

# Busti Federated Church

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### ***The Greatest Reconnect in History!***

*Luke 22:41-44*

As we draw closer to Easter, Christians everywhere will be reflecting on what God had actually accomplished hundreds of years ago. What He did through Jesus Christ was to bring into reality the possibility for the human race to reconnect with God. That reconnect would be very costly requiring His Son to give himself a ransom for many. May I suggest to you that if anyone is serious about reconnecting not only with God but with one another it is going to require a cost. For Jesus the cost would become death on the cross.

I read in Luke 22:44 where Jesus agonized over what needed to be accomplished in order to bring the reconnect needed between God and man. In spite of the agonizing prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, He forged forward determined to do the will of His Father in Heaven.

Just as Jesus was willing to give of Himself we're going to have to give of ourselves in order for any reconnect to become a reality. Reconnects are costly, requiring time and effort. Yes, it actually takes effort which means work and energy in order for it to happen. That's not always easy, mostly because our lives can be caught up in one's self interests. Busy work schedules, school activities, to do lists, etc. can cause anyone to live within the moat that surrounds their personal life castle. It's easy to pull up the drawbridge, roll in the sidewalks, and hibernate from most things around us.

Thankfully Jesus didn't allow the harsh realities around Him to back away from the "Reconnect Mission" that He was on. He knew we were in trouble and that He was bringing the solution to our trouble from heaven even though many would resist and refuse Him. Jesus being intentional faced all kinds of opposition to His mission of reconnection, but He was steadfast and unmovable. He didn't sway one bit. He moved forward knowing that we needed to reconnect with God.

That reconnect would require Jesus having to be crucified. Thankfully when everyone else was thinking this radical Jesus was now dead, in three days the "Reconnect" was going to become a reality for anyone who would believe!

On April 1<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating the Greatest Reconnect in History! Moving forward in preparation for Resurrection Sunday take a moment and sincerely see who you may need to make a fresh connection. It will cost you time and effort. But maybe, just maybe it could become the greatest reconnection in your life's history.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Lee

# Around the Church

## Prayer Needs

Pray for our Nation and President

Pray for our Military.

SPC Collin Hanson Cadet Clayton Hanson

Tyler Davis

Pray for those that are looking for jobs.

Pray for those who are ill: Katie Lewis,

Kay Calendar, Carol O'Brien, Jason Gould,

Charlie Hannan (Cancer), Kitty Boutureira,

Manny Boutureira Donny Dittman Carol Abbott

Terry Lata, Bev Fredlund (lung transplant)

Bill Allshouse, Jennie Locke (Carol's Mom)

## Easter Sunday

April 1st

Combined Sunrise Service

Busti Church of God at 7:00am

Bible Discussion at the Church

With refreshments

9:00-10:00am

Worship Service

10:30am



## March

### Birthdays

Brandon Sargent	6th
Nikki Kopenski	7th
Jim Baer	8th
Sally Baer	9th
Tad Ellis	15th
Carson Hanson	18th
Jim Streib	19th
Barb Hanson	21st
Walt Dahlgren	29th
Sam Kopinski	30th

### Anniversaries

Paul & Kathy Hazzard	12th
Bob & Regina Ellis	18th

## April

### Birthdays

Darlene McIntyre	1st
Mary Lou Matteson	2nd
CJ Kelley	3rd
Max Kopenski	6th
Jon Putnam	14th
Tom Baer	16th
Bob Vergith	19th
Rob Kopenski	25th
Lee O'Brien	27th

### Anniversaries

Jim & Joan Baer	6th
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## Blue Star Mothers

Blue Star Mothers will be collecting the usual items to send to soldiers over the Easter holiday. Donations can be made at the church.

## Senior's Outing

Seniors, 65+ Carpooling to Dutch Village Restaurant in Clymer. Order off the menu dutch treat. Wednesday March 14th. Reservations must be in to Pastor Lee by March 6th @ 720-0115. Please leave a voicemail with your name and phone number. \* Meet in church parking lot by 10:40am; we will be leaving the parking lot, carpooling at 10:50 sharp. The restaurants new policy is: if you make a reservation and don't show up, you will be charged a \$5.00 fee. Hope to see you there for a great time.

## Prayer Chain and Requests

We typically receive prayer requests one of two ways. Either Pastor Lee is contacted and then the information is passed on to me or I received the information directly. I then email that information to the addresses I have and that have asked to be part of the list. There are several people that don't have email and they are contacted by phone.

We need your help to better refine this process and hopefully provide as much information as possible. First, if you are not receiving the requests and you would like to please see me so we can set up the best way for you to be contacted. Second, many times after we receive a request we don't receive any updates or know the outcome. What we are asking is if you submit a request that you also keep us updated so that we know how to pray.

If you have any suggestions or questions about this process or how to improve it please let me know.

