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April—Soup
 May—Cold Cereal
 June—100% Juice Boxes or Large Juice

Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle

Is Thursday, April 16th. All you can eat for only \$15. Bring your appetites. ...and some cash for the basket raffle!

Donations of Baskets are greatly appreciated. Help make this evening a great success. Eat a delicious meal and win a basket or two!! Sign up sheets will be on the back table. Your help will be needed to bake cakes/brownies, serve the meal, fill drink orders, clear and reset tables and the ever popular—wash dishes.

Thank you for your participation in the evening’s activities— many hands make light work!

The property and Grounds Committee will be asking for help cleaning up the church yard. Weather dependent this event will be held in late April or early May.

Property clean up will be held on a Saturday morning, at 10: 00 AM. More information to follow in April.

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, we invite you to join us for two special services designed to help us reflect on the depth of Christ’s love and celebrate the power of His resurrection.

Maundy Thursday Service: April 2 at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday is a time to remember the night Jesus gathered with His disciples for the Last Supper. It was in this setting that He demonstrated humility through service and gave the command to love one another. During this meaningful service, we will reflect on Christ’s sacrifice, share in a time of remembrance, and prepare our hearts for the significance of the cross. This will be a quiet, reverent gathering centered on Scripture, reflection, and worship. Please sign up (sheet on the back table) if you are coming.

Sonrise Service: Sunday, April 5 at 6:45 AM

Early on Easter morning, while it was still dark, the women went to the tomb only to discover that Jesus had risen. Our Sonrise Service is a beautiful way to celebrate that moment as we gather at daybreak to rejoice in the victory of the resurrection. As the sun rises, we are reminded that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness. This service will be filled with hope, praise, and the joyful proclamation that He is risen indeed!

Missions Committee Update – March 2026

The Missions Committee met on March 18, 2026, and we are excited to share several meaningful ways our church continues to serve and support our community and beyond.

Seneca Gospel Mission

We were blessed to deliver our monthly donation of \$300 to the Seneca Gospel Mission on March 21. About six volunteers participated in this effort—an encouraging show of support! If you would like to get involved, sign-up sheets for lunch volunteers are available on the table at the back of the church.

RISE Coffee House

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate \$187 to RISE Coffee House from contributions collected during the month. The check was hand-delivered, and we are grateful for the opportunity to support this ministry and its impact.

July 3rd Pie Sale – East Aurora

Our congregation will once again take part in the local Pie Sale in East Aurora on July 3. Chris Hartmann has asked the Missions Committee to nominate several nonprofit organizations to potentially receive the proceeds. The final selection will be made by a congregational vote. Stay tuned for more details!

Monthly Missions Giving (Envelope Program)

Beginning in March, we launched a monthly Missions Envelope initiative. Each month will highlight a different organization, giving our church the opportunity to support a variety of impactful ministries:

- **March:** Salvation Army Buffalo Temple Corps
- **April:** Literacy of Love, Inc. (*beginning the second Sunday of April, following Easter*)
- **May:** FeedMore WNY
- **June:** Friends of the Night
- **July:** Sleep in Heavenly Peace (*supporting the building of beds for those in need*)
- **August:** Seneca Gospel Mission

Additional charities will be announced beginning in September. Congregational members are always welcome to suggest organizations for consideration.

Salvation Army Collection Drive

A large collection bin was placed in the church on March 1 to support the Salvation Army Buffalo Temple Corps. We are collecting small personal hygiene items such as travel-size shampoo, toothbrushes, and deodorant for those in need in Buffalo. Once the bin is full, donations will be delivered to their location on Grant Street.

Next Meeting

Our next Missions Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend—we would love to have you join us!

Pastor's Thoughts

As we step into April, we find ourselves in a season that naturally points us toward renewal. The days grow longer, the earth begins to awaken, and signs of new life appear all around us. Buds form on trees, flowers push through the soil, and the quiet stillness of winter gives way to the activity of spring. Creation itself seems to echo a message we desperately need to hear: life is breaking through again. For us as believers, this is more than just a change in seasons. It is a reminder of the hope we celebrate in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter is not simply a day on the calendar. It is the defining truth of our faith. The resurrection assures us that sin has been defeated, death has lost its sting, and new life is available to all who trust in Christ. What appeared to be the end on the cross was, in reality, the beginning of something far greater.

But here is the question we must ask ourselves: Are we living in the reality of the resurrection, or simply remembering it?

It's possible to celebrate Easter, attend a service, and affirm the truth of the empty tomb, yet still live as though nothing has changed. We can find ourselves weighed down by fear, discouraged by circumstances, or stuck in patterns that feel lifeless and unchanging. And yet, the resurrection speaks directly into those areas.

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us.

That means the areas of our lives that feel cold, stagnant, or defeated are not beyond God's reach. Where there has been discouragement, He brings hope. Where there has been failure, He offers grace. Where there has been spiritual dryness, He brings renewal.

April invites us not just to observe new life but to step into it.

Maybe for you, that means renewing your time with the Lord. Taking intentional moments each day to be in His Word and in prayer. Maybe it means letting go of something you've been holding onto, like worry, bitterness, or fear, and instead trusting God more fully. Or perhaps it means stepping out in faith, responding to His call in a way you've been hesitant to do.

Whatever it looks like, the invitation is the same: live as people who believe the tomb is empty.

As a church, this is also a wonderful time to reflect on how we can be people who carry this message of life to others. The world around us is searching, for hope, peace, and purpose. We have the incredible privilege of pointing them to the One who offers all of that and more.

Let's not keep the good news to ourselves.

This month, I encourage you to pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with someone in your life. It doesn't have to be complicated. A conversation, a kind word, an invitation to church, or simply listening with care can open doors for God to work.

Spring reminds us that new life is possible. The resurrection proves that it is certain in Christ.

So let's move forward with confidence, joy, and expectation, trusting that God is still bringing life where it is needed most.

He is risen... and that changes everything.

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Our church building is more than just a structure: it is a place where we gather to worship, grow, serve, and share life together. It is a space that has been faithfully used for ministry, fellowship, and outreach, and we are grateful for the role it plays in our church family.

As with any well-used home, there are times when care and upkeep are needed. In the coming weeks, we will be addressing a number of maintenance items and small improvement projects around our building and grounds. These needs range from simple repairs and touch-ups to general upkeep that will help keep our facility safe, welcoming, and ready for ministry.

A detailed list of these needs will be posted soon, outlining specific projects where help is needed. Our hope is that much of this work can be accomplished by the willing hands of our own church family.

This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to take part in caring for the place God has entrusted to us. Whether you have specific skills or simply a desire to help, there will be ways for everyone to get involved. No contribution is too small. Many hands truly do make light work.

Beyond the practical benefits, serving together in this way also strengthens our sense of community. Working side by side allows us to build relationships, encourage one another, and take shared ownership in the life of our church. As the list becomes available, we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute, whether through your time, abilities, or support. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a place that reflects care, hospitality, and readiness for all who walk through its doors.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve and be part of this important effort.

Happy April Birthday to:

2– Abigail Vorhis
4– Lois D’Arcangelo
4– Doug Sernoffski
8– Katie Kress
13– Sarah Dziak
21– Jackie Novick

24– Richard Wertman

25– Maria Wertman

27– Paul Stolzenberg

Happy April Anniversary to:

4– John & Meg Hausauer

5– Jim & Jan Nowak