



# THE MESSENGER

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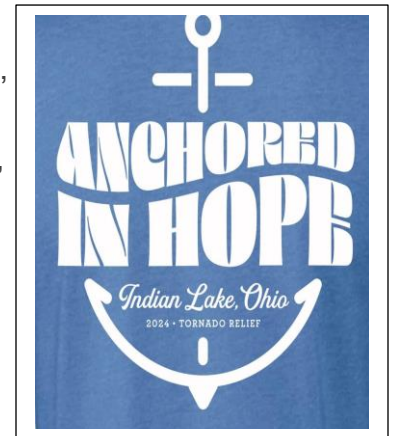
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**APRIL 2024**

Blessings,

Absolute. Total. Devastation. That was my initial thought as the pictures started coming in the morning after the tornado. Two hours after the storm, Nancy and I had the church open (at the request of the Chief of Police) as a warming shelter for first responders and survivors who may need a safe place to rest. We cried at the declaration of it as a “Mass Causality Event” knowing that members of our community had lost their lives. By the next morning pictures taken by drones flying over the debris fields were being released and we watched in horror as the unthinkable unfolded before us. The devastation was significant all across the south side of the lake.

As our church moved from warming shelter into a Distribution Center and Peri started taking appointments to help people get their paperwork gathered and ready to file for FEMA we heard story after story from survivors. Our hearts broke as we listened to their horrific experiences as the tornado hit their homes, destroying everything they owned in its wake.



In those early days we were all in shock and we were overwhelmed with everything and everyone that had been lost. But as the days wore on, along with the stories of loss and horror, we also started hearing remarkable stories of survival. On one of the pages near the back of this newsletter are pictures of the devastation. It's natural to look at them in horror because they do show tremendous loss of property...but miraculously they do not represent a tremendous loss of life. God was surely with us that night because out of the hundreds and hundreds of homes that were severely damaged as well as those that were a total loss we only had three deaths. When you listen to those that escaped those damaged homes their stories of survival are remarkable. And when you think of the timing of the storm you realize just how much worse it could have been. If this had occurred during the summer season when those campers were filled with lake visitors the loss of life would have been horrendous.

Just as each of us will always remember where we were on 9/11 so will we remember the night of March 14, 2024 for that night forever changed our community and forever changed each of us. There is a beautiful graphic being printed on t-shirts to raise money for the tornado relief fund that says “Anchored in Hope” and that is exactly what is happening...our hope is anchored in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and because he lives we have the hope for new tomorrows and brighter tomorrows. We will make our way through this and we will become stronger because of the journey.

May you have a blessed Easter season and may you see the hand of God as He continues to work in and through us during this time.

Pastor Karen



Holy Humor Sunday is an ancient tradition that has a few different names with Holy Humor Sunday, Bright Sunday and Lite Sunday are the main ones. It is usually celebrated on the Sunday following Easter as another way of celebrating the Resurrection. The main premise is that Satan thought he had won when Jesus died on the cross but with the resurrection God got the last laugh. Our service that day will be full of levity and humor (with a spiritual purpose). You can more actively participate by wearing silly clothes (Halloween costume, funny tshirt, etc) or bright colors.

## Indian Lake Tornado Relief

The outpouring of support for our community has been outstanding. People from all over the eastern half of the U.S. have brought truckloads of supplies as well as volunteered their equipment and time to help with the initial clean up phase. As we begin the next phase in our clean up process, we, as a community are asking that no more donations be made in the form of clothing, bedding, and non-perishable foods. Quite frankly our storage areas are overflowing and we are well stocked to continue helping people with these needed supplies for the months to come.

As the rebuilding process starts, our community is asking people to please consider sending monetary donations or gift cards for Lowes, Menards, Home Depot, Walmart, Macys, Ashley Furniture, etc. Galilee is one of the area locations that is being publicized as an organization that is accepting official monetary donations as well as gift cards. We have established a Tornado Fund and as we move forward our Church Council will find ways that we can use this money to help Indian Lake residents start over. We have already helped a young mother and her four children relocate to her home state of Florida so that her family can help her rebuild her life following the loss of their home and all of their possessions.



**“Bear”** (Jamie’s daughter) continues to suffer from seizures

**Lori H** undergoing treatment for breast cancer

**Judy N** continuing to recover

**Beth T** (Terry & Sharon Thompson’s daughter-in-law) treatment for breast cancer

**Paula P** recovering from breast cancer

**Dale B** (Carol’s husband) recovering from cancer surgery and receiving treatment for Lung Cancer

**Melissa Meyers** (Fred’s daughter in law) who is being treated for cancer

**Carla M** (friend of Pastor Karen’s) recovering from aneurism surgery

**Martha B** (Pastor Karen’s step-mom) undergoing cancer treatment

**Steve Hanger** suffering from advanced dementia and Parkinson’s Disease

**Greg B** recovering from knee surgery

**Joe** (Paula’s dad) who fell

**Rudy** undergoing treatment for a painful degenerative disc disorder

**Suzy Mallory’s daughter Becca** as she enters hospice care, as well as the entire Mallory family.



## KRAFTEE KRAFTERS



Our KRAFTEE KRAFTERS are meeting once again for fellowship and craft projects. They meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the church and they'd love to have you join them.

