

# Chi Rho ✠

April & May 2024



**Ascension Lutheran Church  
1479 Morse Road  
Columbus, OH 43229**

## Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton | Easter 2024

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That’s where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It’s so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He’d announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — *phobos*. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — *ekstasis*. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they’ve had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They’ve heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they’re too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus’ dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it’s all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing’s changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn’t make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, *ekstasis* — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, *phobos*, phobia we get from that. But it’s really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it’s very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It’s *ELW* 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we’ll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.



God is saying to  
you today.. stay strong,  
I am your strength.

I see what you're dealing  
with and I will bring you through.  
Trust me through each storm, I have  
never left you before and I won't  
leave you now. Better days are  
coming. Trust me.



## This month we spotlight Amanda Wiesehan



Amanda joined Ascension Lutheran Church in 2014, and is an active member of both the choir and Ascending Tones. She also teaches the confirmation class and is serving as vice-chair of the Worship & Music Committee. Amanda has two older sisters, two nieces and two nephews. She grew up in Northwest Ohio, graduated from Tinora High School and attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in history. She is currently a high school math teacher at Focus Learning Academy Southwest. In the summer she works in the gift shops at the Columbus Zoo. In her spare time she enjoys playing piano, reading, and completing both jigsaw puzzles and sudoku puzzles.





# UNDERSTAND *the Beauty of* ...THE BEATITUDES...

The way to blessedness is opposite of the world's thinking. Here are Christ's promises to faithful believers in the Gospel.

1

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

THOSE  
ACKNOWLEDGING  
THEIR NEED FOR  
JESUS



*will be  
welcomed in  
His presence.*

2

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 (ESV)

THOSE  
SORROWFUL  
OVER THEIR  
SIN



*will be comforted  
by Christ's  
forgiveness.*

3

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5 (ESV)

THOSE  
EXERCISING  
HUMILITY



*will reign with  
Christ in eternity.*

4

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Matthew 5:6 (ESV)

THOSE  
OBEYING  
GOD'S WORD



*will be at peace  
with God.*

5

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

THOSE  
MERCIFUL TO  
OTHERS



*will receive  
God's mercy.*

6

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8 (ESV)

THOSE MADE  
NEW IN CHRIST



*will behold God  
in heaven.*

7

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 (ESV)

THOSE  
SEEKING  
GOOD FOR ALL



*will be  
considered godly.*

8

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..." Matthew 5:10-11 (ESV)

