

Alleluia! Lutheran Church, 4055 S. Book Rd., Naperville, IL 60564

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Our Mission: To enable all to come, connect and commit to Jesus.

April 2016

Alleluia! NEWS

Gala-luia!

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

6:30PM

SUPPORT THE MISSIONS & MINISTRIES OF ALLELUIA!

ENJOY AN EXQUISITE EVENING OF ADULT FELLOWSHIP FEATURING:
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

PLATED ENTRÉE AND DESSERT

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS USING NEW ELECTRONIC BIDDING SYSTEM.

"AFTER FIVE" ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED

\$50 PER TICKET (\$60 PER TICKET AFTER APRIL 10)

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT
ALLELUIALUTHERAN.ORG UNDER "MY ALLELUIA!"

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SPECIAL RESERVATION NEEDS,
CONTACT LAURA BOWLER AT LBOWLER@ALLELUIALUTHERAN.ORG.

News & Notes from Pastor Tim



DEAR FRIENDS...

LENT, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER

I love this church! Spring break for our school districts, starting on Good Friday, could not keep thousands of people from worshiping on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Weekend! Over 2,200 worshipers came Thursday through Sunday! Alleluia!

Here are some pictures of our worship life over these four days together...



Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper



Pastor Mark shares the story of Good Friday at The Good Friday Family & Children's Event.



Maundy Thursday Drama



Participants enjoyed a craft and snack at The Good Friday Family & Children's Event.



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS IN APRIL: BIG FAITH QUESTIONS!

There are big questions of faith that Christians and non-Christians have. While clean and simple answers aren't always available, the Bible gives us things to think about and pray over when we ask the tough questions of faith. This series will ask some tough questions, and seek insights from God's Word in wrestling with them.

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| Apr 2/3 | Big Faith Questions – Can I Have Doubts and Still Be a Christian? |
| Apr 9/10 | Big Faith Questions – Aren't All Religions the Same? |
| Apr 16/17 | Big Faith Questions – Can Christianity and Science Co-Exist? |
| Apr 23/24 | Big Faith Questions – Why Does God Allow Suffering? |

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

When I sit back and think about the many volunteers it takes for a church our size, I am amazed at how we always step up and do ministry for one another! Thank you, especially, to every usher, greeter, communion assistant, musician, vocalist, actor, tech booth volunteer, etc. for your time and talents put into an amazing Palm Sunday through Easter!

PLEASE REMEMBER ALLELUIA! THIS SPRING...

Spring can be a very busy season for many. With this in mind, please remember Alleluia! with your generous and faithful giving as the seasons change. I encourage you to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your tithes and offerings. I know Kathy and I use this and we like how it keeps us faithful, as well as gives God our first-fruits giving. You can also make an online gift to Alleluia! by clicking [HERE](#) to continue to our secure website. Thank you for your financial gifts!

Compassion Weekend May 7/8

Alleluia! is partnering with Compassion to launch a new Child Development Center called Nueva Sion (New Zion) in Santa Maria del Valle, outside of Huanuco, Peru. A team from Alleluia! visited with Pastor Felix and a few of his leaders in November to hear their plans and passion for serving their impoverished community. The funds from Alleluia!'s designated mission account will provide start up costs and 3 months of services for 120 children to receive tutoring, health services, food and other necessities, and hope through the message of God's love.

These children now await sponsors to continue supporting them and to further share in their hopes and dreams. Alleluia! members have first dibs on sponsoring these children. Packets will be available during Compassion Weekend, as well as currently [online](#) and at our new Compassion Display in the Gathering Area.



Pastor Mark with Pastor Felix and one of his leaders in front of their one classroom. Children will gather in homes until two more classrooms can be built.



Jasmin and Carlos, two of the children at Nueva Sion Child Development Center awaiting a sponsor.

What's involved as a Compassion sponsor?

