

### COMING DATES TO NOTE

- 4-4**  
CCYC Trivia Night Fundraiser - 5 pm
- 4-6**  
Soup & Prayer - 5 pm
- 4-9**  
Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am
- 4-12**  
Women's Iron Sharpens Iron  
Conference - 8:30 to 4 pm  
CCYC "The Hometown Girls" Fundraiser  
- 6 pm
- 4-13**  
M Vedvik Lunch Fundraiser - 11:30 am
- 4-16**  
Leader Appreciation/AWANA Store  
- 6 to 7:30 pm
- 4-18**  
TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon  
Good Friday Service - 6 pm
- 4-20**  
Easter Sunday Service - 9 am
- 4-21**  
Offices Closed
- 4-24**  
AWANA Awards Night/Pizza Party  
- 6 to 7:30 pm
- 4-26**  
T Thomas Bridal Shower at CCYC - 9 am
- 4-27**  
A Redecker Baby Shower - 1:30 pm
- 7-13 to 7-17**  
VBS 2025

\*\*To see more events and details, visit our online calendar at [oscochurch.org/calendar](http://oscochurch.org/calendar).



Good  
Friday  
Service

### Good Friday Service & Communion Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Come for a time of remembering our Savior's death through song, prayer, scripture, and communion.

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Join us for Easter as we celebrate Jesus, who died on the cross in our place and was raised to life for our salvation. Our service is open to all, lasts just over an hour, and is a wonderful time of worship through music, prayer, and hearing from God's Word, the Bible. Come find out more about how Jesus has given us the greatest possible gift and the difference He can make in your life today & for eternity!

Childcare available for ages 0 - 4 years old.  
There will be no Sunday School or evening activities.

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>2</b> 6 pm Awana 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5 pm CCYC Trivia Night Fundraiser	<b>5</b> 9 am – N Mitchell Bridal Shower
<b>6</b> 9 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School  5 pm Soup & Prayer	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am Staff Mtg  5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors  6 pm Awana 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	<b>12</b> 7 am - 5 pm RFKC Training 8:30 am – 4 pm Women’s ISI Conference 6 pm CCYC “The Hometown Girls” Fundraiser
<b>13</b>  9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am - 1:30 pm M Vedvik Lunch Fundraiser	<b>14</b> 2:30 - 7 pm CCYC Blood Drive 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	<b>15</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>16</b> 6 pm Spring Awana Store/Leader Appreciation 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Noon -TORCH Items Due to Office 6 pm Good Friday Service	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9 am Easter Worship No Sunday School or Evening Activities	<b>21</b> <b>Offices Closed</b>	<b>22</b> 9 am Staff Mtg  5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>23</b> 6 pm Awana Pizza & Awards Night 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	<b>26</b> 9 -11 am T Thomas Bridal Shower @ CCYC
<b>27</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 1:30 - 3:30 pm A Redecker Baby Shower	<b>28</b> 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>29</b> 9 am Staff Mtg  6:30 pm Elder Mtg	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice			

## April Birthdays

A Ames	3
A Jewett	7
C Snook	9
S Wells	16
M Betcher	21
S Heberer	22
A Smutzer	22
D Burk	23
C Keeney	23
B Jewett	28
T Henschel	30

## April Anniversaries

M & D Carlson	2
E & C Carlson	3
A & S Osborne	7
B & J Franck	13
S & T Scott	28
S & K Janson	29

Check out the Information Center for copies of **Acts & Facts**, current **Sunday School classes**, & **Our Daily Bread**.

Did you miss a **Sunday** due to vacation or illness? Recent copies of the sermons, sermon notes & the current bulletin is available to download from our website, **oscochurch.org**.

## FINANCE MINISTRY

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Ministry at [financeministry@oscochurch.org](mailto:financeministry@oscochurch.org).

