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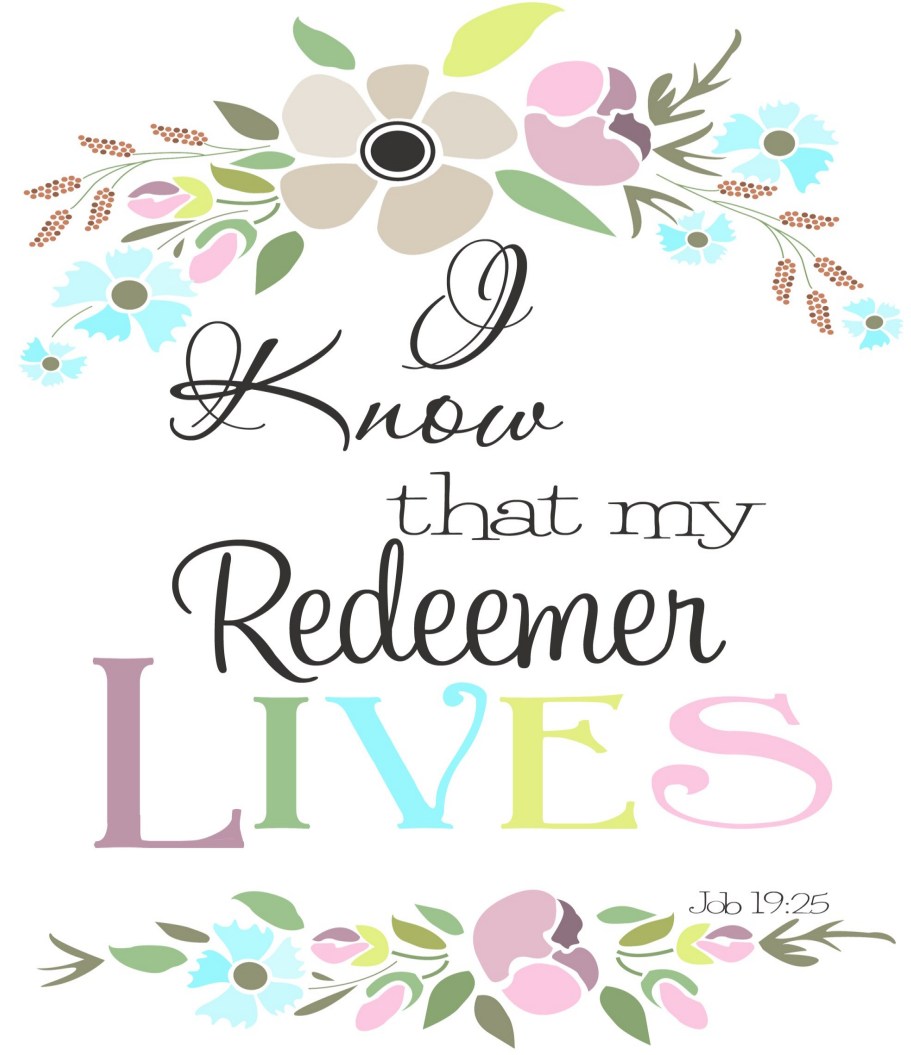
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SALT Youth Group - Sunday 6-8pm

# “Damascus Doings”

April 2025

TO LIVE FOR CHRIST IS TO STRIVE FOR HOLINESS AND SEEK THE LOST





## “The Greatest Story Ever Told”

### John 3: 16-17

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”*

### **Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, Our Risen Savior!**

My Favorite part of the Lenten and Easter Season is the Glorious Day of Resurrection! **HE IS RISEN!** Our Lenten Journey blessed us with an opportunity to walk with Jesus to Golgotha and leave our sins and trials at the foot of the Cross. We were challenged to look inward at ourselves and seek outwardly for Jesus and recognize just How Big and Powerful God’s Love is for mankind.

The scripture pointed to God’s sacrifice in opening a gateway of Salvation for Believers and simultaneously inviting us to break free and enjoy the blessings of our Growing Faith. My Prayers this Lenten season were that this Journey was a blessing to all as we were drawn closer to the Cross with Jesus.

It’s so important as we grow in our Faith Walk that we constantly challenge ourselves in Prayer, Study, Service, and Community as God’s Church and follower of Jesus. So as Easter quickly approaches, come in, Choose the Nail, Pray and Embrace the blessing it can be to leave it at the Cross as we celebrate the Greatest act of Love in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ Our Savior!

**HE IS RISEN!**

**HIS LIGHT WILL ALWAYS SHINE!**

**LET US SEEK THE LIGHT THAT LEADS ALL BELIEVERS TO THE ETERNAL LIFE THAT IS JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!**

For this is the Day that the Lord has made and We are blessed to be invited on this Journey of eternal Love & Life!