- ◆ Choose a child to sponsor during Compassion Weekend
- ◆ Or, click [HERE](#) to see Jasmin, Carlos and other children from Nueva Sion and begin sponsoring today!
- ◆ Commit \$38/month (provides for their participation in the local Compassion program)
- ◆ Write to your sponsored child to encourage them
- ◆ Receive letters from your child at least 3x/year
- ◆ You may choose to give additional gifts throughout the year (B-day/Christmas/etc.)
- ◆ Pray for your sponsored child

Eagle Scout Project adds visibility to Compassion Mission

Dozens of Boy Scouts have completed their Eagle Scout projects at Alleluia! The latest project, by David Rodriguez, depicts the outline of South America and contains images from Alleluia!'s Compassion sites in Huanuco, Peru. The display has the ability to be constantly changing, display letters and pictures from children sponsored by Alleluia! Members, and contains digital frames which scroll images from Alleluia!'s Compassion sites as well as children currently awaiting sponsors.



21ST ANNUAL ALLELUIA! DINNER AND AUCTION

“Gala-luia”

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD, 6:30PM

DONATION REQUEST

Need Ideas? Look below to stir those creative juices!

Time: Could you? Spring clean a yard, paint a room?

Talent: Can you? Prepare a special meal; repair drywall; do an electrical or plumbing project; sew; make custom floral or craft items, help build a deck, put together a “themed” gift basket?

Treasures: Would you give? Tickets to a play, show or sporting event; a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant/store; an autographed item; an antique; a collectible item; a new household item, or something from your business or employer? How about a week at your vacation home?

We will accept donations through April 10th. Donated items can be brought to the church office. All donation request forms received by April 5th will be listed in our auction brochure.

Questions? Contact Laura Bowler at 630-904-3311, x245. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone/email: _____

Description and Estimated Value of Donated Item(s):

Please be specific, especially for Service Donations (i.e. 3 hours of yard clean up w/value of \$\$)



THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR VALERIE BROMENSCHENKEL, APRIL 3rd

Valerie has resigned from her Children’s Ministry Director position. We would like to honor her, and give thanks to God for her 12 years of service in children’s and youth ministries at Alleluia! This reception will take place in the Gathering Area on the morning of Sunday, April 3rd. Please join us!

Children's Ministry



Church School for
Preschool—5th Grade
Registration is ongoing!

Church School is offered during Saturday, 5pm; Sunday, 9 & 10:15 services.

VBS: Vacation Bible School

Save the Date: June 13-17, 2016

Session I: 9am-12noon—Click [HERE](#) to register online

Session II: 1pm-4pm—Click [HERE](#) to register online

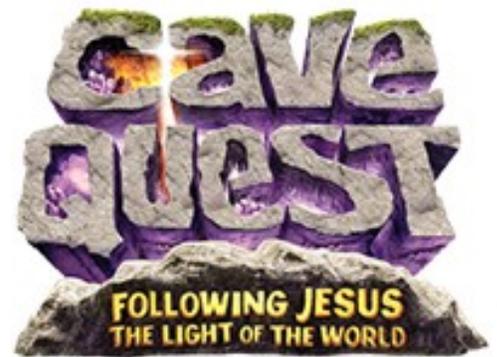


VOLUNTEER!

Be a spelunker with us!

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer for session I

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer for session II



Coming in May!

“Experiencing the Psalms”

A 4-week study with Pastor Tammy
(May 1, 8, 15, 22)

The Psalms are a rich collection of prayers covering every human emotion. They teach us how to be honest with God. In this 4-week study, you will learn how to embrace the Psalms and make them your own. This study is for both new believers and those mature in faith.

Join us in the Community Room at 10:15am. Breakfast pastries and coffee will be provided.

It's not too late to be an Alpha Kitchen Worker!

This is a great opportunity to give back and have fun in the process! Please consider signing up for a shift-- you will be glad you did!



Alpha



Click [HERE](#) for more info and a list of available dates and times.

