

The Encourager

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OF INTEREST!**

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WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR



PINE ACRES CHURCH
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Serving is a purpose of the church. We recognize this when we consider that God created us to serve. In Ephesians 2:10 it states that we were “created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

Not only were we created to serve, but God actually gifted us so that we can serve. In His grace God infused us with supernatural abilities in order to serve. We see that God has gifted us to serve most clearly in 1 Peter 4:10: “As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

If that isn’t enough, God additionally blesses the church by using pastor-teachers to further train believers to serve. We see in Ephesians 4:11-12 where pastors and teachers are gifted for the purpose of training others for service. “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ”

When we look at Jesus we see Him explaining His mission. He came to serve. Jesus proclaimed in Matthew 20:28, “the Son of Man

did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” If we need to know what a servant looks like, all we need to do is look to the Lord Jesus Christ. We learn from the gospels that Jesus identified as a servant. Philip-


pians 2:7 reminds us that Jesus “emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant.” Then in John 13:15 at the occasion of the washing of the disciples’ feet, we are reminded that we should imitate our perfect example. “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

When our lives are over, we will want to hear these words of Matthew 25:23: “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” This term “servant” will follow us around in heaven. Revelation 22:3 reminds us of this fact. “The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.” In other words, service is not simply for this life, it is for the next life in heaven as well.

Pastor Brian

A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR



It is a very strange feeling that we are in April 2022 already. This means we basically only have one month left of school and then it's summer! We have had a fun semester even though it has been challenging dealing with weather cancelations. But to finish out the school year, we are planning on talking about two more topics. We are going to talk about the very interesting and awkward world of teen dating. It can be a very awkward and sensitive subject. But it so encompassing in the sense that, even if every teenager isn't dating, they are all thinking about and talking about dating. The subject is everywhere for them. It is on social media, in conversations with their friends...it is everywhere! So we want to talk about it as a youth group, and approach it from a healthy and biblical perspective. Please pray for myself and our youth leaders!

We are also going to end the school year with a series called, What is true? In a world and a generation that is flooded with more information than any other generation before them, how do we filter through all that information out there, and know what's true and what's not? What can we take to heart and choose to believe? Because what we choose to believe determines how we live our lives. We want our students to live lives that believe the Bible and believe the Bible is the only thing that we should model our life after. That is what we are going to talk about in our last series of the year. We will have our last Wednesday night on April 27th.

This summer we have two summer camps we are going to. The middle school camp is going to be at Sky Ranch Cave Springs in Quapaw, Oklahoma from June 1-5. The High school camp is going to be June 10-14 in Glorieta, NM. Both places are very cool and both camps should be a lot of fun! Please let me know if you have any questions about signing up or paying for camp. It is going to be so much fun. Don't miss it!

You can sign up by going to our website: pineacres.org/forgeparents

Pastor Dave

(See more pictures of our Forge Nights on Pages 18-19)



CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR BRITTANY WILLIAMS

Our theme for the Elementary kids in April is Puzzled - Believe there's a bigger picture. We are focusing on Hope. Life can sometimes feel like a giant puzzle. All we can see is the piece we're experiencing right now, and we're not sure where it fits into the greater picture that is forming. We can't always understand why some things happen to us or those we love. Yet, despite our confusion, we can have hope. God has kept promises throughout history. We can believe that God will continue to be with us through what we face now. Even in the toughest times, we can have hope because we know God is always working and can make something good out of something bad. We will be reading about Lazarus being raised from the dead, Palm Sunday, Jesus being crucified and resurrected, and appearing to Thomas.



Our memory verse is "IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT BE ENCOURAGED! I HAVE WON THE BATTLE OVER THE WORLD." JOHN 16:33B NIRV

Our Preschool theme is "We Go Together." Have you ever called someone your BFF? Maybe just the sound of it has you thinking of someone right now. BFF— Best Friend Forever. It's hard to be a BFF, even with the best of intentions. It's hard for you and me, but not for Jesus. Jesus is the one friend that not only wants to be our friend forever, but He can actually keep up His end of the promise. And, He went through a lot to make it possible. That's why, this month, we are sharing the Good News with preschoolers that Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Your friend. My friend. Their friend. Everyone's friend—forever! The best things that go together are my friend, Jesus, and me. And nothing, not even death, can come between us and His promise, because we go together forever and ever.

