

Elm Leaf
Holy Week-Easter

JESUS IS RISEN!
--and HAS BEEN RISEN FOR A LONG TIME NOW--
and THERE IS STILL TIME FOR US TO RISE WITH HIM
AND MAKE MORE GOOD NEWS!

Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the Son of God was born, lived, ministered, was crucified, buried, and awesomely overcame death some two thousand years ago. It is an old story!

Yet, when we celebrate his resurrection each Easter Sunday, proclaiming together "Christ is risen!" in words both spoken and sung, we feel the freshness of that news! It is still NEWS, GOOD NEWS, WELCOME NEWS! We feel the Crucified and Risen One's aliveness even more than we feel our own! We feel that he is even more alive than we are and also that our own life energy is energized anew by his! Smiling, our Lord says to us, "Yes, once I was dead, but now I live forever more and because I do so live so also will you!"

Then again and in the Easter key Jesus invites us again today and in so many ways! He invites us out of our doubts and fears about the mission of the his Kingdom, "Awake, O sleeper! Rise up from the dead!" and 'Come up higher!' and, once again, "Come and follow me! In God's saving name we together have happy work to do!"

That invitation of his to us is Easter good NEWS too!

Is it still news to you that you may rise and walk with him in the new way of living? Then read the banner headline: HE IS RISEN! ALL HE SAID IS TRUE! Hear Jesus' enlivening words to you! "I no longer simply call you 'students' or 'servants,' but now I call you 'friends. And in that Spirit I will never leave you, but I will always be with you! Go, therefore, everywhere; and everywhere you go make new disciples and new friends for me. Share with them everything that I shared with you! And let us work this way together from THIS DAY forward and to the ends of the earth until the whole world is risen and made new!"

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday from 12:00-4:00 pm

To start the **Prayer Chain** for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext. 2835 or Marj Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005.

ESPC Web Site

<http://espcalton.tripod.com>
<http://espc.weebly.com>

LITURGISTS

April – 13 Mary Cordes
20 – Richard Sisk
27 – Ann McLaughlin
May- 4 –
11 -
18 –
25 –

USHERS

Please volunteer to usher. It takes more than one, the same ones are doing it over and over, let's everyone take a turn if you are able. A Sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary.

COMMUNION SERVERS

Palm Sunday April 13th

Tom Wyatt, Chr. John Kennedy
Sandy Krug (Set up & serve)

Easter Sunday April 20th

Chance Shewmake, Chr.
Audrey Stewart, Mary Cordes,
Becky Saville (set up & serve)

May 4th

Lyndal Colburn, Chr., Mary Cordes,
Richard Hetge (set up & serve)

June 1st

Tom Wyatt, Chr., Jenny Wyatt
Marj Bryant (set up & serve)

ATTENDANCE

3/9-26, 3/16-21, 3/23-31, 3.30-29, 4/6-27

SYMPATHY

We have lost several of our members and friends of ESPC since our last newsletter. Our sympathy to their families.

Gerald "Buck" Hamer
December 22, 2013

Doris June Watkins
December 27, 2013

John "Jack" Rain
January 7, 2014

Douglas E. Waggoner
March 6, 2014

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

3.....Breanne Bonnell
20.....Lucy Manker
24.....Sarah Williams
26.....Harry Fessler
29.....Laura Schultz

MAY

1.....Zada Shewmake
6.....Kathryn Jarman
9.....Cherilyn Trusty
12.....Richard Stolze
15.....Brent Phelps
18.....Joyce McCormick
Judy Colburn
19.....Lynleigh Lichtsinn
20.....Matthew Stolze
25.....Josie Williams
27.....Jerry Wray
30.....Ryan Huber
31.....Pamela Stolze

JUNE

1.....Kirk Phelps
7.....Nellie Smithee
8.....Hannah Auston
Lyndal Colburn
11.....Grace Williams
12.....Jordan Bryant
21.....Terry Shewmake
22.....Sue Bryant
23.....Lois Mitchell
27.....Tom Wyatt
29.....Richard Sisk