Music Notes for April

SPECIAL THANKS to all of the musicians who rehearsed for 6 weeks for our Good Friday Service and Easter Services. Thanks for the commitment to Him!

- **"Bible Twist"** will be performed by the J.C. & Faith Choirs on Sunday, April 24th at 3pm in the sanctuary. You can sit in the green, yellow, blue, or red section. You'll be busy during the musical. They're presenting four stories from the Bible with lots of adult and children participation! It's an amazing "interaction!" Please contact Michele Nelson at sevatson@wowway.com with any questions.

Please check out our music page by clicking [HERE](#). There are numerous musical activities for all ages!



Thursday, May 5th

NATIONAL Day of PRAYER – the 65th annual National Day of Prayer (established by Congress in 1952) will be observed on Thursday, May 5th from 12 noon - 1pm at the Naperville Municipal Building, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, IL. This year's theme is "Wake Up America," taken from Isaiah 58:1.

Pastors and community leaders will lead us in prayer for eight different areas. Worship and special music will also be included. Mayor Chirico will be present to welcome us. Attendance and parking are free. Please come and join your neighbors in praying for our country.

For more information, visit the website: www.nationaldayofprayer.org or call 815-436-7088. This observance is sponsored by the Naperville Chapter of Concerned Women for America, www.cwfa.org.

ACT FOR COMPASSION CONFERENCE

Join others from Alleluia! and the community for the "Act for Compassion Conference" April 15 & 16 at Community Christian Church in Naperville. Compassion alumnus Ben Mwangi from Kenya and other guests will inspire you with their stories. Music and hands-on activities will also enrich the experience. All are welcome and there is content designed specifically for children and teens throughout the day on April 16. Cost is only \$15 per adult and children under 18 are free.

Contact [Pastor Mark](#) or [Gary Zoet](#) with questions.

Complete details and registration can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

Employment Opportunity ~ Join the Alleluia! Team

Children's Ministry Director. The Children's Ministry Director oversees Pre-K through 5th Grade ministries, and supervises the Assistant Children's Ministry Director. This a 3/4-time position. To see the Job Description, visit our website under "Resources." Applicants may send a Cover Letter and Resume' to Pastor Tim Housholder at thousholder@alleluialutheran.org.

April Worship Volunteer Reminders

5:00pm Worship

Usher: Alan Cook

Communion: Kellie Kunz (Dawn DeSart will sub on 4/9).

Greeters: 4/2 Keith and Judy Olson, 4/9 Teresa and Kevin Zahora, 4/16 Dave and Teresa Bishop,
4/23 Dawn DeSart and Kathryn Kennedy, 4/30 Dawn DeSart and Kathryn Kennedy

Welcome Center: 4/2 Kellie Kunz, 4/9 Dawn DeSart, 4/16 Kellie Kunz, 4/23 Kellie Kunz, 4/30 Kellie Kunz

Lector: Andrea Jacob

9:00am Worship:

Ushers: Dale Goetz, Nick Bryan, Bill Haas, John Fishbeck (Larry Weber on 4/3)

Welcome Center: 4/3 Viki Haneberg, 4/10 Lori Lampe, 4/17 Viki Haneberg, 4/24 Lori Lampe

Greeters: 4/3 Judy Belva/Lynn Gilbert, 4/10 Suzanne Storoe/Viki Haneberg, 4/17 Sarah Dietz/Bob Kristy,
4/24 Viki Haneberg/Sarah Dietz

Communion Servers: Peter Vethanayagamony, Viki Haneberg, Jan Hammersley, Gail Wheeler, Cheryl Butler,
Bob Kristy (when all 3 pastors can't serve)

Altar: 4/3 Judy Belva, 4/10 John Loy, 4/17 Sue Haupt, 4/24 Laurie Cottrill

Lectors: 4/3 Kathy Grippio, 4/10 John Wheeler, 4/17 Kathy Grippio, 4/24 Dan Stolle

10:15 Worship:

