

THE MESSENGER

CARLOCK BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Steven Szetela, Pastor

Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:15 AM

Church Email -
carlockbfc@gmail.com

Wifi available: Connect
to CBFC password is
cbfc2024!

APRIL CALENDAR

Thurs, April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service 6PM

Sun, April 5 - Easter Breakfast 9AM; Easter Service

Sat, April 11 - Men's Bible Study 6:30AM

Sun, April 12 - Morning Worship

Tues, April 14 - Spiritual Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM

Sun, April 19 - Morning Worship

Thurs, April 23 - MW Meets 6:30pm

Fri, April 24 - Free Sale 4-7PM

Sat, April 25 - Free Sale 8AM-Noon

Sun, April 26 - Morning Worship



Updates from Your Church Board

The Church Board met on March 4 and spent time reviewing ministry updates, church needs, and upcoming events. The women's ministry shared a strong turnout for their recent noodle-making event, and the choir is preparing to sing for both Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. The board approved a new meeting schedule, shifting to every other month, while the Spiritual Advisory Team will continue meeting monthly. Trustees reported several ongoing maintenance projects, including repairs to the bell tower (with a quote pending), ceiling updates, and other facility improvements. Pastor Steven shared encouraging updates from supported missionaries, ongoing community outreach efforts—including connecting with local leadership—and excitement for the Easter season, with plans to begin a new sermon series in 1 John afterward. The board also approved distributing \$10,000 from the Bob Copeland Memorial Fund to support individuals and families in ministry training. Looking ahead, preparations are underway for Easter services, the Spring Free Sale, and other upcoming church events.

For April 2026

Hospitality Committee

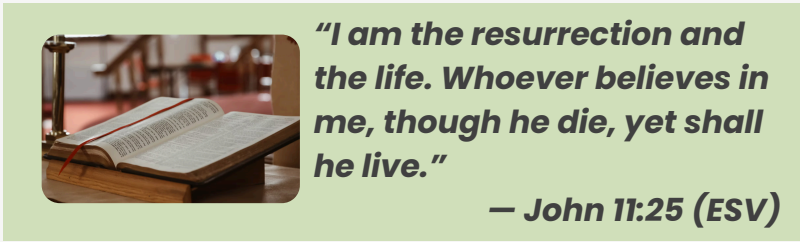
Lori Amberg
 Gena Norris
 Julie Greenburg
 Janet Logan

Food Pantry Item:

Fruit

Sunday School

Noah's Ark – Justine Szetela
 Lion's Den – Julie Greenburg
 Jr/Sr High – Joe Brandt



"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

— John 11:25 (ESV)



A Note from the Pastor

CBFC Family,

With the arrival of April, several meaningful and exciting moments are at the forefront of my mind. First and foremost, this will be my very first Easter as your pastor. Easter has always held deep significance for me, and the opportunity to

celebrate it here with all of you, alongside my family, is more meaningful than I can fully express in a simple pastor's newsletter. It is a memory I know I will cherish for a lifetime.

I am also especially excited for the beginning of our first expositional teaching series through the book of 1 John. While I look forward to preaching through this book, I am even more encouraged by what I hope we will all say at its conclusion: that each person who faithfully attends our Sunday morning services will have gained a sound, biblical, and orthodox understanding of God's Word as revealed in 1 John. Reading Scripture is no small thing, but to grow in understanding emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually, through an entire book of the Bible is a profound blessing. This is what we hope for and strive toward, and, Lord willing, it will bear much fruit both in our individual lives and within our church body as a whole.

Please know that I am continually praying for each of you. My hope is that you will remain steadfast in pursuing a deeper relationship with Christ through the daily reading of His Word and through faithful prayer.

With all my love and prayers,
 Pastor Steven Szetela

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Bob & Susan Waller (A)
- 9 Joseph Brandt
- 10 Lincoln Mohr (2020)
- 11 Justine Szetela
- 13 Jacob & Carrie Schwoerer (A)
- 18 Scott Harter
- 19 Doug & Susan Sifford (A)
- 21 Andrew Mohr (2021)
- 21 Emmerson Otto
- 24 Joe Mohr
- 27 Bill & Vicki West (A) 1985

Prayer Chain

Text **'prayerchain'** to 309-315-3455

Church News + Updates

Text **'news'** to 309-315-3455



A Few Things to Note....

WE WANT YOU IN THE DIRECTORY!

We are updating our church directory and would love to include your family! Please pick up a directory form from the table by the elevator. Once completed, you may return it to Annie Schwoerer or place it in the secretary's mailbox (located on the same table). To submit a photo, email it to mamaschwoerer@gmail.com, or plan to participate in one of our upcoming church photo days later in March and April. Thank you for helping us keep our church family connected!

Introduction to Everence:

Everence Mission to Serve:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6AigLpH7Ww>

Everence Impact:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLCnkDEVfTc>

CBFC Directory Picture Days

Directory photos will be taken at the church on Sunday, **April 12** and Sunday, **April 19**, immediately following the morning worship service. Photos will be taken outside (weather permitting), with a rain date scheduled for April 26.

Free Sale Reminder & Help Needed!

Just a quick reminder that MW will be moved to Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM as we set up for the Spring Free Sale. We'd love your help getting everything ready! The Free Sale will take place on Friday, April 24 from 4-7 PM and Saturday, April 25 from 8 AM-noon. Thank you for serving and helping make this outreach a blessing to our community!

CBFC SHIRTS More info coming soon!

