

## Christ Lutheran Church

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Sunday school 9:45 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am



# March 2024

## Christ's Messenger

*The Heart of Christ, in the Midst of Greater Mantua"*



CHRIST *Lutheran* CHURCH

## 2024 Officers

### Council:

Melisa Pozwick	President
Anna Lee Heinl	Vice-President
Diane Lottig	Secretary
Tim Snodgrass	Treasurer
John Heinl	Financial Sec

### Committee Chairpersons

Nathan Goodell	Head Deacon
Brian Pozwick	Head Trustee
Christina Eaton	Education Director

## A Message from Pastor Blake...

The death of Jesus marked the end of His movement. His disciples went into hiding, knowing that the Romans and Jewish authorities would be after anyone who supported a man executed as a political rebel, "The King of the Jews." Jesus had taught that the kingdom of God, the restoration of heaven and earth, was coming through Him. He identified Himself as the Son of Man who would rule the renewed heavens and earth on the throne of God, the throne of Glory, and who would judge all people (Matt. 25:31). He claimed that He was able to know the will of Israel's God most intimately because the God of Israel was none

other than His Father, and no one knows the Father like the Son (Matt. 11:27). Yet, instead of the restoration of all things came Jesus' death. To His disciples and everyone around them, this death marked the end of faith in Jesus and His message.

To the surprise of His earliest followers, however, the story did not end there. The Jesus movement did not end with His death because His death was not His end. Three days after His crucifixion some of His female followers went to His grave to anoint His dead body. Instead of finding the body of their rabbi, they found an empty tomb. On their way back to report this incident,

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## Pastor's Message Continues

Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' female followers, encountered Jesus risen bodily from the dead and even touched His body for herself. Jesus' male followers and anyone else in the ancient world would not believe the account of the women and Mary, for a patriarchal society in which they lived deemed their testimony and the testimony of all women to be unreliable (Luke 24:11).

Moreover, the risen Jesus appeared to His other followers soon after, allowing them to touch His body for themselves lest they should think that He was merely a spirit or phantasm (Luke 24:39; also John 20:24-29). Jesus also appeared to men who had not believed in Him during His earthly ministry. He appeared to His biological brother James, who had previously believed Jesus to be out of His mind. He appeared to Saul of Tarsus, who had previously regarded Jesus as a false messiah and sought to stomp out His movement with violent force. The risen Jesus also appeared to a group of 500 people at once (1 Corinthians 15:3-11). Those who saw the risen Jesus concluded that Jesus was right. The kingdom of God, the restoration of all things, had come and it had begun with the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the first fruits of those who sleep and the firstborn of a restored creation. And since the kingdom of God had come in Jesus, there was no doubt that Jesus was the Son of God (hence His knowledge of God's will) and the promised Son of Man who has authority equal to God, authority over heaven and earth, even death itself. Peter, James, and Paul went to their deaths for this confession, convinced that it was true. No one dies for something they know to be a lie.

The resurrection of Jesus attested to by His empty tomb and the numerous people who saw, heard, and touched the risen Jesus revived the Jesus movement and its foundational confession: Jesus is Lord and God has raised Him from the dead. If Jesus has not been raised our faith is in vain. Jesus has been raised, so rejoice! For Jesus has promised that those who believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Amen.

Pastor Blake

### **MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE FOR MARCH**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Midweek Lent Services**

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

6 PM Supper

7 PM Service

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

March 16<sup>th</sup>

Noon – 2 PM

### **Game Night**

March 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM - ?

