



"Why are you seeking the Living One among the dead?" - Luke 24: 5

The angels at the tomb on Easter morning present one of the most

penetrating questions for us today. Our human tendency is to seek God in all the wrong places. That's because our first goal is often one of momentary comfort rather than life-long change, of fleeting happiness rather than an abiding joy. We settle for cheap and lifeless god-substitutes.

That's why it's so important to start, continue, and end your day, intentionally seeking the true and living God. Jesus can open our eyes and hearts as we invite Him to help us identify our *dead* gods and discover the joy of the *Alive* One.. And as we encounter the living God, each day, we discover the amazing treasure chest of life's abundance and companionship, flowing from the heart of Jesus himself. This Easter, answer the loving call of God to trust His Resurrected Son to open up a life that will astound you!

A blessed Resurrection Day to you,

Scott ❤️

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **EASTER (April 20)!** Sign up for an **Easter Lily** in memory of a loved one (\$10 donation) in the foyer or by email or phone.
 - **EASTER BREAKFAST** @ 9:30 (helpers @ 8 am). Everyone welcome!
 - **EASTER WORSHIP** @ 10:30, in the company of friends!
- Mark your calendars: The Ladies of The Rock are Hosting a **Ladies' Brunch** @ \$10.00 per person on Saturday **April 26th** from 11am-1:30 pm at the DrummondTownship Hall. Theme is *EXPRESSIONS OF JOY!* featuring guest speaker Laneen Hoover - LaPointe.



Keryx is a weekend to re-energize your walk with Christ.

There are gatherings coming up:

Women's Weekend, April 3, 2025 5:00 pm – 6, 2025 3:00 pm, and *Men's*

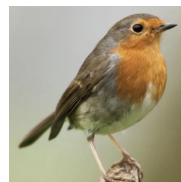
Weekend: April 10, 2025 5:00 pm – 13, 2025 3:00 pm. Pray about this opportunity! If interested, click **HERE** or give Chris Muter a call @ (906) 493-5606.

Lion's Club Mystery Dinner Benefit:

May 10, 5:30-8, Town Hall. \$25/person. Call Shirley with questions or with an interest in playing a part: 517-425-2836.

Our **1st Quarter Mission's Focus:** [Healing Art Missions](#), supporting children and families in Haiti, and [Love Matters Most](#), an effective medical outreach to the poor in Kenya. Check them out! Ingathering will be the Sundays of **March 30th** and **April 6th**.

Our **Second Quarter Mission's giving** focuses on [Bay Cliff Health Camp](#) and [Compass Pregnancy & Family Resource Center](#) (formerly Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP). Both are about supporting kids and this has been the most popular missions' outreach. **Aimee Ogston**, Care Net Director, will be with us Sunday morning, **May 18**, to update us on Care Net news, as well as share a message of hope with us. **Clayton Ledy** & **Clare Lutgen** will be with us early in June to share about Bay Cliff and an encouraging word of God's Good News! Don't miss out on these rich opportunities!



Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him. (Psalm 62:8)

"I saw a robin!" My mother's voice on the phone had the singsong quality of smug

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victory. She might as well have added, "Na-na-na-na-na!" She likes to win this game.

Mom and I have an annual competition to see who can spot the year's first robin. It started the year I left home, and it's been going on for more than two decades. Here in Connecticut, the first robin is a big deal. It means that the winter will, indeed, end, even when we're convinced it's going to go on forever. Mom and I are not winter lovers by any stretch of the imagination. For both of us, it's always been a long, gray crawl from Christmas to Easter. So the first robin is an important signpost, and even more so this year.

My grandmother has been ill for months, and my mother's older sister died shortly after Christmas. Our lives have been touched by melancholy, and the road ahead looks bumpy and gray as mortality looms large in our lives. To make matters worse, it's also been the coldest winter in a decade. It's hard even to imagine Easter. Then Mom's call came. I couldn't remember the last time she sounded so excited.

This year's sighting was the earliest yet. Three days later, I saw a dozen robins gathered together in some undergrowth by the road. A dozen! It was nine degrees out. Mom may have had the victory, but we both won this year.

God's lesser creatures know what we advanced folk sometimes forget: Easter and spring always come. Sometimes, we just have to wait awhile.

Lord Jesus, let me never forget that you are risen and present in all circumstances and in all seasons.

- by Marci Alborghetti

(From: <https://guideposts.org/positive-living/easter-always-comes/>)

April Birthdays

26 Jason Titus

27 Mark Larson

30 Cindy Wenger

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



Latest issue of **Our Daily Bread** (April- June) is now available in the foyer (or upon request)

Pearls of Wisdom "Who I Am In Christ"

I know Jesus' voice. See: John 10:14

Save the date!

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



We will be gathering with students and staff around the D.I. Elementary School flagpole on the morning of **May**

1, before school starts. Specific gathering time to follow. Spread the word!

ARTICLES FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY: **TUESDAY, APR. 22nd** (Email, if possible.)



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