

"Living Our Faith in Jesus Christ  
Through Acceptance, Service, and Love."

# Celebrating the Journey

## April 2026 *Newsflash*

Sunday Worship weekly at 10:00 a.m.

Services are livestreamed and can be accessed on  
YouTube, Facebook, and [www.algonquinucc.org](http://www.algonquinucc.org)

### FROM PASTOR JIM

"Every morning is Easter morning from now on. Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone."

These words by Avery and Marsh, are our song of praise following the events of worship on April 5th. On that day we gather to celebrate the gift of God's love in the resurrected Jesus!

What a joy it is to know that these words are true and can be trusted. The rest of the song says it best:

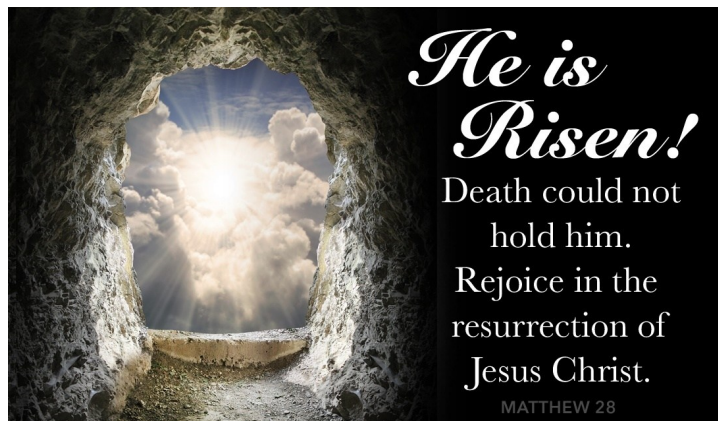
"Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!  
Hello Lord, Hello sun!  
I am one of the Easter People!  
My new life has begun!

Daily news is so bad it seems the  
Good News seldom gets heard.  
Get it straight from the Easter People:  
God's in charge! Spread the word!

Yesterday I was bored and lonely;  
but today look and see!  
I belong to the Easter People!  
Life's exciting to me!"

May you live your life as one of the Easter people!

Pastor Jim



A poster for a Family Easter Event. The background is a light-colored wooden surface with several speckled Easter eggs in yellow, green, blue, and pink. The text is written in a colorful, playful font.

**Family Easter Event**  
Saturday, April 4th | 10:00 AM  
The Congregational Church of Algonquin

**Guess How Many Jar**  
**Egg Hunt**

**Easter Crafts**  
**Snacks**  
**Story Time**

Congregational Church  
of  
Algonquin

109 Washington St.  
Algonquin, IL

Registration Suggested:  
Sign-up in the Narthex, or  
contact the Church Office  
email: [algonquinucc@gmail.com](mailto:algonquinucc@gmail.com)  
phone: 847-658-5308

Drop-ins Welcome!