THOSE PERSECUTED  
FOR FAITH  
IN JESUS



*will be exalted in  
His Kingdom.*



## Remember in Prayer Hospital/Rehab

- Eric Freece

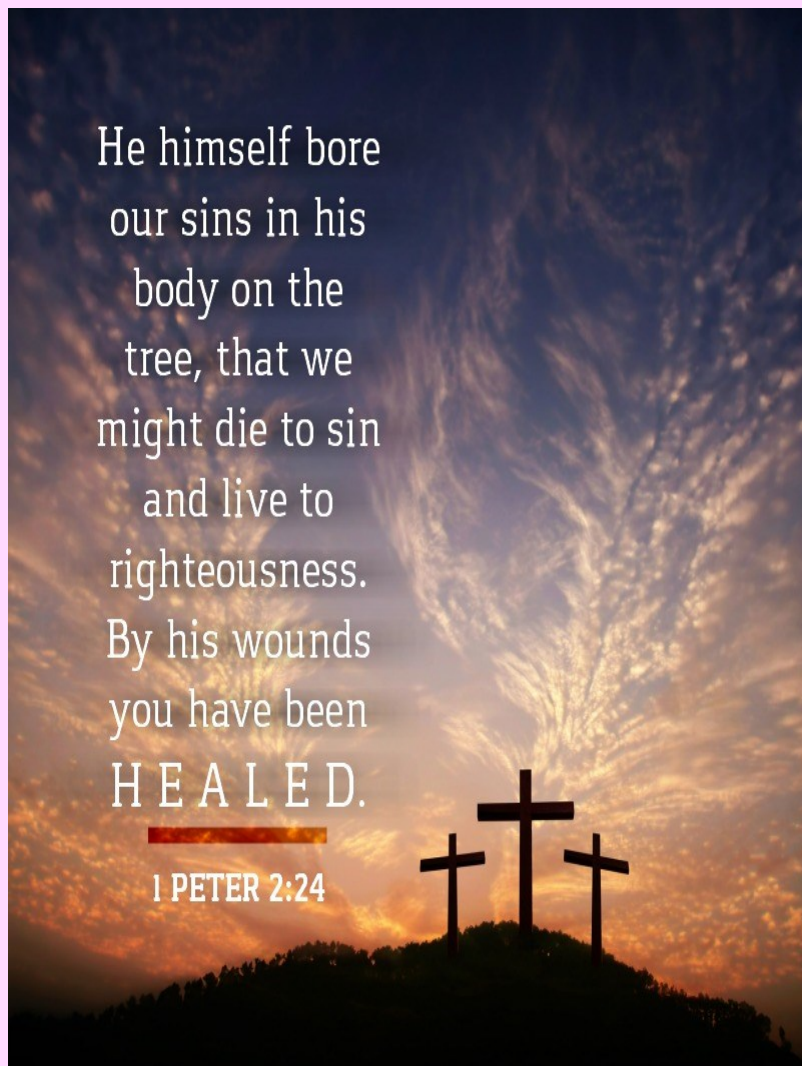
## Remember in Prayer

- Tom Huss
- Kathy & Howie Kerchner
- Pastor Ron Huff
- Judy Stark
- Jim Kelley
- Terry Stohr
- Joe Riggs
- Kathy McDaniel
- Mike & Sharla White
- Connie Scalfaro  
(family of Jim Mead)
- Pat Papadopoulos
- Douglas Battenberg (Sandy  
Nicholson's Brother)
- Chris Blaesing (Vicki Blaesing's  
Son)
- Marilyn Sullivan
- Sandy Baker
- Myron Miller
- Lisa Billing
- Mary (Jim Mead's Mother-in-Law)
- Sharla White
- Linda Roy
- Wayne Miller

## Prayer Chain:

For confidential prayer requests, submit your requests to the prayer chain; Jim Kelley (614) 893-2047. If you wish to have your prayers included in Sunday's intercessory prayer, please email the church office.

Prayers in the bulletin will remain for 30 days. If you would like to remain on the Sunday prayers, please contact the church office.



**The Gift of Eternal Life has been given to:**

Carol Fretz

Vicki Swartz

Carol Schmidt

# Good Morning Prayer

Lord,

I ask that you inspire me always to do my best - not comparing myself with others, but only with myself. Lead me, Lord, to discover and use my own talents to the full. May I live in such a way that I help others to experience success.

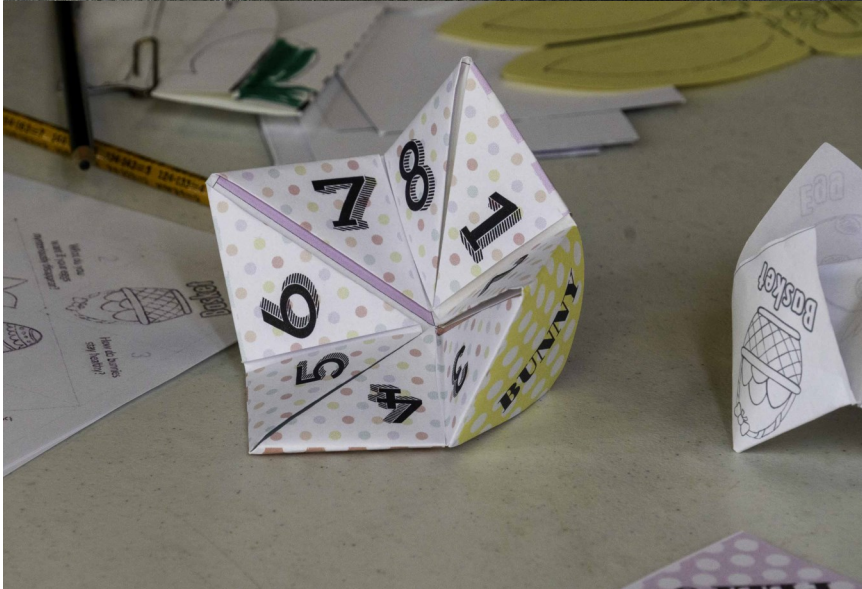
Inspire me to be generous in praising others for the good use of their abilities - looking not so much at the degree of achievement but at the effort put in.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

