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**Markey Parkway**  
The temporary entrance to the church parking lot is now open for use. Access it from the Y Hwy side. See more info below in this newsletter.

## Sunday Worship Service

10:00 am

**Adult Sunday School**  
9:15am Explorers Room105  
9:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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## SECURITY

April 16th to 30th  
Steve Worstell



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

9 Darren Rogers  
12 Peggy Clear  
13 Tish Warren  
21 Greg Drake  
22 Sharon Hedrick  
28 Phil Gronemeyer

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 Paul & Donna Carr  
14 Steve & Ella Anderson  
20 Mike & Barb Jones

## Maundy Thursday Service

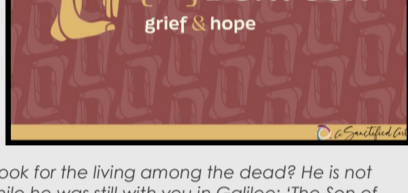
April 17  
7:00pm

**Easter Sunday Worship Service**  
April 20  
10:00am

**April 20, 2025**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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## Easter Fair Fun

Our Easter Fair was a success! We welcomed around 30 kids and 25 adults to our event. They found their way through the road construction to enjoy a fun hour of crafts, games, fun, and stuffed eggs and a photo op with our Easter bunny. Several of our guests commented that they had a great time. Thanks to our volunteers for their help and hospitality: Donna Shoemaker, Cathy Parks, Chuck & Susie McClain, Dawson Batchelder, Pam Eaton, Nancy Jones, Penny Kelly, Lisa Kenslow, Annalou Streiff, Pastor Erika, Karen McLaughlin, and Cindy Jones.



You are invited to join Pastor Erika at Carnegie Village this Sunday at 4:30pm in their chapel for their evening vesper. She will be preaching and blessing Communion for all attending. This is in partnership with the North Cass County Ministerial Alliance.



Thanks Karen for creating our Pin the Tail on the Bunny game! That's a lotta tails!

Thanks to Dawson for taking on our bunny duties this year!



The church is not participating in the 31st Annual 5K for Health this year, but Kim Swift and her friends from Gladden will be walking on Saturday, May 3rd. If anyone would like to donate on behalf of their team, the funds will go to help the Cass County Dental Clinic, which helps a lot of children whose families are unable to pay for dental care.

Here is the link if you wish to donate to Kim's team:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/87116/Donate/mrsT93LElodj37K>

Thanks for helping children in Cass County with their dental needs.

## Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our Easter Lily Fundraiser. The list of dedications will be included in this Sunday's bulletin and next week's newsletter.

The money you donated will go toward our fund to provide rent and utility assistance to those in need in our local community. Thanks for your support for this mission.



## Heart n Hand

**Some items needed:** Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments

Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)

Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)

## Road Construction Markey Pkwy

The temporary entrance for the church is now open, and it is accessed from the Y Hwy side. To go to the church, you'll use the left turn lane at the traffic signal on Markey Pkwy (by Hobby Lobby), but instead of turning left towards the shopping center, you'll go straight across the intersection to access the church entrance.

Here is a picture of the church access drive that is now open.

The entire project has a planned completion date of July 2025.



## Memorial Brick Garden

We are providing an opportunity to honor those we love or to remember those we've lost by adding a customized brick to our Memorial Brick Garden through the month of April. Each brick is \$40.00. You can have between 1 and 3 lines of text on the brick. Orders will be placed at the end of April. There are some order forms on the info table or you can order online here:

<https://www.crossroads-umc.net/brick-order-form.html>

Belton Parks and Recreation  
12h  
Upcoming season! Please email [kaylieb@beltonparks.org](mailto:kaylieb@beltonparks.org) for application. We are looking for produce!!



## Prayers

### PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Paul Carr  
Patty Kluter  
Faye Wallace  
Carol Creach  
Phil Gronemeyer  
Ken Kluter  
JoAnn Arnold  
Betty Robertson  
Chris Harrelson  
Holden Batchelder  
Nikki Bowden (Gerald & Maxine's granddaughter)  
Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)  
Christina & Charleston Painter  
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Katlyn Madrigal (Jade's friend's mom)  
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's family friend)  
Tessa (Angie Kormanc's friend)  
Ilati (Penny Kelly's son's mother-in-law)  
Willis (Carree Zoeller's brother)  
Maria Smith (Gwen Roger's sister-in-law)  
Kim Smith (Gwen Roger's daughter-in-law)  
Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley's niece)  
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)  
Frank Sotosek (Nancy Jones' cousin)  
Mark Mikel (Nancy Jones' cousin's husband)  
Tiffany Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)  
Don Jamerson (Toni Wiseman's nephew)  
Frank Medlin (Robert Berry family friend)  
Andrew Bowman (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)  
Jake Minor (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)  
Melissa Shipman (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)  
Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)  
Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)  
Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)  
Amanda Brodfehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)  
Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's brother)  
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)  
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)  
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Joyce Evans (Susie McClain's sister)  
Linda Noah (TOPS)  
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)

### GROUPS

Gladden Staff & Students & Silver Angels  
Health Care Workers  
First Responders  
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210  
USA and United States Military

## Last Sunday's Service



If you watch our service online either on Facebook or on YouTube, please either comment on the video to let us know or let Cindy know to record your attendance.

## CrossRoads Calendar

**Friday, April 18**  
9:30am-10:30am

**Good Friday**  
Study of David Class in Room #208

**Saturday, April 19**  
10:00am-7:00pm

Craft Day in the Multipurpose Room

**Sunday, April 20**  
9:15am-9:45am  
9:15am-9:45am  
10:00am-11:00am  
11:00am-12:00pm

**Easter Sunday**  
Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
NO CHORUS REHEARSAL TODAY

**Monday, April 21**  
9:00am-10:00am  
9:00am-4:00pm  
6:30pm-7:30pm

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village  
Creation Station in Room #205  
Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Tuesday, April 22**  
10:00am-11:00am  
6:00pm-7:00pm  
7:00pm-9:00pm

Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105  
Lenten Book Study with Pastor Erika online via Zoom  
Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Wednesday, April 23**  
5:30pm-6:15pm  
6:15pm-7:00pm

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

**Thursday, April 24**  
8:45am-10:30am  
10:30am-11:00am  
11:00am-12:00pm

TOPS Meeting in Room #201  
Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room  
Creation Station Quilters in Room #205  
Scout Troop #210 Meeting Upstairs or Offsite

**Friday, April 25**  
9:30am-10:30am

Study of David Class in Room #208

**Saturday, April 26**

NONE

**Sunday, April 27**  
9:15am-9:45am  
9:15am-9:45am  
10:00am-11:00am  
11:00am-12:00pm

Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Choir Practice in Room #210

## Upcoming Events

**UWF Joy Group, Thurs, May 8, 2:00pm**  
**Happy Mother's Day, Sun, May 12, Gifts for all ladies at church**  
**UWF Lunch, Sun, May 13, 11:30am**  
**Craft Social, Sat, May 17, 10am to 7pm**

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