Our memory verse is. "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS." MATTHEW 28:20, NIV

This Easter we are going to do something a little different. After dismissal for Kid's Own Worship during the service, grades K-6th are going to go upstairs into the youth room and have an escape room egg hunt. It will be an interactive experience to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus better. Thank you to my many extra volunteers for Easter weekend! -Miss Brittany



NURSERY SCHEDULE

Green Room—1st Sunday—Liz Lindamood,
Nora Lindamood

2nd Sunday—Matt and Lindsey Fast

3rd Sunday—Ashlyn Pugh, Nicole Akin

4th Sunday—Carissa Cox , Denise Percy

Red Room—1st Sunday—Holly Funk, Kilee Funk,
Remi Randol

2nd Sunday—Angela Day, Presley Fast

3rd Sunday—Jeremy and Keely Anderson

4th Sunday—Neelie Lindamood, Lorelai Bull

Pink Room—1st Sunday—Stephanie Harris, Cortney Bell,
2nd Sunday—April Javorsky, LaNae Meacham,
3rd Sunday—Erin Funk, Raquela Jones
4th Sunday—Jamie Collins, Katie Habekott

Blue Room—1st Sunday— Denise Percy, Carol Short
2nd Sunday—Lanita Nikkel, Kathy Harms
3rd Sunday—Sarah Brewer, Marcela Miller
4th Sunday—Travis & Deirdrah Dyck

HERITAGE NOTES

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 1972

- A Women’s Missionary Service Rally was held and the charge for lunch was 50 cents.

FORTY YEARS AGO

April 1982

- Adriel ladies were asked to bring a baby picture to their monthly meeting.
- Decided to have five Wednesday evenings in the summer with children’s activities instead of VBS
- Average Attendance—156

THIRTY YEARS AGO

April 1992

- The Adriel ladies began work on a church cookbook.
- The Possibility People present-

ed an Easter musical “To See a Miracle” directed by Anita Stubbs. It included a solo by Colby Miller.

- The Church Choir presented “One Holy Passion” on Easter Sunday.
- Following Youth Sunday the youth hosted a Potato Bar as a fundraiser.
- Average Attendance—171

TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 2002

- The Sr. High kids had a progressive supper/bowling night.
- Held a Cast Party for the cast and crew from the Easter Pageant.
- Average Attendance—252

TEN YEARS AGO

April 2012

- Choir presented “Operation Remix” singing songs from last year’s Easter Pageant.
- Held a special Easter service called “The Thorn”
- 8-Tracks enjoyed a movie and show dogs in Carnegie
- Ave. Att.—245

ONE YEAR AGO—April 2021

Average attendance—229

CHURCH STATISTICS 2022

February Ave. Attendance:
 Sunday School—174
 Morning Worship—241
 Wednesday—166
 March Ave. Attendance:
 Sunday School—164
 Morning Worship—217
 Wednesday—152

