

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Christ is Risen!!!

Christ is Risen indeed!!

I walked out of the church Sunday afternoon with my heart overflowing with gratitude to the numerous people who helped make Sunday such a great day to celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in both worship services: organists, liturgists, choir, tech team, worshippers both in the sanctuary and online, flower donors, the people who cleaned the sanctuary, bathrooms, and other areas of the church, communion servers, bulletin folders, and Nikki for planning, preparing, and preaching our Sunrise Service.

THANK YOU to everyone who prepared food for our breakfast, the youth who served the breakfast, and everyone who came and ate and donated to our summer youth ministry.

THANK YOU to Kathy Mahraun and all the youth who helped with Kids Korner.

THANK YOU to everyone who made sure everything was cleaned up, picked up, and vacuumed up at the end of the day.

And if you helped in some way and I missed mentioning your area of service, THANK YOU too!!

It truly was a day made possible by the entire Body of Christ participating, celebrating, and fellowshiping together. It was so very good, and exactly how the day should have been celebrated.

This Sunday we begin a new 6-week series *Called: Answering God's Invitation* "The call isn't just for a select few-it's for all of us, and it's for right now. Are you ready to answer?"

The youth on Wednesday nights have been slowly working their way through youth bible study from this series and the Sunday morning prek-5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin their study on Call this coming Sunday. If there is anyone who would like to lead a small group through the adult curriculum, now or later, let me know!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Becky

### **Ways to share LOVE with our Detroit Team**

You can make a direct contribution to our team. Follow this link <https://motonmission.org/support-your-team> and click "Donate to your team" and follow the prompts provided.

## **Ways to share LOVE with the Leesman Family**

**Prayers:** Please continue to PRAY!

**Meals or monetary donations:** If you would like to make a monetary donation during Pastor Krey's medical leave to go towards fuel for his travel to and from Galesburg for treatments, other expenses the family may have during this time, or if you would like to provide a meal for the family, please contact Nikki Stuart.

## **Ways to share LOVE with our neighbors at Whispering Hills**

**Items for Mission Welcome Kits:** The Mission Committee is preparing ongoing Welcome Kits for new residents at Whispering Hills. The following items are needed: shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, small laundry detergent, cleaning wipes, small all-purpose cleaner, single-roll paper towels, and a 4-pack of toilet paper. Thank you for your donations and support of this local mission!

## **Ways to share LOVE with those experiencing Food Insecurity**

**Donate Items for the Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry located at Messiah Lutheran Church.** Items most needed now include canned pasta, condiments (ketchup & ranch), and macaroni & cheese. If shopping from your pantry, please check expiration/use-by dates.

**Support places that support the people with your prayers, presence, or gifts:**

Two Rivers UMC Weekly Meal Sight [Service – Two Rivers Church](#)  
Cafe on Vine [Building Community One Meal At A Time | Café On Vine](#)  
NEST Cafe [NEST](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**If you need anything church-related, please contact Interim Pastor Becky, Nikki Stuart, or Melissa Hogren until further notice.**

Interim Pastor Becky: 309-292-2287

Lay Leader: Nikki Stuart: 309-738-8099

Church Council Chair: Melissa Hogren 309-230-8400

**If you would like to schedule an event at the church,** contact email [portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com) and someone will provide you with the building agreement, policies, and forms to book the date on the church calendar.

**Every Wednesday- GROW:** a faith community for youth in grades 6-12. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner is at 7:00 pm, and Discipleship Activities 7:30-8:30 pm.

**Every Sunday-**Discipleship Groups for PreK-12th Grade 9:30 am-10:15 am

**SAVE THE DATE!** Vacation Bible School June 8-10<sup>th</sup> 9am-11:30 am. Snowball Mountain Challenge!

**Our 2026 Summer Youth Service Trip will be to Detroit, Michigan,** to collaborate with **Motown Mission** as we serve and learn more about the city and our neighbors who live there. If you know of a student who is currently in 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade who would be interested in being part of this team, see Pastor Becky for more information!

**April 12**

- Noisy Offering for missions will be collected following the Children's Message
- P3 1:30 pm-5:30 pm

**April 14-SPRC Meeting 7 pm**

**April 18-P3 Work Day at East Bay Camp!**

**April 19**

- PB First Leadership Potluck with P3 students and families, 6pm

**April 20-Trustees Meeting**

**April 23-United Women of Faith meet at 1:30 pm**

**April 23-26-Pastor Becky vacation**

**April 26-Rev. Ann Champion, Preaching**

**April 29 & 30-Pastor Becky meets with Greenhouse Leadership Co-Hort, Moline, IL**