### **Community Meal**

March 20<sup>th</sup>

5-6:30 PM

### **Pancake Fundraiser**

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

8 AM - 1 PM

### **Easter Lilies Forms Due**

March 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Spring Break - Arcade**

April 5<sup>th</sup>

5:30 - 8 PM

### **Directory Photoshoot**

April 6 & 7

April 13 & 14

Sign-ups coming soon

# Worship Schedule

“Serving With a Heart Like Jesus”

	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Communion	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup> Communion	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	March 28 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Th.	March 29 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	March 31 <sup>st</sup> Easter
<b>Greeter</b>	Kat Flynn	Barb Lange	Melisa Pozwick	Linda Hobson	Pat South	Lexi Ballard	Kat Flynn
<b>Acolyte</b>	Makenna B	Jameson Flynn	Natalie Goodell	Logan Ballentine	Abigail Flynn	Natalie Goodell	Makenna B
<b>YACA</b>	Evan Goodell	N/A	Amy Toothman	N/A	Jon Pozwick	N/A	Ryan Goodell
<b>Reader</b>	Tracy Stamm	Ruth Martzowka	Ed Seigerst	Ron Stamm	Becca Goodell	Eric Chism	Jon Pozwick
<b>Ushers</b>	Joanne Q	Brian Lottig	Kat Flynn	Amy Toothman	Melisa Pozwick	Joanne Q	Brian Lottig
	Larry Q	Lexi Ballard	Jameson Flynn	Katie Toothman	Jon Pozwick	Larry Q	Lexi Ballard
<b>Media</b>	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton	Melisa Pozwick	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton	Christina Eaton	Melisa Pozwick
<b>Power Point</b>	Jon Pozwick	Amy Toothman	Lexi Ballard	Jon Pozwick	N/A	N/A	Amy Toothman
<b>Deacon</b>	Laura Cleavenger	Nathan Goodell	Joanne Q	Tracy Stamm	Larry Q	Kat Flynn	Laura Cleavenger
<b>Elder</b>	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn

**Have you thought about Serving?** We have several ways for you to serve Christ that don't require any additional time other than what you are already doing – during each worship service we have ushers, readers, greeters & worship tech. None of these require any special skills other than a heart for giving. Schedules are posted on the bulletin board, weekly bulletin, and monthly newsletter. Please contact the church office to be put on the schedule, at (330) 274-2849 or email at [clcmantua737@yahoo.com](mailto:clcmantua737@yahoo.com)

## 4 C's Local Food Pantry

**March** donations being collected are  
**Cereal**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**  
**Canned Sloppy Joe Mix**

Please place donations in the basket in the narthex marked "4 C's"

*Christ Lutheran Church is a drop-off location for the 4C's*

Thank you to all who participated in the February Family Bowling. We had over 40 participants! We enjoyed bowling themed coloring pages and playing bingo bowling to win some candy prizes!



## Community Easter Egg Hunt

March 16th 12 to 2pm

Food, crafts, and games start at 12pm

Egg hunt begins at 1pm

categories are:

3 and under

Ages: 4-8

Ages: 9-12

Ages: 13 and up

Ages Adults-Yes grown up can have fun too!

-Donations of candy welcome put in bin in church lobby.

Pack the egg party **March 13th- 6pm** during soup supper.

Volunteers are needed to head up different stations please sign up by the cry room.



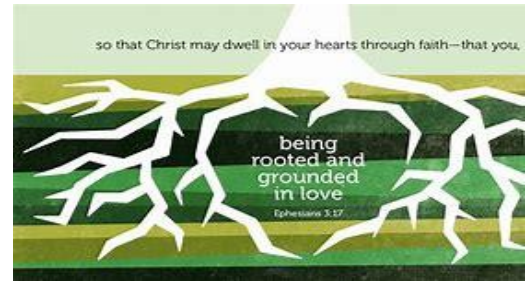
## VBS- Save the date! June 24th-28th

This years theme Pets Unleashed!

5pm -Meal served daily

6-8:30pm VBS

Amazon wish list and volunteer meeting coming soon!



## Sunday School

9:45-10:45 am

3 classrooms

Ages 3-6yrs

Hannah Owen

Ages 7-12yrs

Christina Eaton

Youth 13 and up

Melisa Pozwick

**Snack sign up posted on Sunday School board.**

2023-2024 Sunday School Theme

**“Rooted in Christ’s Love”**

Ephesians 3:17

## Spring Break Boredom Buster

All ages welcome. Free to attend!

