



# THE WEEKLY WAVE

## LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

**EASTER**  
AT PEKIN FIRST

- April 2**  
Palm Sunday 10am
- April 6**  
Maundy Thursday 6pm
- April 7**  
Good Friday 7pm
- April 8**  
Worship 5pm  
Egg Hunt 7:30pm at Grace UMC
- April 9**  
Worship 8:00am  
Continental Breakfast 9-10am  
Worship 10:00am

**PEKIN FIRST NEW APP!**

Our online ministry continues to grow and develop. We now have our own Pekin First App! Go to your App Store, type in "Pekin First", and look for this icon

Did you know you can access our website from our app?

**3 easy steps**

1. Go to app logo
2. On bottom go to **connect**
3. **Click** and you are there!

ALSO: The Weekly Wave is on our app/website earlier than Thursday.

**Reckless Love Study**  
Church conference room  
Sundays at 9am.

Will resume next Sunday 4/16/23.

GET IT ON  
Google Play

Worship Online,  
Submit prayer requests,  
Listen to the Bible,  
Give Online, and more!

Download on the  
App Store

### PRAYER BY VAL MOEHLE

Val was recently invited to offer the invocation at the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield. This is a great honor. Here is Val's Prayer: Let us take a moment to silently gather ourselves in community with each other and with God. I invite you to breathe in the love of God and breathe out disdain for others. Breathe in the mercy of God and breathe out judgment. Breathe in the forgiveness of God and breathe out grudges. And now - - breathe in the spirit of God and hold it fast as we pray together. Dear God – We give you thanks and praise. We are grateful that you have placed each person in this room for such a time as this. I humbly pray for your blessing upon this session and those who participate. Reveal to them your wisdom and your truth. May each be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger so that the common purpose to which each has committed may be carried out, that lives may be transformed and that your honor and glory might shine through. With a hope for your perfect peace, your people say – Amen. Illinois General Assembly, Opening Prayer. March 28, 2023

**UNITEYouth**  
**EVERY SUNDAY**  
**BREAK THROUGH – 5-6pm**  
**HIGH SCHOOL-7-8:15**  
 Contact [kbushong@pekinfirst.org](mailto:kbushong@pekinfirst.org)  
 for more info.



**UNITEKIDS UPDATE**

UNITEKIDS Every Wednesday night at 5:30.  
**REMINDER: MEET AT PEKIN UMC** Starting 4/5.  
 Christian lessons, games, and projects!  
 So much fun! If you would like to help with the kids,  
 contact Emmy at [ethies@pekinfirst.org](mailto:ethies@pekinfirst.org)

Busy Palm Sunday weekend for Children's Ministry.



**PEKIN FIRST CHURCH MEN**

Chicken Noodle Luncheon- April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am in  
 the Church Dining Rm. **Donations Welcome!**

**PRAYER CHAPEL**  
**LOVE FOR EVERY ONE**

Every Thursday at 11am in  
 Chapel or online.  
 Call 309.347.3155 for  
 more information.

**UPDATE 4/23/23**

**MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET**

Please bring a side dish to share. **Fried chicken and beverages are provided.**

**2023 Mother Daughter Banquet**

1315 Court St. Pekin  
 April 23, 2023  
 11am in Whitfield Hall  
 Special Guest Speaker from Dayspring  
 Native American UMC

**LARGE ADULT SIZE BACKPACKS ARE GREATLY NEEDED FOR OUR HOMELESS GUESTS AT THE PEKIN OUTREACH CENTER**

The Pekin First Outreach Committee will have boxes at both entrances for collecting adult size **expandable backpacks** from April 11th - April 16th. The guests try to pack all that they own into their backpacks and can carry these while keeping their hands free. If you wish to provide a monetary donation via a check, please include P.O.I. Backpack Ministry in the memo line. Cash donations are also welcomed in an envelope, noting P.O.I. Backpack Ministry, during worship services or it can be dropped off at the church office **(Closed on April 10th).**

Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry. God bless you!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY DAILY



**"Lord,  
How do you  
want to love  
EVERY ONE  
through me?"**

**LOVE FOR EVERY ONE**  
PEKIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Thursday 3/6 MAUNDY THURSDAY**

4:00 ROCKids- Offsite  
6:00 Coin Club-Dining Rm.  
6:00 Maundy Thursday Service- Sanctuary

### **Friday 4/7 GOOD FRIDAY**

9:30 Cedarhurst Worship- Offsite  
7:00 Good Friday Service- Sanctuary

### **Saturday 4/8 EASTER WEEKEND**

5:00 Easter Worship Service-Sanctuary  
7:30 Glow in the dark Easter Egg hunt-Grace

### **Sunday 4/9 EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 Easter Communion Worship- Sanctuary  
9:00 Continental Breakfast-Foyer/Well Area  
10:00 Easter Worship- Sanctuary  
1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite

### **Monday 4/10 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00 Cub Scouts-Dining Rm.

### **Tuesday 4/11**

9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.  
5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall  
6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.  
6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.  
6:00 Finance- Conference Rm.

### **Wednesday 4/12**

7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 20  
5:30 UNITEkids- Pekin UMC  
6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall  
2 Corinthians 12

### **Thursday 4/13**

4:00 ROCKids- Offsite  
6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs

**Love For Every One!** 2 year campaign to propel Pekin First forward in loving others the way our God calls us to love.

What's the plan? The next month is HUGE for our church's forward movement. Here's what we're asking:

- Pray daily, (or many times a day!) *"Lord, how do You want to love every one, through me?"*
- Pray about a gift for the campaign, which causes you to put deeper trust in God. We recognize that we are all at different places economically. We hope everyone will WANT to participate. *We aren't asking for equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.* AND, a sacrificial gift has the effect of drawing us closer to our Lord. Who wouldn't want that??
- *Please come to worship here or online, the weekend of May 6/7, prepared to offer a gift and/or pledge to the Love For Every One campaign.* We'll soon be sending commitment cards for your convenience.

WE PRAY THAT ON MAY 6/7 GOD'S PEOPLE WILL HAVE GIVEN OR COMMITTED THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CAMPAIGN SO THAT WE CAN GET OUR 6 PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED IN A MATTER OF MONTHS.

We hope you'll share in the joy which comes when the church moves forward boldly in the name of Jesus!

### PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Kalm  
Kellen Norman (Health)  
Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne  
Pati Jockisch  
Elena Sparenberg  
Tom Hubbell  
Bob & Lori McGuirk  
\*Melissa Ostrom

### PRAY FOR OUR UNITED STATES

#### MILITARY

Nate Welch  
Taryn Steiger  
Savannah Jibben  
Brad Baerwalch  
Brandon Gebhardt  
Boyd Harmon  
Kevin Lawler  
Matthew Hurd  
Alex & Ian Nelson

