

Newsletter 03.28.24

One of my favorite parts of being a pastor is having the chance to work with kids. They are hilarious and they refuse to hold back anything. If they think something is dumb, then they'll let you know. I'm never truly ready for what's going to happen during children's messages or when talking to the preschoolers. It's great.

This last Sunday during the egg hunt one of the kids decided that they just *had* to show me every single egg they found. Of course, once one kid did that, every other child needed to too. So, a line formed at the door as they all would open their bags to reveal the plastic treasures they discovered.

Then the last kid came up and revealed a trove of nothing but orange eggs. He was so excited that he was able to only grab the orange ones. Apparently, orange is his favorite color.

I kept thinking about that this week as Easter Sunday approaches. Mostly because I found the entire situation hilarious, and partially because I was reminded of Christ. That orange obsessed kid had to scour the yard to find every single egg. He carefully thought out what he was doing, and he chose them because he cared.

I love the image of Christ looking around for us. Seeking us out purposefully because he loves us. Christ gathers us together because God loves each and every one of us. We see that love in action throughout Christ's ministry. He went out of his way to bring home those that were outcasts and despised. He showed love to those everyone else hated. He brought the lost sheep home.

I pray you all have a wonderful Easter and remember the truth. That Christ is Risen. That the grave was not enough to stop Christ's love for us. Hallelujah!

God Bless, Pastor Ed

Enrollment for 2024-2025 Little Ones' Preschool is open to everyone now.

Your child must be 3 years old before August 1, 2024 for our Preschool classes and age 4 before August 1, for our Pre-Kindergarten classes.

Registration forms are available in the church office or from Carlene Weber.

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

March 31 Pastor Ed & Rita, **April 7** Carolyn K. , **April 14** Bev & Maynard

TOPS Club is meeting at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206,
use north east door. Come Join Us!

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to
our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 2 – 5 PM

Coming Up on The Calendar!

Holy Thursday Service – 7 PM

Good Friday Service – 7 PM

Easter Sunrise Service – 7:15 AM followed by a lite breakfast
Easter Worship – 9 AM

Mission/Evangelism Meeting – Monday, April 1, 7 PM

Fellowship Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 PM

Nominations Committee Meeting – Thursday, April 4, 7 PM

DeColores Meeting – Saturday, April 6, 9 AM – 1 PM

Ernestine Mission Circle – Tuesday, April 9, 11 AM, Leo's

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle Meeting– Tuesday, April 16, 7 PM

Turkey Biscuit Brunch – Sunday, April 21, following worship

Bring rummage for the rummage sale – Monday, April 22

Ida Mission Circle Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 10 AM

DeColores Weekend – Thursday – Sunday, April 25 – 28

Rummage Sale Work Day – Wednesday, May 1, 8:30 AM

Rummage/Bake Sale – Saturday, May 4, 8:30 AM – 1 PM

DeColores Meeting – Saturday, May 4, 9 AM – 1 PM