Here is another Pre-school Spotlight from 10 years ago

PRE-SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT—Braylie Schmidt

Parents: Brennan and Carrie Schmidt

Sibling(s): Peyton

Favorite Color: Pink, purple and blue

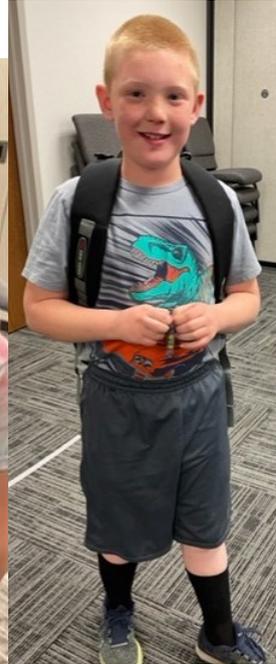
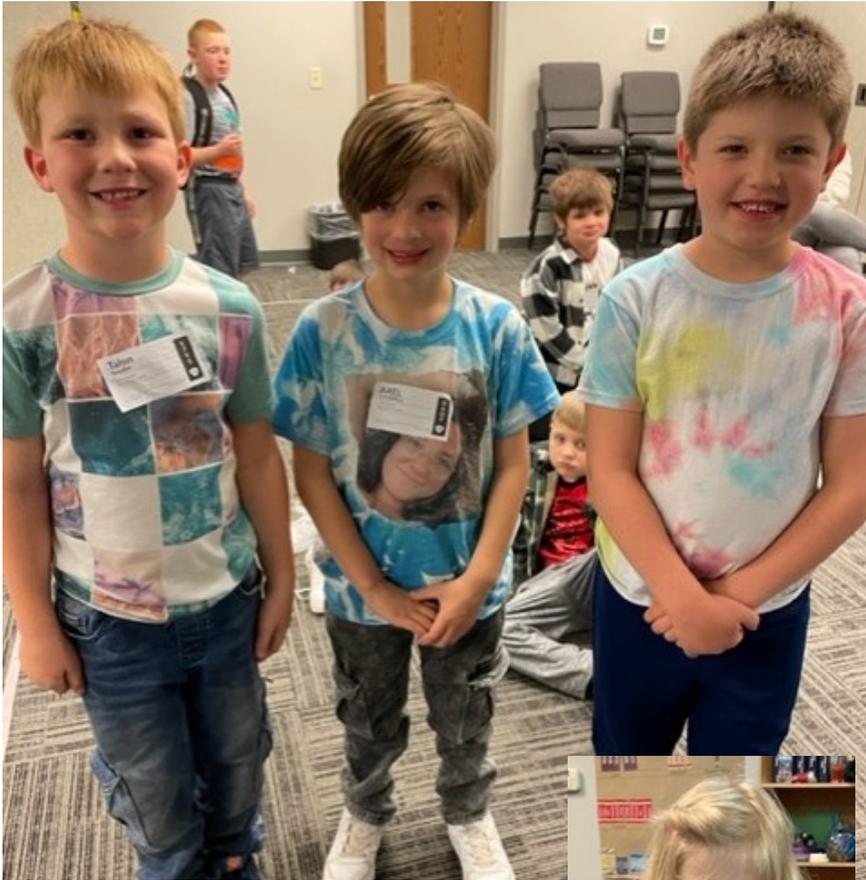
Favorite Bible story: When Jesus died on the cross for my sins

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

What do you want to be when you grow up?: A Teacher



TREEHOUSE-TACKY TOURIST NIGHT



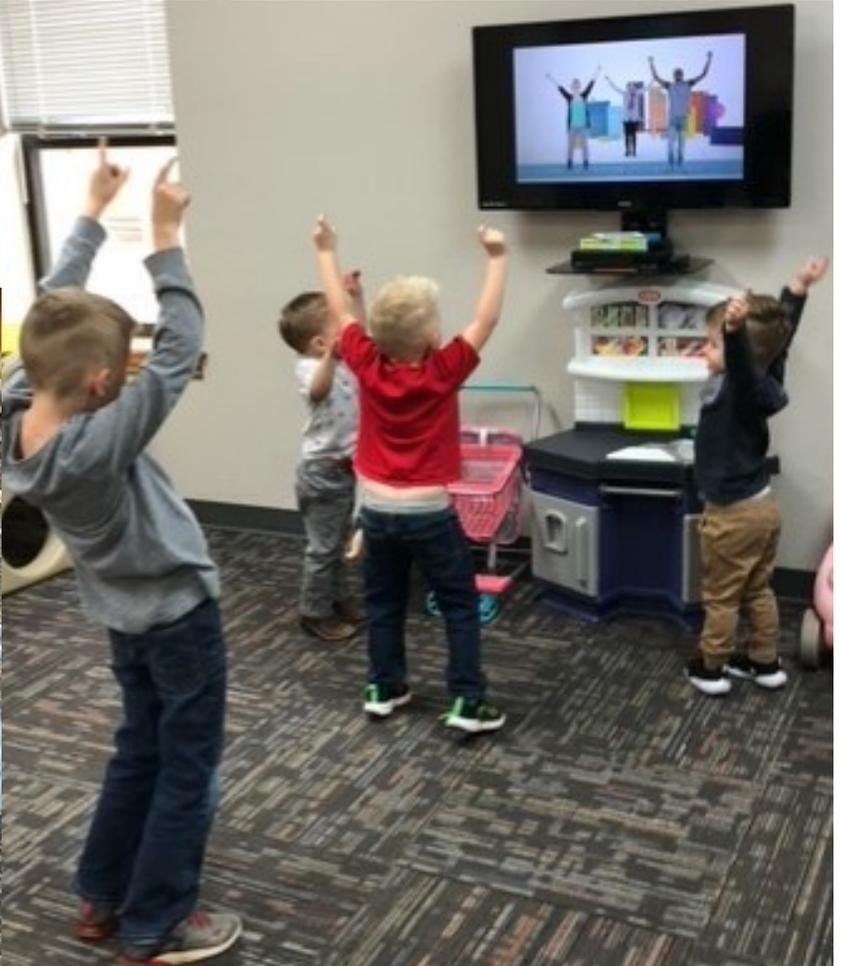
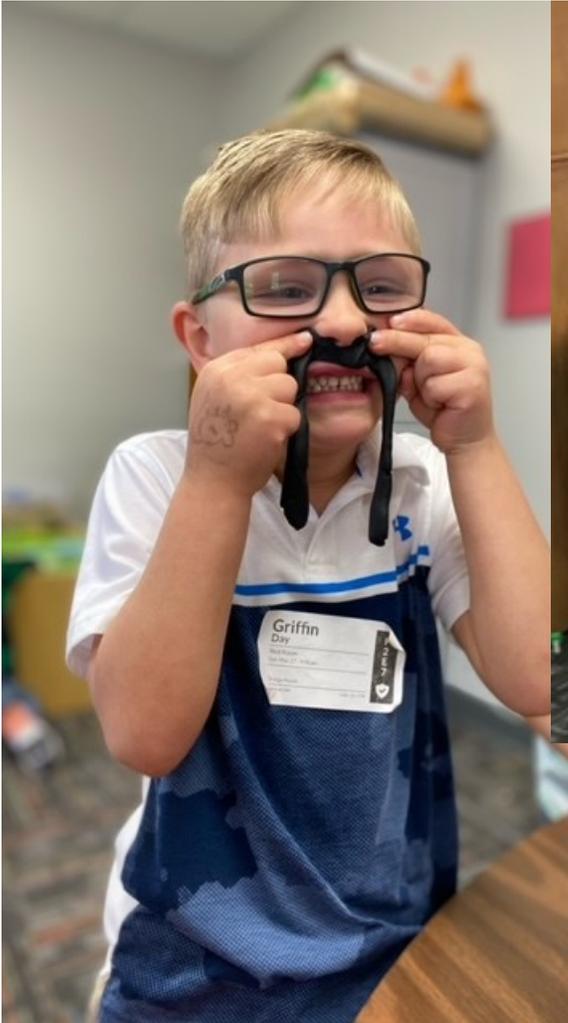
FUN AND GAMES IN TREEHOUSE



