



APRIL 2021

# Easter

You are looking for Jesus...  
He has risen!

Mark 16:6

## COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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*Dear Countryside Church family, I just wanted to give you a quick update on the Construction Club. Construction Club is an extension of Kids Club. It was designed to be an opportunity for a parent and child to learn some basic construction skills. We started meeting for the first time on Saturday, March 6th. For those of you that have had an opportunity to walk through the lower lobby at church near the gym, I'm sure that you have noticed the changes. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to be in the building for a while, we have changed the flooring in the lower lobby from carpet to a vinyl laminate wood plank floor. As you walk into the building at the lower lobby, you are facing the east wall of the lobby area. That wall was furred out and now has a pallet wall appearance. This wall was also covered with a laminate vinyl flooring material, but gives a colorful wood grain appearance. At the center of the wall in large gold letters it reads "Welcome Home".*



*Though we have around 40 kids signed up for Kids Club at this point, we have only found three youth that are able to attend Construction Club. We have enjoyed the hard-working company of Adam and Val Rutledge with their kids Grant and Morgan. Also, Bo and Jamie Mathis with their daughter Ava. Another great addition has been Jacob Miller. These folks worked for three Saturdays in a row, working more than 5 hours each time. It was a lot of hard work but I think we would all say it was enjoyable (see following page for pictures).*

*Several of our faithful Kids Club attenders have expressed interest in Construction Club however, their busy schedules do not allow them to participate on most weeknights or weekends. Perhaps this summer we will reconfigure our program and be able to add more youth. For now this small dedicated bunch will tackle our next project which is putting down carpet squares in the youth church classroom. I will also add here that those of us that worked on the lower lobby project believe it would be a nice addition to the church to replace the carpet down the classroom hallway. However, we agreed that that project is beyond the Construction Club's expertise. If you can recommend someone with those skills, I would like to chat with them (515) 971-0861. Thank you to the many of you who have spoken encouraging words about the Construction Club progress. This program is more about building relationships with people than it is Construction. So far it has just simply been a lot of fun working with great people.*

~Steve



**Steve Allison,  
Minister**

# CONSTRUCTION CLUB HIGHLIGHT

## CONSTRUCTION CLUB KIDS



*"Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RESUMES!

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Starting Easter Sunday  
(April 4<sup>th</sup>),  
Children's Church is  
**RESUMING!!**

For kids ages 4yrs - 4<sup>th</sup> grade,  
a separate worship time will take place  
each Sunday during the sermon time.

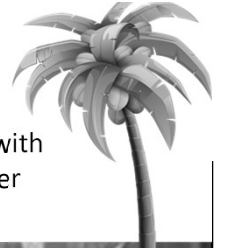
THANK YOU, Sarah Denekas for  
getting this rolling again!! And also a  
HUGE THANKS to all the volunteers  
that make this happen!



*"There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." — Proverbs 23:18*



# KIDS CLUB LUAU



Our monthly Kids Club Event in March was a Luau Spring Break party complete with fire performers!! We had a great turnout and lots of fun with snacks and family games. Special thanks to Criss Evans and Becki Winger who helped us get ready for it!

# KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHT





# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

# EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

## Easter Egg Hunt

April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

10:15am

(between breakfast  
and worship service)



