

Southwest Church of the Nazarene

CHURCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 24, 2021 – VOLUME 53

Hi Church Family!

I wanted to let you know our newsletter may look a little different now!

At first, we created this to keep everyone connected while homebound during COVID, and we intentionally put an article of inspiration on the first page written by Pastor Scott or other members of the church to bring encouragement while we are apart. However, since we are back to in-person services, most can enjoy the inspiration of the services or watch us online, so we have decided to remove the inspirational article.

Don't worry! We will still have everything else in the newsletter as before – all the newsworthy events and happenings, prayer and praises, and probably some corny humor. Our hope is that every time you look at our church's newsletter either from your mailbox or email inbox, you will smile and give thanks to God for our church family and say a prayer for it. It is a wonderful place to worship our Lord!

In Christ,

Upcoming Events:

- March 28th, Sunday 10:40am Worship Service Palm Sunday and Special Day for Swahili Church. We will take a few moments to share their vision, pray for this ministry, and also receive a love offering for their beginning days! Some of their needs include a new computer and a keyboard. If you would like to donate to either of these, please mark it in your giving. Also, we are still looking for Prayer Partners and Helpers with sound, Power Point, and greeters until they can train others for these areas. The services will be Sundays from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.
- March 31st, Wednesday No Wednesday Service
- April 1st, Thursday 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
- April 3rd, Saturday 1:00pm Children's Treasure Hunt (see information on last page)
- April 4th, Sunday 10:40am Easter Sunday Worship Service
- April 5th, Monday 6:30pm to 8:00pm MOPS Meeting
- April 17th, Saturday 10:00am SDMI/NYI Convention (Virtual)
- April 19th, Monday 6:30pm to 8:00pm MOPS Meeting
- April 24th, Saturday NMI Convention (virtual)
- May 2nd, Sunday 5:00pm to 8:00pm District Assembly

Pastor Scott

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Music by Gesangbuch der H.W.k. Hofkapelle; Adaption and Harmony by W.H. Monk

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang, through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Praises:

Praise the Lord Brad Sturgeon's biopsy on a lymph node looks benign!

- Praise the Lord for our Alabaster offering. We raised approximately \$550!
- Praise the Lord for 51 in attendance in our Swahili Service!
- Praise the Lord for our Ambassadors from Olivet! May the Lord bless and use them in their future ministries.
- Praise the Lord for Spring and Easter! The deadness of winter gives way to budding life, reminds us of God's life-giving power through Christ, and is when our spirits can truly come alive!

Prayer Needs:

 Please see the mailed or emailed versions of the newsletter for personal prayer requests.

- Please pray for Swahili Ministry and for the Lord to guide, protect, bless, and supply every need.
- Please pray for those who do not have a relationship with Christ, have walked away from the Lord, that they will sense His love this Easter in a new way.
- Pray for Holy Week and our services, as we think about Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection.

Announcements:



All receipts must be uploaded to www.ruralking.com/churchweek by April 1, 2021.

Wrapped Candy Needed:

As we prepare for this Easter season and the Children's Treasure Hunt, we are looking for wrapped candy or financial donations. These items will be placed in the eggs hidden for the children on that fun day! Our preference is that the candy donated *be non-chocolate and also peanut and nut free.* There will be a container in the foyer at church for these donations. You can also give financial donations by placing them in an envelope labeled *for Treasure Hunt* and dropped in the offering box at the back of the church. **Donations needed by this Sunday, March 28th.** Thank you for your generosity! Some Peanut/Tree Nut Free Candy Suggestions:

Laffy Taffy, Twizzlers, Dots, Skittles, Smarties, Swedish Fish, Nerds, Starburst, Runts, Sour Patch Kids, Mike & Ikes, Airheads Shop at Rural King through Saturday 3/27 & give receipt to Katrina in the office. 10% of your total paid goes to the church!

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ON OUR ISLAND, EVERY SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9 NKJV

Treasure Hunt – Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00pm For children Ages 0 through 5th grade Check in at the registration table outside at 1:00pm.

The Treasure Hunt will begin promptly at 1:15pm. We'll hold the event outside, and we will do our best to social distance!



If it rains, we unfortunately will have to cancel the event, but special treats will be given to children on Sunday after the morning service. Please be sure to check the church's Facebook page (at Indy Southwest Naz) for updates!



Worship with us for either service:

Southwest Church of the Nazarene Easter Service Sunday, April 4th 10:40am

Please join us for a great celebration of Christ's resurrection! Also, plan to invite someone who needs to know the love of the Savior.

Southwest Swahili Church of the Nazarene Easter Service and Grand Opening Sunday, April 4th 1:30pm

With Pastor Acrame Charles

Service will be in the Swahili Language, but eniovable for all!