

Sunday: **05-14-2023 6th Sunday of Easter**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
 Mother's Day recognition
 Baptism of Michael Garza
 5:00 PM Trustee's Meeting

Tuesday: **05-16-2023**
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study is downstairs at Salem Church

Thursday **05-18-2023**
 Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting at Salem – all invited to pray with county churches

Sunday: **05-21-2023 7th Sunday of Easter**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

Salem is collecting offerings from the heart to be given to the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for May is cereal.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the next newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

15 th Dane Ebel	16 th Chance Mosier	17 th Mary Jane Haines
17 th Delayna Profit	17 th Stacia Profit	19 th Holden Price
22 nd Dawson Kimmet	23 rd Carolyn Girod	25 th Taylor Hoehn

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th Steve & Lindsay Richards	19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick
20 th Mark & Melissa Zielke	



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Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – Jesus was crucified and died.

Point Two – He spent three days in the grave conducting spiritual activities.

Point Three – Jesus bought us back from Satan.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

¹⁸ Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. ¹⁹ So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— ²⁰ those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood (1 Peter 3:18-20 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Hell and paradise are real places that Jesus traveled. Death could not hold Jesus when He was put to death “in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.” Romans 6:23 says that death is the wages of sin, but He never sinned. So, His Spirit remained alive, even after His physical death. Death cannot hold a Spirit Being, as Jesus is God. The grave has no power over those without sin, and it is comforting to know that is why those who are Christ’s own will be raised to eternal life. Jesus' righteousness is given to those who believe in Him. Death and hell are real. Why not take a moment to finally decide that you will make Jesus your Lord and Savior?

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