## SAVE THE DATE & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SAVE THE DATE

*\*Please see our online calendar for the most up-to-date information*

#### APRIL 1ST

*Scholarship applications available*

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM

Senior Choir Rehearsal 7 :00 PM

#### APRIL 2ND

Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:30 PM

#### APRIL 3RD

Good Friday Worship Service 7:30 PM

#### APRIL 4TH

Family Easter Event 10:00 AM

Easter Setup 11:00 AM

#### APRIL 5TH

#### **Easter Sunday**

First Sunday—Food Pantry Offering

#### APRIL 6TH

Ministry of Christian Ed (Zoom) 7:00 PM

#### APRIL 8TH

Senior Choir Rehearsal 7 :00 PM

#### APRIL 9TH

Bibles & Brew (Port Edward) 6:00 PM

#### APRIL 10TH

Women's Bunco 6:00 PM

#### APRIL 11TH

Men's Fellowship 9:00 AM

#### APRIL 12TH *Shepherd U.*

Fair Trade Sunday

Ministry of Trustees Meeting 8:30 AM

Ministry of Missions Meeting 9:00 AM

Ministry of Deacons Meeting 11:15 AM

Memorial Committee Meeting 11:15 AM

#### APRIL 13TH

Ministry of Finance Meeting (Zoom) 6:30 PM

#### APRIL 14TH

Social Justice Advocates (Zoom) 7:00 PM

#### APRIL 15TH

Heavenly Attic Board Meeting 1:30 PM

Senior Choir Rehearsal 7 :00 PM

#### APRIL 18TH

Feed My Starving Children 12:00 PM

*(Light of Christ Church, Algonquin)*

#### APRIL 19TH *Shepherd U.*

Newsletter Deadline

#### APRIL 22ND

Senior Game Afternoon 12:30 PM

Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

#### APRIL 23RD

Women's Fellowship 6:30 PM

#### APRIL 26TH *Shepherd U.*

Council Meeting 11:00 AM

#### APRIL 27TH

Church Office Closed at Noon

#### APRIL 28TH

Social Justice Advocates (Zoom) 7:00 PM

#### APRIL 29TH

Senior Choir Rehearsal 7 :00 PM

#### APRIL 30TH

"The Shoes of the Fisherman" Film 5:30 PM

### APRIL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Maundy Thursday

**Scripture:** Mark 14:17-25; Matthew 26:36-56;

Matthew 27:27-31

*Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served.*

**APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Good Friday

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53:1-9; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Psalm

22:1-21; Luke 22:63-71, 23:1-46

**APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>**: Easter Sunday

**Scripture:** Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

*Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served.*

**APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

**APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>**: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

**APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

SAVE THE DATE



# Scholarship Applications

Available Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>

Due June 1<sup>st</sup>



Contact the Church Office for an Application



Our love offering to the world.

Sunday, April 12th



## Troop 151

### Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 12th  
9 AM - 12PM

Rakow Center  
Adult Activity Center:  
665 Barrington Ave., Carpentersville

Pancakes and Sausage      Adults \$10  
Juice and Coffee          Children 4-13 \$5  
Under 4 free

Raffle Basket Tickets Available:  
\$1 each, 6 for \$5, Arm Length for \$20



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**Saturday, April 18th**  
**12:00 PM to 2:00 PM**  
**Light of Christ Church , Algonquin**



**Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church Office.**  
**If you need more information, please contact Barb Erion.**

## Women's Fellowship

Please join us on Thursday,  
April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM  
As we will be showing  
"The Shoes of the  
Fisherman"

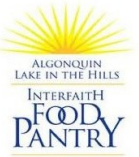
Feel free to bring your favorite drinks & snacks.  
Coffee will be provided!



## MISSION EVENTS & NEWS!

### 1st Sunday Collection - Special Offering for the ALITH Food Pantry Sunday, April 5th

“Be a Neighbor, Feed a Neighbor”



Food Donations: There continues to be a great need in our community for donations of non perishable food. Food donations can be left in the shopping cart by the elevator or dropped off at the pantry at 1113 Pyott Road, Lake in the Hills. A current needs list can be found in the Narthex. The food pantry will also take plastic grocery bags to be used by pantry clients.



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday, April 12th

“Our Love Offering to the World”

OGHS supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.

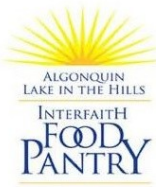
### SALLY NORRIS COPE FUND

Donations have been made to the following organizations, each for \$500.00. February— the Family Sponsorship Fund, March—NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association) .



### ALITH INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

In addition to monetary donations, the Food Pantry also accepts non-perishable food items, toiletries, and paper products 24/7 at their location (1113 Pyott Road, Lake in the Hills). Items may also be placed in the shopping cart located between the elevator and Fellowship Hall. The Food Pantry also collects grocery bags for use by their clients.



### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



We are organizing a group to take part in the mobile pack event on Saturday, April 18th from 12-2 PM at Light of Christ Church in Algonquin. Anyone age 5+ is invited to participate. Please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the Church Office as soon as possible as an exact headcount is required.

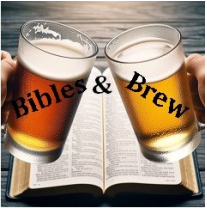
### MINISTRY OF MISSIONS

#### PROJECT IDEAS

The Ministry of Missions appreciates ideas for mission projects. Please share ideas with any Missions member (Barb Erion, Peg Nesser, Wynn Ann Roggeveen, Alice Woertendyke, Paula Evans, Kris Panzloff), or by putting a note in the container in the Narthex.



