

MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 31, 2024

Sundays at Millard

Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 a.m. for children, youth, and adults. Come dig deeper into God's Word.

Worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. Our service can be viewed live (or later) on our <u>YouTube Sunday</u> <u>Worship playlist</u>. Upon request, an audio of the Sermon is available by CD or view it on our <u>website</u>.

What's that new song? Check out our church Worship Music <u>Playlist</u> to hear some of the new music before Sunday mornings.

Easter flowers are given in memory of:

Don & Elsie Schoenbeck
Dillner Family Parents & Grandparents,
Matthew Christopher Fletcher,
Michael James Dillner,
Scarlett Olivia Jensen

Prayer Walks: We are looking for hosts for neigh-

borhood prayer walks. We'll walk and pray in your neighborhood, beginning and ending at your home. Contact Pastor Chris. Our first walk will be April 6. Meet at 10:00 am at Jim and Carol Dillner's home, 2580 N. Shore Dr., Delavan.



May 11, 2024: Treasures From Your Trunk, Rain or shine (no refunds), 9 am to 2 pm. Vendors can reserve a spot for \$25, indoor or outdoor. Funds raised will support our Scholarship Fund.

Contact Carol Dillner to reserve a spot.

Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 6:30 p.m. Plan to worship with us for this special Communion service.

Easter Potluck Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on March 31, Easter Sunday. (Sunday School classes will not meet.) If you like to plan ahead, add what you plan to bring to the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt: after the worship service on March 31, Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who donated small toys or candy.

Confirmation Sunday will be June 2.

Grow Group will take a break until after Easter.

New sermon series begins April 7. We'll spend a few

weeks celebrating the highlights of God's victory as described in Revelation!



Thank you to all who made the Choir Cantata possible!



Annual Meetings: The Central Conference Annual Meeting is May 3-4 in Batavia, Illinois. Gather, the denominational annual meeting, is June 26-29 in Covington, Kentucky. Please contact a Board member or the church office if you are available to represent Millard at one of these meetings.

Attention High School Seniors: **College Scholarship Applications** are due **April 1**. The application and instructions are on the church website.

Happy Birthday!

April 2	Ken Baerwald
April 2	Kathleen Gilbert
April 2	Kollin Baerwald
April 2	Jayden Heil
April 3	Karen Papcke
April 5	Tyler Watson
April 7	Chase Guthrie
Anril 8	Kavla Anderson

Please let us know if we need to add or correct a birthday or anniversary.

Returning & Would-Be Millard Ringers: Everyone is

welcome to join the bell choir. Our **first rehearsal** will be April 14th after the worship service, to prepare to play during the worship service on June 2.



This cake was a beautiful compliment to our Palm Sunday Worship Service and Cantata



Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm

Scripture: Mark 14:17-21, 27-31, Mark 14:32-50, Mark 14:53-54, 66-72; Reader: Mary Anderson, Carol Dillner, Janet Muzatko

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Anderson Sound/Video: Brit Radloff Communion: Mary, Ralph and Carol

Next Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 20:1-18 Reader: Donna Marshall Message: Why are You Weeping, Pr. Chris Greeters/Ushers: Bella, Ralph & Emily Sound/Video: Brit Radloff Coffee Set Up: Barb Papcke

Next Sunday, April 7

Scripture: Revelation 1:4-18
Reader: **NEEDED**

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Message: The First and the Last, Pr. Sharon Greeters/Ushers: **NEEDED**

Sound/Video: **NEEDED**Coffee Set Up: Barb Papcke
Communion: Sally, Curt & Carol

Save the date of Nov. 2, 2024

for our annual HARVEST FAIR

Contact Carol Dillner for details...

When my confirmation class last met, we covered the exile. The people of God were shocked that Assyria and Babylon were able to conquer them and even desecrate the Temple. They were carted off to an unfamiliar place, unsure how to worship and what to do. At 9:50 a.m., I realized that we were out of time to talk about future hope for the exiles, and wouldn't meet again until after Easter. But maybe it's not a bad thing to sit in the pain of exile for a bit. This time of year, it's tempting to skip the sadder parts of Holy Week and go straight to celebrating the empty tomb. However, sometimes we need to make space for lament, linger at the Cross, and grieve the exile before rushing into resurrection joy. Actually, the sureness of resurrection hope is what gives us the courage to face the difficult parts of life. Knowing that Sunday is coming gives us the strength to face all the Fridays head on, and the heaviness of Good Friday makes Sunday morning that much sweeter. With God's help, you can face all the sad parts of your story and the brokenness of the world. *Pastor Sharon*

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