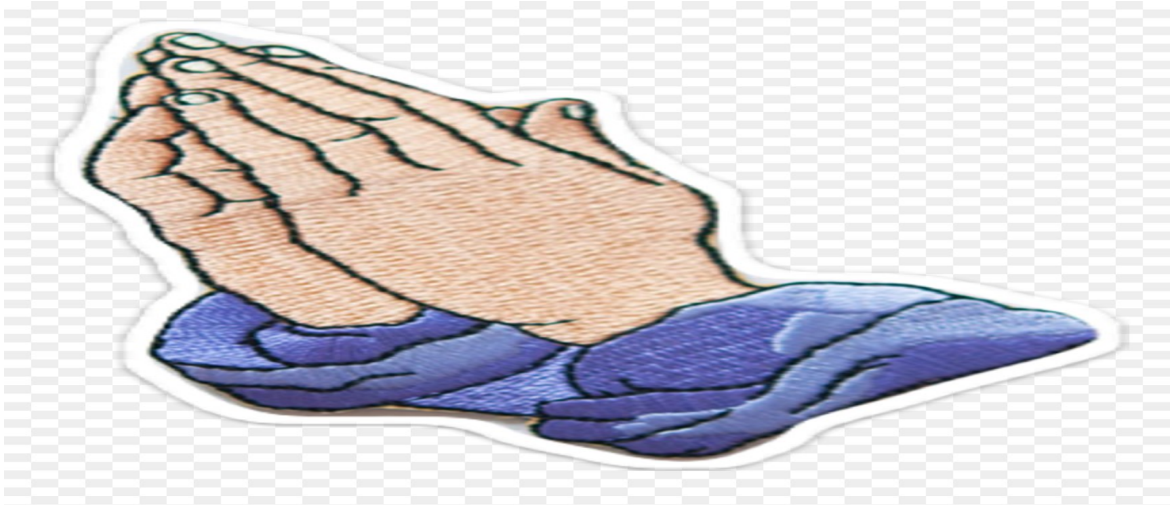
AW1



# The 2024 Easter Egg Hunt was a big success! A big Thank You to Pat Abele and all the volunteers!







### **Prayer for Help**

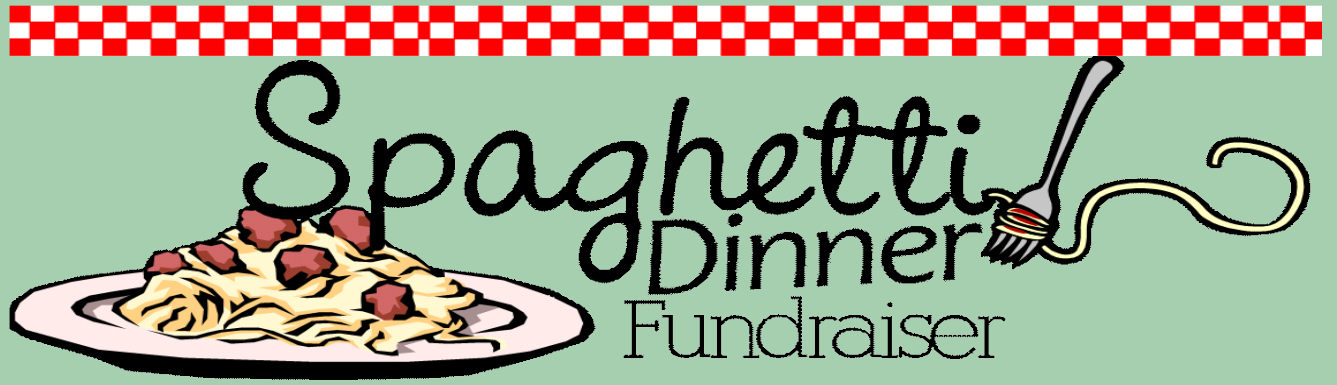
God in Heaven, my soul is downcast within me. Life is stripping me of all strength. For those who seek You, You are their God of help. You do not sleep, and You keep us safe. What help and encouragement these words are. Thank you for preserving me from evil and defending my soul unto salvation. Nothing on this earth can strip that promise from me. Thank you for this blessed hope! Amen.

