

APRIL 2014



## PASTOR'S MARCH ARTICLE

### **“Religion or Relationship.”**

Holy week is just around the corner of the calendar. All around the globe people will be commemorating the final week of Jesus' (Son of Man) earthly life. Communities, Countries, Churches and individuals will attend or participate in pageants, mass and services or events that remind people of the life, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of the Son of God. A privileged few will even have the experience of walking down the “Via Delarosa” - the Way of Suffering. The path church historians

believe Jesus walked through Jerusalem to Mt. Calvary for His execution on the cross.

It is pretty amazing that people of all color, tongue, and nation will have some of their citizens rejoice in this special week we call “Holy Week”. But does it make any difference? What makes this week so special? Is it the music? The services? The traditions? The history? The Pageantry? I dare say that one can have many religious traditions and experiences without it making much of a difference. There are even groups in the world that are openly defiant

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“The Hibbing Alliance Church exists to lead people to Christ, enabling them to become fully committed to His purposes.”

Against religion claiming religion is the cause of all evil in the world or at least the prohibitory of personal choice. And let's be honest, some really-really bad has been done in the name of religion (Twin Towers, Crusades, Dark Ages, etc...). But Holy Week is not a commemoration of religion. It is a reminder and declaration of reconciliation. A means by which a broken relationship can be restored.

All people are born into a cursed world. As a result of mankind's inherited nature to rebel and disobey our Creator, God, our divine Parent/Father, we were separated from relationship with Him. Romans 3:23 of the Bible declares, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 goes on to say, "The wages of sin is death..." Death separates from life and God is life. Therefore our relationship with God is broken, severed by sin. All humanity is born into this condition and if that were the end of the story we would be most miserable and without hope. But Romans 6:23 concludes with these words, "...but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

It is this hope that is celebrated all year long, but especially during Holy Week. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus) and that whoever believes in Him would not perish (be separated from Him) but have everlasting life (relationship restored forever)," John 3:16. Jesus was born without the curse of sin because He was conceived of the Holy Spirit. He consciously chose not to disobey God relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, His life was pure and sinless, a sacrifice of perfection for our sins. Appeasing the wrath of God toward sin by the offering of the life of Jesus who knew no sin. And because Jesus is fully God, sin and death could not keep Him in the grave. He conquered them and rose again offering us salvation from sin and restored relationship with God. A free gift to us even though it cost Jesus His life.

This is what Christians are celebrating during Holy Week; not religion but relationship with God through Jesus Christ. And God offers this free gift to all people of all nations. "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Pray that your family and neighbors repent of their sins and receive Jesus' free gift of salvation so that they can celebrate Holy Week with a new understanding.

*Pastor Kevin*

## **Needed for May through August: Workers for Children's Church.**

We will be focusing on active, hands-on lessons that will help children understand how the Christian Church marks time. The title of the series is "Around the Year in Children's Church." Each lesson contains a simple Christian message, a Bible verse, a story, a prayer, a music suggestion, and a simple craft to reinforce the message. Once again, I will have a packet ready for each Sunday so that your preparation time will be short. If you would like to sign up to teach one or two Sundays during this time period, please contact me - Carol (263-5632). Thanks very much!

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### **DID I READ THAT SIGN RIGHT???**

**Toilet out of order - please use floor below**

**In a Laundromat: Automatic Washing Machines: Please remove all your clothes when light goes out**

**In London department store: Bargain Basement upstairs**

**In an office: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken**

**In an office: After tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board**

**Outside a second hand shop: We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?**

**Notice in health food window: Closed due to illness**

**Spotted in a safari park: Elephants please stay in your car**

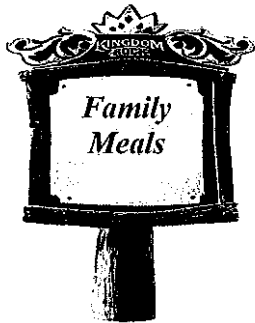
**Seen during a conference: For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a Day Care on the 1st floor.**

**Notice in a farmer's field: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges**

**Message on leaflet: If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.**

# Wednesday Night is Family Night at Hibbing Alliance Church

## Family Meals Menu (served Wednesday 5:00-5:30 pm)



*April 2<sup>nd</sup>* – pizza, tossed salad, and a cinnamon wheel or s'mores  
dessert pizza

*April 9<sup>th</sup>* – *cheeseburger-macaroni*, green beans, coleslaw, Italian  
bread, and ice cream sundaes

*April 16<sup>th</sup>* – Scalloped potatoes, ham, corn, rolls, applesauce, and cup  
cakes

*April 23<sup>rd</sup>* – macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, fruit cocktail,  
and peach cobbler

*April 30<sup>th</sup>* – soup and sandwich, chips and pickles, mandarin orange  
jello, and chocolate pudding