SUNDAY MORNING WITH OUR KIDS



MORE SUNDAY FUN



SUMMER CAMPS



This year's theme is "Resilient." In the book of Daniel, we encounter the timeless display of individuals demonstrating resilient character, uncompromisable faith, and boldness to remain true to a God who continues to provide faithfully for his people in the midst of every circumstance.

The logo for Kids Camp features the words 'Kids Camp' in a playful, bubbly font with a yellow-to-orange gradient, and 'Tabor College' in a smaller, black font below it.

KIDS CAMP
3rd-5th graders*
June 28-July 1, 2022
Tabor College
Hillsboro, KS

The logo for JR High Camp features the words 'JR. HIGH CAMP' in a bold, black font inside a white arrow shape pointing to the right.

JR HIGH CAMP
6th-8th graders*
June 1-5, 2022
Sky Ranch Cave Springs
Guapaw, OK

The logo for SR High Camp features the word 'ASCENT' in a large, white, stylized font above a white triangle shape.

SR HIGH CAMP
9th-12th graders*
June 10-14, 2022
Glorieta Camp
Glorieta, NM

*Grade completed in spring 2022

USMB Gathering 2022

You are invited to join the U.S. Mennonite Brethren family for USMB Gathering 2022 in Independence, Mo. (north Kansas City), July 26-30, 2022.

Make plans now to attend the biennial national pastors' conference for pastors and spouses July 26-28, and the national convention for everyone July 28-30.

The theme is "Increasing Impact," with a focus on evangelism and reaching the lost—as we strive to make a real difference for Jesus in our communities, nation and the world.

Don't miss an exciting lineup of featured speakers. Together, we'll explore evangelism with Gary Comer, founder of Soul Whisperer Ministry; Jeff Hubrich, pastor of Lakeview Church's Grantsville Campus in Tooele, Utah; Hillary Morgan Ferrer, founder of Mama Bear Apologetics; and Jeff Bell, lead pastor of Mosaic in Littleton, Colo. Let's increase our impact by reaching the lost! For more information or to register, visit www.usmb.org/gathering2022 or call 1-800-257-0515.

