

The Messenger

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Carlock Mennonite Church
Worship 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00

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Doane Brubaker - Pastor
Bob Waller -Board Chair
Susan Waller -Treasurer
Sharon Brubaker - Musician
Emma Brandt - Musician
Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt
Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

For April 2023

Hospitality Committee

Emma Brandt
Carol Hoffman
Annie Schwoerer
Vicki West

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Rene’ Atkinson
Elementary – Julie Greenburg
Jr High – Doane Brubaker

Food Pantry Item

Fruit

Sunday School Nursery

April 2 – Carol Hoffman
April 9 – none
April 16 – Barb Karr
April 23 – Suzi Waller
April 30 – TBD

Board News

- Fernando is no longer part of the Compassion program. We will consider sponsoring another child.
- Outreach committee now consists of Jeanise, Janice, Blake and Suzi, with Doane in an advisory role. Everence has a matching grant (with up to \$1200 per year available).
- FEC Conference is July 27 & 28 in Ft Wayne, anyone interested is welcome to attend.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Morning Worship (with Communion) NO Hospitality Time Game Night <u>postponed</u> until May
Tuesday, April 4	Choir, 7:00
Wednesday, April 5	Church Board, 7:00
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 (with Communion)
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday Morning Worship (no Sunday School) Breakfast at 9:00
Thursday, April 13	MW, 6:30
Sunday, April 16	Morning Worship (Relief Sale board meeting in our building)
Fri/Sat, April 21,22	Free Sale
Sunday, April 23	Morning Worship
Tuesday, April 25	Choir, 7:00
Sunday, April 30	Morning Worship

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS
AND ANNIVERSARIES**

7	Bob & Suzi Waller (A)
9	Joseph Brandt
10	Lincoln Mohr
13	Jacob & Carrie Schwoerer (A)
18	Scott Harter
19	Doug & Susan Sifford (A)
21	Andrew Mohr
21	Emmerson Otto
22	Jim Bortell
24	Joe Mohr
26	Roberta Bortell
27	Bill & Vicki West (A)

FREE SALE! Friday, April 21 from 4:00-6:00 pm
Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm

***Donations accepted from Monday, the 10th
through Wednesday, the 19th.

***Any & all help is greatly appreciated during the
sale week to help with set up.

Library Corner

Upstairs... center of bookshelf – When God Winks at You

Our Sunday service, (3-26) encourages us to be aware of God's messages of love to us. The Holy Spirit lives within us! This book has readings to open your eyes and heart to see God at work in your own daily living.

Downstairs... on top of bookshelf – The Nazareth Jesus Knew

What did Jesus eat? What did a home look like? Beautiful photos and Bible lessons help any age student learn of Jesus. Quoting from this book: "Nazareth Village, a historic site in the Holy Land, is dedicated to rediscovering the Nazareth that Jesus knew. You are invited to Journey with us back 2000 years, back to the turning point in time."

From Pastor Doane...

Talk about creation proclaiming the glory of God; there's Mount Rainier. And, there are the ranges; the Rockies, the Sierra Nevada, the Tetons, Great Smoky Mountains and Blue Ridge Mountains.

Do you love the view of majestic mountain peaks? Keep such images in mind these next couple of weeks. They can remind you of three triumphant appearances of Christ Jesus.

This Sunday, we will recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It all happened "to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey..." (Matthew 21:4-5, citing Zechariah 9:9).

Even though we know the exulting mood of the people there shifted radically in the days that followed, we commemorate Palm Sunday as a day of joy and triumph. That's because we know what came the Sunday after; our Lord's resurrection and victory over death.

Palm Sunday and Easter are like two mountain peaks. Between them sits the valley of the shadow of death. But only a "shadow" because it will not last. Life overtook the darkness.

We live on this side of that magnificent peak – Resurrection Day. It's easy here to lose sight of it because we so often struggle in our journey through this present "death valley".

It may not seem like it, but we are progressing toward another, more glorious peak. On the horizon, we often catch glimpses of it. This one, too, will come as prophets – and as Jesus Himself – foretold.

This stunning and magnificent summit is the day of Messiah's Triumphant Re-entry! He won't be riding a little donkey then.

Jesus spoke of the day;

"All the people of the earth... will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. He will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world..." (Matthew 24:30-31).

Paul wrote of it;

"The Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. The believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive... will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

Take His word for it.

Doane