### **Prayer for Hope**

Lord, my Hope, my soul is dark and hopeless. I am before You seeking the help I should have asked You for long ago. Forgive me, for trusting in anything but You. In Your Word, You said that Your thoughts toward me are of peace, for a future, and a hope. Lord, thank you for thinking toward me at all. Let Your promises penetrate the deepest recesses of my soul and well up Your hope within me. Amen.

### **Prayer for Strength**

O Mighty God, You are the everlasting God. You alone give power to the weak and strength to those who have none. Lord, You tell me that those who wait on You will renew their strength. I am before You Lord, with my arms outstretched and nothing to offer but my trust in You. My trial is draining me, and without Your intervention, I cannot go forward. Amen.



**AT**

Ascension Lutheran Church 1479 Morse Road

April 26, 2024

From 4:30-7:30 PM

**To Benefit Our**

***Community Children's Programs***

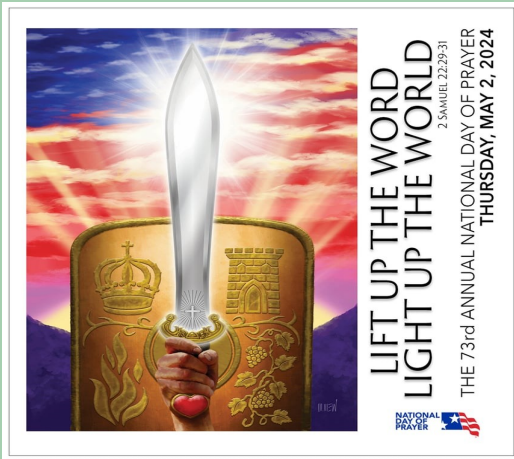
**COST: \$12.00 Adult/\$6.00 Children Under 12**

**MENU: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread/  
Butter, Drinks**

***(Our Extremely Delicious Desserts are  
Extra) JOIN US***

**Carry Out & Gluten Free Available**

# National Day of Prayer 2024



National Day of Prayer will be observed on May 2, 2024. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. The modern law formalizing its annual observance was enacted in 1952, although it has historical origins to a mandate by George Washington, the first president of the United States.

## PRAYER GATHERING AT ASCENSION - Every Wednesday



The prayer gathering is a time to be still, a time to get to know God, a time for prayers of intervention for those in need. Ascension invites you to an in-person prayer time in the east narthex at 11:00 AM every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome!

## SHEPHERDS & SAINTS

Ascension has many Shepherds who volunteer their time to visit those who are sick in the hospital or homebound.

Shepherds demonstrate Christ's caring love and offer spiritual support in a time of need. Shepherds will talk with you, listen to you, and pray with you. Shepherds are also commissioned to bring Communion to you where you are, if you wish.

If you need home/hospital visits and/or communion, please contact Fred or Ruth Ann Helser.





## **COME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**We welcome all to join Ascension Lutheran in-pew at Ascension, as well as online, for worship and connection.**

**Worship begins at 10:00 AM whether you choose to be in a pew at Ascension or you want to join us live on Facebook:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionLutheranChurch>**

**Or by visiting Ascension's Website at [www.ascension-columbus.org](http://www.ascension-columbus.org)**

## **Columbus & Surrounding Areas Upcoming Events**

### **Euro Bike Nights at Grandview Yard**

Euro Bike Lovers unite! On the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from April through September**, join fellow European bike enthusiasts in Grandview for **Euro Bike Nights** from 6 – 9 pm at Hofbrauhaus in Grandview Yard.

All bikes are welcome, including motorcycles and scooters, and the event is free. This Bike Night is a family-friendly event (but please watch the kids around these expensive bikes!), so bring the family and enjoy some Hofbrauhaus cuisine while you're down there.

