

April 2021  
Blackhawk  
Community  
Church  
Newsletter

Death has been swallowed up in victory! 1 Corinthians 15:54

### SPECIAL DATES

Good Friday Service	April 2
<b>RESURRECTION SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 4</b>
Church Council Meeting	April 6



#### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Our church council meeting is always the first Tuesday of the Month. All are welcome & encouraged to come.

#### Council Meeting

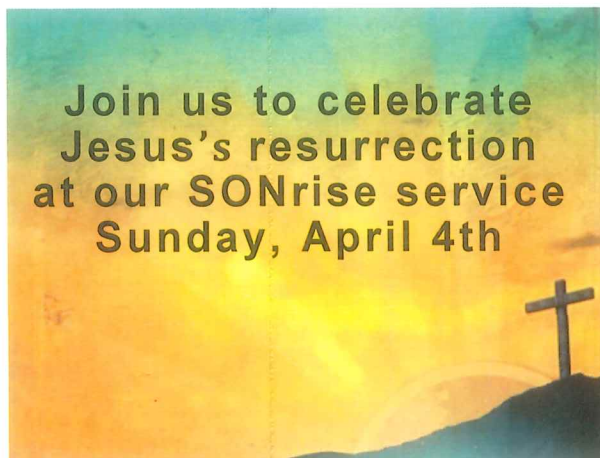
Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m.

May's council meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>.

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, relies on) Me [as Savior] will live even if he dies; and everyone who lives and believes in Me [as Savior] will never die. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?"* John 11:25-26



JESUS has a  
Purpose for your pain  
Reason for your struggle  
Reward for your faithfulness.  
Trust HIM and DON'T GIVE UP!



### WHY WE NEED EASTER

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way out of the unfairness, but rather a way **through it** to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place. —Philip Yancey, *Disappointment With God* From *Thenewsletternewsletter.com*

### FORGIVENESS

is unlocking the door to set someone free then realizing you were the prisoner.

- Max Lucado

# FAITHFUL *Servant*

*Jeff* ... YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE  
IS AN OFFERING TO GOD ...  
HE WILL NOT FORGET

HOW YOU HAVE SHOWN YOUR LOVE  
TO HIM BY CARING FOR OTHER  
BELIEVERS. Philippians 2:17 & Hebrews 6:10



Jeff Lee,  
a mild-mannered  
minister and an all-  
around cool guy.



*Jeff, sometimes, as we travel  
through*

*this world, our lives are touched by someone  
who makes a profound impact upon us.*

*Someone whose kindness and sense of humanity  
serves to make our days just that much brighter.*

*Someone who reminds us of Jesus and your  
goodness and capacity to reach out to others.*

*Someone, who, like the shepherd, tends to his flock,  
young and old, with love and devotion.*

*That someone is you.*

*You are such a "gentle Godly man" who takes  
the time to extend your hand and open your  
heart to all those in need.*

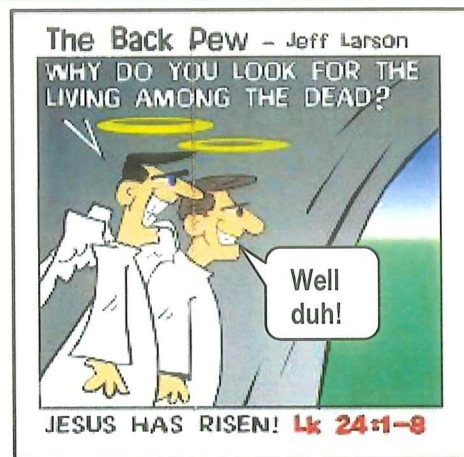
*We will forever grateful and blessed by  
your presence in our lives.*

*We love you and your dear family so much.*

Did you hear about the guy who broke  
into the same dress store three nights  
in a row? He told the judge he had  
picked out a dress for his wife but  
had to exchange it two times.



*For just as death came by means of a man, in the  
same way the rising from death comes by means of a  
man. For just as all men die because of their union to  
Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life  
because of their union to Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)*



## Accept Nothing Less than Jesus!

Be satisfied with nothing less than the Lord  
Jesus abiding in your life.

HE is the Light of the world

HE is the Life of the world

HE is your Savior

your Lord,

your Friend.

He has promised to come to you & abide  
with you.

Accept nothing less than Jesus in your life.

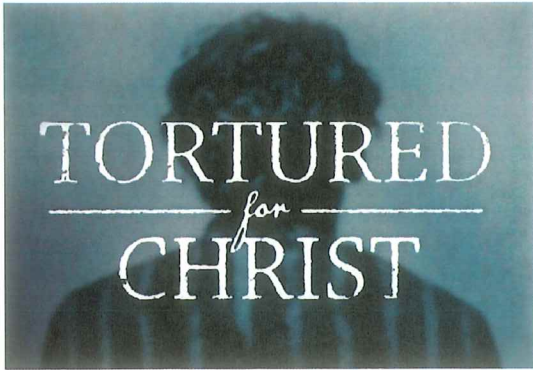
Invite Him into your heart.

Embrace Him

Talk often with your Friend, and

## His Light will fill your life!

**FOURTEEN YEARS IN COMMUNIST PRISON COULD NOT BREAK HIS FAITH!**



The Voice of the Martyrs presents the inspiring movie *Tortured for Christ*, a cinematic retelling of the testimony of VOM founder Pastor Richard Wurmbrand as written in his international bestseller *Tortured for Christ*. Filmed entirely in Romania, including inside one of the prisons where Pastor Wurmbrand endured torture and solitary confinement, this powerful film will challenge every viewer to consider what it means to truly sacrifice for following Jesus Christ.

