

Cross Talk

Some assembly required

Alpena First Assembly of God

Brand New!

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Pastor's Place

Most of us enjoy new things. We would like to have a new house, a new car, a new flat screen TV, or something new. We tend to get excited about new things...at least for awhile.

Spring is about dormant life coming back to vibrancy. It is also about new life. We see wildlife giving birth to new life. It does not take long for us to see new baby birds and baby deer. We see new flowers blooming and the trees budding with new leaves. There is just something about new things!

I think there are two types of new things.

There is brand new "NEW." Brand new is when you are the first owner of something... no one has ever owned it before. There is also new to me "NEW." For example, buying a used car. The car is not brand new, but it is new to me. So, when someone sees me driving a different car, they may ask, "How do you like your new car?"

All of this newness reminds me of the resurrection. The resurrection is about new life. Just as a seed is planted into the ground and in a few days new life springs forth from that seed, so

is the story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The resurrection reminds us that Jesus died, He was buried, and three days later, He rose from the dead!

It was not enough for Jesus to suffer and die in our place. He had to be raised from the dead.

You see, Christ's resurrection makes the difference for all of us. His death gives us new life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tell us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" We can have new life through Christ.

Pastor Clark

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A church with the community at heart!

Looking Ahead

April 15th -- Women's Ministries Pajama Party!

April 16th -- Men's Fellowship Gun Shoot!

May 1st -- F.U.E.L. Student Ministries Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Big Ticket Event.

May 8th -- Mother's Day.

We want to emphasize family togetherness, so we have guest Al Eastman and his puppets that will be with us! And the Men's Fellowship is cooking dinner for the ladies and their families!

June 6th -- Graduation Sunday. We will honor our graduates.

June 19th -- Father's Day. The Women's Ministry has a special day planned for the men!

The Grill competitions are back! Competitions will take place June 29th, July 27th, and August 31st. Titles will have to be defended and new Kings or Queens may be crowned!

Happenings

March

Community Groups

F.U.E.L. Spaghetti Dinner

Missionaries Steve and Kim

Puffpaff

Skeet Shooting

Women's Ministries @

GenArs

April

Community Groups

Men's Gun Shoot

WM's PJ/Girl's Night Out

Easter Sunday

Baptismal Service

Egg Hunt

Children

A big thanks to Amy Cramer and her team! She led the Kids Connect Community Group and had outstanding results! The last night was a carnival and had 25 kids in attendance, plus helpers! They had games, a bounce house, and Amy even got a pie in the face! IT WAS GREAT!! Many children and parents were blessed due to

this ministry. They are all thankful for Amy's leadership.

Kids, join us for an Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 24th, following the morning worship service. (Don't forget to bring an Easter egg basket, if you have one.) Also, Mrs. Burnham has a very special service planned just for you! You do not want to miss it!



Women

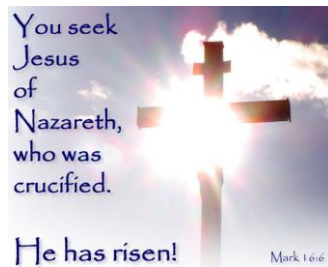
God is blessing our Women's Ministry! Traci has done (and is doing) a tremendous job leading the WM's, as well as the Community Group, "Back on Track"! Women in the community have joined in, participated, and, most importantly, they have felt welcomed. Thank you, Traci, and WM's! You are actively touching lives and shining His light. God sees and knows the seeds you have planted for Him. Bless you!

The WM's Pajama Party/Girls Night Out is Friday night, April 15th at the church from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Come when you can, leave when you must! Cost is only \$5.00 and

there are baskets to raffle! (Wearing your PJ's is an option.)

We are looking forward to seeing all of you ladies and all of your invited guests!

You are invited to be part of a women's ministry that is changing Alpena and surrounding communities.



F.U.E.L.

We are halfway to our goal of having all the funds we need to go to Big Ticket. We are having another Spaghetti Dinner May 1st, after the morning worship service. The students are working hard to be able to attend this three-day Christian Concert.

We are so thankful for everyone who is supporting the student ministry. You can be proud of these students!

Men

April 16th, the men are hosting a co-ed fellowship event featuring skeet shooting. The event is set to be at Dave Burnham's place (1399 Jesse Road). The cost is a \$5.00 suggested donation. This includes the chili and a drink. Please bring your own guns and shells.

The Men's Fellowship is also providing a Mother's Day dinner May 8th. So moms, bring your family to church to worship together and then enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our men!

Men, please remember these upcoming events: May 8th—Family Dinner, May 14th—Detroit Tigers. We have some other things in the works and will have details soon.

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