If I have missed your birthday, let me know Marj

THANK YOU

I have many, many requests to thank the Shewmakes for the wonderful calendars. Everyone is really thrilled with them and very appreciative. *Thanks Shewmakes*

Thanks for the gifts from the Deacons, they are all very useful. *Mildred Maguire*

I want to thank those responsible for the tray of cookies and the gifts from the Deacons they were greatly appreciated. *Bob Watkins*

I had many blessings this Christmas. My thanks to the Deacons and the girls who baked the delicious cookies, the choir of the church, my friends who kept me in their prayers, my transportation to church and my faith in Jesus Christ. Thanks friends. *Willa Humenick*

I want to thank everyone for the card they signed and sent, it made me realize how much I miss all of you. *Mildred Maguire*

Ann McLaughlin would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and well-wishes during her recent back surgery. It is truly a blessing to be surrounded by such a caring church family.

Elm Street Family, There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you have extended toward our family during this time of loss. Thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits after the passing of Doris (mom). We would like to thank everyone who helped in making/providing dinner to our family and friends after services. It was much appreciated.

Love to all... Bob Watkins and family

To the members of Elm St. Presbyterian thank you for the beautiful greeting card. Your thoughtfulness meant so very much. Best Wishes to all and God Bless! *Sincerely, Louise Norman*

Dear Members of my Church Family, I want to thank you for your kindness and support recently when our Doug lost his battle with cancer. Maybe his illness was not known by many, but I will

explain that by saying that I am a very private and emotional person and would have had great difficulty talking about it. I'm very grateful to Terri Darr for organizing the nice funeral buffet and for those donating food and working at the luncheon. Also, we certainly did appreciate those who attended visitation and the funeral and supported the American Cancer Society and our Church by giving a memorial donation. *Thanks for all you did, The Waggoner Family*

Mark Darr wants to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and concern after his heart surgery and recuperation.

DEACONS REPORT

The officers for 2014 are: Becky Saville - Moderator, Jenny Wyatt - Co-Moderator, Pamela Stolze - Secretary and Marj Bryant - treasurer. The Deacons voted to work with Riverbend Family Ministries helping people with their financial needs and help them financially by giving them \$100.00 per month. ESPC will continue giving gas vouchers and helping those needing prescriptions. The Deacons are still **collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads**. See upcoming events for Spaghetti Supper details.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Per Capita amount per member is \$30.20.

If you haven't paid yours it is due now.

See upcoming events

for details on their fund raiser

Audrey Stewart is Chairperson of this committee, the Deacon is Marj Bryant

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Lyndal Colburn is Chairperson of this committee with Becky Saville the Deacon. See upcoming events for VBS information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Nancy Bailey is Chairperson with Sandy Krug as the Deacon on the committee. **The Christmas Brunch was well attended on December 15, 2013. Our thanks to those who again made this enjoyable fellowship possible plus a big thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for their joyful visit. As we try to patiently wait for spring our thoughts wander to seeing robins**

and the blooms peeking out again. Our committee has been successful in past years selling coupons from White's Nursery as a way to support our projects and build our treasury. This enabled us to help the following: Salvation Army, Kemmerer Home, First Fruits and a child from World Vision to name a few. In order to continue our mission it is necessary to again sell these coupon books. You have been supportive in the past and we are hopeful you will continue to do so as we plan our 2014 campaign. These coupons make nice gifts. They are \$10.00 per coupon or books for \$100.00 and can be used indefinitely. They can be purchased from JoAnn Phelps or in the church office.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Chance Shewmake is serving as Chairperson for this committee, Richard Hetge the Deacon on the committee. The committee has been busy having a window repaired, the elevator inspected and purchasing a new refrigerator for the CE Building. The next project will be to have the guttering replaced on the church.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Richard Sisk is Chairperson of this committee with Mary Cordes as Co-Chair. Marj Bryant is the Deacon serving on the committee. They have been busy planning the worship services, decorating, etc. See upcoming events.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Committee members are:
Chance Shewmake and Richard Sisk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

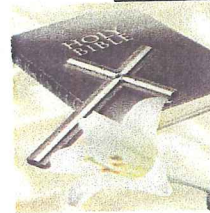
Chairperson – Mary Cordes
Deacon – Pam Stolze
Congregation members:
Mark Darr, Tanya Sisk,
Kathy Steinmann and Michael Stolze