Hofbrauhaus  
800 Goodale Blvd  
Columbus, OH 43212-3825

### **Dawes Arboretum Arbor Day Festival and Spring Plant Sale**

**The Dawes Arboretum Spring Plant Sale and Arbor Day Festival is Saturday, April 27, 2024** from 10am – 2pm.

**Admission is free** all day thanks to presenting sponsor Park National Bank! Celebrate all things trees with hands-on activities, a tree giveaway (while supplies last), tree climbing, music and more!

Choose from a selection of plants for spring planting, especially native plants that are perfect for growing in Ohio landscapes.

The Spring Plant sale includes trees, shrubs, and annuals, while supplies last!

There will also be food trucks to purchase food such as Roaming Rooster, Ernie's Donuts, Lynettes Country BBQ, Tic Tac Taco, and Conservation Coffee. (all subject to change)

### **Monthly Pancake Breakfast at Westerville Senior Center**

If you have a free morning on the **first Wednesday of the month**, head to [Westerville Senior Center](#) for the monthly **Pancake Breakfast!**

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage and eggs, coffee and orange juice and is served from 7:30 am – 10 am. It's just \$5 at the door.

It's cheaper than fast food, and community events are a great way to stay connected with others.

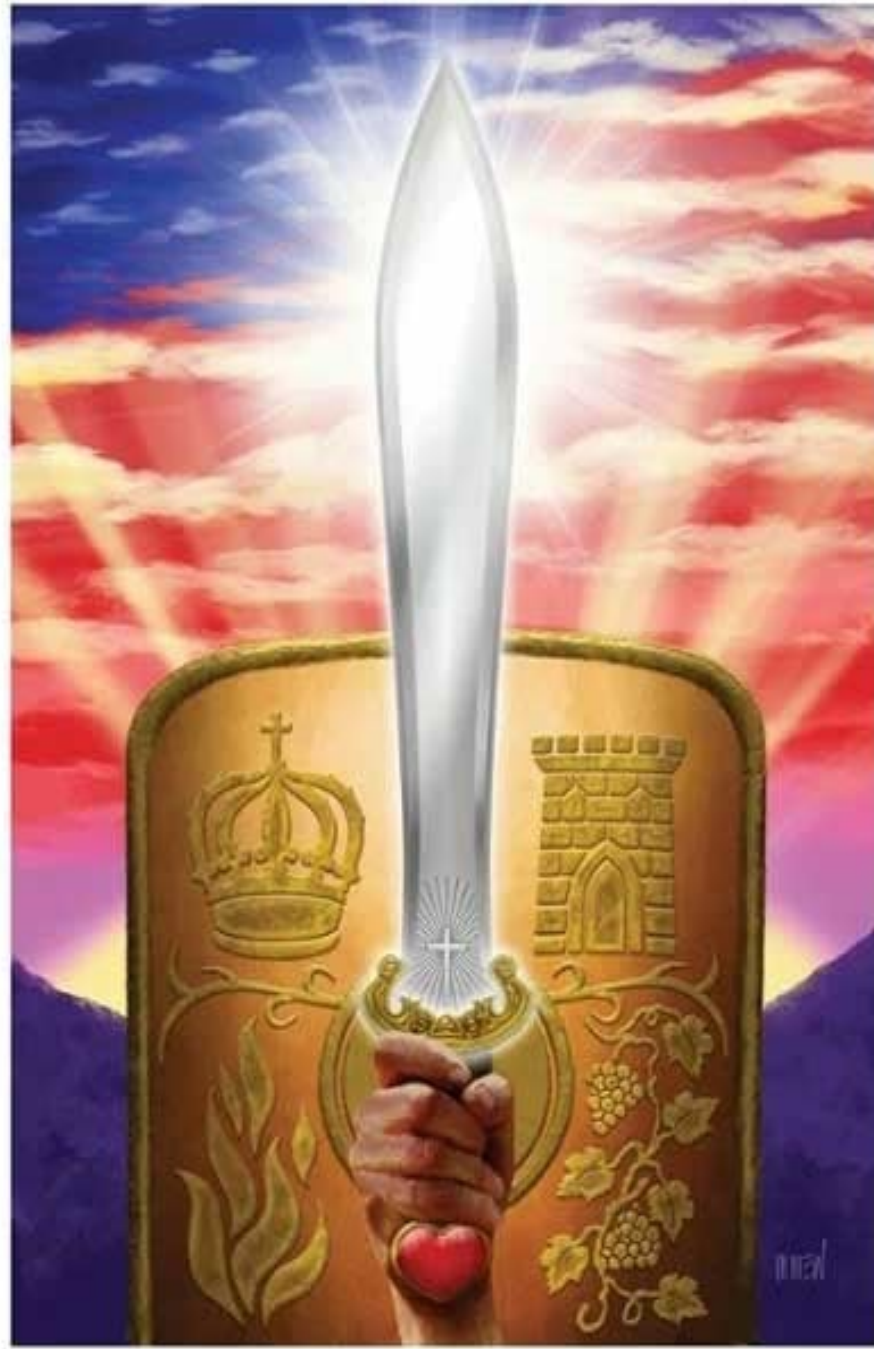
### **2024 Dates**

**April 3**  
**May 1**  
**June 5**

**July 3**  
**August 7**  
**September 4**

**October 2**  
**November 6**  
**December 4**





# LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



Prayables



Pray,  
HE IS THERE,  
Speak,  
HE IS  
Listening.  
YOU ARE HIS CHILD,

His love now surrounds you.

SHE WAS IN DEEP DESPAIR AND SHE CRIED  
BITTERLY TO THE LORD.  
1 Samuel 1:10



## Living Hope Ministries in Haiti January-February 2024 Newsletter



# The LHM 2023 Annual Report

Just when you think Haiti has had enough, the situation worsens: increase in gang wars, road blockages, continual political unrest, and instability. Our fuel: gas, diesel, and propane is almost out. We have food shortages and limited access to go anywhere. Our entire area is blocked; the only way in and out is by foot, generally walking with hands above your head in front of the gangs with their weapons pulled. We have a couple brave people that go and get us supplies as locally as possible and usually hand carry them in.

They have said that over 150,000 Haitians have left the country this year on the Biden program. For example, the general hospital in Port-au-Prince has published that over 80% of their employees have left. Banks stated that over 40% of their employees have left. It seems that every office and business in Haiti has lost vital personnel.