Friday, April 5th 5:30pm to 8pm

**Party and Play Arcade**

(Inside Aurora Farms)

549 S Chillicothe Rd #130

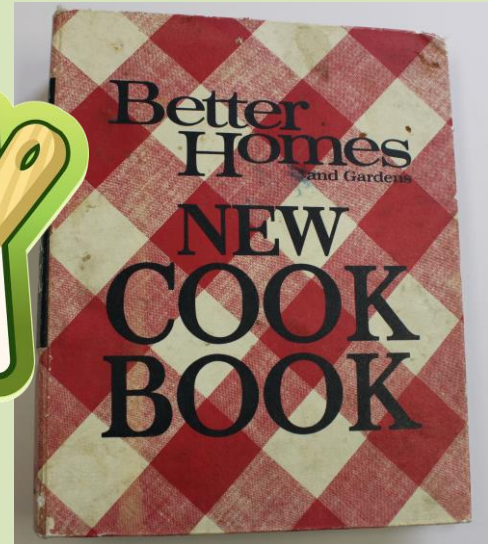
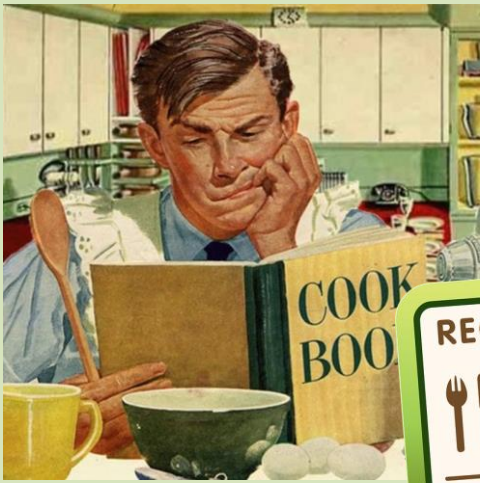
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Please sign up by **April 2nd.**

Unlimited Play in the Bounce House, Cannon Ball Blaster and Mad Wave theater. We have the party room for a meal. Each participant will get a goodie bag of game tokens. More tokens will be available to purchase. Challenge your teacher to a game!



# Youth Group Cookbook Fundraiser!



Youth Group Cookbook is ready to get started.  
Please submit your recipes via the link below.

If you don't want to use the website please provide your recipe with your recipe title, YOUR Name (and how you want it to appear.) Can include such detail as: My grandma's famous...

Give to a youth group member and they will type it into the portal.

The cookbook is official. Here is the link <https://www.typensave.com/get-started/> to share with family and friends. They can login and upload their recipes directly.

**User Name: YouthCLC**

**Contributor Password: eggnog399**

**Organization Name: Youth Group of Christ Lutheran Mantua**

Our goal is to collect over 250 recipes. Please submit them **BEFORE April 12th.**

This will allow for editing and publishing to happen by Mothers Day.

The cost of cookbooks and the actual sale date are TBD.

See Page 6 for tips on how to format your recipes!

# RECIPE WRITING TIPS

Use these tips to ensure recipes are accurate, clear, and uniform throughout your cookbook.

- List ingredients in the order used. Make sure all ingredients are included in the directions.
- Include all amounts and container sizes: 2 (8-oz.) cans, 1 (14-oz.) pkg. Use parenthesis to separate amounts.
- Abbreviate measurements in the ingredients list (see standard abbreviations below), but spell them out in the directions.
- Be consistent with names, ingredients, etc., e.g., don't use "1 c. butter" on some recipes and "2 sticks butter" on others.
- Use ingredient names in the directions, e.g., use "Combine flour and sugar" rather than statements such as "Combine the first two ingredients."
- Include temperatures and all cooking, chilling, baking, or freezing times.
- Make sure ingredients and directions are clear, thorough, and accurate. For example, don't assume the reader knows how to make yeast bread.
- Submit recipes exactly as you want them to appear.
- Write directions in 1 paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, charts, or as an entire paragraph. Recipes which cannot conform to our format will be omitted.
- Ingredients may include trademarked names, e.g., Miracle Whip®. Do NOT use trademarked words for recipe titles. If used, they will be replaced with an acceptable alternative, e.g., Kentucky Derby® Pie will become Chocolate Nut Pie.
- Anything other than the ingredients, directions, contributor name(s), serving size, and recipe title will be charged as a recipe note unless you omit them. See below.