SESSION INFORMATION

Session met March 25, 2014 and approved the following:

1. Use of the CE Bldg. LL by the Al/Anon group for a potluck fundraiser on June 28, 2014.
2. To purchase a printer for the Pastor's office.
3. To nominate Terri Darr for the Mildred Hagedorn Award
4. To find someone for the Celebration of Aging Honoree Award.
5. Instead of renewing the CD that is coming due at CNB bank change it to a Money Market account.
6. To change the name of the registered agent for the church's corporation as a result of the death of Buck Hamer.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Palm Sunday Service – April 13th
10:00 am service with communion**

**Good Friday – April 18th ESPC will have a
Good Friday service at 6:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday – April 20th 10:00 am service
with communion and the choir will present
the Cantata "In the Presence of Jehovah"**

SPAGHETTI SUPPER



**Elm Street Presbyterian Church
101 West Elm Street, Alton, IL
Saturday, April 26, 2014
4:00 -7:00 pm**

**Adults -\$7.50 Children (4 to 12) - \$4.00
Children under 3 free
Carry outs are available**

The Stewardship Committee has chosen
June 14, 2014 for the upcoming
RUMMAGE SALE.

We will have a room available to store



your clean, gently used items starting in May. If you have something you need help bringing to the church once the room is ready – please let Audrey Stewart know and she will make arrangements. Fundraisers by the Stewardship committee go into the general church fund to help pay for electricity, water, salaries and repairs, etc. So hang on to those items as you Spring clean, we sure can use them!

The Women of the Church will be honored on Mother's Day Sunday, May 11, 2014.
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2nd Annual 5K Walk/Run for Community Hope Center on May 17th at 8:30 am at the Bethalto Village Hall. Pre-register by ay 9th. \$20.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for Students. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration forms and more information can be found online at www.hopecenters.com or contact Barb Stumpf at 618-656-1497

Lenten Services and Lunches
Services are from 12 to 12:30 pm
Lunch donation \$3.00.

A free will offering will be divided between
The Oasis and The Lutheran Services of
Illinois Alton Branch

April 16 - Greater St. James M.B. Church –
Rev. E.J. Roberts
2016 Belle St. Alton, IL

April 18 - Tabernacle M.B. Church – Rev.
John Buford
2621 Amelia St. Alton, IL

Over 55 Ministry

If you would like to receive the newsletter send \$5.00 to Over 55 at ESPC 101 W. Elm St. Alton, IL 62002

Wednesday, April 30th – Sheldon for a coffee concert by “Swing Deville” with music ranging from pop music of the 20’s through 40’s, jazz, bluegrass and more. Cost \$45.00, all inclusive. Leave CAPC at 8:15 am.

Tuesday, May 13th - we have reserved two tables of ten for the Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast. The feature speaker is Mr. Ben Fainer who is a survivor of the Holocaust. He will tell of his and his family’s confinement in a concentration camp in Poland and Germany. The breakfast will be held in the Commons of LCCC and begins at 7:30 am and should be over about 9:00 am. You will drive directly to the LCCC campus and park in the area around the McPike/Watson complex. Cost of the event is \$15.00 which includes breakfast and program. Reservation due by May 6th.

June 11th Tour of Jefferson Barracks

July 2nd, Wednesday – St. Louis Art Museum, Impressionist Exhibit

September 22nd, Monday – Three Ferry trip to Calhoun County with lunch at Wittmonds in Brussels

October 10th Friday - St. Louis Symphony Coffee Concert with lunch at 1111 Mississippi

November 5th Wednesday – Bus tour of Principia College with lunch on campus

December 13, Saturday – St. Louis Symphony with Circus Flora performing with the Wallendas with lunch at 111 Mississippi

Vacation Bible School

Sunday June 8th through Thursday June 12th.
from 5:30 – 8:00 pm each evening

There will be a potluck on Friday June 13th.
Theme: Solar Under the Sun

We need volunteers, the next planning meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday April 28, 2014 at ESPC.