The logo for USMB Gathering 2022 features the USMB logo (a stylized 'U' and 'M' with 'Increasing Impact Together' below it) at the top. Below it, the words 'INCREASING IMPACT' are written in a large, bold, white font with a diagonal line through them. Underneath, 'REACHING THE LOST' is written in a smaller, teal font, and 'LUKE 19:10' is written in a very small font at the bottom right. The hashtag '#USMB2022' is in the top right corner.

8 - T R A C K S

Twenty-five 8-Tracks members met Sunday evening, March 13th at Luigi's Italian Restaurant. We had a great time visiting and enjoying the fine food. Our next meeting will be



April 10th in The Gathering! We'll meet there at 5:30 for a Taco Bar. Please sign up at the Information Booth to come and to bring something.



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Luigi's
ITALIAN RESTAURANT

TO GO
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111 W. MAIN
WEATHERFORD, OK

HOURS OF OPERATION
TUE - SAT 11:00 - 9:00
SUN 11:00 - 9:00



58TH ANNUAL GERMAN FEAST



The annual **GERMAN FEAST AND AUCTION** at Corn Bible Academy is coming Saturday, April 9th. The doors will open at 10:00 am for the Silent Auction.

The Silent Auction will end at 2:00 pm. There will be gifts of all kinds and Schmetka and other baked goods for sale at this auction.

The German Meal will be served from 11:30 am—1:30 pm and 5:00—7:00 pm. This tasty meal will consist of German Sausage, Sauerkraut, New Year's Cookies, Green Beans, Veronika with Onion Gravy, Cherry and Pluma Mousse, and freshly baked Breads including Zwieback.

The Live Auction begins at 1:00 pm. This auction will include handmade quilts, afghans, throws, vacation packages, sports memorabilia, home-baked goods, jellies, cinnamon rolls and many other items.

They would love your help in making breads and Zwieback for the meal and also any other baked goods for the silent auction. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Booth to say you will help.



♥ Gen2Gen met Tuesday, March 1st for “Everything Irish.” Becky McDonald told us a little about St. Patrick, we had Irish Stew, Irish bread, green crackers and pistachio dessert.

Then we played a get acquainted game where we were able to learn a lot about our tablemates. It was a fun evening and we are looking forward to the next one!