“Prison is one of the places where we should look for Him. I remember a Good Friday in a cell in the Romanian jail of Jilava. We were all very hungry. But that day when the bowl of gruel was brought to us, we refused to eat it. We fasted. Good Friday is the only fast day described by the Lord Himself: *“But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast”* (Matthew 9:15). Days of fasting, with deep repentance for our past sins and ardent prayers for the persecuted, are the greatest gifts anyone can give to members of the underground church and the missions that help them.”

*Richard Wurmbrand – The Midnight Bride*



**FOLLOWING GOD’S LEAD**

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the “father of black gospel music.” At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as “the devil’s music.”

In 1932, after Dorsey’s wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand.*” Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: *“Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”* From *Thenewsletternewsletter.com*

**I wanted to go jogging  
But Proverbs 28: 1 says**

“The wicked run when no one is chasing them . . .

so there’s that.”

*Dear Lord, I want more of You. Too often, I choose to pursue momentary things and push You aside. Please forgive me, and change me. I don’t want to live a life that isn’t focused on You.*

*As I prepare for Resurrection Sunday, help me to silence the noise in my life. Show me what steps I need to take to refocus my heart, mind, and will on You alone.*

*Search my heart, and revive me. Clean out my life, point out anything that offends You, and make me more like You. Show me the paths that lead to life, and fill me with joy in Your presence.*

*I love You and I want to keep my eyes fixed on You, Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.*

Please use the Prayer Request Cards located in the pews to write your prayer needs.

Place in the offering plate.

*Delightfully loved ones, if He loved us with such tremendous love, then “loving one another” should be our way of life! No one has ever gazed upon the fullness of God’s splendor. But if we love one another, God makes His permanent home in us, and we make our permanent home in him, and His love is brought to its full expression in us. And He has given us his Spirit within us so that we can have the assurance that He lives in us and that we live in Him.*

1 John 4:11-13 (TPT)

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*Approaching Calvary, Mary & Judas embody two attitudes toward money. Mary gives extravagantly, while Judas hoards. Judas made money off the crucifixion.*

*When handling money, you are touching that which got Jesus crucified. Use it with trembling hands. – Bob Sorge*

*“Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them, and the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor.” Proverbs 11:25 (TPT)*

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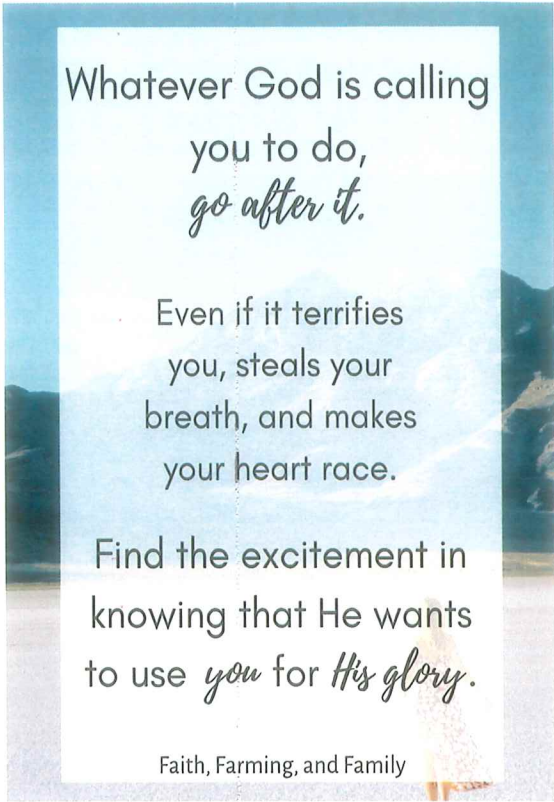
Dear Heavenly Father,

Help me to love You! Help me to see Your face and hear Your voice. Help me stand in Your grace and under the fountain of Your love. May Your love and truth flow over, in and through my soul. When despair, condemnation, doubt or fear attempt to swallow me and threaten to bind me in their twisted claws, help me run to Your shelter in thanksgiving and praise.

I love You Lord Jesus. In You and in Your name I rest. Help me walk forward with my heart set upon You and things above, not on things below. I want Your love in me and my love for You to be demonstrated in a longing to serve You and others and through my faithful obedience to You and Your Word.

May my sole desire be to please You as my Lord and my Beloved. May I present myself before you as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You.

In Jesus’ precious name, Amen.



Whatever God is calling  
you to do,  
*go after it.*

Even if it terrifies  
you, steals your  
breath, and makes  
your heart race.

Find the excitement in  
knowing that He wants  
to use *you* for *His glory.*

Faith, Farming, and Family

### The Last Supper

For some, the service of communion is a sleepy hour in which wafers are eaten, juice is taken and the soul never stirs. It wasn't intended to be as such.

In Matthew's account of the Last Supper, one incredible truth surfaces. Jesus is the person behind it all. He selected the place, designated the time, and set the meal in order. And at the Supper, Jesus is not the served, but the servant. It is Jesus who put on the garb of a servant and washed the disciples' feet. Jesus is not portrayed as the one who reclines and receives, but as the one who stands and gives.

He still does. The Lord's Supper is a gift to you. The Lord's Supper is a holy invitation. A sacred sacrament bidding you to leave the chores of life and enter his splendor. He meets you at the table.

From *And the Angels Were Silent* by Max Lucado

INSPIRE

GOD GIVES US THINGS TO **share**, GOD DOES  
NOT GIVE US THINGS TO **hold**. *Mother Teresa*