



# The Covenant Chronicle

April 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus Christ is Risen!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important belief of Christianity. If Jesus had not risen as the Bible says he did, then Jesus would have been a great teacher and leader but not the Savior who frees us from sin and death. While it might be understandable that non-believers think that the empty tomb and the witness of the women are just some sort of idle tale or legend, it is surprising and heartbreaking that many professing Christians also have the same belief. A survey, done by the Barna Group about 22 years ago, found that around 30% of people who identified as Christian did not believe that Jesus actually rose from the dead.

The evidence for the Resurrection is quite strong, including the eyewitness accounts in scripture, the martyrdom of Jesus' closest followers, and the amazing growth of the church in Jerusalem and Judea and in the Roman empire. The evidence is so strong that many people, like Lee Strobel and Josh McDowell, who had seriously sought to disprove the Resurrection and tear down the beliefs of the Christian faith have instead given their lives to the Lord.

Although we, as Christians, may disagree on certain points of our faith, we should never disagree that Jesus rose from the dead. In this we should rejoice daily, proclaim it continually, and look with hope for his triumphant return.

He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

God bless,  
Pastor Keith

## April Ministry Volunteers

### Scripture Readers

- 5 Tanner Jones  
12 Kam Kief  
19 Ryder Jones  
26 Myndie Glazik

### Ushers

- 5 Roger Gustafson, Jeff Shaffer  
12 Glen Foss, Melanie Harms  
19 Jesse Balk, Ahlden Harms  
26 Matt & Amy Jones, Diane Gustafson

**Discussion is underway in regards to the sanctuary ceiling repairs and one suggested option that is gaining support is to repaint the ceiling to replicate the Sistine Chapel in Rome. Since we will more than likely have to remove the remaining existing ceiling, this option would be totally viable given we will be working with a blank canvas, so to speak.**

**Please submit your thoughts to [Aprilfools.com](http://Aprilfools.com)**



### *Mission Statement*

*We, the Evangelical Covenant Church of Paxton, Illinois, will seek to bring the people of our community and throughout the world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ because God calls us to do so. In all we do we will serve Christ through individual talents working together to nurture each other in the faith and in Christian love.*



**April 3** - PAMA Good Friday Service at the Methodist Church at 7pm

**April 5** - Easter Sunrise service at 7am (weather permitting out on the lawn)  
Sunrise Breakfast at 8am  
Sunday School at 9:30am  
Worship at 10:45am



**Thank you** to the “Church Basement Ladies” for planning, preparing and serving the delicious meals for our Lenten Bible Studies. This truly is your God given gift! Your willingness to serve us is greatly appreciated.



- 2 Tonya Durham**
- 3 Randy Surey**
- 4 Payton Mills**
- 4 Paisley Mills**
- 8 Lisa Brocato**
- 14 Colten Maulding**
- 15 Derek Busboom**
- 19 Becky Burklund**
- 20 Diane Gustafson**  
Amanda Toohill  
Becca Reuther
- 22 Kyler Burnett**  
Lindsey Alred
- 27 Kathy Haack**
- 29 Jane Johnson**  
Teri Siddall


- 3 David & Tonya Durham**
- 16 Jeff & Darlos Shaffer**
- 20 Mike & Stephanie Johnson**
- 22 Ken & Kathy Mutchmore**
- 26 Darrell & Barb Busboom**



**Remember Our Homebound Members**

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**Jesus  
Lives!**