**HAPPY EASTER! God is LOVE!**

In Christ’s Service, Pastor Jon

### John 8: 12

*Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”*

## SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

Better weather is fast approaching and we look forward to a rebirth of nature. Another school year is drawing to a close and; we look forward to summer vacation. Easter is coming as well. We listen, maybe even for the first time, to the story of our Savior Jesus Christ and what God did to reconcile us to Himself. And, we look forward to the day when we will again be in the presence of Jesus. What blessings we are given! Even when we may not deserve any. All because God patiently waits for us to come to Him. We have so much to look forward to!

The youth have been reading from the book, “How to Rise Above the Noise” written by Ben Regensberg. They have been talking about how to hear the voice of God. Are we connected to God? How do we intentionally put Him first – and put all other noise and distractions aside? This especially becomes a priority at this time of year when we ponder the events Jesus’s last days on earth and what He did for us. *“But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth He has promised, a world filled with God’s righteousness. And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in His sight.”*

2 Peter 3:13-14

Blessings, Linda Henderson





### Praise Reports

Larry Zielke, Pam Denny, Helen Mincks and Pat Hoover are all healing from recent surgeries!



World Peace, Government officials around the world  
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families  
MaryAnn Evans for strength and recovery  
Joe Cadile for upcoming heart procedures 4/2  
Bonnie McDermott surgery on 4/8  
Ralph Landon dealing with health issues  
Lane Heverly still watching brain cyst

### Easter Sunday Services Schedule:

- 4/6 “He Chose to Give us Victory!”
- 4/13 Palm Sunday—”The Gift of Confidence”
- 4/20 Easter Sunrise Breakfast 8:45-9:45 a.m.

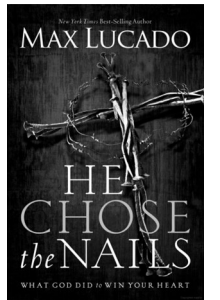


All Church invited! No Sunday School and Jr. Church this day!

4/20 Resurrection Sunday—”There is Life Out There!”

Come and celebrate  
Our Saving Grace!  
He is Risen!!

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### Save the Date!

Daughters of the King Banquet  
Friday, May 2nd @ 6:30 pm  
All women and girls ages 1-100  
are welcome!



Enjoy a great meal of Chicken croissant, cheesy potatoes, salad and dessert. Also Chicken tenders for the young.  
Sign up sheet in Narthex—\$5.00 per person  
Faith Stories, fellowship and fun for all ages!



**Graduations are coming soon! College and High School!**

Please let us know who all will be graduating and from what school and what date. We will be planning a special Sunday to honor those graduates!

**\*\*\*If you are a HS Senior and plan to continue your education, the West Branch Ministerial Assoc has scholarships you can apply for. Please see Pastor Jon for an application. Deadline is May 1st, 2025.**

**Church Council Meetings:**

The Church Council would like to make everyone aware that, during our March meeting, we decided, going forward, to hold the Council meetings **during the odd months of the year** (Jan, March, May, July, September, November) instead of every month. Typically, we do not have meetings in June, August or Dec. anyway. We will leave all meetings on the church calendar with the **even months listed as Council meeting if needed**. This will make it easier to enable us to hold a meeting during those months, if necessary. We also want to remind you that everyone is welcome to attend any Church Council meeting.

**\*\*\*Endowment requests: Last day to submit is May 7, 2025.**

**From your Lay Leader ...**

**The Lion and the Lamb**

**April 2025**

We say that the month of March “enters like a lion and leaves like a lamb.” This year, March was pretty nice in the beginning and felt like winter once the calendar officially said that spring had arrived. Let’s hope April 2025 will be warmer. One sign of spring that is happening is something I call the great greening, the grass is turning green, the trees are budding green and the perennial leaves are sprouting green. Throughout the month we will see the flowers bloom. It is a beautiful thing. The evidence of our great creator is undeniable!

Jesus is called The Lion of Judah as well as The Lamb Who Was Slain. **John 1:1-5, 14-18**  
**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’” For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained Him.** Jesus Christ is God The Creator. His very words spoke air into existence, water into existence, plants into existence, animals into existence. Through His words, our very lives came into existence. His Power is displayed through His Creation. However, His perfect power is full of grace and perfect truth. Jesus Christ IS The powerful “Lion of The Tribe of Judah” while also being The “Lamb who was slain”. He didn’t change like the weather. He is, was and always will be.

