

# The Parish Voice

St. Thomas Lutheran Church – Streetsboro, Ohio

April 2024



The truth of the Christian faith depends solely on the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. The identification of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, from which we derive our articles of faith, is dependent on Jesus' resurrection from the dead. If Jesus has been raised, then the Christian faith is true. If Jesus has not been raised, then the Christian faith is false.

The bodily resurrection of Jesus is a stamp of divine approval on everything Jesus ever said or did during His earthly ministry. That Jesus was raised indicates that the power which raised Him is greater than the forces of nature. That Jesus of Nazareth was raised and not some other person shows intent. Jesus' resurrection directly affirms His proclamation that God's kingdom (the restoration of heaven and earth) had arrived in Him and that He would be glorified by the God of Israel. By raising Jesus this power directly confirms the proclamation of Jesus, revealing itself to be personal, the one we call God. Hence God has vindicated Jesus' person and deeds by glorifying Him and beginning the restoration of the heavens and earth with Jesus' resurrection from

the dead in whom the kingdom of God has indeed come.

Therefore, since Jesus has been ratified by God through His resurrection, everything He did and said is ratified and trustworthy. Since Jesus proclaimed the God of Israel to be the one true God, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, His resurrection verifies that the one true God of heaven and earth is none other than the God of Israel. Since Jesus claimed to be equal to the God of Israel and to be His unique Son, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, His resurrection verifies that He is equal to the God of Israel, true God of true God, and is indeed His divine Son. Since Jesus confessed the writings of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, to be God's word by quoting them as having divine authority, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, we know that the Old Testament is indeed God's authoritative word. Since Jesus appointed apostles to proclaim His word and represent Him in the world, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, we know that the word of the apostles and their followers preserved for us in the New Testament have Jesus' authority and hence are also the word of God.

Consequently, the Christian faith stands or falls on Jesus' resurrection. We call ourselves Christians because everything we believe and confess goes back to and is dependent upon the person of Jesus the Christ who was justified in everything He said and did by His resurrection from the dead. Christ is risen!

Pastor

## BIBLE STUDIES ARE BACK

**Please join us** on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Lutheran in Mantua to study the readings from the worship service. Then join us on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for Bible study at St. Thomas where we will be learning more about our Resurrected Jesus.

## THANK YOU

**Thank you to** everyone who helped out on our work days in March and helping set up and serve our pancake breakfast and set up the sanctuary for Easter. I would love to mention everyone but I'm afraid I would leave someone out. So THANK YOU to everyone!

**Church Council** will be meeting Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. If there is something you would like the council to work on, please let one of the council members know. They are Steve Hlava, president, Del Groff, Guy Jeanblanc, Joyce Torres, Deb Wolff, Gilbert Ayers and Stephanie Manijak.

**Contact Person:** Please call Pastor Blake Martzowka at the church on Thursdays from 9-3 at 330-626-4945 or on his cell phone 989-372-5318 for emergencies or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions.

## OUR SERVICE PROJECTS

**We remember** all those who are facing a crisis in their lives. Lutheran Missions Ministry is our main organization that we donate to. They are doing a great job helping these families. Mark on your envelopes "Lutheran Mission Ministry".

**Please remember** the families of Streetsboro by donating to the Streetsboro Community Pantry with a monetary donation or food donation. You can do this through the church through your offering or placing food items in the basket in the Narthex.

**Becky Larkins** is collecting Paper towels and toilet paper rolls for craft projects. Also 2 litre plastic bottles. You may give them to Deb Wolff. Thank you!

**Deb Wolff** is collecting bottle caps for Ohio Eastern Star Home. They will be using them to make park benches. Thank you!

**Deb Wolff** has pickles ready. Please bring back your empty jars and she will fill them up again. The pickles are delicious!!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gilbert Ayers	Trudy Ayers	Palagia Hlava	Pastor Just
Robin Hoffman	Lorene Kozar	Becky Larkins	Marla Manijak
Timothy Nicely	Carol Poston	Heather Poston	Patty Abramovich
Adalyn	Diane Altier	Isabella Andrews	Beth
Betsy	Ray Bishop	Barb Basmagy	Ralph Beuck
Archer Bradshaw	Heather Burton	Carl	Russ & Lana Carnes
Charly Crawford	David Colvin	Deacon	Evelyn French
Dennis Fuldauer	Tresse Gardner	Daniel Gump	Mary Hardesty
Heather	Heather	Jill	Karen
Lance	Laura	Theresa Ludwigsen	Frank Manijak
McGowan family	Amanda Nicely	Deb Prpuska	Richard
Will Robert	Eleanor Sears	Steve	Pastor Bob Tauscher
Bennie Wegener	Weston	Logan	

Victims in Indian Lake and other areas from tornados  
Fires in Texas and blizzards out west  
Healthy pregnancies for family and friends  
Our military veterans      All Natural disaster victims  
Gaza & Israel victims      Maui survivors      Ukraine refugees      COVID-19 patients

**We would love to have updates on our prayer list. If you have good news about someone on this list please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!**

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

Carole Poston 12790 Chamberlain Aurora, OH 44202	Lorene Kozar 8460 Westport Dr. #225 Mentor, Oh 44060
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**Our College Students**—Grace Rohaley, Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Jacob Zimmerman  
**Our Military members**—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

#### Birthdays

8-Peter Malherek  
16-Wendy Weber  
18-Jodi Earle  
19-Haley Rohaley  
19-Aggie Blankenship



### APRIL BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

#### Baptism Birthdays

18-Mike Phillips  
20-Stephen Nicely  
24-Kari Earle  
30-Haley Rohaley

**If anyone has been left off this list or any other list, please let Marla Manijak know so she can add you. I would love birthdays and anniversaries and baptism birthdays if you know when it is. Thanks!**

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 A.M.**

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**OR IN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON CHANNEL 96.9 FM**

**BIBLE STUDY TUESDAYS 10:00 A.M.**