



The Christian Caller

Newsletter of Bethany Park Christian Church, Rantoul, Illinois

“Together, Humble Service to Others for God’s Glory

Hours of Worship and Study:

Adult Sunday School, Sunday 9:30 AM
Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 AM
Chi-Rho (Kids Prog) Tuesday 3:00 PM
Adult Bible Study, Thursday 11:00 AM

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Trying to Think Biblically

I was contacted recently by a church in consultation with them about their ministerial needs. As I was mulling over their needs and the advice I should give in our chaotic culture, I started thinking about the Disciples' work after “Christ's Ascension.” They were in even more stress than we are today, Before his death, Jesus tried to prepare them for what to expect afterward, although the Gospel writers had up to this point treated them as backward. (With Mark, it seems they were outright dumb.) Yet, in such impossible circumstances, their vision of the crucified and risen Lord changed the world. With times so chaotic, how did they do it?

Richard Rohr (a Franciscan Priest}, in his March 23rd blog refers to such success as coming from “an *experience of the Absolute....*” It’s an experience so absolute “*that it effectively relativizes everything else.*” How true! The disciples’ vision of Christ as the presence of God was so strong that it took over their lives.

Rohr speaks of the earlier example of the Old Testament prophets and quotes from Amos:

“Seek the Living Presence and you shall live. . . . Seek [God] who made the Pleiades and Orion (two constellations) and turns the deep darkness into morning and makes the day darken into night. . . . Seek good and not evil, that you may live. . . . Hate the evil and love the good and establish justice in the gate (Amos 5:6, 8, 14, 15).”

Is this not still the answer? Whatever we do today for Christ in ministry, should it not be with an absolute experience of God’s presence in Christ as our Lord?

Hesed (in God’s steadfast love).

Pastor Rob

No C.W.F, Thursday Adult Bible Study, or Chi-Rho meeting until further notice.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barb Miller
Rachel Tadlock

Serving in April

Pianist: Ivan (Junhong) Jiang
Elder:
Worship Leader: Sandy Wilson
Diaconate: Members of Congregation
Communion Prep: Charlotte Peddycoart

Serving in May

Pianist: Ivan (Junhong) Jiang
Elder: Rachel Tadlock
Worship Leader: Rachel Tadlock
Diaconate: Members of Congregation
Communion Prep: Rachel Tadlock

Upon joining the church, we promise to uphold it by our prayer, presence, finances, and service. Our presence and giving for last month includes:

Date	Attend	Offering
03/07	17	\$705
03/14	13	\$295
03/21	21	\$455
03/28	22	\$520

April 2021 Holidays & Unique Days

(Note: Not all days are official, just for fun! :-)

- 1st—Maundy Thursday
National Burrito Day
Happy Birthday Myron Winkler
- 2nd—Good Friday
National Walk to Work Day
- 3rd—Find a Rainbow Day
- 4th—Happy Easter!
- 5th—Happy Birthday Rachel Tadlock
- 6th—Fresh Tomato Day
- 7th—Happy Birthday Bonnie Corbly
- 8th—All is Ours Day
- 9th—National Unicorn Day
- 10th—National Siblings Day
- 11th—National Pet Day
- 12th—National Grilled Chesse Day
- 13th—National Peach Cobbler Day
- 14th—Reach as High as You Can Day
- 15th—World Art Day
- 16th—Save the Elephant Day
- 17th—World Circus Day
- 18th—Earth Sunday
National Animal Crackers Day
- 19th—Bicycle Day
- 20th—Volunteer Recognition Day
- 21st—Happy Birthday Mary Jane Bryan
National Tea Day
- 22nd—Earth Day
April Showers Day
- 23rd—National Picnic Day
- 24th—Pig in a Blanket Day
- 25th—Happy Birthday Susan Combest
- 26th—National Pretzel Day
- 27th—National Superhero Day
- 28th—Kiss Your Mate Day
- 29th—International Dance Day
- 30th—Arbor Day



Bethany Park Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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 Comm. Prep: Members of Congregation
 Diaconate:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service				1 Myron Winkler	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rachel Tadlock		Bonnie Corbly			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Susan Combest						



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Carl Schlensker
16 Pentecost Spec Offer	17	18	19 Gloria Schlensker	20	21	22
23 Pentecost Special Offering	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					



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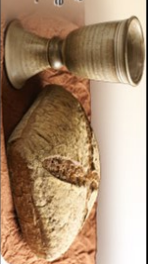
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We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



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We Welcome You!***