We love to be in control. At times, we even think we can control the weather... Jesus showed us that yielding even His very life to The perfect will of God The Father is not giving up control. There is great power in sacrifice. When Jesus cried out “Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done.”, He was not showing weakness. The one who single-handedly ran off the money changers in the temple after throwing over their tables was not suddenly weak as He allowed Himself to be beaten and slain for the forgiveness of our sins. Even as He suffered on the cross, He forgave those very people that killed Him. Giving up our lives to His Will is really the most powerful thing we could ever do. As we continue this Lenten season and remember the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ, let’s ask ourselves what we are still holding onto and intentionally give it to Christ today. With Jesus Christ as our example, we can display the power of the lion while giving our lives as living sacrifices like the proverbial lamb.



**Birthdays**

- 4/9 Walt Pontious
- 4/10 Ida Ford
- 4/10 Abby Heverly
- 4/10 Brittany Sprague
- 4/12 Andrew Coffee
- 4/13 Barb Zura
- 4/15 Marylee Blasiman
- 4/16 Michelle Papic
- 4/22 Troy Uphold
- 4/23 Codey Dettweiler

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Please inform the church office if your birthday or anniversary has ever been omitted from the Damascus Doings!

**Counters**

Art Johanson & Barb Karlen

**Bus Driver**

Steve Sprague

**Acolytes**

- 4/6 Lane Loving/  
Triston Beagle
- 4/13 Stella Smith/  
Kara Zion
- 4/20 Maxon Weingart/  
Addie Zion
- 4/27 Elise Smith/  
Lane Loving

**Children’s Rotation**  
**Sunday School**  
**\*\*Older Class**

- 4/6\*\*Brittany Sprague/  
Lois N.
- 4/13\*\*Lois N/  
Shaunda Uphold
- 4/20**Easter Celebration**
- 4/27\*\*Lois N/  
Linda Henderson

**Junior Church**

- 4/6 Brittany S/  
Jahmaray Williams
- 4/13 Troy Uphold/  
Ethan Dettweiler
- 4/20 All church Easter Celebration!
- 4/27 Steve Sprague/  
Codey Dettweiler

**Wee Worship**

- 4/6 Abby Heverly
- 4/13 Shaunda Uphold
- 4/20 Easter
- 4/27 Linda Henderson

**Nursery**

- 4/6 Denise Linder
- 4/13 Amy Shoaff
- 4/20 Easter
- 4/27 Terrie Rohrer

The following is a breakdown of the progress / proposed for the Kitchen project to date:

- Kitchen hood installed
- Welded ductwork complete and insulated with 2 layers
- Welded ductwork inspection passed
- Fan curb set and roof penetration complete
- Fan extension and fan set
- Above ceiling electrical rough is complete
- Make up air ductwork complete
- Ceiling grid installation set for Wednesday / Thursday
- Gas line extension to range location complete
- Gas line “T” for potential future use to be installed
- Lighting installation scheduled for Thursday / Friday
- Mini split ceiling cassette delivered / installed
- Brick veneer being delivered Friday. Weather permitting install next week
- Schedule above ceiling structural, hvac and electric inspections early next week
- Doors shipped from the factory last Tuesday. Should receive any time

**Summer Mission Trip**  
**June 22 – June 28, 2025**

Our group is extremely excited about this year's trip. I am very excited about some more new faces on the trip. The old faces are exciting too! We have made our decision. We will be returning to Jackson Area Ministries in Jackson, OHIO. Cost is only **\$100.00** each for those helping with the Breakfasts. Wow! All our trips have been very successful and thrifty, even with high fuel costs. Please prayerfully consider coming on the trip this next summer. I can guarantee you will not regret your decision! Our fundraisers are already in full swing with the Community Breakfast every third Saturday at our DMC. Stay tuned to your Sunday bulletin and listen for special announcements regarding the trip and fundraisers! **Building and repairing for Christ, Lenny**

**P.S. We need adults, especially men! Please consider coming along. Remember its NOT too late to go...the trip is open to all Youth and Adults...grade 7 and up!!!!**



4/22 Don & Barb Jones

# DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

## April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9:30 am Tops 6:30 Women's and Men's Bible Study	4	5
6 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship 6-8 pm SALT	7 6:30 pm Bennett Scholarship Mtg	8 8:30 am WB Minis mtg 6:30 pm Missions Mtg	9	10 9:30 am Tops 6:30 pm Women's and Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Ruritans	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship 6-8 pm SALT	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday 9:30am Tops 6:30 Women's/Men's Study	18 GOOD FRIDAY Service at Beloit Friends	19 Breakfast ??
20 EASTER SONRISE Breakfast 8:45-9:45 am 10:00 am Worship No Youth Group	21 (6:30 Council Mtg- only if needed)	22 Blood Drive 1-6 pm	23	24 9:30 am Tops 6:30 Women's and Men's Bible Study	25 Youth Encounter Conference	26 Youth Encounter Conference
27 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship No Youth Group	28 7:00 pm Trustees Mtg	29	30			