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The JOY of Spring

Sprouting blades of green grass, daffodils and tulips pushing through the cold earth, pink crab apple blossoms and dormant trees exploding with green foliage are all signs of spring and the redeeming of the earth from the cold grip of winter. I don't know about you, but these and other signs of spring bring a flood of good feelings to my soul.

Greater still is the joy of the redemption of the souls of men and women that comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Through the work of God in giving Jesus His Son as an appeasing payment for our sins we are *justified*. In the work of *sanctification* the Holy Spirit of God is transforming or making new each and every one of us. It is through the work of Christ's Spirit in us that the "old man" is destroyed and the "new man" is brought forth. In a blog post, Pastor Matt Chandler said this: "*the greatest single asset in ongoing sanctification is a serious pursuit of joy in the face of Jesus Christ.*" In other words, the way in which we flourish in our faith is to pursue the things that stir our affections for Jesus such as prayer, study of His word and compassionate service. In addition, we will likely need to let go of the things that interfere with our relationship with Him if we want to experience real joy in life.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Pastor Mark

World Vision

**GLOBAL
6K FOR WATER**

Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 am at Sun Prairie

THIS SPRING, CHANGE A LIFE! Join thousands of people across the globe in our mission to bring life-changing clean water and fullness of life to children in communities around the world.

Walk, run or push a stroller with us at the World Vision Global 6K for Water. Each registration provides lasting clean water to child, like the one on your race bib!

Around the world, 844 million people lack access to safe drinking water—and the average distance people walk for water in the developing world is 6 kilometers (3.7 miles), which can take hours.

Clean water changes everything. When communities have reliable access to clean water, it transforms just about every aspect of their lives. Clean water brings with it the gift of education, better health and prosperity. Millions of girls are more free to go to school instead of spending hours each day collecting water for their families in what's often a dangerous journey. It means hospitals and medical centers can operate safely and overall health improves. And it means communities can focus less on basic needs and more on strengthening programs that foster the economy.

Register at: www.teamworldvision.org/team/SunPrairie.

If you are unable to walk or run that day, you can still register and walk or run another day. You will receive your t-shirt and race bib in the mail if you choose to "join our team" or you can simply choose to "Donate."





Summer Camp Dates

Cottontail Day Camp (ages 5-6) June 10

\$7.50

Chipmunk Day Camp (Grades 1-2) June 11

\$ 7.50

Third Grade Camp at Swan Lake June 12-14

\$36

Fourth Grade Camp at Swan Lake June 30-July 3rd

\$48

Fifth Grade Camp at Swan Lake June 16-21

\$72

Sixth Grade Camp at Swan Lake July 7-12

\$72

Middle School Camp at Swan Lake July 28-Aug 2

\$97.50

High School Camp at Camp Judson June 21-26

\$105

Sun Prairie typically pays 70% of the total cost for students and their friends to attend camp. The price listed is the camper's portion. Pre-register on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. If there is a need for financial assistance, please contact Pastor Mark.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Jill Holland | 16 Ron Kolbeck |
| 2 Trent Lunders | 17 Jerry Larsen |
| 2 Debra Waldner | 18 Kevin Erikson |
| 3 Maureen Wobig | 21 Ben & Stephanie Holland |
| 4 Becky & Tim Wegener | 21 Kevin Peterson |
| 5 Drew McCormick | 22 Cori Kaufmann |
| 5 Shawnya McGregor | 22 Adam Palmquist |
| 5 Breyer Palmquist | 22 Dan Rabenhorst |
| 7 Dan Palmquist | 24 Joel Koch |
| 7 Dorothy Pulse | 24 Damaris Waldner |
| 8 Mary Rae Peterson | 25 Jeff Anderson |
| 8 Hannah Schock | 26 Don Carlson |
| 8 Zane Schock | 27 Lucille Palmquist Mohn |
| 10 Vicki VanDenberg | 27 Bohden Palmquist |
| 12 Lynda DeMent | 28 Rita Gough |
| 12 Elizabeth Stroud | 28 RJ VanDenberg |
| 12 Shelby Waba | 28 Ryan & Vicky Waldner |
| 13 Alan Waldner | 30 Howard & Jolene Pulse |
| 13 Richard & Sally Wobig | |
| 15 Saddle Palmquist | |
| 15 Glen White | |



April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7 pm CE Board Meeting	2	3 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7:00 MS, HS & Adult Studies 8:00 Deacon Meeting	4	5	6 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
7 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:30 Salem Care and Rehab Service Group 6 serves	8	9	10 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Supper 6:45 Adventure Club 7:00 MS, HS & Adult Studies	11	12	13 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mexico Fiesta Meal followed by Quarterly Business Meeting	15	16 9:00 am MomTime	17	18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 Meals in homes 8:00 Living Last Supper	19	20 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
21 9:15 Breakfast 10:30 Easter Worship	22	23	24	25	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Converge Pastor's and Wives</div>	27 7 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
28 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Renewal Retreat</div>	29	30				

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