## GROUPS & STUDIES



### BIBLES & BREW

Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m.  
at Port Edward.



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Saturday, April 11th will be our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast.



### WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT

Friday, April 10th at  
6:00 p.m. - \$5.00 entry fee

Join us for a fun-filled, competitive evening of playing Bunco while enjoying wonderful food and benefitting a good cause.



### SENIOR AFTERNOON OF GAMES

Senior Afternoon of Games will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd. Dessert will be served; feel free to bring a snack for yourself!

## FELLOWSHIP!

LOVE FELLOWSHIP?  
LOVE COFFEE?

Volunteers are  
needed to serve  
during Fellowship  
Hour!



*Sign-up in the Narthex or contact the Church Office*

**Coffee Hour** is so much fun, don't you agree! We have several openings to serve ; please sign-up!

Pick a date that is a special occasion for you, birthday, anniversary, birth of a child, etc., we want to celebrate with you!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dave Carris for receiving the Scout Spirit award at the Sycamore District Volunteer Recognition Dinner, March 20th.

This award recognizes leaders in the Sycamore District who have made significant contributions in the development of youth, and demonstrated outstanding service to others in areas of leadership development, membership growth, and charter partner service.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate one of our own for receiving this prestigious honor, a testament to their unwavering dedication. Dave's commitment to fostering leadership and driving growth has left an indelible mark on our youth and the community at large. We are honored to have such an inspiring leader in our congregation!



## COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES



### ALITH FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Algonquin Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry seeking valuable volunteers.


The food pantry was established in 2000 to meet the growing needs of the underserved. Last year we served 12,105 clients and distributed 287,596 pounds of food. Our gardens yielded 2,844 pounds of vegetables, herbs, fruits, & flowers. Of which, all was distributed freely.

As our growing season approaches, we need volunteers to help feed our clients. Our hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30, both outside and in the pantry. The work varies from day to say. We are located on Pyott Road.

To contact us visit [alithfoodpantry.org](http://alithfoodpantry.org) and scroll to the bottom. Fill in the contact information and in the message section type “volunteer gardens” or “volunteer other” and submit. You’ll be contacted within a few days.

Total Operating Fund Income		
Income	MTD	YTD
	\$ 29,021.37	\$ 65,527.13
Total Operating Expenses		
Expenses	MTD	YTD
	\$ 17,637.51	\$ 41,617.03
Net	\$11,383.86	\$ 23,910.10
<b>Mortgage Balance *</b>		\$ 120,044.64
Checking Account Balance		\$ 25,545.44
<b>OCWM \$250 plus member contribution</b>	\$ 522.00	\$ 1,029.00
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>		
Refer to Capital Fund for details	-	-
<b>Memorial Funds</b>		
Income	-	\$250.00
Expenses (Dixieland Musicians)	\$520.00	\$720.00
Net	\$(520.00)	\$(470.00)
<b>Control Check</b>	Ok	Ok

*As of February 28, 2026*



**Lord, teach me to be generous,  
 to serve you as you deserve,  
 to give and not to count the cost,  
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
 to toil and not to seek for rest,  
 to labor and not to look for any reward,  
 save that of knowing that I do your holy will.**

*St. Ignatius's prayer for generosity.*



**Fair Trade**  
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**FAIR TRADE**

**Sunday, April 12th**

When you purchase products that meet Fair Trade standards, not only are you supporting and compensating workers with fair wages for their talents and labor, you're also contributing to protecting the planet. Visit our Fair Trade table in Fellowship Hall, where you can browse and purchase quality Fair Trade products like coffee and tea. Visit our website or contact Nancy Kneip for more information.



**THE HEAVENLY ATTIC - Open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

In the month of February, The Heavenly Attic selected the Pioneer Center of McHenry as the recipient of a \$500 donation. The Pioneer Center serves as a crucial resource in our area, offering dedicated services for individuals dealing with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, and homelessness. If you would like to learn more or donate to this organization, visit their website at <http://pioneercenter.com>.



