



Dear Family in Christ,

**Beauty and the Beast** just posted over \$174 million nationally and over \$ 357 million world-wide for its box office opening weekend. How does this Disney tale capture the hearts of so many? I believe one of the main reasons lies in the basic story line: *Even the ugly beast can find true love.* And that's the Easter Story...

Keeping you informed:

- **Noel Rupprecht, from Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP,** will be joining us Sunday morning, **April 2,** to share about the wonderful work they do. She will be around for potluck to answer questions and get to know us.
- **PIZZA NIGHT!** Come to the Church on Friday, **April 21,** @ 6 pm and bring a creative pizza creation to share. **Tuesday morning gathering** is off in a NEW DIRECTION! Watch for updates and come join the fun (and learning)!
- **EASTER LILIES:** If you'd like to buy an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in the Church foyer or simply contact the Church Office (by phone or email).
- **Easter Services, April 16:**
  - **Good Friday: 7 pm (April 14)**
  - **Easter Morning Breakfast: 9:30 am**
  - **Easter Morning Worship: 10:30 am**

*(We are looking for cooks and servers for this community outreach! Call the Church: 493-5233)*
- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: 7 pm, Thurs., May 4, Twp Hall.** Come join us for an hour of lifting up leaders and service people to the Lord!

*Jesus went to the Cross to demonstrate a love for us that could not be shaken by our ugly, self-centered "beast" (Ephesians 2: 4). Feel like you are too "ugly" for God to love you? Look again! He's holding you in His Everlasting Arms of Love. The Cross of Easter is the proof. Your life can be the demonstration.*

Love you,

- **Scott**

## MISSIONS

We've begun another quarter of mission work and for April – June we'll be focusing in on two ministries: The Promise FM and Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP.

Promise FM radio has been a mission focus before and we have decided to bless them again for the good work they do spreading the Good News of Jesus over the radio waves. (Check out their website: [www.promisefm.com](http://www.promisefm.com)) .



Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP provides pregnant women with counseling and other resources. They work with the mother to provide an alternative to abortion, looking out for the well-being of the baby and mother. (Check out their website: <http://euppregnancyoptions.com/>)



## Easter JOY

In this Easter season as we think about the events we celebrate, to some it may bring sadness or disheartenment. But as we think about the third day and the hope that it brings and the joy that fills our spirits, I hope the words inspire you as they inspired us.

Chuck and Colleen Barko

*(From the heart of Jesus speaking to you...)*

*I give you joy in your journey through the world. This sparkling gift is not a luxury; it's a necessity! There are bumps in the road ahead, as well as sharp curves, ascents, and descents. Without joy in your heart, you will become weary and discouraged. Seek to spread joy in the world around you. Let my light reflect from your demeanor – through your smiles, your laughter, your words. The Holy Spirit will equip you to do this as you*

*(over)*



give Him space in your life. Ask Him to fill you with contagious delight. Concentrate on staying close to Me and I will lead you along the path of life. In my Presence, there is fullness of joy.

- Words from the book "Jesus Always" by Sarah Young

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 16 Earl "Pete" Bailey
- 22 Connie Pratt

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

## Upcoming APRIL ACTIVITIES:

- 2 **Potluck!** Following worship.
- 4 **Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library**
- 9 **Leadership Meeting**, following worship. All are encouraged to participate.
- 15 **MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 9:00 am**
- 21 **PIZZA NIGHT!** 6 pm at the Church. Bring a pizza to share.



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## JOIN US for Friendly Small Group Fellowship:



- **Tuesdays:**
  - 9:30 **Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **God Heard Their Cry** video. Come experience the Exodus with us!
  - 11:15 **Prayer Group** in the Pastor's Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
  - 11:30 **Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You're invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
- **Men's Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ 9 am, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends!

(If you've got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)

**ARTICLES FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
(IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)



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