

## **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Digital Bulletin**

**Please listen to the morning message on our website: [www.newparisfirst.com](http://www.newparisfirst.com), click on the Sermons tab, and choose “Seek First the Kingdom”.**

**Deacons on Call for April: Tom & Edna VanDiepenbos**

*Don't forget to tithe! Checks can be mailed in to the church at P.O. Box 117, New Paris, IN 46553. Or you can give gifts online through our website, or download the Give Plus app on your smartphone and look for “First Brethren Church of New Paris”. You may also drop off tithes during Pastor Jeff's office hours, which right now are Monday-Wednesday, 1-4pm and Thursday, 9-12. You may also drop them off to the parsonage and he will get them to Edna.*

### **Giving Update:**

**General: \$, Deacons: \$1055  
Needed for General Budget (2020): \$2085  
Budget Year to Date: -\$3,079**

Tentative Calendar- All Services Cancelled for April  
Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>- Spring Picnic

### **Connect With Your Pastors!**

#### **Pastor Jeff Estep**

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**Office Hours**- 1-4pm (Mon-Wed), 9-12 (Thurs.)

#### **Youth Pastor Megan Long**

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**Like last week**, you can watch this week's sermon and not just hear it. Go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_I9RaepHJFg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_I9RaepHJFg) Or search for “Seek First the Kingdom- Pastor Jeff Estep” in YouTube.

Pastor Jeff would like to introduce a new song to our church, which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R2wMt4w0S0>, or search for “New Day in the Lord- Pastor Jeff Estep” in YouTube.

## **This Week...**

### **Online Bible Study- this Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm**

Using the Zoom app available on your computer or Smart Phone

A study guide for this week's study is available on the website, in the “Seek First the Kingdom” sermon's downloadable files.

Zoom Meeting ID- 432-608-5416, Password 190763  
(We are requiring a Password to prevent hacking)

Web link for Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4326085416?pwd=VCs0TFE1ZVILY0FJeFpTckltVFVhdz09>

*We will be publishing a May newsletter. If you have something to contribute, please get it to Ruby Thompson by tomorrow, Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please watch your email for information about when we hope to begin gathering again on Sunday mornings. As Indiana's economy begins to reopen, we hope in the next few weeks to begin meeting again on Sunday mornings.*

***Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

**Birthdays!!**

Sundayday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Mark Miller

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>- Jerica Johnson

**Anniversaries!!**

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>- Mark & Sonia Miller

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>- Jeff & Jamie Estep

**Ministry Opportunities—**

Though most of our church activities have been canceled for the coronavirus, your church family is here for you. If you have a need over the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to reach out to a Deacon or to our pastors. We will get through this together, with God's help!

**Please pray during the Coronavirus Pandemic:**

- **For wisdom for world leaders, for President Trump, his administration, for Congress, and for state and local officials**
- **For wisdom as to when to lower restrictions on travel and economic activity**
- **For Brethren Church leadership, for pastors, camp leaders, regarding future programming, and how to fulfill their ministry vision in the current environment**
- **For medical and military personnel who are helping where infection rates are high**
- **For churches to be a Biblical witness of love, hope, and salvation to their neighbors**
- **For our local hospitals and medical offices who are helping those who are sick**
- **For God's provision for families who have lost income during this outbreak**
- **For medical equipment to get where it needs to go**

**Prayer Concerns—** *To start prayer chain, contact Cheri Mullins at 574-607-1208 or Sheila Mullins at 574-831-5264*

- Tonya McKay's husband has coronavirus, and Tonya continues to recover in nursing home
- Continued prayer for Brenda Donat's nephew and for her friend Joe, who are both being treated for cancer
- Keith Wenner- for continued grace and strength
- Barb Johnson, from Butterfly Mornings, receiving chemo treatments for multiple cancerous tumors. Please pray.
- Prayer for Maria Cox, mother of a friend of the Esteps, who requires bowel surgery while suffering COVID-19.
- Wade Snider, who was in Chicago hospital with double pneumonia, is home and doing well!
- Joyce Gill's granddaughter Alicia gave her life to Jesus! Please pray for her as she grows in her faith!

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Sunday-** Matthew 6:25-34

**Monday-** John 3:1-8

**Tuesday-** Hebrews 11:1-6

**Wednesday-** Philippians 4:4-9

**Thursday-** 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

**Friday-** 1 Kings 18:16-46

**Saturday-** 1 Kings 19:1-18

**Upcoming Messages:**

Next Week— The Case of the Blind Optometrist

Two Weeks—Persistence

## April 26th Online Service

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:25-34

### Opening Hymn

#### #58 This Is My Father's World

(If you are listening to the audio version of the sermon, Pastor Jeff will lead you in this song on guitar.)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ear  
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair  
Through the rustling grass I hear Him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the ruler yet  
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied  
And Earth and Heaven be one

**Message:** Seek First the Kingdom – Sermon Notes

Life is more important than our \_\_\_\_\_ .

When we have “little faith”, it is because we fail to realize what

it \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Do not seek the things that \_\_\_\_\_ you; rather, seek first  
\_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

### Closing Hymn

#### # 42 Seek Ye First

(If you are listening to the audio version of the sermon, Pastor Jeff will lead you in this song on guitar.)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Hallelu, Hallelujah

Man does not live by bread alone but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Hallelu, Hallelujah

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Hallelu, Hallelujah

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Hallelu, Hallelujah

New Day In The Lord

By Jeff Estep

This is the dawning of a new day in the Lord,

A most extraordinary day

For Christ has saved us from our sins, so as this brand new day begins

Let us lift up holy hands unto His Name

This is the dawning of a new day in the Lord,

And I'm so glad I'm here today

For God has raised us by His grace, so as we gather in this place

Let us lift up holy hands unto His Name

This is the dawning of a new day in the Lord,

And He has brought us here today

To walk together in this faith, to worship God and give Him praise

As we lift up holy hands unto His Name