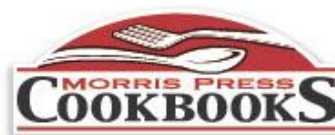
## STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS:

c. – cup	env. – envelope	qt. – quart
pt. – pint	pkg. – package	lg. – large
tsp. – teaspoon	oz. – ounce	med. – medium
T. – tablespoon	gal. – gallon	sm. – small
lb. – pound	opt. – optional	ctn. – carton or container
doz. – dozen	reg. – regular	

## recipe notes **11**

A recipe note is content that does not pertain to recipe preparation. Anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor names, serving size, and the recipe title is a recipe note. See first sample recipe above.

- Recipe notes may include nutritional information, recipe history, uses, etc., and cannot be included in the directions.
- Recipe notes are printed after the directions and cannot exceed 375 characters.
- Recipe notes are an extra charge.
- If using typensave® and your cookbook committee has decided to include them, a separate field titled "Recipe Notes" will be available. *If you are submitting handwritten recipes, check with your cookbook committee.*



### CHOCOLATE CHIP MIRACLES

Sarah Jackson

2 ¼ c. all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 c. butter, softened **4**

¾ c. packed brown sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 eggs  
12 oz. chocolate chips

- 6** Preheat oven to 375° (gas oven to 350°). Mix all of the dry ingredients together, then mix the wet ingredients together. After both substances are mixed, slowly mix the dry ingredients in with the wet until the texture is smooth. Put cookies on sheet and leave each batch in oven for 8 to 10 minutes for soft texture.

**11** Note: These cookies are a favorite with my children and vanish within two days.

### SNICKERDOODLES

Heather Gamska  
Dorothy Engstrom

**1** 1 stick butter, softened **4**  
½ c. shortening  
**3** 1 ½ c. sugar  
2 eggs  
2 ¼ c. all-purpose flour

2 tsp. cream of tartar  
1 tsp. baking soda  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 T. sugar  
2 tsp. cinnamon

- 3** Heat oven to 400°. Mix thoroughly butter, shortening, 1 ½ cups sugar and the eggs. Blend in flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt. Shape dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. Mix 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon; roll balls in mixture. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Makes about 6 dozen cookies. If using self-rising flour, omit cream of tartar, baking soda and salt.

### MAGIC COOKIE BARS

Steve Casley  
Jeff Marcino

½ c. butter, softened  
1 ½ c. graham cracker crumbs  
1 (14-oz.) can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk **10**

1 c. chocolate chips  
1 (3 ½-oz.) can flaked coconut  
1 c. chopped nuts

- 2** Preheat oven to 350°. Using a 13 x 9-inch pan, melt butter in oven. Sprinkle crumbs over butter, pour milk over crumbs. Top with remaining ingredients. Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Cool before eating.

2 Cookies & Candy

## contributor information

- Be consistent with spellings of names, titles, etc. (*R.N.* vs. *Registered Nurse* or *Bill Jones* vs. *William Jones*). This affects the contributor index.
- Two extra lines may be included **FREE** (town, department, in memory of, title, etc.) after each contributor name. Additional content is considered a recipe note.
- If using typensave®, **DO NOT** include additional info (second name, town, department, title, etc.) on the same line as the contributor name. Put additional info on separate lines. This enables us to create an accurate contributor index.
- Duplicated recipes should be submitted just once with multiple contributor names.
- For recipes with multiple contributor names, only the first name will appear in a contributor index.

## Adult Bible Studies

These bible studies will be open to both Christ and St. Thomas and anyone you might invite. You may see a new face or two and make a new friend while growing in God's Word!

**TUESDAY MORNINGS**- Here at Christ, 10am-11am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Blake will be teaching on the past Sunday text he preached on.

