recently read an article that offers a simple concise answer for the “what ifs”. “Don’t worry about tomorrow, God is already there.” Wherever we go or whatever struggles we must face-God is already there. God wants to be on this life journey with us for both the good times and the struggles, too. He will be there to comfort us and lead us through the difficult times. I can picture a loving Jesus who welcomes us with open arms offering love, comfort and compassion to those who seek him. God’s Holy Spirit will be there to walk with us through the challenging times. We are never alone even when the “what ifs” seems to be closing in.

We need to spend more time in gratitude and praising the Lord for the many blessings God has given us-the great test results at a doctor visit, a car that starts and runs well in cold weather, a comfortable home, good neighbors, and a healthy, loving family. The more time we spend in conversation with the Lord, the more we learn to rely on His guidance and support. We don’t need to worry about the “what ifs” as God is already there.

### SESSION NOTES

**CARPET CLEANING PARTY!**  
**APRIL 8TH**  
**SANCTUARY CLOSED APRIL 8-10**

**MAY 9 WE WILL BE HAVING A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP WITH SCOTT, ONE OF THE MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT**

**JUNE SESSION MEETING CHANGED TO 6-24**  
**JULY SESSION MEETING CHANGED TO 7-22**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**  
**RUTH HUCEK**  
**MIKE AND JULIE YODER**  
**RICK AND MARIANNE RICCIARDI**

## VBS

Please mark your calendars for July 28-31st. As always we need all hands on deck!! :)



## House Arrest

If you aren’t aware of what our missionaries are up to, feel free to ask David, Erin or Lauren for updates!

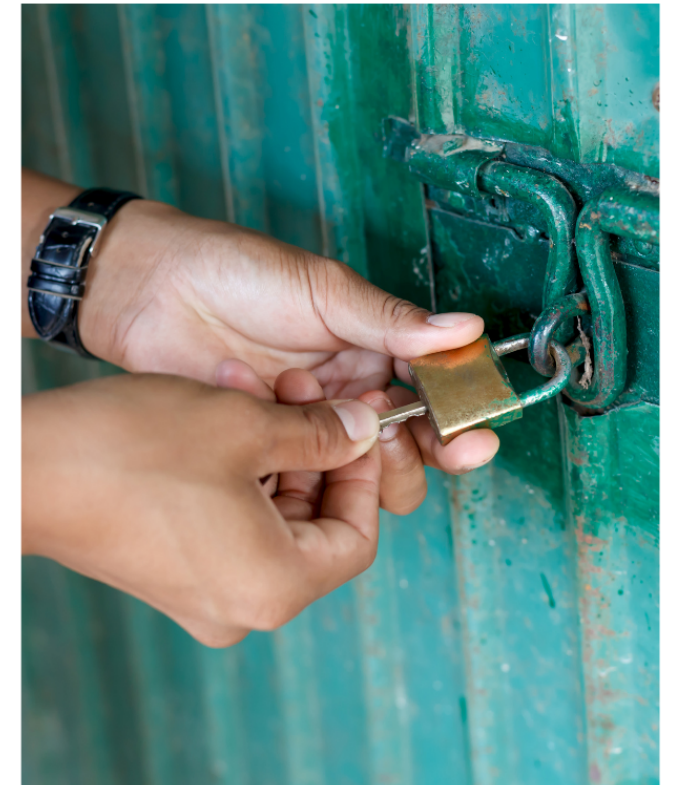
Some hard and exciting news comes from one of our missionaries this month. They run a bible school in a closed and dangerous country. This means that if they were to publicly share the gospel, the government would try to put an end to it. Despite the challenges of being in such a place, they shared the gospel with people from another tribe and those people accepted Christ!

The new believers attended the bible school run by our missionaries and were trained and disciplined on how to follow Christ. It was a joyous time for everyone involved. They were trained so thoroughly that they are now able to translate the Bible into new languages-not an easy feat in the least. They took their knowledge back to their tribe and started translating the bible for their own people. Praise God!

Unfortunately, the government found out that they became Christians and put them on house arrest. They have been on house arrest for months and still are at the writing of this letter. The encouraging thing though, is that they didn’t let the fact that they are prisoners discourage or stop them, not

even close! They have translated and continue to do so. They have all but 5 books of the new testament complete. Can you imagine the work they have put in?

The thing that strikes me most about this story is that of every Christian that could be upset at their government: angry, bitter, filled with rage or hatred for what’s going on around them and being done to them-these Christians could have a lot to complain about. But their mission hasn’t wavered. The task at hand is more important to them and so they aren’t being distracted by what’s going on around them. Their eyes are set on things above.



**Set your eyes on things above, not on things of the earth.**

**COLOSSIANS 3:1**

# APRIL 2024



## COUNTING SCHEDULE

April 7	Jim P & Nora S
April 14	Derrick M & Lynn B
April 21	Randy C & Dave G
April 28	Brenda W & Lyle C

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

April 7	Jim P & Nora S
April 14	Derrick M & Lynn B
April 21	Randy C & Dave G
April 28	Brenda W & Lyle C

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

April 7	Andy/Lynn Lesson 12
April 14	MaryBeth/Joyce Lesson 13
April 21	Erin/Eva Very Big Lesson 3
April 28	Kathy/Deb Very Big Lesson Aaron

## ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULE

April 7	Randy C
April 14	Nora S
April 21	Mary P
April 28	Cindy B

## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Micah Sessler	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Marie Richter	8 <sup>th</sup>
Courtney Malke	8 <sup>th</sup>
Marcus Sessler	12 <sup>th</sup>
Mitchell Sessler	20 <sup>th</sup>
Dale Paust	21 <sup>st</sup>
Chloe Malke	21 <sup>st</sup>
Jerry Swanson	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Kristen Sessler	25 <sup>th</sup>
Jim & Deb Scriven	10 <sup>th</sup>
Bob & Jean Kuxmann	15 <sup>th</sup>
Edward & Cindy Brandt	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jerome & Nora Swanson	22 <sup>nd</sup>

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we (hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!

# APRIL

## 2024

Sunday     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday     Saturday

	Jail Outreach <b>1</b>	Sarah's Circle 12:30pm Worship Prac 6pm Prayer Group 7pm AA 7pm Special Olympics	Men's Group 6:30am Kids Church Hub/Hub Jr	Men's/Women's Group 6:00pm	AA 7pm	
Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck after service Young Adult Group 6pm <b>7</b>	Jail Outreach <b>8</b>	Sarah's Circle 12:30pm Prayer Group 6pm AA 7pm Special Olympics	Men's Group 6:30am Kids Church Hub/Hub Jr	Men's/Women's Group 6:00pm	AA 7pm	
Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck after service <b>14</b>	Jail Outreach <b>15</b>	Sarah's Circle 12:30pm Prayer Group 6pm AA 7pm Special Olympics	Men's Group 6:30am Kids Church Hub/Hub Jr	Session 6pm Young Explorers 4-5pm	AA 7pm	
Sunday School Deacon Mtg 9am Worship 10am Potluck after service Young Adult Group 6pm <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	Sarah's Circle 12:30pm Prayer Group 6pm AA 7pm Special Olympics	Men's Group 6:30am Kids Church Hub/Hub Jr	Men's/Women's Group 6:00pm	Presbytery Meeting in Iowa AA 7pm	Presbytery Meeting in Iowa Young Explorers
<b>28</b>	Jail Outreach <b>29</b>	Sarah's Circle 12:30pm Prayer Group 6pm AA 7pm Special Olympics				
Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck after service						

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