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - General Fund				Fund Balances - February 2025	
	February 2025	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$72,306
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$14,457	\$40,088		<b>Building</b>	\$23,081
<b>Expenses</b>	\$20,749	\$37,973	\$38,224	<b>Outreach</b>	\$5,659
<b>Variance</b>	<b>\$6,292</b>	\$2,115		<b>Missions</b>	\$8,939

### Did you know there are Four Ways to give to Osco Community Church?

1. Go to our church website and click on the **GIVE** link. (No apps required)
2. Place your envelope in the offering box on Sunday morning
3. Mail checks to the church address, ATTN: Finance Team
4. Scan the QR code to the right



<b>Attendance - 5 Weeks</b>		
	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
3/2/25	124	91
3/9/25	107	76
3/16/25	120	95
3/23/25	102	77
3/30/25	<u>121</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Average</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>85</b>

**MISSIONS BUDGET**

We need \$9,263 in order to meet the 2025 budget quarterly.

In order to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025, we need \$8,835.00.

**TORCH Items** are due to the Church Office by **April 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon.**

**Just a reminder that we cannot guarantee space in the newsletter if items are sent in after the deadline!!**



**Cambridge Community & Youth Center**  
 Ministry Site for Central IL YFC  
[facebook.com/CYCcambridgeIL](https://facebook.com/CYCcambridgeIL)

Cambridge Community and Youth Center provides a safe place where respect and relationships are encouraged, the community is served, and the Kingdom of God is furthered.

### Supply needs for the Center this month:

- Bottled water (large and small sizes)
- Individual bags of chips, cookies or granola bars
- A box of sidewalk chalk

### Please pray for the Center this month:

- \*There are 2 large fundraisers scheduled for April. Please pray for successful events to send kids to camp.
- \*Pray for students who are apprehensive about going to camp. For many this is a huge step.
- \*Pray for additional monthly donors to provide for ongoing expenses.

**Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!**

**Join us for a Cambridge Community & Youth Center TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER**  
 Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Doors open at 5 pm, Trivia starts at 6 pm.

**Cost:** \$100 for a table of 8 or \$12.50 per person if not filling a table.  
Cost includes answer sheets, 5 mulligans, & 1 double sticker per table. There will be a prize for the winning team.

Pulled pork sandwich, hot dogs, chips, dessert & beverage available for donation. Raffle items from local businesses & individuals.

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Proceeds to fund summer camp scholarships \*\*This is a non-alcoholic event.

**CSI Homes & FreshFits Entertainment proudly present:**  
 A night of music and fun with

*The Hometown Girls*

Featuring the musical talents of:  
**Renee Allen, Sara Johnson, & Emily Vincent**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM  
 Black Ridge  
 123 North Prospect St., Cambridge, IL

Food & beverages available to purchase

**SEATING IS LIMITED - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED**  
 \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door  
**Contact Doreen at 309-945-6936**

Proceeds to benefit Cambridge Community & Youth Center camp scholarships and activities. [dvincent@hoifc.org](mailto:dvincent@hoifc.org)

## ADULT MINISTRY

### PHILIPPIANS *Your Life in Christ*

#### Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

**April 6<sup>th</sup>:** Still in Process, Yet Already Perfect

- Hebrews 10:14

**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** The Psalm of the Cross

- Psalm 22

**April 20<sup>th</sup>:** The Way Up is Down

- Philippians 2:5-11

**April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Guest Preacher - Pastor Ryan Shannon



Pastor Henschel will be out of the office April 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> for The Gospel Coalition conference. If you need to speak to someone while he is away, please contact one of the other elders.

### Osco Community Church ADULT VOLLEYBALL

April 8, 14, 22, 28  
5:30-8:00 PM

Questions? See Heidi Hoste  
or Carter Snook

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- CLASSES FOR ALL AGES -

**Sunday Mornings after Worship Services**

**Age 2 – Kindergarten** – M Gay - Room C.1.3.

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – D Wallace/N Hatfield - Room C.1.7.

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – M Carlson/T Henschel - Room C.1.5.

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – T & K Akers - Room A.2.1.