### **Zion Church – Haiti**

We continue to use homemade hand sanitizer and assure a safe and healthy distancing of the children in the church services. Actually, this even helps to keep the misbehaving to a minimum! During the summer (and times when school can't function), our attendance drops to 100-200. When school is in session, we have 200-300+ weekly in Sunday services.

The last 6 months of 2023 we felt it necessary to cancel Sunday school due to the gang activities in our area. We haven't been able to have any special events (such as the Christmas concerts, VBS, or Seminars) due to all the unrest and problems in our local area. We have church service at 8am and then have hospitality (bread, juice, or coffee). Many of the children and youth are hungry and need the bread and juice. Also, in the last 6 months of 2023, we held baptism classes after the church service. On Dec. 30th, we baptized 6 people as they confessed their faith in Jesus Christ. We also had a wedding and 2 child presentations in 2023.

The choir was functioning well, but the last 6 months, we had to place it on hold since it was too dangerous for the choir director to be here and try to head home through the gang areas.

We have had 2 adults accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior this year. Several others have returned to faith and have begun to attend church here.

We continue the twice-weekly interactive Bible Studies with 20-30 people of all ages in attendance. We have had to change the times to 3 or 3:30 pm so people can get home before dark safely.

The women's group has between 12-18 members and meets on Wednesdays at 3 or 3:30 PM. The women's co-op continues to enable each woman to have a business or grow an existing business. We continue to study the women of the Bible. We see many women of the Bible either start out bad and turn their lives around, or start well and end bad. So, we are trying to learn from their stories and nurture healthy, growing relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have continued to assist many people and members with funds for medicines, Dr. visits, education, food, and housing, etc. The need has increased even more with the rising prices and lack of access to many things.

We have been assisting 12 youth in higher education in high school and university.

### **Primary School**

The 2023-24 school year has already been a tough year for students, families, and staff. Due to the increase of local gang activity and barricades, some families have left the area for safety. Others, depending on the daily situation, decide whether or not to send their students. Also, we have had to close the school periodically due to local unrest and problems. The political instability has motivated some families to leave our area due to it being a hot spot.



