

# Empire Church of the Brethren

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## Every Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 am  
 Informal Worship in Song: 10:45 am  
 Worship 11:00 am

### April 2026 Church Calendar

*Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm*

<b>Apr. 2</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Love Feast</b>
<b>Apr. 3</b>	All Church Friday Fellowship 11:30am
<b>Apr. 4</b>	Heaven's Bounty Open
<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>Easter</b>
<b>Apr. 7</b>	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
<b>Apr. 8</b>	Food Delivery 8am
<b>Apr. 12</b>	All Church Coffee Hour after Church
<b>Apr. 14</b>	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
<b>Apr. 16</b>	Church Board Meeting
<b>Apr. 17</b>	Friday Fellowship Dinner Out 5:00pm
<b>Apr. 21</b>	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
<b>Apr. 24</b>	Shed Work Day 9:00am
<b>Apr. 26</b>	All Church Sunday Luncheon
<b>Apr. 28</b>	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon



### Those in care facilities:

Mary Raridan Marilyn Snyder  
 Glenn Stanford Pat Benton

Cheryl Leib, visiting family in Idaho

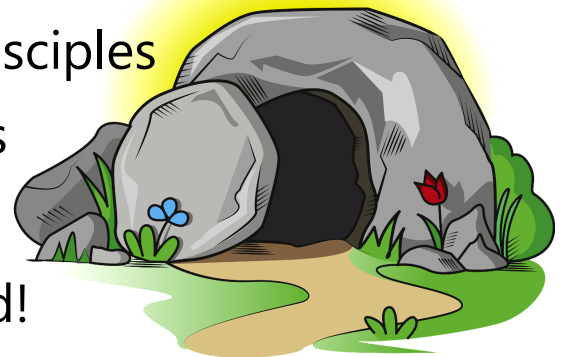
Seth Lutes, physical pain and discouragement

Barbara Lutes, waiting for tests for her heart

David & Evy Hurlbut—for good health & strength

Nikki Waggoner, living with pain

Quickly, now. go  
 tell His disciples  
 that He is  
 risen just  
 as he said!



Matt. 28:7 (adapted)



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Shelby Cadruvi
- 2 David Hurlbut
- 4 Sarah (Lutes) Cerro
- 5 Rachel Price
- 9 Samuel Price
- 16 John Price
- 18 Linda Carter
- 27 Vern Shafer

### FEBRUARY 2026 STATISTICS

Average Worship Attendance:	22
Giving:	
Local:	\$7,395.00
Other:	\$200.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,595.00</b>



Prayers  
 for Peace  
 in our world.

### OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB](http://www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB)

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/empire\\_cob](https://twitter.com/empire_cob)

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>

*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.*



<b>2026 Monthly Prayer Calendar</b> <b>(praying each Sunday morning for Pastor John)</b>	
<b>Remember as you pray for the folks listed to include their families, children &amp; grandchildren</b>	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Pray for:</b>
1	Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano
2	Molly Arellano Elaine Azevedo Ben & Jen Baker
3	Ken Barklow Pat Benton Pauline Bert
4	Michael Best Wanda Bollinger Earl Boyd
5	Earleen Cadruvi Ron Cadruvi Linda Carter & Ivy
6	Phyllis Ruby Caudle Arlene Cupp Deanna Dixon
7	Chuck & Wendla Dyer Jim & Sue Eikenberry John Elness
8	Kenny Fox Pam & Phil Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz
9	Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman
10	Thom & Patricia Guthrie Clark Hartman David & Evelyn Hurlbut
11	Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut Jay Irizarry Sheryle Knott
12	Chery Leib Baji Lutes Norma Lutes
13	Seth Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason
14	Jose & Floriceta Merlos Hillary Merlos Suzanne Neptune
15	Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish
16	Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson Oscar Phan
17	Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price
18	Joel & Susan Price Hannah Price Sam Price
19	John Price Jonah & Morgan Price Nathan & Kim Price
20	Wyatt Price Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe
21	Mary Rariden Lana Royer Keith Shafer
22	Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh
23	Brad Slayter Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder
24	Glenn Stanford Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent
25	John & Sue Vacca Jonathan Vacca Matt & Alexis Vacca
26	Linda Vargo Nikki Waggoner Olivia Brown
27	Linda Ward Roger & Cynthia Welch Josh & Heather Winchester
28	Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Erica Wyatt
29	Pastors/Churches in Pacific Southwest District Camp Peaceful Pines
30	Church Board Members Food Pantry Recipients
31	Heaven's Bounty Ministry

In this chaotic and violent time in history, it was good to gather with brothers and sisters to work together, encouraging one another to greater love and faith. —Pam Franklin

## FaithX trip takes older adults to Florida for service projects and plenty of fun as well

Church of the Brethren Newsline

March 6, 2026

By Aly Heckeroth

The older adult FaithX trip took place Feb. 22-27 at Camp Ithiel in Gotha, Fla. There was a total of 14 participants alongside Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred and Aly Heckeroth of the FaithX and Brethren Volunteer Service staff, who acted as leaders.

While at Camp Ithiel, participants worked on a number of projects including repainting the dining hall, sanding the chapel door, replacing the floor of the barn, and starting the prep work for replacing the back wall of the Pathfinder Cabin. A large effort also was put toward cleaning the kitchen.

While many projects got done over three days of volunteering, participants had plenty of fun as well. During free time, the group was able to canoe on the camp's lake, visit the nearby Nehrling Gardens, and put together puzzles. For the recreation day at the end of the week, participants traveled to Flat Island Preserve and Silver Spring State Park where they took a glass bottomed boat tour. There, they saw a wide variety of plants and animals including manatees that had migrated for the winter.

Throughout the week, participants were able to connect with each other and shared moments of both fun and meaningful discussion while working to serve Camp Ithiel.

— Aly Heckeroth is the FaithX assistant coordinator working through Brethren Volunteer Service. Find out more about FaithX and its short-term service trips for people ages youth through older adults at [www.brethren.org/faithx](http://www.brethren.org/faithx)

