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From the Pastor's Desk

Easter Preparation

There are roughly 4 weeks until Easter. If you want to begin to prepare your heart for the celebration of the pinnacle of Christian holidays, I have a



bible reading plan for you. This will walk you through the Triumphal Entry to the Resurrection/Ascension in each of the 4 Gospels. What a great way to get ready for Easter.

Over the course of each week, read the following chapters:

March 4th – Matthew 21-28

March 11th – Mark 11-16

March 18th – Luke 19-24

March 25th – John 12-21

I encourage you to take your time. This is roughly a chapter a day, not too rigorous. Pray, read, meditate and study as you walk through each of the accounts of Jesus' last days on earth. Let it speak to you and prepare your heart for Easter.

To the Glory of God,
Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January 2018

Total Giving:

\$11,000 (total General offerings) vs.
\$11,500 (total Budget is 11,500/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$9,600 (total given by those making pledges)
vs. **\$9,000** (total pledged YTD, \$9,000 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance **\$13,400**

YTD general offerings **\$11,000**

YTD total expenses **\$9,700**

January 31 cash balance **\$14,700**

| Account | Budget | Actual |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Payroll | \$7,653.17 | \$7,000.00 |
| Missions | \$1,546.83 | \$1,300.00 |
| Plant & maintenance | \$1,103.33 | \$700.00 |
| office | \$516.67 | \$100.00 |
| discipleship | \$159.58 | \$0.00 |
| Property Ins | \$220.83 | \$650.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$41.67 | \$0.00 |
| Fellowship | \$166.67 | \$100.00 |
| Outreach | \$50.00 | \$0.00 |
| Worship | \$199.17 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$11,657.92 | \$9,850.00 |

Current Maintenance account:

\$0

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,300.00

Current Building account:

\$26,000.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick

Safety Outreach!

The Grand Chute Fire Department will be presenting an evening program designed to inform and educate all those in attendance. The main focus will be accident prevention and fire safety.

Wednesday, March 14
6:30PM



We will use this as an opportunity to invite the neighborhood! The more Community Church folks attending, the more welcoming we can be to any neighbors who attend.



Lawn Mowing

It is a bit early, but just a notice about mowing the lawn at church. IEH folks do half the weeks so historically our volunteers have been on at the most, twice during the season.

We have two riding mowers and a battery powered trimmer. If you were on last year, you will be re-upped for this year, unless you contact Rick Haase or the church office and request to be removed.

If you would like to be added to this elite group or have questions about mowing, please contact Rick Haase or the church office (the secretary can usually track him down!)



Women's Events!

Save the date: Women's Retreat! Friday, April 20 - Saturday, April 21, 2018



Monthly Men's "Breakfast with a Purpose"

Saturday, March 24th at 8AM. Get together with other men for breakfast and some meaningful discussion.

Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Contact Greg Maxey (gmaxey52@gmail.com; 205-3495) for more information.

The End of an Era



After 8 years, we are going to discontinue the Community Garden plots in our vacant field. The management of the project and the risks have come to the point where they outweigh the benefit. Only one family from Community Church and none from IEH used a plot last summer. There have been several minor incidents and ongoing management issues ranging from disobeying the rules to theft of produce. This fall, we also received a call from a neighbor who was tired of looking at the "junk" in the plots all year.



We will most likely get some bids to turn the plot back into grass that could be periodically mowed to maintain a visually pleasing appearance and municipal ordinance compliance. The plan would also be to do some additional landscaping to facilitate better water runoff from the parking lot area.