



# **NORTHWEST** Christian Church

**A Growing Family Journeying Together To Be More Like Jesus**

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## **Save the Dates:**

- Intentional Church Conference April 6
- Good Friday Service April 19
- Easter Egg Hunt April 20
- Easter Breakfast April 21
- Christian Women's Conference April 24
- Baby Dedication May 12
- Graduation Sunday May 19
- Youth Group Kick-Off June 9
- CIY Move June 17-22
- Party in the Park July 29
- Taste of Northwest June 30
- Fairview Pool Party August 11
- High School Lock-in August 23
- Youth Group Fall Group Kick-Off Sept. 8
- Fall Fest October 31
- Deck the Halls November 24
- Christmas Eve Service December 24



### **Good Friday**

Join us for an outdoor service at 7:00 p.m. on April 19th as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins.

### **Easter Day**

On Sunday, April 21st, we will be having our Easter Service at Northwest Christian Church at 10 a.m. Breakfast will be offered at 9:00 a.m.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

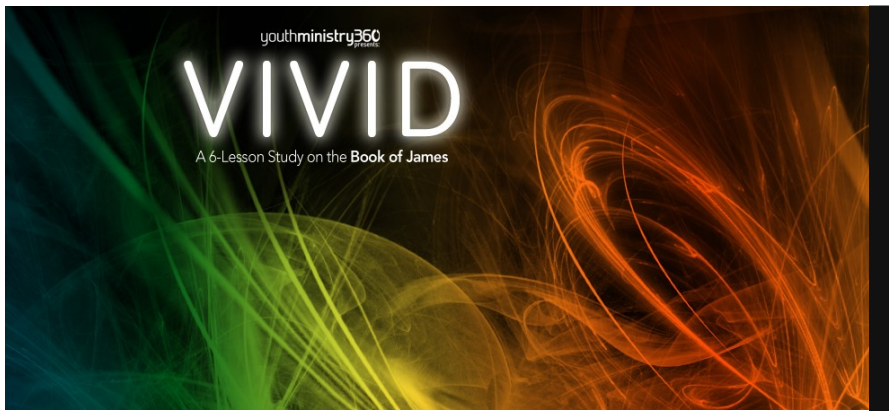
The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at Oak Grove Park. Birth - 6th grade are welcome to participate. Bring your own basket and join us for fun in the park! In case of bad weather we will move the event to the church.

### **Opportunities to Serve**

We need volunteers to collect, stuff and hide eggs. We are collecting small individually wrapped candies, any size plastic eggs and prizes for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off your donations by Sunday, April 14. We will fill the eggs on Friday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Set-up for the Egg Hunt is at Oak Grove Park at 9 a.m. on April 20. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Michelle (429-4278).

### **Easter Lilies**

We will be taking orders for Easter lilies. The lilies will be used during the Easter worship service and you may take your purchased lily home at the end of service. Order forms will be in the bulletin. Cost for the lilies will be \$15.00.



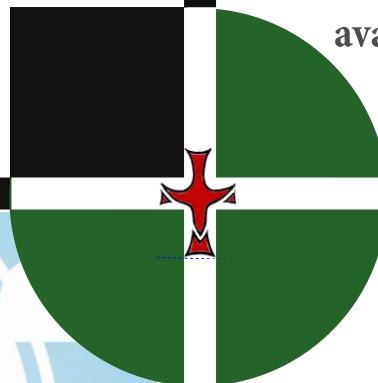
The book of James has a pretty simple premise: if you follow Christ, your life should look like it. In a word, James is a book of *action*. James calls us to live a life of vivid faith. In a world where Christ-followers are criticized for failing to represent their faith, James challenges us to let our faith shine through our words and actions. Throughout April and May, the middle school and high school groups will dive in to this great book in the Bible to consider the ways God is calling us to live Vivid lives. Youth groups for 6th-12th grades meet on Sunday nights on the Lower Level from 6-7:30 pm.



This summer, CIY Move will explore the life of Elijah and help students understand that we are called in God's story. The story God has been writing since the beginning of time isn't over; it's To Be Continued. CIY Move is a week-long conference for high school students on the campus of Hope College in Holland, MI. This year's CIY will be June 17-22. It's \$325 per person for the week for food, travel, lodging, and registration. There are still a couple spots available; full payment is due by May 19th in order to go on this incredible trip.