Words Connected with Christ's Life

K L N O I T A V L A S R E B L I F R
M O E J D I R N P E S A C H N S G E
N A H V U Q T O N E L W Y A O D I J
E F T I A C E L C A R I M R I B L E
J O E V P R E G N Y S B A S T R O C
A R R Z A S T B I S D O C M A E N T
F G A L I L E E E K R I H L R A T I
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P G O A B R E T P M E O L A S J I P
I E P H A S Y M I C I V N D N I N O
H D O Y I M E J A S T E A B A M G A
S A E T K T I F S E M O H A R L I Z
R R I H E A L I N G S P U M T O Z J
O V E G A H M C A L N G Y C N E F I
W Q L I N O P E J I P R O P H E C Y

BAPTISM
CHILDREN
DISCIPLES
FORGIVING
GALILEE
HOSANNA

HEALING
LOVE
MIRACLE
MISSION
NAZARETH

PARABLES
PRAYER
PROPHECY
REJECTION
SALVATION

TEACHING
TEMPTED
TOUCH
TRANSFIGURATION
TRAVEL
WORSHIP

APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 Palm Sunday 10 am worship -communion Brunch to follow	14 6:00pm Deacons meet with Spaghetti Supper volunteers 8pm-AA/Alanon	15	16 12noon Lenten Service & Lunch Greater St. James Baptist church 7 pm Boy Scouts	17 Maundy Thursday Service at 1 st Presby. Church 7:00 pm	18 12 noon Lenten Serv. Tabernacle MB Church ESPC 6:30pm Good Friday Service Choir practice to follow	19 7:00pm - First PC Easter Vigil Service
20 Easter Worship 10:00 am -communion- Cantata "In the Presence of Jehovah"	21 8:00 pm AA/Anon	22 7 pm Session	23 7 pm Boy Scouts	24 1:00 pm Over-55 committee mtg.	25	26 ESPC Spaghetti Supper 4-7 pm
27 10am Worship	28 6:00 pm VBS Committee mtg. 8:00 pm AA/Anon	29	30 Over 55 trip to Sheldon leave CAPC 8:15 am 7 pm Boy Scouts			21

MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 10 am Worship Communion	5 8:00 pm AA/Anon	6	7 7 pm Boy Scouts	8 6 pm Worship Committee mtg. 7pm Choir practice	9	10
11 Worship 10:00 am Mother's Day	12 8:00 pm AA/Anon	13	14 7 pm Boy Scouts	15 7pm Choir practice	16 Elm leaf Deadline	17 Bucket Brigade
18 Worship 10:00 am Pm Bryant use of CE Bldg. LL	19 6: pm Deacons 7 pm Outreach Comm. 8:00 pm AA/Anon	20	21 7 pm Boy Scouts	22 7pm Choir practice	23	24
25 Worship 10:00 am	26 Office closed Memorial Day	27 7 pm Session meets	28 7 pm Boy Scouts	29	30	31

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns –April & May 2014

“Members”

Carole Springgate
Nellie Smithee
Lois Mitchell

Nancy Bailey
Brent Phelps
Dorothy Waggoner

“In The Nursing Home”

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Willanette Ball.....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Esther & Bill Bott – Blu Fountain Nsg Home

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Carol Jo & Don Domesick.....Carole Springgate
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty’s Family
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance’s daughter

Mary Brown	Bill McClintock	Dave Cordes	Chuck Gable
Gary Ralston	Mary Brinkley	Andy Torrez	Carol Bryant
Dale Bailey	Torrie Kruse	Emmett Fitzgerald	Jessica Sutphin
Janet Vandegriff	Jennifer Hopkins	Pat Slayton	Steven Wilfong
Pat Gorman	Verlene Schwalb	Hannah Paul	David Sanford

The families of Buck Hamer, Doris Watkins, Doug Waggoner

All who need prayers not mentioned but are in our hearts.

For ESPC: Courage, Unfailing Strength, Wisdom, Patience and Reinforced Faith

Please let me know if any of these people can be taken off of our prayer list.

Please call the church office at 466-5421

Thanks Marj