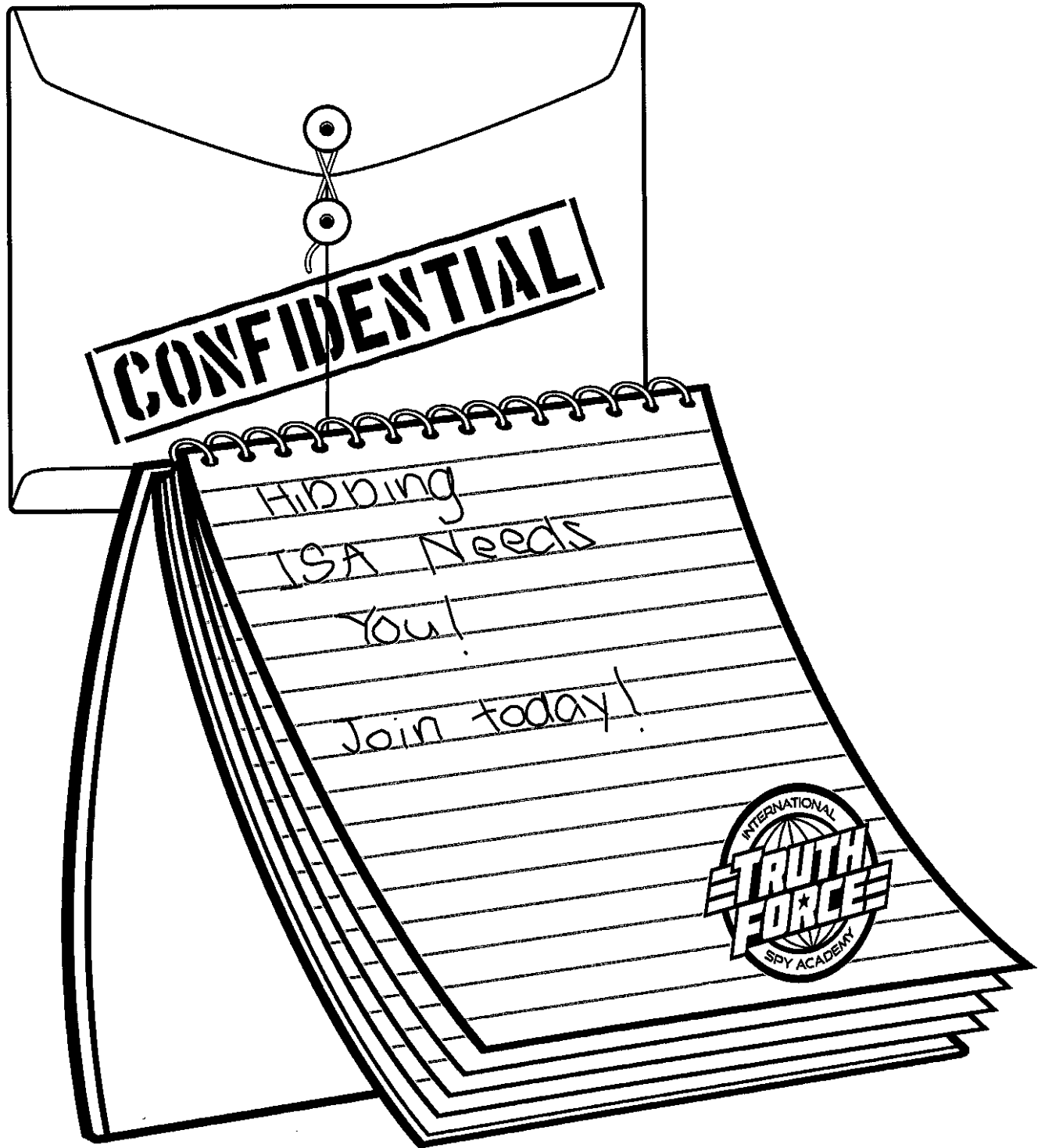
Fill your stomach with nourishment, and fill your heart with fellowship.



**Wednesday Night Kids Club** is offered each week for children ages 5 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but we need adults to be involved as well. Children are learning to *Stand Strong!* for God and grow in faith through Bible adventures, singing, dancing, games, and crafts. With God's love, family and friends, prayer, trusting God, and the Bible we can all *Stand Strong!* We want all of you (kids and adults) to join us Wednesday nights from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm and help us to **Stand Strong!**

**Volunteers are Needed!!**

**Contact Brooke Schmelzer at 218-966-8182**



***International Spy Academy VBS***  
**Sunday, August 10th-Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Call either Gloria Bush at 218-476-2429**  
**or Lorinda Freeman at 218-213-8331.**

# MARCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## Nursery

Apr. 6 Barb S. & Ben F.  
Apr. 13 Brooke S. & Mary M.  
Apr. 20 Bridget & Tanner M.  
Apr. 27 Allison B. & Michelle

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 2 Don Monroe  
Apr. 12 Chuck Yost  
Apr. 13 Tony/Brenda Mancini  
Apr. 14 Bjorn Smith  
Apr. 20 Beci Finney  
Taylor Ellefson  
Apr. 22 Isaac Bush  
Apr. 24 Alayna Bush  
Dennis Dean  
Apr. 25 Bob/Peggy Modlisz

