

Harvest Church



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He is Risen
He is not here,
for He has risen, just as He said.

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April 2021 Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF
PASTOR DOUG



NEW LIFE RISING

What a difference a year makes. Two years ago we celebrated Easter pretty normally. We realize now what a privilege that was. Last year, we were not able to meet in person and we celebrated Easter online. That was a privilege as well. Many churches were not digitally prepared to even do this much. But it was also a letdown. The few who were in the sanctuary to produce the online service felt the shift as too few were there to feel like Easter. And for everybody else, online just can't capture the shared emotions and connection of a live service.

I am joyful as we move toward Easter morning this year. We've been doing live and online worship for months now. Our live worship attendance has been steadily growing, and at the same time our online worship has been reaching numbers like we've never been able to reach before.

This Easter, I sense new life coming to Harvest Church. Energy is returning, people are returning and I hear optimism in the air.

The experts tell us that the last year has heightened depression, loneliness and loss of direction to many. It's understandable. But life is coming back.

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From the Desk of Pastor Doug (Continued)

We understand that not everybody should be at worship, even on Easter. If you're in a vulnerable population or feel at all sick, you need to wait. But if you're able, if you're getting out among people in other settings, it's time to reconnect with the worship of God's people.

It's Easter! Let's celebrate new life in Christ and returning life to everything around us.

-Doug



DHF²¹ DISCIPLE HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
APRIL 22-23, 2021 IN DECATUR, IL


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DHF, the association of churches we belong to, is having its annual national conference on Thursday and Friday, April 22nd and 23rd in Decatur, Illinois. It will be live, not online, with appropriate cautions.

This is a time of inspiration, learning and connection. Doug and Pat will be attending, and you're invited, too. For more information or to register, go online to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-dhf-national-conference-registration-140350846159>.

PASTOR DOUG'S APRIL SERMONS:

April 4th (Easter Sunday)

Revelation 1:17-18

“I Am Alive Forever!”

April 11th

Revelation 7:9-12

“Practicing for Our Heavenly Home”

April 18th

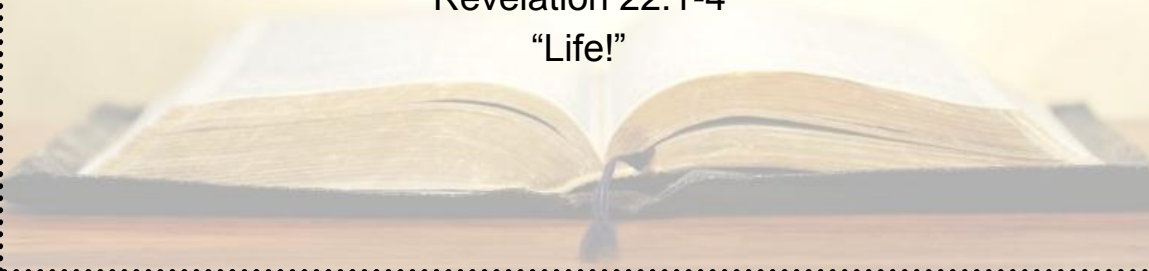
Revelation 8:3

“The Incense of Heaven”

April 25th

Revelation 22:1-4

“Life!”



CONGREGATIONAL Meeting & POTLUCK

Our regular quarterly congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 11 after worship. We will also celebrate our shared life by having a potluck meal.

DISCUSSION WITH GREAT PLAYS DAYCARE

Our Elders and Trustees have been in a conversation with Great Plays Daycare about possibly renting them some space downstairs to allow them to expand their services to area families. We probably won't have a full agreement worked out by the time of the congregational meeting on April 11, but we will update you on the status of those discussions at that point. We will seek the consensus of the congregation about moving forward with an agreement.

We are considering it because of the great need in the community for daycare. Great Plays currently has over 50 kids of varying ages on their waiting list and they are maxed out for space.

MILITARY BIBLE STICKS

Every year, Harvest takes up a special offering for Military Bible Sticks in March. This provides servicemen and those in military hospitals with a small electronic device with earphones that has the New Testament in a voice recording format. We have always given generously as a sign of both our support of those who serve and our belief in the power of God's Word.

This year we set a new record with offerings of \$990. Thanks for your generosity and thanks be to God for the gift of His Word.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Ann Knoll - April 4th

Linda Tiemessen - April 30th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Tom & Barb Sauser - April 5th

Roger & Sharon Wilson - April 9th

Paul and Christine Knoll - April 15th

BAPTISM SUNDAY

We are pleased that Heather Riha, who has been singing on the worship team, has asked to be baptized on April 25th.

If you have been thinking about baptism and would like to talk about it or sign up to join Heather on the 25th, please let Doug know.



April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service	3
				4  9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	5	6 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Coordinating Council Mtg.
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25 Baptism Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	26	27 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" on Facebook 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	28	29	30 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" on Facebook	