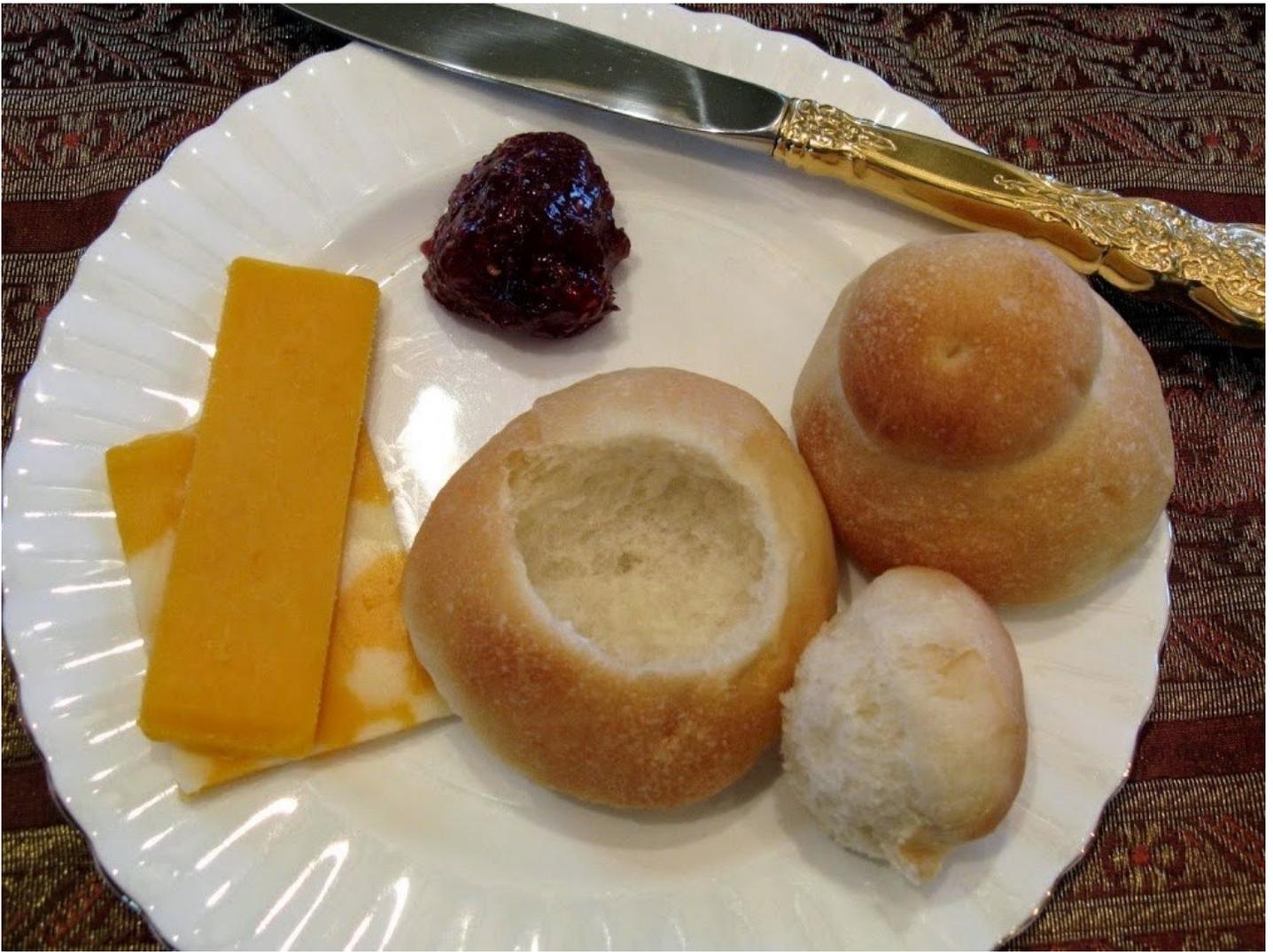


In April we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday which is April 12th All ladies are invited to join us for an Easter celebration. Bring a finger food to share and come enjoy an evening making an Easter craft to take home. Sign up at the Information Booth or contact Kathy Harms at 580-302-4644.



GERMAN HISTORY LESSON

BY SHARON BLAGG



ZWIEBACK ~ that was a new word for me when I began attending Pine Acres Church in the nineties. There was a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring those to the German Feast at Corn and Verna Harms was telling some of us about the process of making them.

It's a hot roll made from the traditional wheat bread flour, yeast, milk, and or potato water and butter or lard. There are many recipes to be found online. Lori Kliewer's mom, Joan Franz, put the recipe on the next page in the last Mennonite cookbook. Lori was kind enough to share it.

I have asked this question since I first heard about zwieback: "Why are there two rolls?" The only answer that seems to fit is what I was told by an older Mennonite lady in traditional dress. She said that even if the roll has gotten drier, if you pop off the top roll, you can place some jam on the soft inside. Does anyone have any other information about that?

The history of this roll has it dating back to the Mennonite populations in Russia, the Netherlands and Switzerland. As they immigrated to the U.S., they brought their Turkey Red wheat and zwiebacks with them. Some weddings had the ladies from the area bringing their ingredients and a mass undertaking was done to provide enough zwieback to feed the entire crowd at the wedding. I hope you will give this recipe a try. Lori Said she would even give lessons!

Zwieback

(Directions For New Cooks)

Joan Franz

3 cups whole milk

1/2 cups sugar

3 tsp salt

Approximately 8 cups flour

3/4 cup margarine or butter

(1 1/2 sticks)

4 level T dry yeast

1/2 cup warm water

Heat milk and butter or margarine in glass mixing bowl in microwave for approximately 4 minutes or until margarine is soft. Dissolve yeast in 1/2 cup warm water and 1/4 cup of sugar (not very hot); set aside. To warmed milk and margarine mixture: add salt and 1/4 cup sugar. Add flour - 1 cup at a time; mix with mixer using dough hooks for best results. Add softened yeast mixture. As you beat, continue adding flour until you have a smooth dough. Turn out on floured board and continue kneading and adding a little flour until no longer sticky but soft and smooth.

Wash your mixing bowl with very warm water; dry and spray with Pam or shortening. Return dough to the mixing bowl. The warm bowl will aide the dough in rising. Cover with clean cloth & let rise.

