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Luke 7:24-50

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East Richland Evangelical  
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**April 21, 2024**

Next week's message with Pastor Aaron from Luke 8:1-21  
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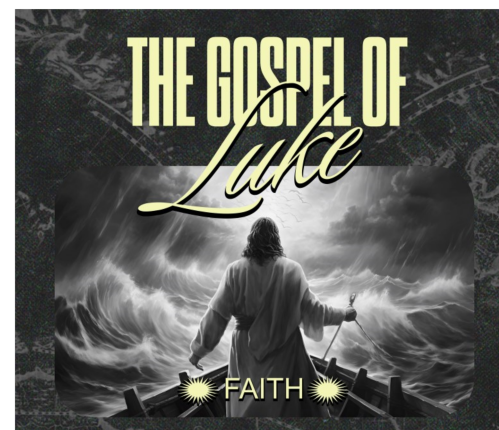
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## Prayers and Concerns

**Shut ins...** Lucille Riemenschneider

**Prayers for...** Jeff Burger; Jane Kuzma; Cora Jewell; Sidney Stoner's mom;  
Jacob Webb

**Deepest Sympathy to...** Mary Lynne Archer and family in the death of her mom,  
Sandie on Friday, April 12th.  
Vicky & Doug Ickes and family in the death of Vicky's  
mom, Joyce Hughes, on Saturday, April 13th.



Senior Pastor Aaron Szloboda  
Youth Pastor Jeremy Davis

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Jerry Wenger  
Visitation Pastor Ray Benesh

# Welcome Friends!

We are so happy that you're here! We would like to invite your children to the Kid Zone, located in our Grand Concourse to the right. Scan QR Code to let us know how we can help you get connected or visit one of our Information Centers located in the upper Foyer or in the Grand Concourse if you have questions.



## Children's Activity Bags

Activity Bags are available for our little ones during the service. Each bag has a coloring page w/crayons, toys, and a small snack. Bags can be obtained in Nursery A or kidzone. PLEASE RETURN BAG AND TOY at the end of the service to be sanitized and re-used weekly.

## This Week @ Friends

### SUNDAY, April 21st

- 8:00 **Church Membership Class** in Room #4.
- 8:00 **Worship Service, Nursery A (newborn-3yrs) and kidZone (3yrs-4th).**
- 9:30 **Sunday Morning Adult Groups:** The Great Disappearance w/Paul Kuzma in Fireside Room and Exploring the Bible w/Martin Sheehan in Room #3.
- 9:45 **Worship Service, Nursery B (newborn-18mo), Nursery A (18mo-3yrs), kidZone (3yrs-4th), and Children (5th-6th).**
- 11:00 **Sunday Morning Adult Groups:** Common Ground w/Sean Frazier in Fireside Room; End Times study w/Randy Marple in Room #1; "Book of Galatians" study w/Roger & Lisa Clark in Room #3; 2 Timothy study w/Ron & Joan Lepic in Room #6.
- 11:15 **Worship Service, Nursery B (newborn-18mo), Nursery A (18mo-3yrs), kidZone (3yrs-4th), and Children (5th-6th). FSM Youth (7th-8th)** in Friends Center.
- 12:15 **Special Called Congregational Meeting** in Sanctuary.

### MONDAY, April 22nd

- 6:30 **Men's Basketball Open Gym (17+)** in IFLC Gym.

### TUESDAY, April 23rd

- 10:00 **Women's Bible Study** w/Patti Weeks in Fireside Room.
- 10:00 **Men's Bible Study** w/Pastor Jerry in Church Café.

### WEDNESDAY, April 24th

- 10:00 **Primetimers (55+) Bible Study** in IFLC Café.
- 6:00 **Nursery (newborn-2yrs), Kidz Clubs: KidDoz (2yrs), BigKidz (3-4yrs), KingdomKidz (K-4th), ReFuel (5th-6th) and Adult Groups:** Grace Gals study "Isaiah" w/Kim Cain in Fireside Room; I Am A Christian class w/Kim Curry and Tracy Stewart in Room #1 (last one); Romans study w/Jeff Burger in Room #3; 20's-40's study w/James & Amanda Dillard in Room #6.
- 6:00 **GriefShare Support Group** in Room #4.
- 6:30 **Youth (7th-12th) FSM** in IFLC.