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**- 6pm-7pm at St. Thomas in Streetsboro. The topic will be "Who is Jesus?"

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**- Every Saturday, 1 pm at Pastor Blake's home. These classes are for anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up whether you are a new student or someone who wants a refresher course. Please contact Pastor Blake at [blakemartzowka@gmail.com](mailto:blakemartzowka@gmail.com).

## Evangelism Committee:

We have an **Evangelism Committee** that will have many exciting things this year along with improvements on our current activities. Below is the detail:

1.) Update Picture Directory – We will be taking family photos 2 weekends in April.

We will have a signup sheet for 10 minute spots.

- a. Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>
- b. Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>
- c. Time will be 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- d. We will need pictures of each Officers ie Elders, Deacons, Trustee, ect.
- e. Sending it out to get printed.
- f. We are planning to get them out around May 12<sup>th</sup>.

2.) Corn & Brats – Planning meeting will be Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

- a. Make it bigger.
- b. Facebook
- c. Flyers
- d. Sign Ups

3.) Putting together a list of services for people in need to hand out. Contact Hannah Owen if you have any ideas or information on free entities that can help with different needs.

**Join us for Coffee Hour - 2nd Sundays after service.**

**Our launch of Coffee Hour is March 10th right after service in the fellowship hall.**

**Evangelism team is providing tasty treats!**

**Our next one is April 14th hosted by the elders.**



## LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

March 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm

The free meals are served the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Christ Lutheran Church downstairs Fellowship Hall.

If you and your friends would like to help (you don't have to be a member to help), contact Diane Lottig at (330) 274-2868 for what is needed.

We could use a few more volunteers to sign up for *Coffee Stewards*. This position is simple. Clean up coffee area after service, dispose of any left-over coffee (varies each week!), and general tidying of area. Bring a treat to share if you wish but not required. Many hands make light work. Sign up is in the narthex.

2024 begins with the 11<sup>th</sup> year that the Women's Guild has sponsored the Mantua Farmers Market. It began in 2005 under the direction of the Mantua Rotary Club but in 2014 we took over sponsorship. This is really a Variety Market with a wide range of items which can be sold – crafts, plants, produce, eggs, jam/jelly, honey, maple syrup, garage sale treasures, bakery, seeds, flowers.

Vendors last year include these church members – Barb Goodell, Cricket Snodgrass, Christina Eaton, Diane Lottig – plus these people:

**Ollie Alger, Kathy Lassiter, Chrissy Repie, Rod & Donna Whiting, Carolin Newell, Julie Andrello, Sue Browning, Kelley Pearce, Shirley Ferris with the Mantua Center Garden Club, Steve & Jan Thorn, Marcus & Dawn Ketner, Melissa & Perry Tice, Kerry & Fisher Shaw, Diane Wilke, Susan Grosik, Kathie Havener, Lisa Hronek, Janet Mary, Joan Sturtevant & Joyce Keller.**

If you know these people, please say thank you for being part of our Market. We're small but have plenty of room. Pre- Season starts with 2 Plant and Misc. Sales on May 18 & 25.

Regular season runs on Saturdays – 9 AM -1 PM from July 13-Sept. 21. Cost is \$5 per date with fees collected for church projects. Call Dianne for info: 330-274-2868.

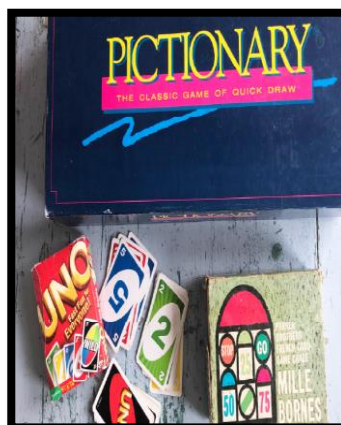


The Women's Guild Lenten Soup Suppers will continue March 6, 13, & 20 at 6 PM. Please look at the sign-up chart on the easel if you would like to make soup or bring cheese, vegetables, or bread/crackers.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Rummage Sale: July 26 & 27  
9 AM to 1 PM

Mantua Farmers Market 9 AM to 1 PM  
Plant and Misc. Sales – May 18 & 25  
Regular Season – July 13 – September 21  
All dates are Saturdays  
More info to come!



