

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

This is the day the Risen Lord has made!

Pastor Mills will be sharing from the Sacred Scriptures today.

Wednesday Prayer, Fellowship, and Bible Study this Wed. April 26, 7:00 PM

Youth Event/Gym Day, Kerr St. Ministries Gym, TODAY April 23, 1:30-3:30 PM/\$5.00 per person/pizza and pop. (See P. Marco)

Youth Overflow Convention, May 19-21, Waterloo, Special Speakers/Music and Activities. Please Pray for Pastor Marco, Sponsors, and Youth.

Deacon Board Meeting Tuesday May 16, 7:00 PM

Please pray for the Summer Children's Camp as we start the process of hiring student staff and volunteers.

JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

Nursery is supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.



The Resurrection of Christ from the dead is the foundation of our faith in Christ!

I love our celebrations of what has become known as Easter; the emphasis for the church of course is the rising of Christ from the dead. It is a proper thing to do and I am glad we have this wonderful tradition. But as delightful as the season is there lurks a very real danger that we could unintentionally sideline the life changing truth of this magnificent reality to a weekend celebration! **"Well we focused on that aspect of Christianity so let's move on with life now"** kind of thinking. **God forbid!** We actually come together because He is in our midst. **He is alive!** The Scripture reports the Resurrection of Christ as the very heart of the Gospel Message. The only reason the majority of the Church makes Sunday the main gathering day for worship is because He rose on the first day of the week, not the last day. The Bible crowns Jesus with the beautiful and unique title: **"the first fruits from the grave"**. He was the first but many more will follow. When the Apostle Paul was writing about the reality of the resurrection from the dead, in his letter to the Corinthians, he highlighted the reality and truth of Christ's own Resurrection: *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men... But Christ, has indeed been raised from the dead..."* (1 Cor. 15)