

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, April 4		Addison Eckert Bonnie Wheeler	
Tuesday, April 5	Praise Team, 7 pm	Jennifer Schick	
Wednesday, April 6	Prayer Group, 10 am Dinner, 5:30 pm Disciple Bible 6:15 pm Youth Group, 6 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	Alyssa Espinoza Gordon Spalenka	
Thursday, April 7	Knitting Group, 10 am Food Truck, 5 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm Baton, 5:30 pm	Kathy DenHollander	Steve & Eileen Hitch
Friday, April 8	Freddi's Angels, 6:30 pm	Daniel Bowen Allison Schick Mary Wolfert	
Saturday, April 9		Nathan Harr	
Sunday, April 10	Worship, 9 am Faith Formation, 10 am Membership, 10 am Worship, 11am	Tyler Eckert Heinz Herzog	Brian & Judy Hepp

Dates to Remember

★ Food Truck: **April 7**

★ Family Promise Week: **April 24-30**

★ Florentine's Dinner: **April 25**

★ Purchase your ticket (\$10 adult, \$4 child) after worship today just outside the sanctuary or at the door. Remember to add on your tip for good service.



Wesley Park

April 3, 2016

Easter Season

I hope you had a blessed Easter Sunday last week! Did you know that the season of Easter continues for fifty days? The season of Easter concludes on Pentecost, with the gift of the Holy Spirit and birth of the church. But in the meantime, this season is a time to encounter the Risen Christ. He meets us in the breaking of bread and on the streets. The Easter Season calls us to respond to the presence of our Living Savior by going into the world with love and compassion.

Be prayerful about how you might respond to the reality of the resurrection. How might you act as one who understands the life God offers through the everlasting life of Christ? May God inspire you.

- ⊠ I hope you will plan to learn more about Vital Church Initiative today at 10 am. We are in Phase I of a process to learn how we can be most vital in our community so that we can offer the Risen Savior to the world.
- ⊠ Please plan to come to the church this Thursday to assist with the Food Truck. There are opportunities to distribute food, or make people feel welcome as our honored guests, or set up or take down the Food Truck space. We are helping with the Food Truck so that we can live out the Lord's prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread."
- ⊠ Sign-ups are under way as we prepare to host up to 15 persons with Family Promise. You can sign-up online, or find Mary Ann or Kelly outside the sanctuary after worship. We are a Host Congregation with Family Promise so that we can help to end homelessness one family at a time.

RosDea Martin

Upcoming 10 am Adult Faith Formation Classes

- April**
3 - Vital Church Initiative: Extravagant Generosity (Heinz Herzog)
10 - A Look Big, Back, & Forward (Ecclesiastes 12:9-14, 1: 1-3)
17 - Ecclesiastes 11-12:8
24 - Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

On April 10th, we will begin a six-week study centered around the book of Ecclesiastes. The Teacher in Ecclesiastes offers us many important and hard truths about life. You have probably heard the Teacher's haunting line about everything being meaningless or that there is a time for all things under heaven (cue the Byrds' song, Turn! Turn! Turn). This book is hard and explores the darker side of life and spirituality. This book is for those who are tired of half-truths and idealized depictions of life. This book is brief, bold, and lands heavy on lament. After all of this, heavy but necessary work, the Teacher ends with urging their readers to fear God and keep God's commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Please join us as we seek to better know God, ourselves, and our neighbors with the help of the Teacher in Ecclesiastes. For more information contact Anna Spencer.

Men's Softball Team

Hitting, throwing, fielding, and running - we call it softball. We are looking for a 'FEW GOOD MEN'! If you are 14 years old or older and can commit to Thursday night games, then we need you. Games are played at Orchard Hill Reformed Church in Walker. Interested? Contact Larry Harr at firstshirt.lh@gmail.com or 616.291.3927 no later than April 18. Season starts May 5!

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.
Our Vision: By 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Rummage Sale, April 16

Spring Rummage Sale is Saturday, April 16th! Please bring all rummage items to the youth rooms between now and the sale!! Friday the 15th in the evening, items can be brought to the Marv and Omie Tanis Welcome Center! Let us know if you need items transported by trailer!

Combined Choir Concert, April 17

Save the date! On April 17th, our very own Chancel Choir will be joining two other area choirs in a fundraiser concert. They will be joined by the choirs from Plymouth United Church of Christ and St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. The concert will be held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church at 7pm. This is a free concert with a free will offering. The free will offering will be divided between the churches to be used as they see fit. Contact Phil Pletcher for more information.

Upcoming Family Promise, April 24

Family Promise of Grand Rapids is making dreams come true for families all over West Michigan and we want to help in their mission. Our guests will be coming to stay here with us April 24th-May 1. It takes many hands to make this church a home. We need your help! Please sign up on www.signupgenius.com or call the office.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:
\$6,072
(12 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:
\$45,461
(40 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$398**

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