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# KOINONIA

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*  
2 Corinthians 13:14

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NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

March 2021

## From the Pastor's Desk

Zeal looks like God. We can say this from the Bible because zeal is listed as a characteristic of the Lord.

† *“the zeal of the Lord will accomplish this.”* Isaiah 9:7

† *“I, the Lord, have spoken in My zeal.”* Ezekiel 5:13

† *“God wrapped Himself in zeal.”* Isaiah 59:17

Zeal is fervent, uncompromising, eager, enthusiastic and devoted. Even if we are naturally timid and quiet, when we have a healthy zeal, we look like Jesus.

J.E. Ryle describes the Christian influenced by God's zeal:

*“Zeal is a burning desire to advance God's glory in the world. A zealous man is not just whole-hearted and fervent in spirit. He sees only one thing, he lives for one thing, and that one thing is to trust God. Whether he lives or dies, pleases man or gives offense, is thought wise or foolish, gets honor or shame . . . for all this the zealous man cares nothing at all. Like a lamp he is made to burn and he burns to advance God's honor.”*

Resurrection season is a time for zeal. Enjoy this quality of the Lord in your soul.



### Daylight Savings Time

Please be sure to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before retiring for the night on Saturday, **March 13th**. Daylight Savings will begin at 2:00 am Sunday, **March 14th**.



## Welcome Pastor Joe Cox, Part-time Assistant Pastor

We are very delighted and blessed to have Joe Cox serving with us as Joe was officially called by the Elders and Pastor beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Joe graduated from Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity in 2012. He has served as an Elder for 8 years and on the DMC for 3 years.

Joe is a wonderful preacher, teacher, pastor, and counselor with strong Bible background and theological wisdom. Joe will be reporting to the Elders, Pastor and District and will be securing ministry ordination with the C&MA.

The Lord bless Joe and Becky and children, Benjamin, Emily, and Daniel.



Both Boards met via phone conference in February. The following were discussed and/or approved at the Elder and Ministry Board meetings in February:

1. Approved DMC dates for 2021
2. Approved Outreach Events for 2021
3. Although we were under our asking budget for January, our receipts were greater than our expenses. Praise the Lord for faithful giving and good stewardship.

If you have concerns regarding the church, please see Harold Lawhorne or Janis Swope, our Board Members-at-Large. They will bring the concerns before the board for discussion.

## Looking Ahead to Easter:

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday

Friday, April 2

Good Friday Service

7:00 pm

Saturday, April 3

Easter Cantata

6:00 pm

Sunday, April 4

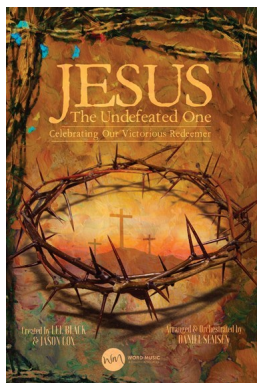
EASTER Services

Sunrise 7:00 am

Continental Breakfast 7:30 am

Worship 8:30 am

Cantata 10:45 am



"JESUS The Undefeated One  
Celebrating Our Victorious Redeemer"



## Norwin Alliance Preschool News

Each month the preschool children collect specific food items for the Irwin Area Food Pantry. If you would like to contribute, a box is available in the narthex. March's collection item: **Boxed Cereal**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



The Ladies and Men's Bible studies resume in-person on Monday, March 22 at 10:30 am.

Please join us at 10:30 am ~ we'll have the coffee on.

Norwin Alliance Church Choir presents their EASTER CANTATA

**JESUS, THE UNDEFEATED ONE**

Celebrating our victorious Redeemer and coming King!

This Easter, we are taking extra precautions for your safety. In an effort to provide plenty of space and opportunities to hear the good news, we are offering 2 services to hear the cantata, with the possibility of overflow areas that will still allow you to be in church, but safe.

Some of the precautions being taken are as follows:

1. The sanctuary is cleaned weekly and fogged in between services.
  - a. All areas of the church are cleaned consistently in correlation with building usage
2. Masks are encouraged as you enter the building.
3. Every other pew is left empty.
4. We will have alternate seating in the fellowship hall and with a possible overflow area in the youth room.
5. We have a much smaller choir and they will be spread across the platform.
6. Two services will be held:
  - a. **Saturday, April 3, 2021 @ 6 PM - A more relaxed atmosphere, no congregational singing.**
  - b. **Sunday, April 4, 2021 @ 10:45 AM – our usual Easter service**

*This collection is rich with songs of jubilant praise, intimately worshipful ballads, and powerfully impacting songs of testimony and faith, **Jesus the Undefeated One** is guaranteed to help foster an atmosphere of worship and praise this Easter. With songs from amazing writers like: Phil Wickham, Jason Cox and Lee Black, David Crowder, Nicole C. Mullen, Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younger, Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash. Come and worship as we lift praises to the Risen King! He is alive, and there is an empty grave...**Jesus, The Undefeated One!***

Watch for updated information in your bulletins each week.

## Norwin Alliance Church Preschool



The Norwin Alliance Preschool  
is accepting registrations for the 2021-2022  
school year.

The **3yr old class** meets Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Child must be potty trained and be 3yrs old by September 1st.

The **4yr old class** meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Child must be 4yrs old by September 1st.

You may contact the church office to register or fill out the form below and return to the office.

A \$50.00 registration fee is required to reserve your spot.

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool

**REGISTRATION**

**2021-2022**

724-864-1570



Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my child in the: 3 year old class \_\_\_\_\_

4 year old class \_\_\_\_\_

Class time preference: AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Class preference will be decided by the date the registration form AND the \$50 registration fee are received. You will be notified if your preference cannot be granted.\*\***

**\*\*Checks may be made payable to:  
Norwin Alliance Church\*\***

## Ham Giveaway



We will be handing out 30 hams and a complete Easter dinner on **SATURDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>**.

Your help is needed - a sign-up sheet is in the narthex for food items we would like donated for the dinner. Most items we are requesting people to donate 5 of with the exception of scalloped potatoes and green beans which we would like each person to donate 10 of. We are also collecting money to be put towards the purchase of dinner rolls (which have been ordered).

Please either sign-up under the item you would like to donate or contact the church office.

Items can be dropped off on Sundays, or arrangements can be made for a safe drop-off experience during office hours. Please call the office with any questions.

All food items and \$\$ donations need to be back to the church by Sunday, March 21.

**CALL-IN** on Tuesday, March 23 from 9:00 am—Noon **ONLY**. No reservations will be taken from the answering machine.

## ALLIANCE WOMEN'S

*Retreat*

April 17, 2021

Speaker: Elizabeth Daigle



at **Somerset Alliance Church**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Brochures are available on the shelf outside the Sanctuary.

Retreat Website: [alliancewomensretreat.com](http://alliancewomensretreat.com) ~ registration forms can be accessed at this site.



This is a fun Outreach and we're looking forward to interacting with people and sharing the love of Jesus in a tangible way. So, mark your calendars now for **JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>** and look for more details in the coming weeks.