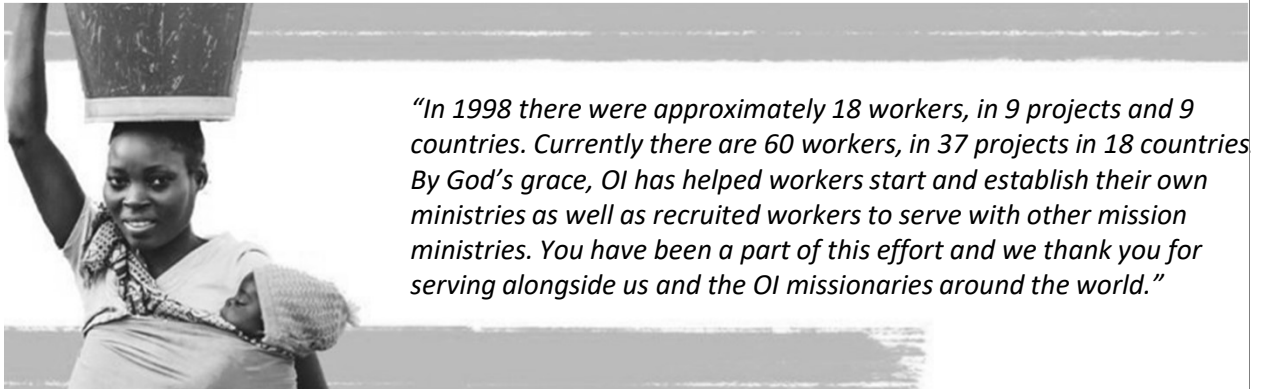
*Our Kids Club has tripled in size this past month! We are so thankful to the volunteers who keep it going each week. Some evangelistic events in March/April were the Family Luau party (March 20<sup>th</sup>) and the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt (pictures on this page and the previous page).*

We are so excited to see the kids inviting their friends and the support from the community. We would LOVE it if you love spending time with kids and want to come help for a few hours on Wednesday mornings! If you can't commit to a weekly volunteer position, we also are thankful when someone signs up for snacks one week or volunteers to come in and do a craft or activity one week. If you would like to be involved in this very fun ministry, please contact the church office! THANK YOU!!

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," 1 Pet. 1:3*

## MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Outreach International

Outreach International was founded in 1977. Since that time many people have been recruited for missionary and tent making ministries in several countries. "The operating philosophy of Outreach International since its beginning in 1977, is based on the fact that all mankind deserves the chance to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ and that it is each Christian's responsibility to do all we can to reach the world with the Good News of Salvation found in Jesus Christ'. Therefore Outreach International has acted as 'starters' for those new to worldwide missions and has helped start, by the grace of God, several new missions across the world." (Brochure of Sept. '10).



*"In 1998 there were approximately 18 workers, in 9 projects and 9 countries. Currently there are 60 workers, in 37 projects in 18 countries. By God's grace, OI has helped workers start and establish their own ministries as well as recruited workers to serve with other mission ministries. You have been a part of this effort and we thank you for serving alongside us and the OI missionaries around the world."*

Praise God for the blessing of a new office! They moved into their new office last summer and are enjoying the extra space and having plumbing which was not available in the old office building. They have lots going on work wise and ask for our prayers that they will be able to do what needs to be done. In the February 15 newsletter they wrote of their upcoming travel plans to Georgia and later in April to Tennessee for the Next Step Missions Event. However in late February we received an email that Dale and Sonja had both been diagnosed with the Covid virus. Our prayers are for a quick and complete recovery. This will undoubtedly impact some of their spring plans.



In the February newsletter several workers were mentioned who needed prayers. One couple is leaving their overseas work because of political issues in the country they are serving in and returning home. Another has been home for a brief visit due to the untimely death of a grandson in an auto accident. With the Covid virus all of these transitions are more complicated.

OI sends out very few letters seeking financial support for Outreach International General Fund because we trust God working through His people to support this, His ministry. We strive to be good stewards of what the Lord entrusts this ministry to use and stretch the funds.

*"Thank you for praying for us and with us - you bless our lives and ministry over and over again and we thank God for you! We love you all. We too, pray for the Lord's Blessings on each of you! Because of Jesus and in His Love, Dale and Sonja."  
(Newsletter Feb. 2021)*



One of the missions under the umbrella of OI is Me and My House in Colima Mexico. Countryside Christian Church also financially supports that work as well as funding OI.

