



The Saltshaker

April 2026

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

Approaching Easter

As I write this it is Holy Week. Easter is just a few days away. Of all the sacred days in the church calendar, it is Easter that sits atop as the holiest of those days. It is Easter that brings together all of the Christian faith into one day. In Easter we celebrate the perfect life of Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God. In Easter we celebrate the gift of His sacrifice on the cross. In Easter we celebrate his vindication in the power of his resurrection. In Easter we celebrate the gift of eternal life made possible by Christ through the grace of God.

Throughout Lent we are challenged to pause and take a spiritual inventory, not just a quick glance in the mirror as you walk out the door inventory, a looking in the mirror and forgetting what we see (James 1:22-24) kind of inventory. Instead, it is to be an in depth, gut check "where is my spiritual life at" inventory. The purpose of this self-inspection is not to make us feel guilty, although conviction can certainly be a response when we take an honest look at our spiritual life. Rather it is to be an eye opener to where we can grow. It is to help us appreciate all that Christ accomplished for us and in us. It is a call for us to move our lives toward the perfection of Christ. It is to prepare us for the celebration of Easter.

So, as we spend these last few days through Maundy-Thursdays and Good Friday, approaching Easter, take another look. Take another look at your spirituality. Ask yourself the questions, how has my spiritual life changed in the last year? Where does my spiritual life still need to change? How am I living out Christ in my day life? Take another look and appreciate what Christ has done, is doing and wants to do in your life. Take another look and move to being more like Jesus and really celebrate Easter.

Lay-leader Update:

I will be formally submitting a petition to the 2026 General Conference of the Global Methodist Church to make a change in the Book of Doctrine and Discipline. This petition is to make a stronger statement on our denomination's beliefs about the accuracy and authority of the Bible. Please pray that our Great Lakes Annual Conference will support this petition and that the General Conference will approve it if it is God's will. Below is the information for the formal petition being submitted.

Scott Boltz, Lay-leader

Petition Type: Book of Doctrine & Discipline

Paragraph Modification Type: Change Existing

BDD Paragraph Number: (Existing) ¶ ***104. HOLY SCRIPTURE.*** The canonical books of the Old and New Testaments (as specified in the *Articles of Religion*) are primary rule and authority for faith, morals, and service, against which all other authorities must be measured.

Petition Title: Strengthening Position on Biblical Authority

Petition Rational:

The current wording of ¶104 needs to make a stronger declaration of the accuracy and authority of the entire Bible. Methodism's historical doctrinal battles have been subject to changing cultural values and norms. We must affirm the Bible is the complete and final revelation of God, otherwise anyone can claim they have new or a different revelation from God contrary to the canon of Scripture. Failure to make a stronger declaration of the full accuracy and authority of the canonical books of the Old and New Testament will doom our new denomination to fight the same battle within, that has resulted in our separation from the United Methodist Church.

Petition Text Change:

¶ ***104. HOLY SCRIPTURE.*** The canonical books of the Old and New Testaments (as specified in the *Articles of Religion*) are the authoritative, inspired Word of God, being accurate in the original texts. They are the primary final rule and authority for faith, morals, and service, against which all other authorities must be measured.

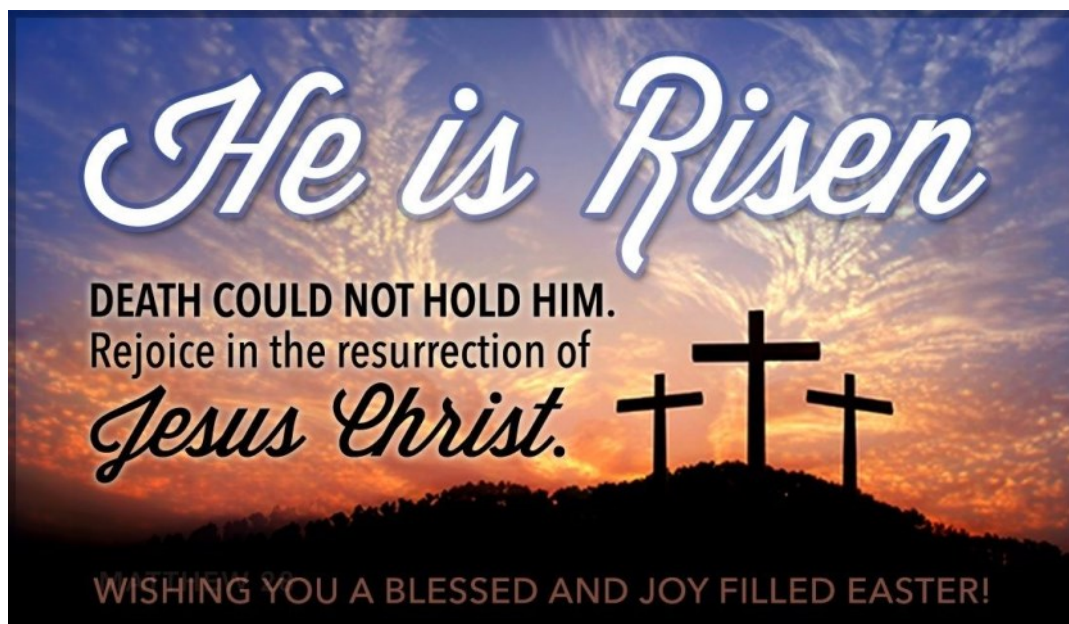


We will have a Seder Supper with Dr. Freemyer on Thursday April 2 @ 6:30 pm. We would like for 30 people to join us. We will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. You may also call the office to reserve your spot. If you would like to come but need transportation please let the office know and we can make arrangements for you to attend.

The Community Good Friday Service is being held at Howard Miami Church. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Pastor Brian White—Northview Church, Greentown. At 6:00 there is an Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to 6th grade. Please bring your own basket.

Join us for the Easter Sunrise Service on April 5th. The service is at 7:00 am and will be in the old sanctuary so we can enjoy the sunrise coming in through the stained glass windows. Breakfast will be served around 8:00.

Easter service will be at 10:30.





**Hillsdale
Community Church**
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**Fish & Chicken Fry**  
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Saturday, April 11, 2026
4:30-7:00pm
4893 East, 100 North,
Kokomo, IN



Dine In and / or Carry Out

- \$15 - Adults, all you can eat fish and/or chicken, three sides, drink, & cookie
- \$10 - Kids (age 5-12 yrs old), pre-school free
- CASH ONLY
- Proceeds to support:
Kokomo Urban Outreach and Gilead House



Please contact Larry Smith for
more details: 765-480-2565.

Bennetts Switch Community Church

Fish and Tenderloin Fry

Drive-thru dinner
FREE WILL DONATION
IN SUPPORT OF BSOC BUILDING FUND



APRIL 18, 2026
4:30-7:00PM

FISH, TENDERLOIN, OR A
COMBINATION OF BOTH

SERVED WITH BAKED BEANS,
APPLESAUCE, CHIPS,
AND COOKIES!

2261 W STATE RD 18, KOKOMO IN.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

Come and enjoy an afternoon with Matt.
His next concert is April 26th @ 3:00 pm.



We'll meet April 6th to finish "The Practice of the Presence of God." We will meet again on April 20th. We will begin "Jesus in Genesis." See you at 10:00 am in the Beamer Room. Any questions see Cindy.

We now have a pickleball court set in the gym and net, balls & paddles in the table storage area. Scott is also working on putting a pickle ball court out in the parking lot.

Anyone interested in learning or playing pickleball at the church, contact Scott Boltz sbboltz@gmail.com or text 765-437-3286. You may also leave a message at the church office.