Ushers:

4/3 Ryan Glassman, Kelly Cunningham, Dan Margosian, Dan Roach

4/10 Roger Russell, Ryan Glassman, Kelly Cunnighman, Dan Margosian

4/17 Roger Russell, Dan Margosian, Dan Roach, Sean Huenecke

4/24 David Doherty, Ryan Glassman, Sean Huenecke, _____

Lectors: 4/3 Kelly Cunningham, 4/10 Joel Fulgham, 4/17 Bonnie McNeil, 4/24 Adrian Knowles

Welcome Center: 4/3 Liz Vesta, 4/10 Christy Russell, 4/17 Christy Russell, 4/24 Cathy Fulgham

Greeters: 4/3 Mary Hale/Megan Amos, 4/10 Betty Kennel/Megan Amos, 4/17 Lori Bauer/Rick Jasien,
4/24 Betty Kennel, Megan Amos

Communion Servers: Deb Bostjancic, Bonnie McNeil (when all 3 pastors can't serve), Darcy Jasien,
Carol French, Joel Fulgham, Terri Rotheiser (Sherry Tietz will sub on 4/10)

Altar Guild: Deb Bostjancic

Build Friendships and Strengthen your Connections!

Volunteer while at the worship service you attend!

Please click [HERE](#) to view worship volunteer opportunities and/or to sign up.

Please email Lori Juliot if you can help!

All are invited to serve. It's a perfect way to connect with others at Alleluia!

There are many opportunities for May and summer!

Questions? Contact Lori Juliot at lorisuej88@gmail.com

The Spring Scrap-n-Stamp is May 7th!



Scrapbookers, cardmakers, and all other crafters (yes, even those who have been bitten by the "adult coloring" bug) are welcome to join us!

The event goes from 9am-11 pm and is held in the CLC. Your \$40 entrance fee covers your own 6 foot table, lunch, dinner, a free giveaway, and access to awesome deals on silent auction items.

The Scrap-n-Stamp is an event run by women, for women. Attendees enjoy time they have carved out of their busy schedules to work on their craft while visiting with other women of faith. The event also raises funds for two worthy causes: Lifespring Ministry in Aurora, a shelter for victims of domestic violence, and our own Alleluia! Women's Retreat.

Registration closes April 30th. Contact Darcy Jasien, djasien@alleluialutheran.org with questions, or signup online by clicking [HERE](#).

Want to Play Some Softball?

Luther's Hammers is the name of Alleluia!'s two softball teams. Men and women, ages 14/freshman and older are welcome to join us either in the Naperville Church Softball league (Saturdays) or the Wheatland Church Softball League (midweek). Both leagues begin in May and run through early August. Practice will be held once a week beginning in April. Fill out the bulletin insert or contact Pastor Mark at prmark@alleluialutheran.org to express interest.



Your Alleluia! Church Council members may be contacted via council@alleluialutheran.org

Andrea Jacob (Term Exp 2/17)

Chuck Schaefer (Term Exp 2/17)

Pastor Tim Housholder (Senior Pastor)

Gail Wheeler (Term Exp 2/18)

David Stis (Term Exp 2/18)

Mike Raczak (Council Communicator, non-voting)

Karla Doherty (Term Exp 2/19)

Sean Huenecke (Term Exp 2/19)

Dan Stolle (Treasurer, non-voting)



Directions to Alleluia!

From Plainfield

Take Route 59 North. Turn right on 103rd St.
Church is on the right at Book Rd.

From Bolingbrook

Take Boughton Rd. West. Turn right on
Plainfield-Naperville. Turn left on 104th St.
104th ends in church
parking lot.

From North Naperville

Take Route 59 South.
Turn left on 103rd St.
Church is on the right at

Saturday-Contemporary Worship: 5pm

Sunday-Spirited Traditional Worship: 9am

Sunday-Contemporary Worship: 10:15am

Sunday-Experiential Worship: 11:30am