What is a

# FAITH *Promise?*

*The Faith-Promise is different from a tithe. It is not a pledge made to the church; it is a promise made to God. Faith is called for; not faith-to-get, but faith-to-give. You are urged to ask God what you should trust Him for, the amount He will enable you to give during the coming conference year. The basis of the promise is a relationship between you and God. If for any reason you cannot pay your Faith-Promise, the reason should be explained to God. Make your promise, not on the basis of what you HAVE to give, but on the basis of what you believe God will ENABLE you to give.*



Last October, we, as a congregation, promised \$39,770 to go toward the expenses of the seven missions we support. This “COVID year” has been a difficult one for our missionaries. Most have had to curtail portions of their ministries due to limited funds. But God has been faithful to our members of Countryside, and our members have been faithful in their Faith Promise giving. Our missionaries are very grateful to Countryside for sharing God’s blessings with them. April 25th will be the beginning of the next “Missions Year.” We will be collecting our faith promises for the coming year during the worship service that Sunday.

As you remember, April 25<sup>th</sup> is not just the end of the current Faith Promise year, but it is also our “Mission, Not Impossible” Sunday. We will be sharing an update from each of our missionaries during the worship service that Sunday. Please mark your calendar for this very important day in the life of Countryside and our missionaries. We will look forward to the beginning of the next “Missions Year” with an even larger goal as we bring our Faith Promises forward during the worship service. Remember our missionaries can only continue the important work of sharing the good news of Jesus with the prayerful and monetary support of churches like Countryside!

FAITH PROMISE RALLY  
**“Mission Not Impossible”**  
APRIL 25, 2021

# WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



*Our Worship Team is GROWING! A new drummer (Eli Mueller), a new keyboardist (Ellie Johnson), acoustic guitarist (Mike Winger), bass guitarist (Ryan Schmidt), and happy singers (Kati Jo Chasek, Teresa Garcia, and Hannah Hermman)! And Junior working hard in the back-makes for a fun worship team practice! Thank you ALL for all the time and commitment you give to CCC Worship Team. It is a privilege to serve the Lord together with you!*

*~Laura Schmidt*



*“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.” John 11:25*



# TRIVIA NIGHT

# FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



# TRIVIA NIGHT



On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> the CCC Youth hosted a Trivia Night for church. They had a great turnout with nine tables participating. Special thanks to Becki Winger and Jim Kaecker for helping with the food. The Youth Group raised about \$500 to go towards their mission trip! Thank you Hannah for organizing such a fun event!!



*"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him." ~Jeremiah 17:7*

# MEN'S CONFERENCE

# FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



Jerry Boykin



Bryndan Loritts

# IRON SHARPENS IRON

**Saturday,  
April 10  
Davenport, IA**

**Coram Deo Bible Church**

**3800 E. 53rd St.**

**Davenport, IA 52807**

**8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*As Iron Sharpens Iron,  
So One Man Sharpens Another*

**Proverbs 27:17**

Register with the men of your church @ [www.FocalPointMinistries.net](http://www.FocalPointMinistries.net)

**This Conference is for Men of All Ages!**

**Emerging Men (ages 13-19) Full Throttle Men (ages 30-55)**

**Pioneering Men (ages 20-29) Seasoned Men (ages 55+)**

**Worship ~ 16 Seminars ~ Exhibitors ~ Resources**

# WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Lincoln Christian University Presents

# Be Still

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
tentative date, subject to change



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CHRISTY NOCKELS

**\$35 ON OR BEFORE MAY 5, 2021**  
**\$40 ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2021**  
**SORRY, NO REFUNDS**  
**A BOX LUNCH IS INCLUDED**  
**IN THE REGISTRATION FEE.**



Lincoln Christian  
UNIVERSITY

*"Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all." — James 1:17*

# PROPERTY HIGHLIGHT

## WORKING HARD!



Spring is a time for getting things spruced up and several places around the church are benefitting! Thank you Teresa and Kati Jo for remodeling and updating the bathrooms. The youth have begun transforming their teen room and have worked hard painting and arranging the space. Steve has installed new lighting in the hallway and worked with the Construction Kids Club in the lower lobby. The kids church room is getting a "refresh" as well. We are so appreciative of all your hard work!!



*"Teach us to number our days so we can have a wise heart." — Psalm 90:12*



# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

## Our Giving

YTD Offering Budget: \$48,461  
 YTD Offering Actual: \$46,994  
 YTD Faith Promises: \$29,946

Tithing is not between you and a church or between you and a man. Tithing is between you and God. It is a response to Him and flows from a heart of trust. God does not need your money ... He desires your trust. If He can not trust you with what is least He will not trust you with greater things.