All the 2<sup>nd</sup> second graders are in music classes with recorders, and they love it. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders then choose either 2nd year Recorder or 1<sup>st</sup> year Embroidery. These classes are being held during their regular school day. Both classes operate at the same time for 2- 3 hours once a week. We see the students learning and

advancing.

Besides the regular academics, we continue the practical hands-on classes: 1<sup>st</sup> grade – paper art; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – plastic canvas lacing; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls – basic sewing; boys – shop with wood; 4<sup>th</sup> grade – cooking; 5<sup>th</sup> grade – crochet; and 6<sup>th</sup> grade – string art. Mary Jane teaches the crochet and shop classes weekly and fills in as needed on the other classes.

All 4<sup>th</sup> graders go into the afternoon trade school classes or Saturday music classes. Of course, drum and violin are the most popular music classes with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Sewing and cooking are the most popular with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the trade school.

Berline, the school director, flew to the USA to visit family and vacation for a period of time. Her trip to the airport went through several different gang areas; she often had to walk in front of armed gangs.

### Trade School

All the trade school classes have opened on time, but we are forced to have shorter days due to students traveling in to come to classes. Some are unable to safely make it to their classes. We have 6 Sewing and Tailoring classes, 2 Embroidery classes, 2 Welding & Ironwork classes, 3 Cooking & Baking classes, 3 Business classes, and 1 Technique Design class for all 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. All music classes are offered for 3 years: Keyboard, Guitar (Ukulele, Classic, and Bass), Drums & Percussion, Violin, Saxophone, Clarinet, and Trumpet.

Again, our students did an excellent job in their governmental exams. Many of our graduates and current students have already found positions in their trades or are creating their own businesses. It is really exciting to be a part of their progress and success

We have 15 graduate students teaching in the trade school. All office staff are graduates of the trade school. Also, Mary Jane & Abukuk have been working together to update and improve the music curriculums. Andris still teaches as needed in the welding, cooking, and other classes, including math, geometry, and other basic life skills. And he oversees the entire mission. Mary Jane continues to teach as needed in the cooking and embroidery classes and works in administration.

### Other things

The 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec., sister Cam from Mariani 4 walked in with her 3 live-in staff and orphanage children (18) ranging from 3 to 26 yrs. old. They were forced leave to find somewhere to safely stay while their area was being evacuated due to lots of gang activity. We immediately put them up and cleaned up the guesthouse for them to use during this difficult time for them. They have adapted well, and our staff has been helping out with preparing food for them 3 times a day.

### Major Improvements

We added a primary school cement sidewalk and place for the students to stand for flag ceremony instead of the muddy paths and areas. We finished the mission perimeter wall. Wow! It really changed the appearance of the entrance of the mission. We also constructed the Gathering Center, and what a blessing it truly is! It is used for the primary school cafeteria; the waiting area for parents, for the office, and students waiting for their classes. It is also the place for trade school devotions, Bible Studies, and womens' meetings, etc.

### Upcoming Activities and Teams

We will receive visitors again as soon as the country is safe and more stable. We have had no visitors in 2023 due to the insecurity.

But visit us online for updates. Let us know your team information; we would love to schedule you in when conditions allow.

### Future Construction Plans/Ideas

As soon as the local area improves we will begin the "Bridging the Community" project with the startup funds we have receive for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of this much needed project.

Our dream projects are to construct a small library and cyber space for our students and those in the community. There are none available within 5-7 miles. We would try to stock it with books in French, Creole, and English. We would have internet hook-up and some computers on site for research and homework, with 1-2 printers present. This would be a place for the local students of all ages to come and do research and study with lights, tables, and chairs present. We would staff the library, and there would be strict rules for participating in the library center and loaning books out. Also, eventually, we would like to construct a science lab building and a computer lab for our primary students. We would also like to run double sessions of trade school classes: one in the mornings and one in the afternoons.

Please continue to pray for the students and staff of LHM for safety, protection, provisions, and that they can continue their education without fear and interruptions. We cherish your prayers for strength, favor, and endurance for Andris, Mary Jane, and the staff of LHM. Please also pray for the safety and protection of the Prime Minister and the people of Haiti. Pray for the forgiveness of the leaders, gangs, and all people in Haiti, and that God will change the situation of Haiti in His way and will.



