

**Mariners: To be announced**

**Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, at 9:30am**

**EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE**

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	1:00 p.m.
Mariners	3rd Friday	1:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 1:00 p.m. every Friday for lunch. Mariner's meet after Friday Fellowship on the third Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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Trust in the Lord with all of your strength. And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6



Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount upon with wings like eagles, they will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person can accomplish much. James 5:16

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**All Those With Seasonal Ailments**

**Pat Benton** – Shoulder & Back Pain

**Lindy & Lois Frantz** – Loss Of Their Home

**Josephine Moore** – Loss Of Son Howard

**Marilyn Snider** – Nerve Pain

**Larry Ward** – Recovery From Surgery



## **PLEASING GOD**

Are we concerned about **pleasing God**? We should be. For at the **judgment day** the degree to which we have pleased **Him** he will do what is pleasing unto us. If we want our reward to be great in heaven we need to be busy pleasing God while on earth. This comes from a little book entitled, “*A Life God Rewards*” by **Bruce Wilkinson**. The premise is that there are degrees of rewards in heaven and degrees of suffering in Hell. We should be aware of this and live accordingly.

The actions which earn a reward include:

**Seeking God.** Matthew 6:6 and Hebrews 11:6

**Being a faithful steward.** Matthew 24:45-47, Ephesians 6:8, Colossians 3:22-24

**Self-denial.** Matthew 16:24-27

**Serving those in need.** Mark 9:41

**Suffering for Him.** Luke 6:22-23

**Sacrifices you make for Him.** Luke 19:29

**Sharing your time, talent, treasure to further His kingdom.** Matthew 6:3-4, Timothy 6:18-19

Then to seal the deal pray the following prayer:

Lord Jesus, I have listened carefully to what You said about my home. I believe You and I can't wait to be there with You. I renounce my allegiance to the visible and fleeting world and pledge my allegiance to You, King of heaven. From this day on, I will live as a citizen of heaven, my true home. As Your faithful steward, I will take every gift, opportunity and resource that You place in my hands and multiply it greatly for You. And I eagerly look forward to the day in eternity when I will stand in Your presence, and receive Your reward, and worship You forever. Amen.

If you would like to read this little book I will gladly loan it to you.



*Pastor John*

## SENTENCE SERMONETTES

1. Pray for power equal to your task.
2. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
3. Prayer can turn tragedy into triumph.
4. Selfishness and love are forever opposed to each other.
5. Prayer opens up a person's life to God's goodness.
6. A friend is a present you give yourself.
7. All negative thoughts are like a boomerang.
8. No person is immune to trouble.
9. It is always too soon to quit.
10. Disappointments in life often prove to be His appointments.
11. Real living is being and not just having.
12. Give your offerings as though you were placing them in the nail-pierced hands of Jesus.
13. Trust is man's answer to God's truth.
14. Few things are more contagious than meanness.
15. There is no right way to do the wrong thing.
16. Each of us is a slave to something or to someone.
17. Tomorrow, today will be yesterday.
18. The perfume of kindness travels even against the wind.
19. The good can be the enemy of the best.
20. Trust God for too much rather than for too little.
21. God does not have favorites, but he does have intimates who walk and talk with him.
22. Beware of the tranquilizers of the devil.

## FEBRUARY 2018 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 35



### **Giving:**

Local:	\$5,943.00
Sunday School:	76.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	76.30
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,095.30</b>



*Before you flare up at another's faults, count 10 of your own.*

Daring ideas are like chessmen moved forward; they may be beaten, but they may start a winning game.

*Johann W. von Goethe (1749-1832)*

## EXCUSED

An elderly woman strolled calmly out into the street after a police officer signaled her to stay on the sidewalk. "Lady," he roared. "Don't you know what it means when I hold up my hand?"

"I ought to," she snapped. "I've been a schoolteacher for the past 40 years."



# **HOPE IS ALIVE IN EUREKA, MO.**

*By Sammy Deacon with Denise Kasten, Eureka Disaster Relief Committee & St. Mark's Lutheran Church*

Just as the residents of Eureka were starting to make progress in rebuilding from December 2015's Winter Storm Goliath, the community was struck by another record breaking flood in April 2017. Much of the rebuild work that had taken place was again underwater. It was becoming clear that, due to the change in local flood patterns, those that live along the river might need to relocate.

Because of this, the Eureka Disaster Relief Committee (EDRC) came up with an alternative plan. They found a mobile home community that is not in the flood zone and have been purchasing and refurbishing trailers. With the leadership of a mission team from St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the cooperation of the park owner/manager, there is a renewed effort to rebuild and relocate individuals and families that have been affected by repeated flooding. Chris Hosley and Denise Kasten of St. Mark's have helped to lead the charge forward to recovery, rebuilding and hope. It has been our privilege for BDM to work alongside them in the rebuild process in Missouri.

