

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Announcements

April's Mission Focus will support our Fort Wayne seminary's clothing and food co-op. We will receive a special offering on the last Sunday of the month (April 28) in support of this mission effort. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd, and ear-marked for the Ft. Wayne Co-op. In addition, the co-op is glad to receive donations of gently used clothing, household goods, and non-perishable food items. Thanks for whatever support the Lord enables you to give.

Today's Coffee Hour has been sponsored in celebration of all April birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, and wedding anniversaries. Those celebrating those events this month are shown in the list on the "coffee table" in the fellowship hall. This has been sponsored by Russ Davis, who wants to continue to recognize these monthly anniversaries on the third Sunday of each month. Thanks, Russ! Our next such commemoration will be on May 19.

Our Wednesday Morning Bible Class will begin a study of the Epistle of James this Wednesday (April 24). We will then break for one week (while Pr. Scott attends the English District Church Workers Conference in Zionsville, Indiana), and pick-up again on May 8. All are welcome.

The Ascension of Our Lord (May 9) is the next major (and perhaps the most neglected) Church festival, celebrating the culmination of our Lord's triumph as He, our human brother, is seated at the right hand of God. Join us as we celebrate this glorious event and are strengthened by what it means for us, His people. We will gather for an Ascension Day Divine Service at 7 PM. We will also hold **our next Semi-Shut-In Divine Service** that afternoon at 2 PM. You are welcome to join us for either service. If you intend to come to the afternoon service, please notify Carolyn Thielman so that adequate preparations can be made.

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Life Quotes: "Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*