### Deuteronomy 8:18

*“And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”*

### Luke 16:10-11

*“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.”*

We believe that one of the top competitors for our devotion to Jesus is money (Matthew 6:24). Giving allows us to demonstrate that He is more important to us than material things.

It takes a leap of faith to write that first tithe check. There are bills to be paid, expenses you haven't thought of yet, and your fingers shake as you pray, “God let there be enough at the end of the month.” Tithing is about trusting God, and trusting God is a journey.

## MY FAITH PROMISE TO WORLD MISSIONS

*After a period of much prayer and discernment, I/WE promise to support the worldwide missionary program of the Countryside Christian Church over the next year. In total dependence upon God for HIS provision, it is our promise that “As God Gives, So Shall We Give.” By faith, I/We promise the following amount of money:*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Total

*Note: This is a faith promise, a covenant between myself and God. It is my voluntary offering for the evangelization of the world.*



### WAYS TO GIVE

- IN PERSON
- MAIL
- ONLINE
- MOBILE APP
- TEXT

Point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right to be taken to the online giving site. From here you can choose to give online or via text



UPCOMING EVENTS



# APRIL *events*



4/2

GOOD FRIDAY

4/4

EASTER SUNDAY

Breakfast – 9:45am  
Easter Egg Hunt – 10:15am  
Worship Service – 10:45am



4/5

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm)  
All Departments (7pm)

MONTHLY MEETING

Be Connected Be Heard Be Informed

4/10

IRON SHARPENS IRON MENS' CONFERENCE

Davenport 8:30am-4pm



4/15

ELDERS' MEETING

9:00AM



4/25

MISSION NOT IMPOSSIBLE/  
FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

Worship Service – 10:45am



4/25

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Items for the month are due this Sunday and will be delivered to the Food Pantry this week



