

He is Risen! Praise God! Our Savior has defeated the power of sin and death forever more!

Friends, we have made it through our Lenten journey! We have celebrated the grand entrance of Palm Sunday! We have grieved the events of Holy Week. We have been amazed and overjoyed by the Empty Tomb on Easter morning! What a rollercoaster of emotions. What a jammed packed week!

Everything was leading up to Easter. We planned for it. We were filled with anticipation. Now it's all over. Now it's the week after Easter. So... Now what?

It's human nature to feel "off" after a major event. We tend to focus on something as the "big event." We make it to the finish line in the race we're running, and once we've reached it, we don't know what to do next. Everything we were doing was focused on that. All our plans centered around that.

Once we've reached it, the excitement, the anticipation, and the stress are gone. It leaves us feeling a little lost. Like we've done the thing we were meant to do, so what are we supposed to do now? Easter is over.

But here is the truth. Easter is never over. The Tomb was Empty on Easter morning, and it is empty today and tomorrow. The call that Christ has given us to follow him is never done.

Easter was never meant to be the finish line. It is the starting point. It is the moment that changes everything and sends us back out into the world with purpose. The same risen Christ we celebrated last Sunday is the Christ who walks with us into Monday morning, into our workplaces, into our homes, and into every ordinary moment that doesn't feel quite as exciting as Easter morning.

The disciples didn't stay at the Empty Tomb. They went out. They told the story. They lived differently because of what they had seen and experienced. And that same call is placed on us. We are not called to simply celebrate the resurrection. We are called to live as resurrection people.

That means carrying hope into places that feel hopeless. It means showing love when it would be easier to turn away. It means offering grace in a world that so often withholds it. It means remembering, even on the most ordinary of days, that death does not have the final word. Christ does.

So, if you're feeling that post-Easter lull, if the excitement has faded and you're wondering "now what?", take heart. The work isn't over. The story isn't finished. In many ways, it's just beginning.

He is risen. And because He is risen, we go.  
God Bless, Pastor Ed

***Disciples and Dragons Youth Group is meeting every other Sunday at 6 PM***

**TOPS Club** meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

**Online giving is available for your convenience**  
**Scan the QR code for the direct link.** Also, at [lakevilleumc.org](http://lakevilleumc.org)



## **Thank You**

Thank you to our church family for your prayers, concerns, cards, phone calls. I hope to be back at church soon – Maynard Feitz

Thank you for your calls, visits and prayers for me during my stay at Southfield Village. I missing seeing everyone. Carolyn Frick

Lakeville United Methodist Church

I would like to thank the Sewing Group for the beautiful lap quilt. Also for the newsletter, I love to keep up on church news as I won't be attending service, since I moved in with my son and don't have a way to church. My prayers are with the Lakeville United Methodist Church. Thank you again and God bless. Pat Shafer

**Food Pantry Needs:** pancake mix, ketchup, saltine crackers, cereal – all kinds, jelly or jam, peanut butter, dish washing soap, soup with meat, ranch dressing, jello, toilet paper

**The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM**

### **Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule**

**Apr 12** Chris      **Apr 19** Jean L.

**Apr 26** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign up at the bulletin board outside the  
kitchen door.**

### **Sunday Kids Church Schedule**

**Apr 12** Communion    **Apr 19** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apr 26** Rita

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kitchen door.**

## **Looking Ahead**

**Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, April 12, 6-8 PM**

**Food Pantry – Tuesday, April 14, 3-6 PM**

**Missions/Evangelism Meeting – Thursday, April 16, 6:30 PM**

**VBS Meeting – Thursday, April 16, 7 PM**

**Rummage Sale Work Day – Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 AM – till finished**

**Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 AM – sort rummage**

**Rummage Sale – Friday, April 24 – 8:30 AM – 1 PM**

**Bake Sale Drop Off – Friday, April 24, 5 – 5:30 PM**

**Rummage/Bake Sale – Saturday, April 25, 8:30 AM – 1 PM**

**Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, April 25, 6 – 8 PM**

**Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, April 26, 6-8 PM**

**Food Pantry – Tuesday, April 28, 3-6 PM**