God Bless,

CJ

## YTD Church Financial Update

Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$1,639.06
Average YTD Weekly Expenses	\$1,368.32
Average YTD Weekly Income	\$1,378.05

## *An Irish Prayer*

*May God give you,  
For every storm, a rainbow  
For every tear, a smile  
For every care, A promise  
And a blessing in each trial  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share  
For every sigh, A sweet song  
And an answer for each prayer*

## **1980's Did You Know**

A cellphone in the 1980's weighed over 20lbs

Cable did not have commercials until 1980

MTV launched in August of 1981

In 1980 the first 1GB hard drive cost \$40,000.00

The drink, Red Bull, was first released in 1987

The first American Girl Dolls were released in 1986

The New York Mets won the 1986 World Series

Canada gained independence from the UK in 1982

"Hammer Pants" became popular

Alf, the furry alien from Melmac, was created

S.S.A.F.E Sportsmen's Outreach

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00–6:30pm

Cost: Donation



Proceeds to help support the

2018 Alaska Mission

Hosted by: Busti Federated Church

716-664-1586 or 716-720-0115

875 Mill Rd., 5 Corners of Busti





## **Find Your Pot of Gold at the 15th Annual St. Susan Center Basket Fair**

St. Susan Center is proud to announce the 15th Annual Basket Fair! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day) at the Jamestown Community College Physical Education Building on Curtis Street in Jamestown. You'll have three hours to check out the valuable door prizes, visit with friends, enjoy delicious food, bid on a wide selection of wonderful baskets, and learn more about how our local soup kitchen benefits the Jamestown area community.

For \$10 you will get 12 Basket Tickets and 2 Door Prize Tickets; or for only \$20 you can buy a Super Sheet of tickets that includes 30 Basket Tickets and 4 Door Prize Tickets. Tickets will be available until 1:45 p.m. Winning tickets will be drawn starting at 2:00 p.m.



Guests will have over 100 baskets and gift certificates to choose from including baskets for chocolate lovers, baskets for men, and fun baskets for children, along with many wonderful baskets for the ladies. There are three Grand Prizes this year, \$ 500 in Cash, 55 Inch Smart TV, and a Pair of Kayaks.

Throughout the Fair St. Susan Center will have lots of food items on sale at the "Comfort Café," including pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, soups, salads, desserts and a variety of beverages including Tim Hortons Coffee.

The Kids' Corner will be open the entire time for children to keep busy and have fun. Music will be provided by Prime Time DJ service, spinning sounds that everyone wants to hear.

"Every basket and gift certificate represents the generosity of individuals, churches, businesses and organizations who have donated to help raise money for our soup kitchen. St. Susan Center continues to make a difference in Jamestown through the kindness and generosity of the community. We want thank Jamestown Awning and Wegmans for being this year's Basket Fair sponsors," said Executive Director Jeffrey Smith.

## **2018 Leader & Team List for BFC**

Pastor*	Lee O'Brien	(Cell) 720-0115
		(Office) 664-1586
Administrator	CJ Kelley	(Home) 708-6920

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### **Resource Team**

Resource Team Leader*	Donna Swartzentruber	708-6920
Assistant Team Leader*	Todd Hanson	664-5804
Baptist Delegate*	Jim Fried	664-4777
Financial Secretary	Nancy Jordan	664-0964

### **Staff Parish Relations Team\***

Chick Morrison	488-9313
Jim Streib	589-9304
Barb Hanson	664-5804
Jim Fried	
Brian Kearney	

Treasurer*	C. J. Kelley	708-6920
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Trustees*	Hart Jordan	664-0964
	Jim Ellis	664-0936
	Brian Kearney	664-1934

United Methodist Lay Member*	Brian Kearney	664-1934
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### **Ministry Team**

Ministry Team Leader*	Carol O'Brien	569-2066
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Memorial Team	Mary Lou Matteson	763-2981
	Donna Swartzentruber	708-6920
	Shirl Streib	589-9304

\* Denotes the 9 voting members for the Resource Team

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Resource Team Meeting 6:30pm	2 S.S.A.F.E. Pancake Supper 4:00-6:30 Donation	3
4 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	5	6 National Dentist Day 	7	8	9	10 
11 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	12 National Girl Scout Day 	13 Ministry Team Meeting 6:30-8:00	14 Senior Outing Dutch Village Rest In Clymer	15	16	17 
18 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	19	20	21	22	23 National Melba Toast Day 	24
25 Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	26	27	28 National Something On a Stick Day 	29	30 Good Friday 	31

If you would like to submit an article, information or event to be placed in the Newsletter please have into the church office by the 25th of the month

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> National Party Day 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> SSAFE Chicken & Biscuit Dinner 4:00-6:30	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> National Licorice Day 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> Bible Discussion 9:00-10:00 Worship Service 10:30	<b>23</b> National Pig's In A Blanket Day 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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