*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1*

# JUST FOR FUN



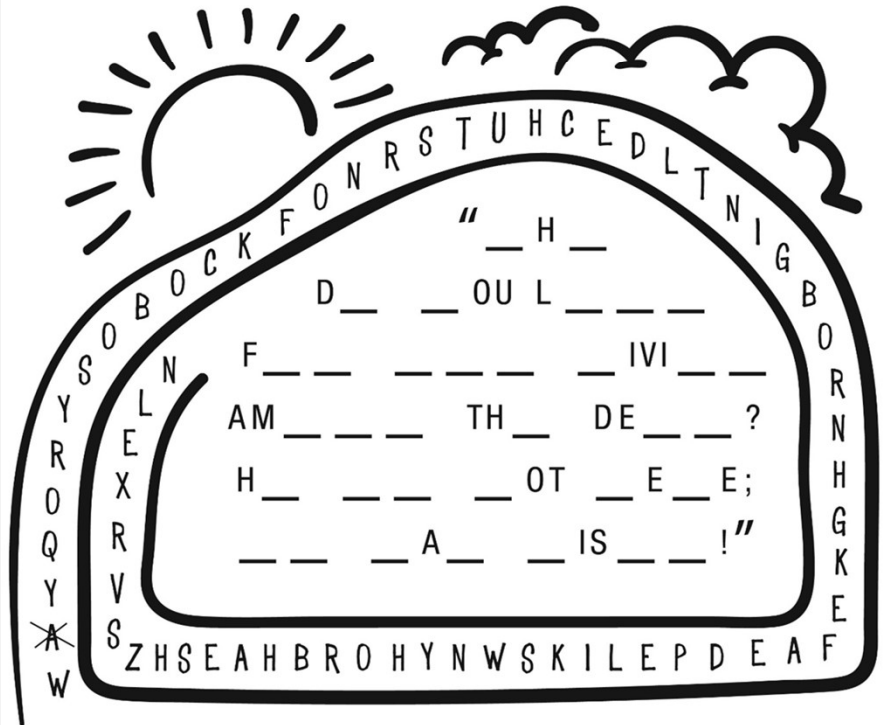
## PUZZLE



## EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

**Directions:** Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

# KIDS CORNER

## SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

### What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears." ~ Psalm 34:4

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## APRIL Birthdays

- 2 – Dana Larimer-Hergert
- 2 – Jason Collis
- 2 – Joe Heydeman
- 3 – Tim Smith
- 5 - Melissa Gonterman
- 9 – BreeAnn Stoke
- 9 - Hannah Herrman
- 10 - Jeri Chasek
- 12 – Donald Bird Jr.
- 14 – Becky Collis
- 20 – Jerry Dufur
- 27 – Roger Curry
- 27 – Levi Olesen

## APRIL Anniversaries

- 10 – Connie & Roger Curry
- 14 – Dorothy & Doyle Newton
- 14 – Eric & Dawn Ryden
- 19 – Nancy & Jerry Dufur
- 27 – Phil & Melissa Gonterman
- 28 – Callie & Logan Heydeman

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.



Knock knock.  
*Who's there?*  
Hatch.  
*Hatch who?*  
God bless you!



What should you do after eating so many Easter treats?

*Eggs-ercise!*

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?

*It might crack up!*



## April

1. Joshua 7-9
2. Joshua 10-12
3. Joshua 13-15
4. Joshua 16-18
5. Joshua 19-21
6. Joshua 22-24
7. Judges 1-4
8. Judges 5-8
9. Judges 9-12
10. Judges 13-15
11. Judges 16-18
12. Judges 19-21
13. Ruth 1-4
14. 1 Samuel 1-3
15. 1 Samuel 4-7
16. 1 Samuel 8-10
17. 1 Samuel 11-13
18. 1 Samuel 14-16
19. 1 Samuel 17-20
20. 1 Samuel 21-24
21. 1 Samuel 25-28
22. 1 Samuel 29-31
23. 2 Samuel 1-4
24. 2 Samuel 5-8
25. 2 Samuel 9-12
25. 2 Samuel 13-15
27. 2 Samuel 16-18
28. 2 Samuel 19-21
29. 2 Samuel 22-24
30. 1 Kings 1-7





# VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

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### NURSERY

*Ages 0-3 years old*

- April 4 Mary Green
- April 11 Nancy Dufur
- April 18 Becki Winger
- April 25 Holly Trout

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Ages 4yrs – 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

- April 4 Connie Curry & Kathy Kohrt
- April 11 Connie Curry & Cathy Lotz
- April 18 Connie Curry & Ruth Coverdill
- April 25 FAMILY SUNDAY