Although we have been involved in other projects in the area, the mobile home park is special in the hope that is reflected there. So many physical changes and improvements have taken place in the park but the most noticeable change is the emotional and spiritual growth that is evident among the residents. It symbolizes a new beginning for so many.

One of those residents recently underwent chemotherapy and surgery for cancer. He is suffering from the side effects of the chemo and the healing process after a colostomy. Though he is grateful to have a safe, "new" home to recover and rest in, he is more encouraged by the regular visits of his new neighbors, members of the EDRC and volunteers who occasionally stop to visit.

Another amazing story of hope and survival involves a couple who have three children under the age of five. They had previously lived in a mobile home that flooded twice and was finally demolished. They were living with the husband's parents temporarily, with no resources to rent or purchase their own home. Because of the work of BDM volunteers and local organizations, this family was able to move into a beautiful home. They are also receiving guidance on money management and meet with mentors twice a month who provide accountability and advice. The real joy in the recovery process here is in the relationships that have been built with the flood survivors and the bonds of Christian love that are evident.

It has been a memorable experience to be used by God in bringing hope to those in need of a home, but even more incredible to share the hope of an eternal home in heaven, with a God who loves them and knows their every need. None of this would be possible without the faithful and devoted volunteers who sacrifice their time and energy to help people they have never met, but who they grow to love in only one short week in Eureka, Mo.

The highest enjoyment is that of being contented with ourselves.

It is in order to deserve this contentment that we are

Placed here on earth and endowed with liberty.

*Jean Rousseau (1712-78)*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

01<sup>st</sup> – Shelby Cadruvi

02<sup>nd</sup> – David Hurlbut

Darlene Kennard

04<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Lutes

Roger Welch

05<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Price

09<sup>th</sup> – Samuel Price

16<sup>th</sup> – John Price

18<sup>th</sup> – Linda Carter

Andrew Welch

27<sup>th</sup> – Vern Shafer



*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.*

*Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary.*

*You are important to us!*



# APRIL 2018 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>1</b> Philippians 3:7-11  Pastor & Teachers Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano Molly Arellano	<b>2</b> Matthew 28:1-10  Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton	<b>3</b> Psalm 119:25-32  Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Family	<b>4</b> 1 John 4:19-21  Ron Cadruvi & Family Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy	<b>5</b> Isaiah 49:13-18  Ashley Cooksey & Family Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp	<b>6</b> Psalm 119:10-16  Karen Davis & Family Gary & Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	<b>7</b> Exodus 17:8-16  Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin
<b>8</b> Psalm 119:97-106  Pastor & Teachers Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer	<b>9</b> Luke 8:22-25  Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Betty Harms & Family	<b>10</b> Lamentations 3:21-25  Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	<b>11</b> Psalm 16:1-11  Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Family David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family	<b>12</b> 2 Corinthians 12:6-10  Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Family	<b>13</b> Luke 11:9-13  Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes	<b>14</b> Philippians 4:1-9  Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson
<b>15</b> Psalm 27:1-14  Pastor & Teachers Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family	<b>16</b> Romans 8:12-17  Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros	<b>17</b> Psalm 34:4-10  Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	<b>18</b> John 10:1-5  Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price	<b>19</b> 2 Corinthians 4:8-18  Nathan & Kim Price & Family Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family	<b>20</b> Mark 9:35-37  Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Family Lana Royer	<b>21</b> Psalm 19:1-14  Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Family
<b>22</b> Luke 2:36-38  Pastor & Teachers Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill	<b>23</b> John 1:1-5  Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family	<b>24</b> 1 Samuel 17:31-47  Jerry & Judeen Stokes J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family	<b>25</b> John 6:25-35  Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	<b>26</b> Proverbs 3:5-10  Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	<b>27</b> Matthew 6:5-15  Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch	<b>28</b> Romans 10:1-14  Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family Josh & Heather Winchester & Family
<b>29</b> John 14:15-26  Pastor & Teachers Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	<b>30</b> Romans 12:17-21					



















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# APRIL 2018 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 	2	3  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	4 7:00 am  Government Commodities Distribution	5  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	6  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Red Lobster 3000 Sisk Road	7 <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>  9:00am-2:00pm
8	9	10  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	11  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm	12  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	13  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Huckleberry's Turlock	14
15  Coffee Hour	16	17 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 8:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	18  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm	19  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	20 <b>POTLUCK</b> 1:00pm Mariners Potluck at the Church	21
22	23	24  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon Mirror Deadline	25  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm	26  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	27 ↓ 11:30am Friday Fellowship at Round Table 2401 E. Orangeburg	28
29	30					

## EVERY SUNDAY

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Informal Worship
- 11:00am Worship Hour