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## Our heavenly home

**All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Hebrews 11:13-16**

I believe that during my 22 years in the parish, the most requested funeral hymn was "I'm but a Stranger Here" (Christian Worship 417). Interestingly, this hymn isn't found in the "Death and Burial" section of our hymnal, but in the "Trust" section. The words of this hymn reflect a longing and restlessness that God's people have always had. [Hebrews 11](#) is a "Who's Who" of Old Testament heavyweights. Their names are mentioned not because they were always faithful, but because they had faith in the one who truly was always faithful: God. From Abel, whose spilled blood still speaks volumes, to Noah who built a ship in clear view of unbelieving hecklers. They trusted. From Enoch, who needed no funeral service, to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham who needed no fertility service. They trusted. From Joseph, whose bones would be transplanted, to Moses, who would transplant a nation. They trusted.

## Longing

In these trusting people God had placed a longing, and he had told them what to long for. They were to long for a better place . . . the heavenly city which he had prepared for them. When my grandmother was dying, she said, "Why can't I just die and go to heaven?" These were not the words of a weak believer who lacked contentment. Instead they were the words of a godly woman who trusted that God had a better place in store for her. Like the believers of old, she longed "for a better country—a heavenly one." The suffering Job confessed the same, "How my heart yearns within me!" ([Job 19:27](#)). He was longing to see his Redeemer in the next life. Paul said it too, "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord" ([2 Corinthians 5:8](#)). We have an inner longing because heaven is our home.

## Restlessness

Recently I asked a Christian friend about his wife's health. In his response he commented that their situation reminded them that this life is only temporary and that they shouldn't get too attached to it. "We're simply passing through," he added. That's what someone from the "hall of faith" in [He-](#)



[brews 11](#) would have said. "They admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth." They were just passing through. To a certain degree God's people don't fit in, and they know it. We are in the world but not of the world. We view this life as temporary and its troubles as momentary compared to the eternal glory that will be revealed in us in heaven. We have a healthy dissatisfaction with the here and now. To keep us from developing a cozy love affair with the temporary and to help us keep our eyes on heavenly things, God lovingly sends and bends situations in our life that aren't so pleasant. Our restlessness then returns, and we long once again for the home our Savior won for us.

Author: James A. Mattek,  
Forward in Christ, June 2007

## Building Update

We are still ahead of schedule and several positive things are in the works:

- Pastor Horn has laid out our plans to our Mission Coordinator and he supports our vision, he encouraged us move forward as planned and he will speak to the Mission Board on our behalf, so that they too will support our plans.
- Pastor is submitting a request to the Antioch Foundation for a grant to help with our down payment.
- We have hired Pastor Nathan Pope to design our Chancel furnishings, he is very talented and understands our vision.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Building Committee Meetings, they are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5 pm.

Please continue to pray for our continued growth and that our new worship facility will reflect our love for our Savior.

Questions contact Jake Stover or Pastor Horn

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DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS  
TIME  
BEGINS  
MARCH 8TH



### *PLACES OF THE PASSION*

*Wednesday Night*

*Lenten Services at 7 pm*

*March 4     March 11*

*March 18    March 25*

*following the soup and sandwich dinner that  
Starts at 6:15-7 pm. Everyone is invited and it free.*

### EASTER SCHEDULE

*April 1 - Last Lenten Service at 7pm  
w/soup and sandwich dinner at 6:15-7 pm*

*April 5 - Palm Sunday at 10 am*

*April 9 - Maundy Thursday at 7 pm  
with communion*

*April 10 - Good Friday Tenebrae  
(Darkness) at 7 pm*

*April 12 - Easter Breakfast at 9 am*

*April 12 - Easter Service at 10 am*

### What is Lent?

Lent is an Old English word for spring ("lengthen" – the time of year when the days grow longer) The Lenten season is a time to meditate deeply on the meaning of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation as well as a time in which to concentrate on the continuing importance of amending our sinful lives. The season of Lent precedes the Easter season (50 days). During the season of Lent resulted from a) an extending fast in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection. In Egypt there was a post-Epiphany fast of forty days that followed the celebration of the baptism of our Lord and recalled his forty days in the fasting and testing in the wilderness immediately following his baptism. This pattern of a forty day fast affected the development of the Lenten fast in other areas of the church. It was not until the seventh century that in Rome, the Wednesday in the seventh week before Easter marked the beginning of the season. The Sundays in Lent were not counted as part of the forty days since they were not fast days but retained their significance as "little Easters."



## March Birthdays

March 6 - Abby Stover  
 March 15 - Kris Lane  
 March 17 - Gene Whitaker  
 March 21 - Josh deKaylands  
 March 30 - Ken Wood



## March Anniversaries

None

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## Women of Faith

Women of Faith are planning for the Annual Easter Breakfast, April 12th in the fellowship hall. If you want to help with set up and decorate, please be at Church at 9 am on Saturday, April 11th.

Mark your calendar!



1. Did you know you don't have to be alone - when you volunteer to clean or bring snacks to fellowship? Fact is more than one can sign up for any given week.
2. Did you know that every time you volunteer you are placing money directly into the building fund? Fact is when you volunteer to help you save our congregation the fee that would come from having to hire someone.
3. Did you know that if you want to volunteer you can place your name on the sign up sheets in the back hallway? Fact is three sign up lists are there, cleaning, fellowship snacks and flowers.


Thanks for volunteering!

