



# THE BEACON

## April 2026 Newsletter

### Navigating the Geography of Reality: Adapting for a Changing Church

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#### The Third-Culture Way

Followers of Jesus are called to be flexible, adaptable, and collaborative—what we call the third-culture way. In the face of changing circumstances, challenging cultures, and complex crises, adaptability is the quality that will define the church's future.

#### Facing a New Reality

As Christendom fades and the landscape of faith changes, the church must embrace adaptability like never before.

#### An Adaptive Church: Loss, Learning, and Gaps

- Adapting is about letting go, learning as we go, and pressing on.
- Help communities "mind the gap" between what we value and how we act.
- Adaptation exposes gaps and demands tough questions:
- What do we risk losing if we prioritize one value over another?
- What must we be willing to release?

#### Adaptive Capacity: Building Resilience for the Future

- True resilience means engaging in problem-defining and problem-solving during times of change.
- When old solutions fail, we must mobilize for growth, face disorientation, and reframe our identity and mission.
- Key aspects of adaptive capacity:
- Calmly facing the unknown.
- Refusing quick fixes
- Engaging others in learning and transformation
- Seeking new perspectives and asking tough questions
- Confronting resistance and learning without losing our core identity
- Helping congregations make tough, mission-driven decisions

#### Learning from Experience:

- Sometimes, we repeat old patterns simply because they're familiar—even when they no longer serve us.
- When familiar methods fail, it can be painful, but it is also necessary for growth.
- We must be willing to let go of outdated assumptions and embrace new ways of thinking and acting.

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**Recommitment to Our Core Ideology**

- In times of change, we ask: Who are we, and why do we exist as a church?
- We are called to live for others and for God's greater purpose.
- We must clarify what is central to our identity, what we must protect, and what we are willing to let go of so our mission continues.
- At the heart of Harvest Church is a deep identity question: What would be lost if we ceased to exist?

**Reframing Strategy**

- Facing new challenges requires more than just finding a solution—it requires exploration and learning.
- We are called to engage with new philosophies, just as early Christians did, seeking new ways to share God's love and justice.

**New Learning: Becoming a Learning Community**

- Adapting is rooted in continual learning.
- If we are not learning something new, we are not truly adapting.
- Let us become a community that asks, "Where am I discovering?" and commits to growth together.

May Harvest Church continue to grow in adaptability, recommit to our core mission, and learn together as we navigate this ever-changing spiritual landscape.

For the Kingdom,  
Pastor Josh

*Happy Birthday!*

**Ann Knoll - April 1st**

**Ron Sabelka - April 6th**

**J.J. Brecunier - April 22nd**

**Pastor Josh Jacobs - April 20th**

**Lynette Kellogg - April 15th**

**Linda Tiemessen - April 30th**

*Happy Anniversary!*

**Paul & Christine Knoll - April 15th**

APRIL 4, 2026 FROM 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.  
KINDNESS SQUARE INCLUSIVE PARK

# INCLUSIVE EASTER EGG HUNT

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN UP TO 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
SENSORY, TRADITIONAL, AND WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE EGG HUNTS

HOSTED BY  
HARVEST CHURCH

CALL JANE AT (641) 330-6941  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

JOIN US FOR

# EASTER

AT HARVEST CHURCH

# EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST *Fundraiser*

AT HARVEST CHURCH

8:15 A.M.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE TOGETHER AND RAISE FUNDS FOR CAMP!





Some of our Harvest Kids blessed us with worship on Palm Sunday! They worked hard practicing during the month of March!



# April Greeter Team

April 5th - Ashely, Bonnie, Linda, Christine

April 12th - Lynette and Emily

April 19th - Adam and Miranda

April 26th - Rod and Lisa

If you are unable to greet, please find someone else to take your place, talk to Christine Knoll

Remember: if you're in Sunday School to leave 10 minutes early to be at the entry on time.



# KID'S MINISTRY

## NURSERY

**APRIL 5TH - EASTER!**

**APRIL 12TH - CHRISTINE**

**APRIL 19TH - KAIDANCE**

**APRIL 26TH - RACHEL**

## KID'S CHURCH

**APRIL 5TH - NO KID'S CHURCH (EASTER)**

**APRIL 12TH - ASHELY (LEADER), SHIRLEE (HELPER)**

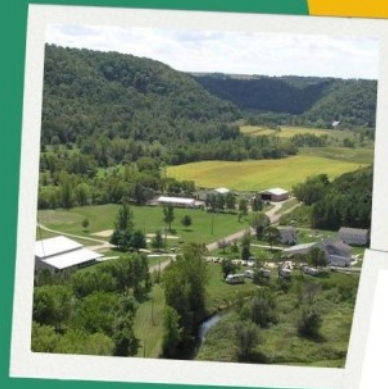
**APRIL 19TH - TERESA (LEADER), ANDREA (HELPER)**

**APRIL 26TH - JUDY (LEADER), DEAN (HELPER)**

# SUMMER CAMP

REGISTER EARLY  
FOR DISCOUNTS!

Prayerfully consider attending camp at Village Creek, or helping us send those who would like to go! We have registration forms under the blackboard!



VILLAGE CREEK  
BIBLE CAMP

# grace marriage<sup>®</sup>

Join us April 8th at 6:00 p.m.  
for a FREE Grace Marriage  
class! (Supper at 5:00 p.m.)



## BOOK STUDY

WEDNESDAYS  
6:00 P.M.  
@ HARVEST CHURCH

WE WILL MEET WEEKLY EXCEPT FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF  
THE MONTH WHEN THE MARRIAGE GROUP MEETS.

## THE GRACE MESSAGE

*Is the Gospel really this good?*

Andrew Farley  
Foreword by Bart Millard of MercyMe



# APRIL 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>  11 a.m. -1 p.m. <b>Inclusive Egg Hunt</b> (Special needs children up to 12th grade) Kindness Square Park, NH 
<b>5</b>  8:15 a.m. Breakfast  9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's 5:15 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting	<b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. (5 p.m. supper) <b>grace marriage</b> -No book study -Childcare for marriage class participants	<b>9</b> 5:00 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. Elder Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	<b>15</b> 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	<b>22</b> 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	<b>29</b> 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	<b>30</b>		