### Phillipsburg First Christian Church

#### **APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER**

#### From the Pastor's Pen

By Pastor LeRoy Herder

#### How can we Reach People?

Imagine you are a missionary arriving in the capital city of a country you have never been to before. You are the first Christian to ever visit this city. There are no churches, no Christian schools, no Christian Radio or TV. As you walk down the streets, you become nauseated by the sheer number of statues to pagan gods, and you begin weeping because no one has even heard of Jesus. What will you do? How will you find an opening for the gospel? Where will you begin? How will you find someone to talk to? And who will even listen to your message?

This is precisely the situation the Apostle Paul faced when he arrived in Athens. "While Paul was ... in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. He reasoned ... with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace ... (Some) philosophers debated with him. ..., "What is this babbler trying to say?" and "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." ... because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

#### **Church Events**

• April 7 Christian Men's

#### Fellowship

- April 7 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- April 8 Material Girls Quilt

#### Guild

- April 10 Evangelism Meeting
- April 18 Homesteaders Group

#### (see page 2)

- April 21 Elders Meeting
- April 22 Missions Meeting
- April 3, 10, 17, 24 Youth

#### Groups

#### From the Pastor's Pen Cont.

They ... brought him to ... the Areopagus,...

Paul stood up ... and said: "People of Athens! I see that ... you are very religious. ... I found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. ... This is what I am going to proclaim to you. "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ... He himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.... God did this so they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being. From Acts 17:16-28

Paul began where they were. They didn't know who they worshipped. Do the people around us know who or what they are worshipping? Do they understand the reality of God, of Jesus? Perhaps first we each need to ask, "Do I understand the wonder of who God is, of what Jesus has done?

At our most recent elders meeting, one of our elders asked, "How can we reach more people with the best news in the world, the gospel of Christ?." Great question. Our world desperately needs the message of Jesus Christ.

What can we do? We must begin with prayer, asking God to lead, to grant wisdom to our elders and to me, your pastor. We can pray by name for all within the body to come to know Jesus more.

Let's be like Paul. Let's share the glorious message of Christ.

Love you all, Pastor Herder

#### Homesteaders Group to Meet

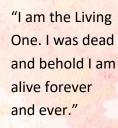
Are you interested in learning how to make, mend, repair or produce things for yourself?

Homesteading today is about learning to be a producer instead of a consumer.

The women of First Christian Church are starting a homesteading group that will meet once a month. We will have fellowship, devotions, prayer and learn new skills together. Our first meeting will be Thursday, April 18 at 6:00pm in the kitchen at the church. We plan to start simple with a group activity to make taco seasoning and cream of ??? soup mix that you can take home.

Please text Donna Jarvis at 785-208-0049 if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough supplies. There will be a small fee to cover the cost.

All women are welcome! If you already are practicing homesteading skills, please come and share your knowledge with the group. We hope all involved will be blessed with new skills and stronger friendships.



**Revelation 1:18** 

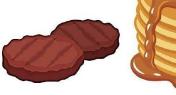
#### April Birthdays

01 Derick Coomes	15 Kay Burns
01 Ginger Tweedy	15 Zachary Jacobs
02 Jason Dibble	16 Carrie Babcock
03 Jean Stapel	19 Gabby Poels
03 Ashley Constable	23 Michelle Jacobs
03 Brice Korobka	23 Trulee James
03 Erica Thomas	24 Eunice Boeve
04 De Suchsland	24 Vicki Korobka
09 Delaine Thomas	25 Donna Farr
12 Lydia Patterson	25 Nick Poels
13 Jeremiah Minkler	28 Harlan Nonhof
14 Cody Bogart	30 Peggy Minkler
14 Scott Constable	30 Brielle Werner
Happy Birthda	y

Please join us for a **Never Flinch** 

#### Pancake Feed

Sunday April, 14<sup>th</sup> 11AM until 1PM @ The Phillipsburg Armory



There will also be a Silent Auction! Free will donation: Proceeds to the Never Flinch Foundation

#### March Attendance

03– <b>115</b>	24– <b>137</b>
10– <b>98</b>	31-
17– <b>127</b>	

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#### **ELDERS**

07 Tony Imm 14 Stuart Jarivs 21 Clark Hopson 28 Jim Lanier

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#### DEACONS Becky Lanier Terry Babcock Jordan Imel Pam Crist Dan Crist DEACONESS Linda Imm

# lipsburg First Christian Church **Calendar of Events**

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	ω	4	5	6
		2:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study			9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	
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