*McHenry County*  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**VOLUNTEER ON THE PRAIRIE TRAIL!**

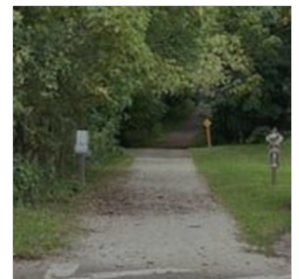
Join the McHenry County Conservation Foundation to help maintain a small segment of our extensive county trail system! As part of the District's Adopt-A-Trail program, McHenry County Conservation Foundation volunteers and staff will meet at the Mitchard Way (formerly Meyer Rd) parking lot in Algonquin to help keep a one-mile stretch of the trail free of debris and litter. Take a morning stroll down the Prairie Trail, meet new people, and help beautify the area. Dress for the weather. Gloves and hand sanitizer encouraged. Long-handled trash pickers provided.

The minimum age to volunteer independently is 18, but those under 18 can sign up with adult supervision.

**2026 Clean-Up Dates**

**9:00-11:00 a.m., Saturdays on the following dates:**

- April 11
- June 13\* (Church Group)
- August 8
- October 10



To sign-up or for more information, visit their website at:

<https://www.mchenryconservation.org>

# April

## Happy Anniversary!

- 4/2 Gary & Eva Tipps  
4/10 Bryan & Mariann Tipps

*Please contact the Church Office if we missed your anniversary or birthday.*

## Happy Birthday!

- 4/1 Ashley Hrynko  
4/3 Carol Roby  
4/4 Tangerine Tirado  
4/5 Gerald Voegeli  
4/6 Pastor Jim  
4/10 Dennis Kneip  
4/13 Cathy Thorne  
4/14 Betty Paldauf  
4/23 Robert Benjamin  
4/27 Karen Thornsberry  
4/27 Barbra Schmidt  
4/28 Bryan Tipps

## In Our Thoughts. In Our Prayers.

### OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Carol Briggs   | Janet Kelley      |
| Lynne Carlson  | Gary Parker       |
| Fred Ekstrom   | Bobbie Reed       |
| Nancy Ekstrom  | Dick Roggeveen    |
| Elsie Fry      | Sue Kreibich      |
| Gary Gray      | Marilyn McNichols |
| Pat Hemmingsen |                   |

## EASTER FLOWERS

Dennis & Nancy Kneip

Norm & Sharon Stengel

Fred & Nancy Ekstrom

Tony & Tangerine Tirado

Sal & Pat Maggio

Steve & Karen Guenther

Heather Wilson

Art & Peggy Nesser

Debbie & Dave Carris

Barb Weitz

Tony & Michelle Tarosas

William & Jean Hertel

In Memory of Our Parents, Al, Gerhard and Katharina  
In Celebration of Our Daughters, Lauren and Jessica, Our Granddaughter Evie

In Celebration of Our Children Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren

In Memory of Carol & Al O'Donnell

In Celebration of Our Family

In Celebration of Our Family & Friends

In Memory of Steve Wilson, Roger Wilson, Jody Glendenning

In Memory of Our Parents  
In Celebration of our Family

In Celebration of the Carris & Burns Family

In Memory of Doug & Judy Krich

In Celebration of Our Kids & Grandchildren

In Memory of Betty & Otto Maicke, Maggie & Dick Hertel

In Celebration of Alexandra & Connor

### *A Prayer Before Easter*

Dear Father,

Prepare our hearts for Easter, to celebrate the risen Jesus, alive and glorified from the grave, victorious over sin and death, living forevermore and giving us the promise of eternal life with You.

Thank you that because Jesus conquered death, we will rise, too, to live with You eternally.

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with joy as we worship You, for Your unfailing love and for making a way through Jesus to redeem us as Your own, giving us life everlasting.

Embolden us to share this Good News with those who do not know You, so that they might, too, never die and be alive in Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



# A Blessing in Spring

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Every blessing you pour out may we turn back to praise of you,  
O God when the sun's shining down on us when the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be your name.  
You give and take away our hearts will choose to say Lord,  
Blessed be your name.



## CCA STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

**Interim Bridge Pastor:** Rev. Jim Benzing

**Office Manager:** Ashley Hrynko

**Moderator:** Dan Reebel

**Vice Moderator:** Nancy Kneip

**Past Moderator:** Bill Hellyer

**Ministers of Music:** Bev & Greg Tipps



**Please submit May  
Newsletter Articles by  
April 19th**

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