



MARCH 2022

Seminary News

The latest news from our church community

Important Facts

February Giving (less Feb 27)

Total:
\$ 5105.00

In March Loose Change Sunday will
return March 6

January Attendance

6th	44
13th	38
20th	29
27th	43

Worship Hours

Sunday

9am - Adult Bible Study
10am - Sunday Service
11am - Coffee Hour

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Church,

As you stroll through the local stores, you'll see an abundance of bunnies, baskets, and candy for sale, and those may be the only signs of Easter you'll find outside of church. Unlike its Christmas counterpart, Easter is mostly uncommercialized, which is pretty remarkable: the day that we celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection remains untainted by retailers.

However, just because we're not receiving Easter ad upon Easter ad in our newspapers and inboxes doesn't mean we should pigeonhole the holiday as a minor celebration. Easter is perhaps the most crucial holiday on the Christian calendar—even the word crucial has its roots in Christianity, stemming from the term for crucify.

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News."— Mark 1:12-15
The season we call Lent, the forty days before Easter, represents the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, continually tempted by Satan.

When He emerged from the wilderness, He knew it was time for the prophesy of His death and resurrection to be fulfilled.

As believers, we remember this. We look to this time of Lent as a way to go into our own 'wilderness' of sorts; we pray, we fast, we meditate, we worship, we focus on God. We ready ourselves for the grief of Christ's death, and we take joy in the gospel of His rising again. We are granted eternal life through Christ; the Messiah lifted up.

I invite you to join us as we take a closer look at the life of Christ these next few weeks as we recall what this season is all about.
Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Chris



Children's Church with Teachers Polly Carroll and Aubrey Tyler

Music by Brooke Edwards and Chelsea Dourson



Whats Happening @ Bright Beginnings

How is it already March? Time sure flies when your having fun. March looks a little different for us this year. As you all know Tammy retired at the end of February. We are all sad but are adjusting very well. The children are enjoying their time with their new full time teacher Rachel. We are all looking forward to warmer weather where we can explore some of Roanoke with our littles.

2021 Food Pantry/ Inter-Church Council News

The Roanoke Food Pantry housed at Seminary is a joint effort. We assist local residents in time of need.

In 2021 monetary donations were received from Carolyn Hartley -Johns, Pastor Keith & Kay Schreffler, Pleasant Chapel Church-Roanoke, Roanoke Lion's Club, St Joseph Catholic Church-Roanoke, and Women of Faith-Seminary Church- Roanoke.

We also have an anonymous donor from the Roanoke Community who donated quarterly , and has done so for several years.

Large food donations in 2021 were received from the American Legion Post 160-Roanoke, Faith Lutheran Day Care- Roanoke, Roanoke Elementary School Food Drive, and from numerous individuals in the community.

In October, members of the council distributed food to 75 families living in the 2 mobile home parks in Roanoke.

At Thanksgiving, 5 whole turkeys were donated by a local family and distributed to needy families. At Christmas, 4 ham dinners were given to needy families. What a blessing this was to these families who otherwise would not have celebrated the holidays.

A family of 9 was adopted at Christmas and gifted food and gifts.

We would like to continue with minifood collections at each of the churches during the current year:

Jan-Mar - personal care items : (example= toothpaste, hand soap)

April-June - condiments : (example=salad dressing, mustard, catsup)

July-Sept - cleaning supplies: (example = laundry detergent, dish soap)

Oct-Dec: cereal, baking supplies

The council members would like to thank all who support our efforts to help those in need in the Roanoke Community.

I am excited to announce the Leadership Council made the decision to hire Chelsea Dourson in the parttime position of Worship Leader! Due to this role being new for Seminary, the initial commitment period is for six months and the church is able to afford this financially. As part of her responsibilities she will coordinate a variety of musicians to join our worship services. We are enjoying her incredible talent and the introduction of a variety of music styles. I've already received positive feedback from congregation members! Please pray for our church and for Chelsea in this growth opportunity.

Welcome Chelsea!!

Vicky Eisenhut, SPRC Chair

Contact Terri with any
events that need featured on
the Church Calendar
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Seminary Church's 2022 Council Members:
Pastor: Chris Dourson
Church Council Chair: Jon Perkins
Finance Chair: Ann McPherran
Trustees Chair: Dave O'Briant
Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)
Chair: Vicky Eisenhut
Vision Committee Chair: Tom Gross
Treasurer: Tara Eisenhut-Whitman
Lay Member: Keith Hartley
Lay Member: Don Keller

2022 Important Dates

March 7 - Trustee Meeting @ 6:30pm

March 8 & 22 - Crafty Corner @ 10am-2pm

March 14 - WOF @ 1:30pm and Vision Meeting @ 6:30pm

March 25 - Game Night 6-8pm

March 28 - Leadership Council @ 6:30pm

The Leadership Council had a meeting 02/28/2022 in the country cafe. Things on the agenda this month were discussions on the service and how things are going and what we can do to make it better and more streamlined. Finances are looking good through January and meeting the current needs of the church. Pastor Chris gave a great report to the Board and will be adding more hours to his schedule to be able to meet with more of the congregation in their homes or for coffee. He feels excited for what God has in store for Seminary coming into Spring season. The board discussed the absence of participation in Loose Change Sunday, the first Sunday of every month, how it has been missed and the purpose it may serve Seminary moving forward. The board voted and all agreed to encourage it and use it to support our Helping Hands Ministry. Helping Hands Ministry is a fund the Pastor uses at his discretion to support the families in our church. If he sees a family or an individual that has a need, the Pastor can use funds to show love and support to them. Bright Beginnings Day Care is off to a great start to the new year with more kids being enrolled in the month of January. The next council meeting will be on March 28th. God is good and is certainly blessing the church and its ministries! Thank you for your continued support of Seminary Church. Please keep the church and Pastor Chris in your prayers as we move into the Easter Season.

Jonathon Perkins
Leadership Chair

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