**CRAFT BRUNCH**  
**MARCH 28TH 9:30 - 11:30**  
**HOSTED BY**  
**KAY REYNOLDS**

Kay is figuring out how she will challenge you! Hope to see you there.

Look for specifics in the weekly bulletin.

**Answers to puzzle:** heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive, Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever



## Just for KIDS

### Psalm 107:1

*Fill in the blanks with words that match the descriptions. Transfer the letters to the boxes below. Read the verse from Psalms.*

Shape that symbolizes "love" \_\_\_\_\_

Part of a stove used for baking \_\_\_\_\_

Color made by red and yellow \_\_\_\_\_

A present \_\_\_\_\_

Something you open to go into a room \_\_\_\_\_

Opposite of soft (sound) \_\_\_\_\_

A high body temperature \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment used to build or fix things \_\_\_\_\_

Edge of the sea \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Something a girl wears \_\_\_\_\_

To take a long walk \_\_\_\_\_

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Home for a bee \_\_\_\_\_

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## Outreach Committee

Outreach committee needs additional helpers to reach out to prospects - see Pastor, Kay or Julie for more information.

Outreach committee needs volunteers to assist with child care for the May 9th, Parents Date Night community outreach from 4:30 pm - 10 pm. Please let Kay or Julie know if you can assist.

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**!!!! Yard Sale !!!!!**  
May 30th 8 am - 2 pm

Start saving items to donate for the sale. Please don't bring adult clothes, but children and infant clothing do. Thrivant will be asked to match funds raised and these matching funds would be given to the building fund, and the money from the sale will go towards helping our youth to go to church camp. Kay Reynolds and Sandra Oakes will be in charge.



Please drop a note in "Elliott" cubby with your updated information or email the information to [faithlutheransecretary@insightbb.com](mailto:faithlutheransecretary@insightbb.com)



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**MARCH 8TH**

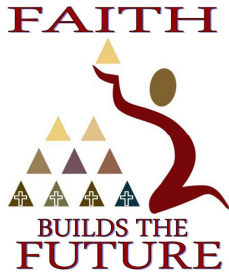
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship 10 am Family Bible Study 11:20 am  <i>Usher R. Poore &amp; M. Eichbrecht Acolyte Malin Eichbrecht</i>  <u>Turn in orders for Fund Raiser</u>	<b>2</b> Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>3</b> Outreach Calls 6:30 pm	<b>4</b> Women's Bible Study 10 am Catechism - 5 pm Soup & Sandwich 6:15-7 pm Lenten Service - Places of the Passion 7 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship 10 am Family Bible Study 11:20 am  <i>Usher E. Tomita &amp; R. Hunter Acolyte S. Tomita Council &amp; WOF Meet Daylight Savings Time</i>	<b>9</b> Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> Outreach Calls 6:30 pm  Building Comm 5 pm	<b>11</b> Women's Bible Study 10 am Catechism - 5 pm Soup & Sandwich 6:15-7 pm Lenten Service - Places of the Passion 7 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 10 am Family Bible Study 11:20 am  <i>Usher T. Murray &amp; V. Oakes Acolyte H. Skinner</i> 	<b>16</b> Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm  MOM Group	<b>17</b> Outreach Calls 6:30 pm  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> Women's Bible Study 10 am Catechism - 5 pm Soup & Sandwich 6:15 -7 pm Lenten Service - Places of the Passion 7 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship 10 am Family Bible Study 11:20 am  <i>Usher S. Wittmeier &amp; M. Ebersole Acolyte E. Ebersole</i>	<b>23</b> Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>24</b> Outreach Calls 6:30 pm  Building Comm 5 pm	<b>25</b> Women's Bible Study 10 am Catechism - 5 pm Soup & Sandwich 6:15-7pm Lenten Service - Places of the Passion 7 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Home Bible Study?	<b>28</b>  Craft Brunch At Kay Reynolds 9:30 am - 11:30 am Community Outreach
<b>29</b> Worship 10 am Family Bible Study 11:20 am  <i>Usher S. Reinheimer &amp; K. Wood Acolyte N. Wood Community Outreach</i> 	<b>30</b> Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>31</b> Outreach Calls 6:30 pm	Next Month Highlights: April 1 - Lenten Service w/soup and sandwich dinner April 5 - Palm Sunday April 9 - Maundy Thursday April 10 - Good Friday April 12 - Easter Breakfast April 12 - Easter Service 			



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## Growth Opportunities – Come Learn With Us

Wednesday Morning Womens Bible Study...10 am

Wednesday Night Lenten Service....7 pm

Sunday Worship Service.....10 am

Sunday School and

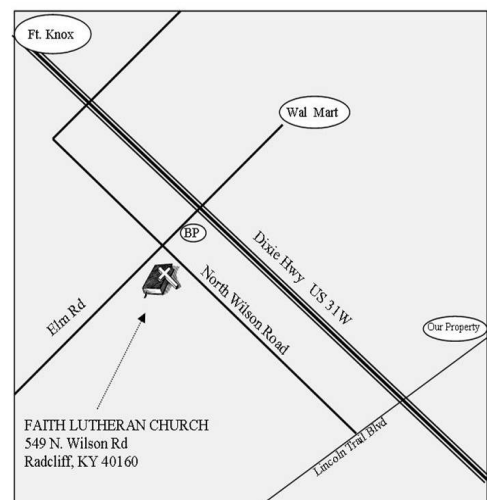
Adult Bible Study.....11:15 am

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