## Ushers

Apr. 6 Dave Nelson, Jon Kilen  
Harlee Sirjord, Cal Haverkost  
Apr. 13 Bob Hyatt, Lonny Schmelzer,  
Jim Dietrich, Everett Dague  
Apr. 20 Bob Hyatt, Lonny Schmelzer,  
Jim Dietrich, Everett Dague  
Apr. 27 Bob Hyatt, Rick Norenberg,  
Lonny Schmelzer, Harlee Sirjord

## Greeters

Apr. 6 David & Gloria Bush  
Apr. 13 Everett & Joyce Dague  
Apr. 20 Jim & Linda Dietrich  
Apr. 27 John & Connie Nylund

## Children's Church

Apr. 6 Shannon/Serena Smith  
Apr. 13 Amy Sirjord/Hannah M.  
Apr. 20 Carol Maki  
Apr. 27 Lorinda Freeman



*Great Commission Women  
Heartbeat for Missions  
April Meeting  
Wednesday, April 9  
1:00 pm  
@ HAC Fellowship Hall  
Devotions: Lesson 8 - Darcie*

*GCW Prayer  
1:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 23  
@ the Church*



## **SPRING TRANSFORMATION**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**APRIL 25-26**

**@TURNING POINT RETREAT CENTER**

**COST: \$50**

*We have nailed down a date and place for our Spring Women's Retreat. All women of the Hibbing Alliance Church are invited and encouraged to attend. The retreat will begin Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm and end Saturday afternoon right after lunch.*

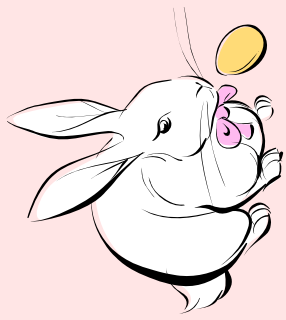
*We need to send in a deposit to reserve the retreat center, so anyone planning on attending will need to pay half (\$25) when they sign up.*

*We will be looking into Romans 12-13, so please begin to read these chapters and ask God to teach you new truths.*

*Our goal is relaxation and transformation! We will have very few scheduled events, and most of our time will be spent in fellowship and fun! We are hoping you can come for the whole time, but if not, you could drive out for the day on Saturday.*

*Please let Darcie know soon if you are able to come so we can get the deposit in and start making plans!*





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| Sun                                                                                       | Mon                                                                        | Tue                                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                | Thu                                                                  | Fri                                                       | Sat                                                                     |
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|                                                                                           |                                                                            | <b>1</b><br>6:00 pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Men's Basketball                                      | <b>2</b><br>3:30 pm Club Worker's Mtg.<br>5:00 pm Family Supper/Clubs<br>6:00 pm Corporate Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir | <b>3</b><br>5:30 pm Deaconess Meeting<br>6:30 pm Music Team Practice | <b>4</b>                                                  | <b>5</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees                           |
| <b>6</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:45 am Worship<br>Food Allergy Safe Place Training | <b>7</b><br>6:30 pm Trustee Meeting                                        | <b>8</b><br>3:00 pm DMC Mtg.<br>6:00 pm Women's Bible Study<br>6:30 Missions<br>7:00 pm Men's Basketball | <b>9</b><br>1:00 pm GCW<br>5:00 pm Clubs<br>6:00 pm Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir                                        | <b>10</b><br>6:30 pm Music Team Practice                             | <b>11</b><br>5:30 pm Lone Rangers                         | <b>12</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast Hardees                            |
| <b>13</b><br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:45 am Worship<br>VBS Planning Meeting             | <b>14</b><br>5:15 Communication Team Mtg                                   | <b>15</b><br>6:00 pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Men's Basketball                                     | <b>16</b><br>5:00 pm Clubs<br>6:00 pm Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir Practice                                             | <b>17</b><br>6:30 pm Music Team Practice                             | <b>18</b><br>6:00 pm Way of the Cross Good Friday Service | <b>19</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees                          |
| <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Easter Breakfast<br>10:45 Worship                                    | <b>21</b><br>6:00 pm Elder Board Meeting<br>6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg. | <b>22</b><br>6:00 pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Men's Basketball                                     | <b>23</b><br>1:00 pm GCW Prayer<br>5:00 pm Clubs<br>6:00 pm Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir Practice                       | <b>24</b><br>6:30 pm Music Team Practice                             | <b>25</b><br>3:00 pm GCW Spring Retreat begins!!          | <b>26</b><br>8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Hardees<br>GCW Spring Retreat!!! |
| <b>27</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 Hymn Sing<br>10:45 Worship                    | <b>28</b><br>6:00 pm Governing Board Meeting                               | <b>29</b><br>6:00 pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Men's Basketball                                     | <b>30<sub>r</sub></b><br>5:00 pm Clubs<br>6:00 pm Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir Practice                                 |                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                         |
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