**NEW!**



### Communion Meditation

**April 4**  
Wayne Lotz

**April 11**  
Teresa Garcia

**April 18**  
Ryan Schmidt

**April 25**  
Hannah Herrman

*At this time, there will be no offering or communion ushers needed.*



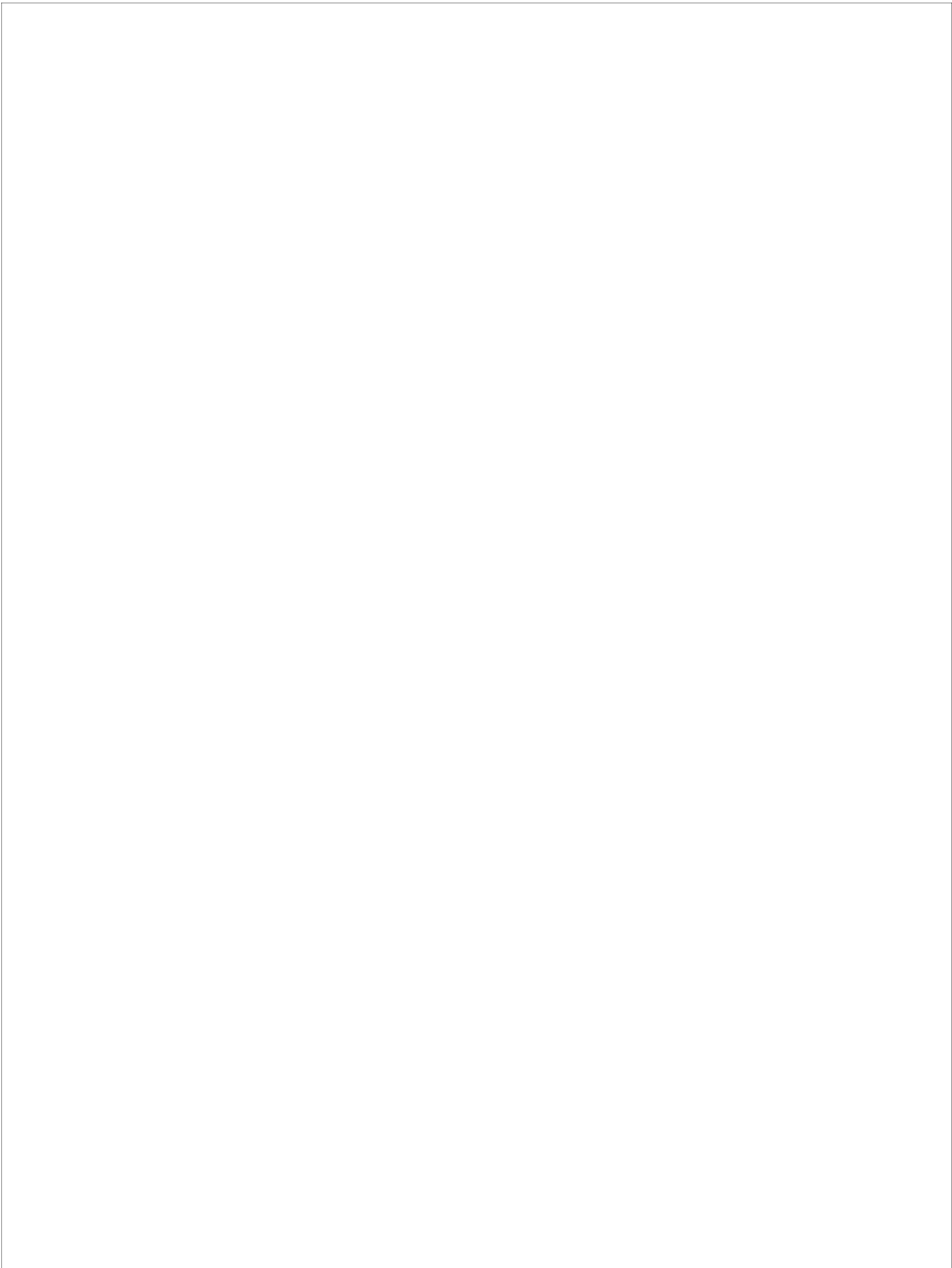
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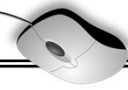
# April



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>DEATH COULD NOT HOLD YOU  <i>the veil tore before You</i>            YOU SILENCED THE BOAST  <i>of sin and grave</i></p> <p>THE HEAVENS ARE ROARING  <i>the praise of Your glory</i>            FOR YOU ARE RAISED  <i>to life again</i></p>				01 Gym in Use Basketball League 6:00-8:00pm	02 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	03	
04  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Breakfast 9:45am Easter Egg Hunt 10:15am Worship Service 10:45am	05 <b>Evangelism/ Missions</b> <b>6:30pm</b> All Depts. 7pm  U of I Home Extension 7-9pm	06 Men's Study 9am  Girl Scouts 6-8pm  Cub Scouts 6-7pm  Worship Team 7:00pm	KIDS CLUB 7:45AM-11AM	07 <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	08 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm  Gym in Use Basketball League 6:00-8:00pm	09	10  <b>Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference 8:30-4pm</b> 
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# LIVESTREAMING *with*



Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpfUjEtP-A>



Facebook: [www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org](http://www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org) at 10:45am.



Website. The sermon will be available in video or audio form on the church's website page <http://countrysidecc.org>



If you are not able to access the internet on your computer or mobile device, we will be able to download it to a DVD for you. Just contact the church office to obtain a copy.



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