When dough is double in size, knead down. Pinch off a handful and pinch off balls about 3" in diameter by squeezing dough through first finger and thumb. Place ball on cookie sheet. Continue this process until you have about 12 balls on one sheet. Now squeeze out dough the same way, only about 2" in diameter. Place one of the smaller balls on each large ball. With thumb and first finger push top ball down hard on large ball; enough to make a dent in the dough. Let rise for about 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and bake for 20 minutes or a very golden brown. When baked turn out very carefully with a spatula onto a large cloth to cool.

The zwieback will be light and fluffy, so allow to cool single layer to retain their nice shape. When cool, serve with butter and jelly
Makes about 3 1/2 to 4 dozen zwieback.

Vision for Mission

Inspiring updates from Multiply's Global Lead Team

**Featured Contributor: Johann Matthies,
Regional Team Leader, Europe and Central Asia**

Our faith is being tested in these times of war. We are being invited to suffer with those who are suffering, and to cry with those who are crying. Today, that is Ukraine.

Many of our pastors and ministry leaders have fled their homes because of the bombing, others have been overrun and are serving their churches under Russian occupation, and still others have decided to stay. For the time being, our Multiply leaders, Maxym and Anya Oliferovski, have chosen to stay in Ukraine as they continue to encourage people and to oversee efforts to help in practical ways within the country.

Oleksii and Oksana Makaiov, church planters in Dnipro, left their community with their family and drove to another part of Ukraine where they prepared food, distributed it to people in need, and gave them hope. They have recently had to separate at the border as Oksana and their two boys joined nine other refugees in our van convoy en route to Germany and Oleksii headed back to help the church he leads in the war zone. We have sent resources with him and he will do all he can to help others but we do not know what tomorrow will bring.

These are some of the darkest times in generations for Ukrainians, but the darker the night, the brighter the stars. We believe that this is also the time to reveal Christ in word and deed.

Even as you receive this, I am driving in another convoy of three vans from Germany to the Ukraine border to deliver food and supplies tomorrow and hopefully bring back 17 refugees. When we set out, we did not know how the supplies would be transported within Ukraine as we could only arrange for one van to meet us at the border. But God in his perfect timing, has provided through an unexpected connection, two more vans that we now expect will meet us at the border just in time and then aid in the transportation and distribution of the supplies requested from our MB churches in Ukraine.

Ever since this war began, I've seen an outpouring of love, concern, and compassion from our global family. We are a family that cares, a family that will find every possible way of coming alongside those who suffer. Many are opening their hearts and their wallets to get behind our efforts to help in some way. As God makes resources available, we need to pray for his grace to use them in the best way possible. Let's come together to ask God to show us signs and wonders of his presence with us. In the days to come, we will need each other more and more. Please stand with me as I stand with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

PRAY

1. Please pray for the safety, courage, and fruitfulness of our brothers and sisters who remain in Ukraine.
2. Pray for relief efforts underway from Germany, where churches are being mobilized in several vans to drive to the border of Ukraine with food and supplies and then hopefully return to Germany with 17 refugees.



Hope Is Alive Bowling Night was a huge success! The men enjoyed your support so much. Thank you to everyone who participated!



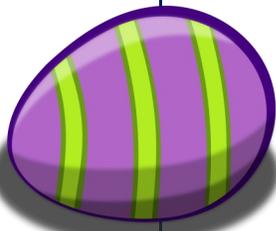


FORGE PICS

Forge kids actively participating in the group challenge for the evening.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:30 am—SS/ABF 10:30 am—Prayer 10:30 am - Worship 11:00 am—KOW	4 9:00 am—Staff 6:30 pm—Men's Bible Study	5 6:30 pm— Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm— Women's Bible Study	6 10:00 am—Ministerial Alliance Meeting 6:00 pm—Treehouse— Beach Night 6:00 pm—Bridge 6:00 pm—Forge	7 9:00 am— Encouragers 6:30 pm— Constitution Committee	8	9 CBA German Feast 2:00 pm— Penner Baby Shower
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Jesus is risen

Suddenly Jesus met them.
"Greetings," he said.
They came to him,
clasped his feet and worshiped him.

Matthew 28:9

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BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Rhett Kliewer
- 7—Marie Koehn
- 8—Madison Meacham
- 12—Terry Gathers
- 18—Jeremy Anderson
- 18—Murray Day
- 19—Owen Harms
- 19—Carol Short
- 23—Kathy Harms
- 24—Johanna Flaming
- 25—Shiloh Basinger
- 29—Gayle Henderson
- 30—April Javorsky



ANNIVERSARY

- 10—Orville and Johanna Flaming