### THURSDAY, April 25th

- 6:00 **Men's Morning Bible Study** in Fireside Room.

### SATURDAY, April 27th

- NO **Men's Morning Basketball Open Gym**, resumes next week.
- 9:00 **Home, Garden, & Craft Show** in IFLC until 3pm.

## Statistics

**General Offering Report:** Offering needed monthly for 2024 General Fund budget \$115,456.33, April to-date \$53,116.31

**Giving Options:** Boxes inside Sanctuary by entrances, online: Church App, scan QR code, erfriends.com and select the GIVE tab, or text GIVE to 84321

**Attendance Last Week:** Sunday Worship - 803



## Announcements

### Special Called Congregational Meeting Today

A Special Called Congregational Meeting will be held today following the 11:15 service in the Sanctuary. Agenda: Zoom interview with Assistant Pastor Candidate Rod Thompson. Everyone welcome!

### Special Called Congregational Meeting next Sunday, April 28th

A Special Called Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, April 28th following the 11:15 service in the Sanctuary. Agenda: March Financial Statement, Changes to Designated Funds through Giving, and vote on Assistant Pastor Candidate Rod Thompson. All Church members are encouraged to attend!

### Sports Ministry

**Softball** - Softball Saturdays are almost here! Join us and bring a friend! Here at Friends, we love God and love people and softball is just one of the ways we do both! Games will be held on Saturdays, June 1st - July 20th (2 games each; 1 hour each) at the Friends Softball Field from 9am-3pm for co-ed, ages 14+. **Register on App** (under more, signups) by May 1st to get a t-shirt. Cost is \$20 (includes t-shirt IF signed up by May 1st, equipment, field upkeep, and umpires). Any questions, contact Alex Snyder at 740-232-8820.

### Children's Ministry

**VBS Volunteers Needed** - We still need YOU! It takes about 150 workers helping in many different areas for VBS to be a success. If you can help in any capacity, please **Register on App**. VBS 2024 "The Great Jungle Journey" is June 3rd-7th.

**VBS Registrations** - Parents, get your child(ren) signed up now for VBS. **Register on App** (under more, signups). "The Great Jungle Journey" will lead your children on an epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation! VBS is June 3rd-7th, 9am-12:30pm for kids ages 4 years through 6th grade.

**Home, Garden, & Craft Show** - Come and join us for our 3rd annual Home, Garden, & Craft Show this Saturday, April 27th from 9am-3pm in the Ickes Family Life Center. We will have lots going on this year including displays from Lashley Tractor, the Christian Motorcycle Club, Whitesides, Doan Ford, and Romast Farms will be selling garden plants and florals. Many local talented crafters and vendors will offer a wide variety of items including live edge tables, charcuterie boards, home decor, Tupperware, glass art, and more. Come hungry and enjoy smoked bbq from B-One BBQ or stop by our Café for a hot dog or sloppy joe. Pick up some homemade baked goods at our bake sale to enjoy or take home. Hope to see you there. This year's show proceeds benefit LifeWise Academy.

**St. Luke's Soup Kitchen** - As part of the Outreach Ministry here at Friends Church, we are looking for someone to serve food to the less fortunate on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St. Luke's Soup Kitchen in Wheeling. For approximately 20 years, Rick & Kathy Wilson have been faithful servants of this ministry. They will walk alongside the new leader or (co-leaders) for one year to help them get established. Please prayerfully consider. Questions or more information, contact Rick or Kathy Wilson at 740-425-3851.



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On April 25th

## East Richland Christian Schools

**Open Enrollment** for 2024-25 school year is going on now. East Richland Christian Schools offers 3 and 4 year old preschool, and Kindergarten to 12th grade. The online enrollment application can be found at [eastrichland.org/prospective-students](http://eastrichland.org/prospective-students).

For more information about the school, please visit the school's kiosk in the Grand Concourse, call the main office at 740-695-2005, or visit their website at [eastrichland.org](http://eastrichland.org).