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# GLOBAL MISSION



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Right now, thanks to support from donors such as you, over 130 ELCA missionaries are at work in 41 countries. These missionaries are meeting the needs of their neighbors as pastors, teachers, health care workers, communicators and more. Most importantly, they are forming the deep relationships that connect us as a global community of faith.

The new, interactive [Global Mission Personnel directory](#) gives you the opportunity to get to know these missionaries a little better. It also allows you to see some of the ways they walk alongside our companions around the world



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If you have any questions about the 2024 directory or any of our Global Mission work, please reach out to us at [GlobalChurch@elca.org](mailto:GlobalChurch@elca.org). We would love to hear from you. Thank you for your commitment to your neighbors in Christ, near and far!

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**National Poppy Day®**  
**Friday, May 24, 2024**



Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day.

**On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.**

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

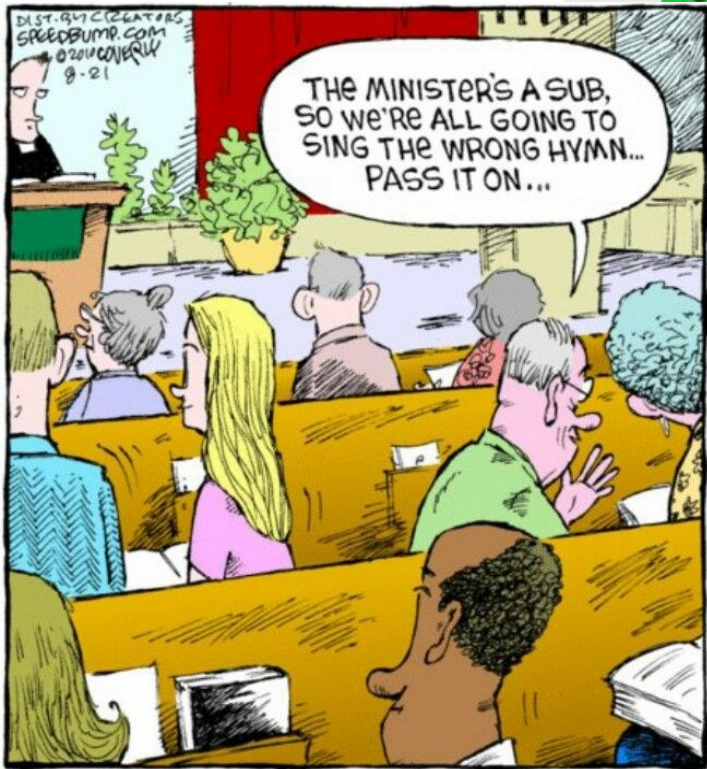


**“In Flanders Fields”**

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed by those who fought and those who continue to fight for our country following the publication of the wartime poem “In Flanders Fields.” The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front line in World War I, to honor soldiers killed in battle.

<https://www.legion-aux.org/national-poppy-day>

# Funnies



## EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV

## ASCENSION'S LITTLE PANTRY



We continue to fill our Little Pantry, located outside in front of Ascension. Could you please donate single-serving food items to provide to our neighbors? Thank you to those who are already donating on a regular basis.

Accepted donations of the following in single-serve packages: nuts/peanuts; beef sticks; dried fruit; granola bars; Lance crackers; individual fruit cups; bottled water; raisin boxes. Thank you to those who continue to support our pantry.

# Prayer of Gratitude

Thank You, Lord, for abundance that is making my life richer, for blessings filling my life now. Thank You for loving me and being with me right where I am, and for divine ideas that are helping me prosper in a continuous way in every area of my life, now, and in the future.



**Ingrid Robb's memorial stone is in the garden next to the tree right in front of the office.**



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One of our members actually got the above for his mother. He said it works well.



# B I B L E

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When men fail you.....	Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	Psalm 51
When you have worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	1 Cor. 13
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God .....	Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns.....	Mark 10
How to get along with fellowmen.....	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity.....	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful.....	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty.....	Psalm 37
If your losing confidence in people.....	1Cor. 13
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Psalm 126
If you find the world growing small, and you great.....	Psalm 19

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