### GAME NIGHT

Plan to have some fun at Game Night sponsored by the Women's Guild

**March 16 6:30 PM - ?**

Please bring snacks and games to play!



## Chairman's Message:

Congratulations to Pastor Blake and Ruth on their little blessing coming this August. We are so happy for them.

*A baby is a Blessing  
a gift from Heaven above,  
A precious little Angel,  
to Cherish and to Love*

There are many fun activities coming these next few months. We hope to see everyone at the different functions.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 440-547-3027 or send an email to [clcmantua737@yahoo.com](mailto:clcmantua737@yahoo.com).*

## Council Meeting:

The next council meeting will be Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Sorry that it is right before Easter, but March is filled up quick with activities. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear what is going on with the church.

## Treasurer's Message:

### Financial Summary

Month	Income	Expense	Net Income	YTD Net
Nov.	\$8,744	\$10,626	-\$1,881	-\$7,902
Dec.	\$14,105	\$9,976	\$4,129	-\$3,773
Jan.	\$13,327	\$11,717	\$1,611	\$1,611

-Any questions please reach out to Tim Snodgrass, Treasurer  
***January numbers are a rough estimate as Tim's laptop has broken. He will update when he can with the correct numbers. Thank you.***

God answers prayer.  
At Christ Lutheran, we know the power of  
prayer.

Ezekiel 22:30 says, *"I looked for a man  
among them who would build up the wall  
and stand before me IN THE GAP on behalf  
of the land."*

GAP, (God Answers Prayer), is one of these  
prayer ministries. Those who serve in this  
ministry serve in the gap that Ezekiel  
wrote of as they are available to pray for  
people.

Please contact Barb Goodell who will  
begin the prayer chain for your need.

#### **GAP MINISTRY**

<b>Barb Goodell</b>	<b>330-274-2161</b>
<b>Hannah Owen</b>	<b>330-931-0839</b>
<b>Kelly Britt</b>	<b>330-357-1101</b>
<b>Diane Lottig</b>	<b>330-274-2868</b>
<b>Linda Hobson</b>	<b>330-562-8327</b>
<b>June Zamecnik</b>	<b>330-281-7202</b>
<b>Tracy Stamm</b>	<b>330-571-0304</b>
<b>Shirley Bellar</b>	<b>330-281-8327</b>
<b>Anna Lee Heinl</b>	<b>330-842-2080</b>
<b>Joanne Quesenberry</b>	<b>330-274-2991</b>
<b>Christina Eaton</b>	<b>234-703-9735</b>
<b>Pat South</b>	<b>330-257-0948</b>
<b>Ellen Froelich</b>	<b>330-274-2081</b>

## **Prayers for Hope, Healing, Comfort & Guidance**

### **Members**

Brian Lottig

### **Shut-ins**

Linda Koerlin, Tom Briggs, June Stein,  
Kay & Jill Kravcisin

### **Friends & Family**

Steven Blunk, Dennis Reed, Debbie Haylett,  
Michelle Paul, Don Dean, Patty & Denny Pesecky,  
Bob Havener, Karen Stinger, Clair Havener,  
Lisa Bey, Wendy Palazzola (Pastor's Mom)

### **Military Service**

Caleb Dean Pete  
Robert South

## **Birthday Blessings on your special day and throughout the year!**

Chris Bellar	3/6
Kayla Ballentine	3/7
Madison Goodrich	3/9
Emelia Suravi De	3/11
Rebecca Krichbaum	3/11
Laura Cleavenger	3/16
Oliver Koerlin	3/17
Blake Martzowka	3/24
Jonathan Pozwick	3/27
Morgan Huebner	3/28
Evan Goodell	3/30
Valerie Nuti	3/30
Dan Esala	3/31