

# PLANTED ROOTS

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*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation  
for your Life. Colossians 2:7*

April 2020

## **March 15 - Spudtacular Potatotastic Potato Dinner**

This event has always been a favorite for us at New Life. Lots of steaming hot baked potatoes and every topping known to man make for a great dinner. This year the Corona Virus put a serious damper on the day. The government was urging everyone to stay home, and many of us chose to do so, but those of us who shrugged it off enjoyed a great time of fellowship and plenty of food. Thanks to all who helped and provided food.

After that, with threats of hefty fines, we have limited our Sunday Service to 9 people in attendance, and Paul has had 2 services each Sunday. They have all been filled to capacity. Some of us, with severe health concerns, are choosing to stay home. We eagerly await the day we can all get together again. In the meantime, please continue to pray for our community, our country, our leaders, all those who are fighting the virus and families who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

This is truly a difficult time for our country. Through it all, God is in control. Many people are waking up to their need for a savior, so this is the time to be bold and share Jesus with them.

**Psalm 91:1** Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.



## LOOKING AHEAD



Easter Sunrise Service

April 12 @ 6:00 AM

Women's connect Group

Each Wednesday @ 11:30 AM

All other activities have been canceled until further notice.

### **Greeters for April**



Greeters

April 5 - Al Lorr & Ruth Sinn

April 12 - Volunteer's (Happy Easter!)

April 19 - Ralph & Sheila Petersheim

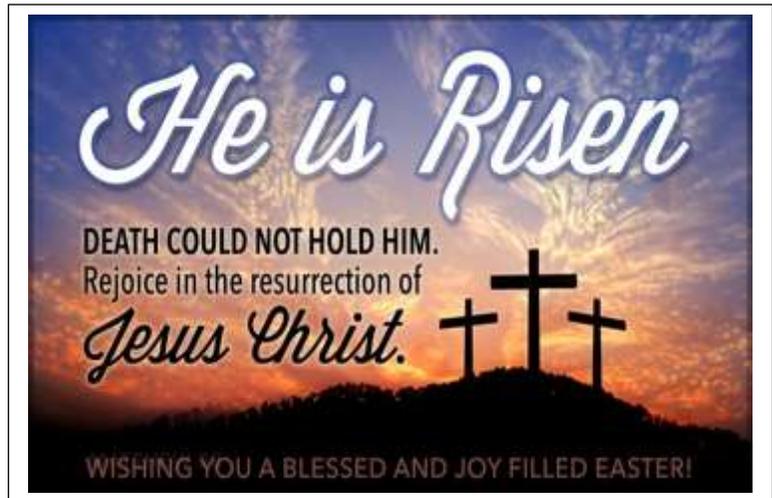
April 26 - Vicki Moore & Pat Horkheimer

## SUNDAY MORNING

**Worship** 9:00 AM and 10.30 AM

We are limited to 9 people per service.

Please call Paul at 632-3888 to confirm space.



Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you made a way.

We confess our need for you... We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead. Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. When the enemy hisses lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, reminding us we are safe with you and that your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. . May all your plans for us succeed. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Thanks be to you God, for your indescribable gift! To you be glory and honor, on this Resurrection Day and forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Request: Contact Paul at 608-632-3888 or email [paulroberts@mwt.net](mailto:paulroberts@mwt.net)

## BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Spring is here. We need some helpers who can help plant a few plants, rake gravel, and spread mulch. Please contact Carole Hopper or Paul if you would like to help.



### **REACH: REACHING IN FOR FELLOWSHIP AND OUT FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS**

We are searching for ideas to make a difference for Christ in our community. If you have any thoughts, please let us know. Talk to Pauline, Pam or either Carols.

- **New-comer welcome mailers:** This March we sent out only 1 welcome packet to people who have moved into the area.
- **The Jail Library Ministry** is an outreach to serve people who are incarcerated in the Vernon County Jail. If you have some books (soft cover only please) to donate, please leave them in the collection box. You never know which book might change the life of a prisoner.
- **Nursing Home Ministry** visits the local nursing homes and ministers to the resident's needs. Contact Ruth Sinn if you'd like to participate. Phone 317-627-0017 or email [rgsinn.78@gmail.com](mailto:rgsinn.78@gmail.com)

### **FACE MASKS**

**Do you need a worthwhile project to occupy your time during this shutdown? Consider making face masks to give away to friends and family, emergency responders, or complete strangers. Susan and Carole Hopper have the pattern and instructions. Robin Flint has made and given away over 100 of them and has orders for 100 more. Many people want them and can't get them. Robin said a policeman was almost in tears when she gave him 10 masks for his unit.**



Don't forget during this stressful time to REACH OUT to your friends and families often. Give a call to be sure they are well and let them know that you are thinking of them. A lonesome or anxious soul needs a friendly voice and a good chuckle. The caller and the called will come away happier. God is good all the time. Use this time to connect with others and spread Jesus love.

### **ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE SPRING GIVEAWAY**

This project is on hold for now. We hope and pray that this shutdown will be lifted and we can still have it, so stay tuned for further updates. Meanwhile use your free time to sort and bag clothes for those less fortunate.

### **Pennies for the Poor**



We had intended to wrap up this fund drive in March, but we will be extending it to June 1. The monies will be donated to the Food pantry. Please drop your extra change in the jar.

## What is New Life doing during the shutdown?



From Ruth Sinn:

My new look when I go shopping. I think I am making a new fashion statement in Viroqua. What do you think? The Sinn's are doing well. Got mostly caught up on my cleaning. Now I plan on catching up on my quilting. Love you and miss my New Life family. Stay well.