The student ministry will hold a rummage sale fundraiser on May 24-25 to raise money for students' CIY trips this summer. We will accept donations until May 22nd (use discretion: if you wouldn't sell it at your own garage sale, please don't donate it). The sale will take place in Kidzone from 8am-3pm on Friday, May 24th and 8am-Noon on Saturday, May 25th. All unsold items will be donated to charity following the completion of the sale at Northwest, and all proceeds from the sale will go to the students.



## Events calendar: April

- 7th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*
- 14th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*
- 21st: NO Youth Groups - Easter**  
*Youth groups will not meet*
- 28th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*
- May 5th: Youth Groups (6-7:30 pm)**  
*6th-12th grade meet on Lower Level*

# Missions



## Little Galilee Christian Camp

Little Galilee Christian Camp registration is now open for the 2019 camping season. The Missions Team is offering 1/2 tuition to the church family from First Chance Camp through High School.

The camp is a wonderful safe environment for campers to learn more about Jesus and have fun at the same time. The camp schedule is posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

## Easter Food Baskets

The Missions Team will be preparing Easter Food Baskets for the church family. Items needed are: boxed scalloped potatoes, canned green beans and corn, boxed pasta salad, cake mix, canned icing, Easter candy. Monetary donations for meat will also be accepted. Items may be left in the container in the old kitchen.



## Contact Us

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## Staff

Steve Higgs, **Minister**  
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Connie Honigs, **Adm. Assistant**

## Monthly Financial Information

| Date     | Attendance | Giving     | Now is the Time | Budget     |
|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| March 3  | 107        | \$6,255.00 | \$725.00        | \$7,052.50 |
| March 10 | 132        | \$6,192.75 | \$175.00        | \$7,052.50 |
| March 17 | 137        | \$6,368.65 | \$175.00        | \$7,052.50 |
| March 24 | 145        | \$5,712.00 | \$4,045.00      | \$7,052.50 |
| March 31 | 121        | \$6,664.48 | \$175.00        | \$7,052.50 |

## Elders

Zone 1 - Jay Dexter  
Steve Wiese

Zone 2 - Brent Owen  
James Zelhart

Zone 3 - Pat Owens  
Travis White

# APRIL 2019

| Sun  | Mon              | Tue                                     | Wed  | Thu                     | Fri   | Sat                                |
|--|------------------|---|--|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|  | 1                | 2                                       | 3  | 4<br>7pm Committee Mtgs | 5   | 6<br>8:30 Intentional Church Conf. |
| 7 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY<br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship<br>6pm Youth Group | 8                | 9<br>9am Food Pantry<br>10am Staff Mtg  | 10<br>6pm Praise Team Practice                         | 11<br>7pm Elders' Mtg   | 12  | 13                                 |
| 14<br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship<br>6pm Youth Group                   | 15               | 16<br>9am Food Pantry<br>10am Staff Mtg | 17<br>6pm Praise Team Practice                         | 18                      | 19 Office Closed<br>10am Stuff Easter Eggs<br>7pm Good Friday Service | 20<br>10am Easter Egg Hunt         |
| 21<br>9am Breakfast<br>10am Worship  | 22 Office Closed | 23<br>9am Food Pantry<br>10am Staff Mtg | 24<br>8:30am Women's Conf.<br>6pm Praise Team Practice | 25                      | 26  | 27                                 |
| 28<br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship<br>6pm Youth Group                   | 29               | 30<br>Food Pantry is Closed             |  |                         |   |                                    |

## April Birthdays

|                           |                            |                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 03 ..... Lynnette Johnson | 17 ..... Frank Williams    | 29 ..... Gloria Martin |
| 08 ..... Doug Brown       | 19 ..... Haley Behnke      | 30 ..... Ethan Monette |
| 09 ..... Kiersten Kennedy | 20 ..... Brock Martin      | 30 ..... Sue Oyler     |
| 09 ..... Roger Owens      | 21 ..... Mary Williams     |                        |
| 11 ..... Amber Frazier    | 22 ..... Tori Johnson      |                        |
| 12 ..... Irene Jordan     | 22 ..... Barbara Josserand |                        |
| 17 ..... Larry Bolyard    | 25 ..... Julie Owens       |                        |
| 17 ..... Brandi Eaton     | 28 ..... Larry Whitehurst  |                        |

