



Ogden Dunes Community Church

# The Dunes News

April 2015

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**Begin the Easter Journey with us . . .**



## Ogden Dunes Community Church

*Presents*

### ***“The Final Hours”***

*A Musical Drama*

*Depicting the final hours of the life of Jesus Christ  
Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.*

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## **HOLY WEEK**

March 29, 10:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday Service**

April 2, 7:30 p.m. **Maundy Thursday**

A Musical Drama service depicting the Final Hours of Jesus Christ

April 3, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Good Friday Prayer Vigil**

April 5, 7:30 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service** followed by Easter Brunch

April 5, 10:00 a.m. **Regular Easter Service**



## ***The Pastor's Pen***

The palm leaves...the singing...the shouting...It was a celebration in faith. The VICTORY was still to come. Jesus allowed the people to celebrate a triumph in faith—a triumph they had never seen. But the events of Good Friday were shattering. It seemed so final. Try to imagine the moment. Fear immobilized faith. Grief eclipsed the victories of the years with Christ. All seems lost. Hopelessness and helplessness prevailed.

Then Easter Sunday came. It was the day God circled on His calendar for a breakthrough. A breakout. A resurrection. Not just for His Son but for all of us. That is why Apostle Paul; writes: "Thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph!" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Notice that this triumph is not an "occasional triumph" or a "once-in-a-while" triumph. You are called to always triumph in Christ Jesus. Because of the all-surpassing goodness of your heavenly Father, you will always defeat whatever "enemy" you face.

You have the victory...even before you see the victory. That's what Easter is all about. God did something so big...so bold...so out-of-the box that your whole life will be revolutionized by it. Every pain you feel, God can heal. Every dream that has died, God can resurrect. You will no longer be defined by the crucifixion of yesterday but by the resurrection of tomorrow.

The prophet Hosea said it best: "He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us...After two days He will revive us. On the third day He will restore us..." (6:1,2) We are PEOPLE of the THIRD DAY!

Blessings,  
Pastor Sewdin

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## **PRIMETIMERS NEWS**

Come join the Prime Timers on Tuesday, April 21 at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly catered lunch (for only \$8.00) and the always interesting program.

Due to the unforeseen cancellation of last month's program and subsequent rescheduling, the April program will be presented by Roi Yair, a young Israeli living in our community. He is representing the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana working to promote a better understanding of Israel and sharing his personal impressions living in Israel.

Join us and bring a friend. Guests are welcome! Age is irrelevant. To make reservations or for questions call Karel Kears at 763-6493.

# DIDuKnow?



## Good Friday

The church office will be closed on April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.

## Confirmation Sunday—Sunday, April 19th

Four of our youths will be meeting with the Session to present their Statement of Faith on Tuesday, April 14th. Then they will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, April 19th at the 10:00 a.m. service at which time they will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

## King of kings

During Jesus' earthly life, colored cloth was very expensive. Only royalty and wealthy people could afford it. When Jesus was arrested and sentenced to die, the soldiers set about humiliating him (see Mark 15:16-20, NRSV). They found a purple cloak—the color of royalty—and put it on him. Then they placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they mockingly cried. The soldiers hit Jesus with a reed and spat on him. They taunted him and knelt before him, pretending to honor him. Despite what he endured, our Lord did end up a King—King of kings and Lord of lords.

- "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly."

—Richard Bach

## Reading Through The Bible in 2015

Here are the Daily Readings for the Month of April:

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|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>April 1</b><br>Judges 6-7                     | <b>April 2</b><br>Judges 8-9              | <b>April 3</b><br>Judges 10-12                | <b>April 4</b><br>Judges 13-15       | <b>April 5</b><br>Judges 16-18              | <b>April 6</b><br>Judges 19-21                        | <b>April 7</b><br>Ruth 1-4             |
| <b>April 8</b><br>1 Samuel 1-3                   | <b>April 9</b><br>1 Samuel 4-8            | <b>April 10</b><br>1 Samuel 9-12              | <b>April 11</b><br>1 Samuel 13-14    | <b>April 12</b><br>1 Samuel 15-17           | <b>April 13</b><br>1 Samuel 18-20, Psalm 11, Psalm 59 | <b>April 14</b><br>1 Samuel 21-24      |
| <b>April 15</b><br>Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52       | <b>April 16</b><br>Psalm 56, 120, 140-142 | <b>April 17</b><br>1 Samuel 25-27             | <b>April 18</b><br>Psalm 17,35,54,63 | <b>April 19</b><br>1 Samuel 28-31, Psalm 18 | <b>April 20</b><br>Psalm 121, 123-125-128-130         | <b>April 21</b><br>2 Samuel 1-4        |
| <b>April 22</b><br>Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21 | <b>April 23</b><br>1 Chronicles 1-2       | <b>April 24</b><br>Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87 | <b>April 25</b><br>1 Chronicles 3-5  | <b>April 26</b><br>Psalm 73, 77-78          | <b>April 27</b><br>1 Chronicles 6                     | <b>April 28</b><br>Psalm 81, 88, 92-93 |
| <b>April 29</b><br>1 Chronicles                  | <b>April 30</b><br>Psalm 102-104          |   |                                      |   |   |  |

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**The deadline for the next Dunes News is April 15th.**

## April Refreshments

Following the 10:00 a.m. Worship service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall. If your last name begins with the letter of the day, please provide snacks of your choice. The host/hostess for the day will set snacks and coffee out for everyone's enjoyment after the service.

### Hostess

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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Sunday, April 5  | Deacon's Breakfast | Between Services |
| Sunday, April 12 | A,B,C,D,E          | Carol Smith      |
| Sunday, April 19 | F,G,H,I,J          | Ann Sampson      |
| Sunday, April 26 | K,L,M,N,O          | Joy Newton       |

Please call Sue Squire at 762-1428 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.



## 30 Pieces of Silver



Judas betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver, As Christians, we will redeem

Judas' money by giving 30 pieces of silver for a worthy mission cause. Please put your coins in a container and we will collect your "love coins" on Easter Sunday. Anyone interested can participate in this redemption program. Thank you for caring!!