



**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024**



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*Alleluia!*  
*He is Risen!*

## Church Cleaning Day

Spring is here! It's time to do some spring cleaning. Bring your cleaning skills and supplies to help us out at the church's Cleaning Day on **April 13<sup>th</sup>** starting at **9 AM**.

Many hands make light work and all the faster to a finish.

Please come; we can get this done together.



## Easter Fun

During Easter Sunrise breakfast, we'll have Easter activities — crafts, and games — for the young ones.

There are baskets of treats for children at each of today's services.



## Easter Fellowship

Early risers who attend the Easter Sunrise service are encouraged to stay for our traditional Sunrise Breakfast.

There will be no fellowship time after this morning's 10:45 service.



## Thank You!

Our thanks to all the wonderful cooks who provided the Easter Sunrise breakfast for today's early risers.

## Youth Ministries:

Youth (grades 6-12) will have a community **service mission** to Furry Friends Refuge **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**.

They will help by cleaning and organizing areas of the building and by cuddling some furry critters.

The **fellowship outing** will be a photo scavenger hunt on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** around Van Meter. Teens will compete with each other and at the end of the day we'll celebrate with ice cream sundaes.

We are now signing up youth in grades 6-9 for our **Middle School Summer Series**, "Believe It or Not". They will meet each Wednesday at 1 PM during the summer.

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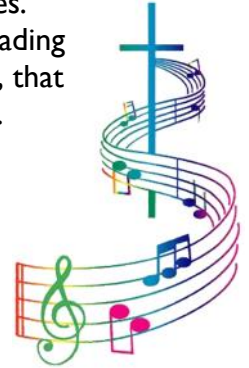
## Special Music in Summer

With the Chancel Choir taking a few months of well-deserved rest this summer, we'd like to hear from you.

We are in need of solos, duets, and other ensembles (vocal, instrumental, or both) to help inspire us during our worship times.

If you have a favorite reading you would like to share, that would also be welcome.

Talk to Mike Cooper.



*Last week's youth fellowship outing involved laser tag, pizza, and bowling.*



## Please Pray for...

### those under medical care

Laura (sister of James Gittins), Peggy McDonald (friend of Connie Cooper), Keith Gunzenhauser, Chuck Keltner, Raeann Thomas, Nyla Peeler, Melvis Jimmerson, Gene DeBoer



**those recovering from illness or abuse; caregivers; refugees; those living with challenges; people going through transitions**

**those in harm's way** (in war zones, first responders, medical professionals)

**those who continue to be in grief**

## High Tea and Fellowship

Ladies of the church are invited to spend a relaxing afternoon of fellowship with your friends drinking tea and sampling treats. This is a traditional high tea, featuring scones, finger sandwiches, and a selection of pastries.



**April 13**

**3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Board and Batten LLC**

1408 Walnut St. in Dallas Center

**\$40 (+tax)/person**

**purchase tickets online by April 7**


There are a limited number of seats, so please buy your tickets early. [Here's a link to their website.](#) If you want to learn more, talk to Marva DeBoer. (Also, she'd like to know who has signed up.)



*Lilly won a passel of medals at the state gymnastics competition last weekend. Congratulations, Lilly!*

## Calendar

### This Week

<b>Sun., Mar. 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b>		<b>6:30 AM</b>
	Breakfast following the service no Adult Discussion Group <b>Easter traditional service</b>		<b>10:45 AM</b>
Mon., Apr. 1	Exercise Your Faith		1:30 PM
	City Property Tax Levy Hearing		6:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 2	Trustees meeting		6:30 PM
Wed., Apr. 3	J.A.M.		6:00 PM
	Confirmation class (supper at 6:00)		6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir rehearsal		7:00 PM

### Next Week

<b>Sun., Apr. 7</b>	Adult Discussion Group	9:30 AM
	<b>Worship service</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
Mon., Apr. 8	Exercise Your Faith	1:30 PM
	City Council	7:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 9	Girl Scout leaders' meeting	6:00 PM
Wed., Apr. 10	J.A.M.	6:00 PM
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 PM
Sat., Apr. 13	Church Cleaning Day	9:00 AM
	High Tea at Board & Batten in Dallas Center	3:00-6:00 PM