

Isaiah 43:19

NIV says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Sometimes in order to come into a new season and spring forward in faith, we have to let go of the old season. Isaiah 43:18 NIV says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." One of the many lessons life teaches us is to let go. We can't hang on to past hurts, past struggles, and past relationships. And, sometimes this means we have to give ourselves time to grieve in order to move forward. We may have to let ourselves feel the loss, be sad for a little while, and talk to someone who cares. After we've grieved, we can pick ourselves up and start looking ahead once again.

As spring starts to surface and the trees begin to bloom, we can see God's reminder to align our hearts to the new thing He's doing. Let us go to prayer, asking Jesus to help us embrace all the "new" he has in store for us:

Dear Lord, Thank you for developing me into the person You want me to be. I have to admit, Jesus, that sometimes I find it hard to let go of old things even when I know they are holding me back. Help me, Lord, to truly see this spring season for what it is: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be. As flowers begin to adorn the trees once again and fresh grass rises up from the ground, renew in me the strength to let go of the past and move forward in my faith journey with You. Amen

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**TAKE CARE— HEATHER PLATT
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May is ALS Awareness Month. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also called Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a nervous system disease in which the nerve cells responsible for controlling muscle movements are damaged.

This is a rare disorder and impacts less than 20,000 people each year. Ninety percent of cases have an unknown cause, but it is assumed there are genetic and environmental factors at play. Ten percent of the cases are inherited from one parent from a mutated dominant gene.

ALS is more common as we age and most commonly impacts people aged 60 to mid 80. Early symptoms may include muscle twitching and weakness in an arm, hand, leg or foot. Many have trouble swallowing or have slurred speech. It’s not uncommon to be clumsy, trip or fall. Behavioral changes and fatigue are commonplace.

While there is no cure for ALS, much research is underway and there is treatment available to prolong life and lessen negative symptoms. Statistically, 50 percent of people live at least 3 years. 25 percent live 5 years or more and 10 percent live greater than 10 years.

Ultimately the common complications seen with advancing disease include breathing problems, speaking problems, eating problems and dementia.

As with any disease that is chronic and without cure, maintaining hope and positivity is crucial. The physical and emotional support from loved ones is vital but we mustn’t forget that loved ones in the support role also need nurturing.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB— MAY 20 6:30 PM “FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN’T FORGET.

The WBC will meet on Thursday, May 16, 6:30 PM, in the Parlor. Topic of discussion will be on the book, *Forgiving What You Can’t Forget* by Lysa TerKeurst.

2024 GRADUATES

On May 19 Church of the Good Shepherd will recognize our graduates during services, with a reception between services. If you are graduating from high school, trade school, or college, call the church office with your date of graduation, school, and contact info.

BIRTHDAYS

May 5: Mary Ingram
May 9: Kabrina Baker
May 11: Louis Baker, Theresa Baker
May 14: Kendra Hall
May 16: Elaine Hall
May 17: Linda Stilwell
May 18: Dane Hamilton
May 23: Crystal Hayes, Alex Karnafel
May 24: Michael Swartzell
May 29: Duane Sailors

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1: Max & Paulette Waltz
May 14: Casey & Carmen Jones
May 27: Jay & Martine Byers
May 28: Tonya & Michael Goodspeed
May 31: Joseph & Barb Leffert

JOY CIRCLE

JOY Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 8, at 9 AM in the Parlor. The Program will be presented by Dr. Tonya Goodspeed, "Staying Healthy as We Age."

Judy Williamson will be the hostess, Nancy Hamilton will give devotions. All women of the church are welcome.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Max Goodspeed
- Nancy Hamilton
- Tim Taylor
- Melissa Connely

MONTHLY DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs, May 2: National Day of Prayer
Wed, May 8: JOY Circle 9 AM, Parlor
Wed, May 8: Final Wed Night Bible Study
Sun, May 12: Mother's Day
Thurs, May 16: Women's Book Club 6:30 PM, Parlor
Fri, May 17: LCM Graduation, 6 PM, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall
Sat, May 18: Loaves & Fishes 11-12:30 PM
Mon, May 27: Memorial Day— Office Closed

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun: Adult Sunday School Class, 9 AM
Mon: Men's Ministry, 7 AM, Parlor, Breakfast at 8 AM at Marylou's Coffee Shop
Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor
Tues: Prayer, 10:30 AM, Sanctuary
Women's Bible Study, 1 PM, Parlor
Wed: Bell Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary
Choir, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6 PM, Parlor

DAILY BIBLE READING

1 2 Kings 8-9	17 1 Chron. 27-29
2 2 Kings 10-12	18 2 Chron. 1-4
3 2 Kings 13-14	19 2 Chron. 5-7
4 2 Kings 15-16	20 2 Chron. 8-10
5 2 Kings 17-18	21 2 Chron. 11-14
6 2 Kings 19-21	22 2 Chron. 15-18
7 2 Kings 22-25	23 2 Chron. 19-22
8 1 Chron. 1	24 2 Chron. 23-25
9 1 Chron. 2-4	25 2 Chron. 26-28
10 1 Chron. 5-6	26 2 Chron. 29-30
11 1 Chron. 7-9	27 2 Chron. 31-33
12 1 Chron. 10-12	28 2 Chron. 34-36
13 1 Chron. 13-16	29 Ezra 1-2
14 1 Chron. 17-19	30 Ezra 3-5
15 1 Chron. 20-23	31 Ezra 6-8
16 1 Chron. 24-26	

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Sunday Morning:

- **Sunday Services:** 800 E Broadway, Logansport
- **Worship:** 8:15 AM & 10 AM
- **Live Streaming:** 8:15 AM on Face Book at:
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Our Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We are a member of the Global Methodist Church.

Core Affirmations:

The Global Methodist Church professes the Christian faith, established on the confession of Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God, and resurrected Lord of heaven and earth.

This confession, expressed by Simon Peter in Matthew 16:16-19 and Acts 2:32, is foundational. It declares Jesus is the unique incarnate Word of God, and He lives today, calling all to receive Him as Savior, and as the one to whom all authority has been given.

This faith has been tested and proved since its proclamation by Mary Magdalene, the first witness to the resurrection. It was defended by the women and men of the early church, many of whom gave their lives as testimony. Their labor, enabled and inspired by the Holy Spirit, resulted in the canon of Scripture as the sufficient rule both for faith and practice (the Greek word *kanon* means rule).

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Active Military

- Braxton Baker, US Air Force
- Isaac Cicchelli, US Army, Georgia
- Jacob Kaley, US Army, Texas
- Michael Karnafel, US Marines, Virginia
- Oakley Lewellen, US Marines

Nursing Homes

- **Millers Merry Manor:** Sally Mauck, Pat Wilkinson
- **Milner Community Healthcare:** Bev Bartunek
- **American Village, Indy:** Marvellen Dunwoody
- **Cedar Creek:** Jim Harris
- **Chase Center:** Dottie Gerhart