

The Bethlehem Star

April 2026



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

April arrives this year wrapped in the joy and mystery of Easter—the proclamation that changes everything: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

After the quiet reflection of Lent, Easter does not simply mark a single day on the calendar. It begins a season—a way of living. The resurrection of Jesus is not only something we remember; it is something we are invited to live into, day by day. In a world that can feel heavy with uncertainty, division, and weariness, Easter speaks a different word: life, hope, and renewal.

Here in DeKalb, as the signs of spring slowly emerge—bare branches budding, longer light in the evenings—we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life out of what seems dormant or even lost. Resurrection is not only a miracle of the past; it is a promise for the present.

The apostle Paul writes, “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). That promise meets us right where we are—not when life is perfect, but in the middle of ordinary days, ongoing struggles, and quiet hopes.

As a congregation, we are called to be witnesses of that resurrection life:

- In the kindness we extend to neighbors
- In the forgiveness we offer one another
- In the ways we serve our community
- In the faith we continue to nurture together

Easter people are not those who have everything figured out. We are those who trust that God is still at work—even when we cannot yet see the full picture.

This month, I invite you to consider:

Where is God bringing new life in your own story?

Where might God be calling you to share hope with someone else?

May we walk together in the light of the risen Christ, carrying His love into our homes,
our church, and our DeKalb community.

Christ is risen—today, tomorrow, and always.

In trust of the resurrection,

Pastor Sharon

Easter Lily Donations

Bob & Donna Rae Ewing and Family
Pastor Bob & Lynn Hansen
Margie Hargrave
Don & Sherry Krehl
Amanda Luchsinger
Bruce & Barb Luchsinger
Bill & Deb Perian
Ed & Judy Sister
Andy & Debbie Velez

In memory of Loved Ones
In honor of our Families
In memory of Loved Ones
In memory of Loved Ones
In memory of Mary Pecalunis
In memory of Karen Luchsinger
In honor of our Children & Grandchildren
In honor of our Parents
In memory of John, Rose, Denise Stokes.
Jacke Velez, Elmer Velez

Pulpit Schedule

April

5 Pastor Bob Hansen
12 Pastor Bob Hansen
19 Pastor Sharon Rogers
26 Pastor Janet Hunt

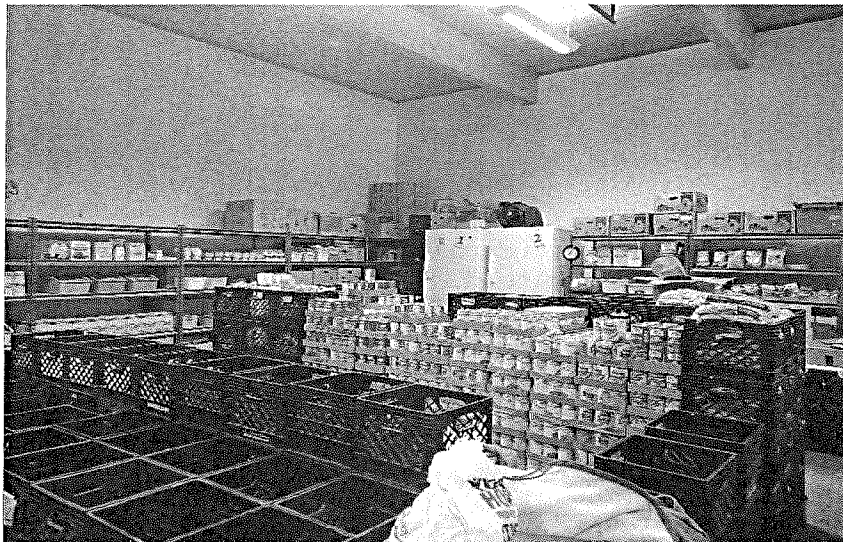
April Birthdays

1 Leland Hoffman
17 Carol Ashmont
23 Laurel Stokke
24 Lorna Knuuttila



Feed My Sheep Food Pantry The February clients served are as follows:

	2026	2025
Households	422	397
Individuals	1204	1139
Children	303	304
# of Pantries	8	7



*The Feed My Sheep
Pantry has been updated
with new shelving.*



On Sunday, March 22nd a few of Bethlehem's quilters attended the Blessing of the Quilts during the Sunday service in honor of National Quilter's Day on Saturday, March 21st. In a few weeks they will be taking these beautiful quilts to the warehouse to be processed and shipped.

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