For more information call Nancy Mayers (740) 341-8452



**HOPE**  
Helping Other People Eat

Hope Sunday is April 7th but you can bring food in on any Sunday during the month. You may also donate money to the pantry by submitting a check made out to Galilee Lutheran Church (so you get credit for the donation) and our Treasurer will then pass it along to the pantry.



**4/5 Greg Bowsher**

**4/10 Don Berlin**

**4/12 Carol Maier**

**4/18 Fred Meyers**

**4/18 Mike Wiechers**

**4/22 Lisa Borgerding**

**4/22 Lori Horn**

**4/24 BJ Fulton**



**4/15 DON & DEB BERLIN**



**Pastor Karen**

**Monday by appointment**

**Thursday 9:00 – 12:00**



## BEAR IT BEARS

Our Bear it Bears are just waiting to be given to someone who is hurting in any way, physically, mentally or emotionally. They are sitting on the chairs in the front of the church.

Just be sure to sign them out in the logbook on the bookcase in the entrance way of the church. This is one of our outreach programs, so let us bear one another's burdens and fulfill the love of Christ.



**CHURCH  
LIBRARY**

Kraftee Krafters has developed a library for all church members to use. A reading corner has been created in the back of the sanctuary with a rocking chair and a bookcase full of books for you to choose from. Feel free to borrow a book, or if you like it and want to keep it then by all means feel free to keep it. And if you have a book or two that you'd like to donate you may leave them on the table in their room to be included in the library.



Sadly, we will not have a letter from our Church Mouse this month. Bob Grant, our property chair is trying to trap and eradicate a band of gangster mice that have invaded the church. Just to be safe, Bennie has taken his sister Lucy and is staying with out of town relatives so they don't accidentally get caught up in Bob's endeavors. Bennie wishes everyone a happy Easter and is looking forward to catching up with us next month.

## WORSHIP THEMES FOR APRIL



### SUNDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

### SUNDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

### SUNDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

### SUNDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

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**The very first Easter taught us this:  
that life never ends and love never dies.**

~ Kate McGahan



Bishop Dillahunt visited Galilee on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> to see our tornado relief efforts and to bring the love and prayers of the Synod to our members.

## CHURCH GARAGE SALE



**FRIDAY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AND  
SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

The dates of our next Church Garage Sale have been set. Your trash is someone else's treasure so please plan on donating the results of your spring clean out projects to our garage sale. All proceeds will go to fund the Kraftee Krafters ministry projects



**THURSDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 AM**

All women of the church are invited. Our study time lasts for one hour followed by a short business meeting (which you do not have to stay for if you need to leave). We will continue our "I Am She" Bible Study



## Quilt Raffle

Kraftee Krafters are raffling off a beautiful hand sewn quilt to raise money for their ministry projects. The tickets are **1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00**. The quilt and ticket box have been removed from the back of the sanctuary to allow room for the Red Cross Shelter. Once the shelter has been closed the quilt and the box will be moved back out, ticket sales will resume and we'll announce the date of the drawing.

# JOY

**JUST OLDER YOUTH  
THURSDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00 PM**




Join us for a free dinner to start the evening, followed by fellowship and fun playing your favorite game. Play BINGO for prizes, a fun dice game called Left Right Center or a game of cards such as Euchre or Bridge

**NEEDED: We are looking for people to provide dessert for dinner. We currently serve about 20 people so if one person wants to provide 20 servings of dessert that is great, if two people want to each provide a dessert that serves 10 that is great as well. See Nancy or Sheila to volunteer**

*Because I live,  
ye shall live also.  
John 14:19*



# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM <hr/> COUNCIL 6:00 PM	3	4	5 Happy Birthday GREG 	6
7 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY 	8	9 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM <hr/> AA 7:30 PM	10 Happy Birthday DON 	11 WELCA 10:00	12 Happy Birthday CAROL 	13
14	15	16 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM <hr/> AA 7:30 PM	17	18 Happy Birthday FRED & MIKE 	19	20
21 Bishop Dillahunt will be joining us for worship	22 Happy Birthday LISA & LORI 	23 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM <hr/> AA 7:30 PM	24 Happy Birthday BJ 	25 JOY 5:00	26	27
28	29	30 KRAFTEE KRAFTERS 10:00 AM <hr/> AA 7:30 PM				

# INDIAN LAKE TORNADO DAMAGE



**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE TORNADO TOUCHING DOWN THE  
HIGH SCHOOL GYM WAS FILLED WITH DONATIONS**



**GALILEE BECAME ONE OF FOUR DISTRIBUTION  
CENTERS IN RUSSELLS POINT**