From Leonard and Maryanne:

Leonard is busy building all different size bird houses and Maryanne is decorating them. He said that they have a lot of bird houses all over the house and many hanging all around the yard.

From Charlotte: I am watching more television more so the news. And following the rules and staying at home. And looking forward to seeing everyone again in church. And praying for our community.

From Marylou Meiners: She and Howard are bored. They are watching the birds out the window.

From Pauline: I've gone through a keepsake tote and had some great laughs and good memories. I made a mask for myself and plan on making a couple of more. Saying some extra prayers every day and keeping in touch with family. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again in church. God Bless each one of you! Pauline

From Neil and Carole: Neil has been going to his shop in this warmer weather and I have been getting the spring yard clean up done. We miss everyone at New Life.

From Dennis and Pat: We have the guns loaded for woodchuck. Missing our church family.

From Judy Gates: Who has time to be bored!! This has been a great opportunity to get unfinished projects done, like organizing photos, cupboards, shelves, and many boxes and bins that are marked "go thru". I have four hats to knit for the babies in the hospital nursery. I have been spending many hours wood carving. Plus I am a hoarder of books and reading is never ending. Last week, my sister and I made 50 Easter baskets for Maplewood and today I am finishing up my Easter greetings to friends and family. So I am enjoying this quiet time—God is in control so I don't have to worry.

### Going deeper

For weeks I have heard people saying "I just can't wait for things to be back to normal." I remember even saying that a few times myself. But as I've thought about our current situation I have realized how much I don't want things to go back to the way they were. Here are a few of my thoughts...

1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug; I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
2. I pray that when school resumes and I'm dropping my kids off, I take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our family.
3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.
5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.
6. I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
7. I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall or to the park.

So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal. My goal is to pray more, love harder, and truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago.



## The Influence of the Cross

The Cross of Jesus Christ influences our life! Let me just share a few passages of Scripture that highlight the importance of the cross and the work done there:

*For the message of the cross is foolishness for those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God – 1 Corinthians 1:18*

*For since in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:22-24*

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

*May I never boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. Galatians 6:14*

That's the way the Apostle Paul would have worded it. Michael English said it this way: "In Christ alone I place my trust, and find my glory in the power of the cross."

Elizabeth Clephane said, "Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand."

Isaac Watts said, "When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the prince of glory died, my riches gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

"Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God, All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

"See from his head, his hands his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e're such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small: Love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

So what's the point? It's pretty simple. The cross of Christ influences our life. If we are in Christ, there is no question that every area of our life comes under the influence of the cross.

As we celebrate Easter, my prayer in the midst of this corona virus pandemic that we will not lose sight of the cross. And may we also once again be challenged this Easter by Jesus and the work that he did on the cross.



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**Have a wonderful Easter, Paul**

## Supported Missions update

### FAME

#### A Battle on 2 Fronts Preparing for a Flood of Requests!



An unprecedented time- and YOU are making an impact! Locally and Globally! You'll be glad to hear YOU, FAME and another global partner are impacting USA hospitals and our Global Partners- a battle on 2 Fronts.

In early February, as you probably remember, FAME supplied Christ Reaching Asia Mission (C.R.A.M.) and a few other missions with supplies for hardest-hit, China. Now the need in China for masks and other Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) from the USA has diminished and other countries, including HERE AT HOME in the USA, are in dire need. C.R.A.M. has partnered with us again! But this time distributing masks and other PPE to Indianapolis Hospitals AND a hard-hit hospital in New York City!

**Zimbabwe:** Yesterday FAME sent funds to the Mashoko Hospital for Personal Protection Equipment, which had been depleted!

**Japan:** Yesterday, FAME mailed 1200 masks to a Mustard Seed Network Church plant in Japan for them to use and distribute!

As we begin to hear of the COVID-19 virus sweeping through countries where we have your FAME global partners- we expect a flood of requests for needed supplies.

First, if you or your family are facing a critical situation during these times please email Jeff Coon, [jcoon@fameworld.org](mailto:jcoon@fameworld.org) and we will, at minimum, pray for you at our 9:00 am daily staff prayer Video Call. Additionally, if we can connect you with resources in your area; we will attempt to do so!

Second, we are responding to the pressing needs we receive. But we also have the plans to bring the good news and access to healthcare to the worlds most vulnerable. There are even MORE who are vulnerable during this time, but your generosity has allowed God to use YOU and FAME to touch lives both here and around the world. If you can consider a gift to FAME, please go to [www.fameworld.org/give](http://www.fameworld.org/give) and give a gift AS NEEDED. Or you can always mail a gift to our **Contact Information:** FAME, 4545 Southeastern Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203, (317) 358-2480

These are unprecedented times, but God was not surprised, and He may have your partnership with FAME for such a time as this!

When I started this newsletter, I wondered how I would fill it up, since everything has been canceled. I considered not doing it. Then I thought maybe just 2 pages. Then several people, in telling me their concerns and struggles, gave me ideas. Then I found some really good things on facebook and the internet. Then Pauline called around to see what you were doing. Then Paul sent a full page of his thoughts for Easter. Lo, and behold! It ran over to 6 pages crammed full with margins narrowed! I hope you have found the added material to be uplifting and comforting during this stressful time. Perhaps it will help compensate of not being able to gather to celebrate our saviors' triumph over the grave.

**Have a blessed Resurrection Sunday. He is Risen.**