**Church History** – J Hatfield - Room A.1.1.

**“The Marriage You’ve Always Wanted”** DVD Series by Gary Chapman – W & C Snook - Fellowship Hall

## OUR ELDERS

### Elder Meeting Updates:

Due to scheduling conflicts the elders were limited to meeting once this month. We began our meeting, as usual, by sharing prayer requests and praises and praying together for the needs of our church family and community. We discussed the survey results (offered during the Sunday school brunch on 3/30), figured out some ways we can move forward with that information, and continued to refine the church goals we have been narrowing our focus on. We also discussed various other ministry questions and ideas that have come up recently.

### Future Meeting Dates:

April 14<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

Please let Chris, Heidi or Doreen know if you are interested in participating in Easter specials.

## FACILITY MINISTRY



The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.**

There are two goals for this group:

- 1) Spiritual replenishing of every man attending, &
- 2) Simple repair projects around the church.

For more information, please contact D Gay, D Rehn, or P Warren.

## CARING MINISTRY

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sign up at the Information Center to help provide a dessert or fruit for Celebration Sunday. Please see Katie Janson with any questions.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



*Awana gives children and youth  
an opportunity to know, love,  
and serve Jesus.*



Register here with the QR code  
or online at [oscochurch.org](http://oscochurch.org)!

**Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Registration: \$20/child

**Awana Clubs for ages 3 through 6th grade**

*Cubbies - Ages 3 & 4*

*Sparks - K through 2nd grade*

*Truth & Training (T&T) - 3rd through 6th grade*

**FREE Bible Study for 7th - 12th Grade**

**Sign up for Updates**  
by texting @oscoAWANA to 81010

**For more information, please contact:**  
[facebook.com/OscoAwana](https://facebook.com/OscoAwana),  
or call (309) 522-5561

**Important Dates:**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Leader Appreciation/AWANA Store

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Awards & Pizza Night



**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

We are having an Awana Store coming up in April for the kids to end their year in a fun way & shop for themselves.

Would you consider a cash donation to help purchase small items for kids to "buy" with their Awana bucks or \$5 gift cards to Casey's or Whitey's?

At this time, we are requesting no "gently used" items be donated.

If you would like ideas for specific items, you can contact Matt or Dawn Carlson or Michelle Betcher.

### APRIL OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
2's - 4's 9 AM	D Carlson B Janson	C Carlson T Snook	R Tuttle E Downing	K Heberer B McCoy
2's - K SS CLASS	M Gay J Franck	M Gay D Carlson	No SS	M Gay H Ott

# Soup AND Prayer

**April 6**  
**5 – 6:30 PM**

Come for some soup & fellowship followed by a time of prayer.  
(Soup will be provided!)



## Miranda Vedvik AFRICA Mission Trip Fundraise **Pulled Pork Lunch**

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

Suggested donation is \$7/meal.

Meal includes a sandwich, coleslaw, and chips.

Tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall so you can enjoy them at church or take them home.

*Miranda is raising funds for her June mission trip to South Africa.*



The **church offices** will be closed on **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** for **Easter**.



Please join us for a  
**BRIDAL SHOWER**  
in honor of  
**TÉA THOMAS**  
*Fiancé of Victor Snook*

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
9 - 11 AM

Cambridge Community & Youth Center  
407 North West Street, Cambridge, IL

Registered at Amazon,  
Target, and Etsy

RSVP to Doreen Vincent at  
(309) 945-6936 by April 21<sup>st</sup>.



JOIN US FOR A  
**BABY SHOWER**  
IN HONOR OF  
**ASHLYN REDECKER**

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 – 3:30 PM  
Osco Community Church

Ashlyn & Brock are registered at Target & Amazon

See Robin Tuttle if you would like to be included in a group gift by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> at [OSCOCHURCH.ORG](http://OSCOCHURCH.ORG)



VBS 2025

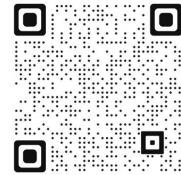
JULY 13 – 17

Dinner @ 5:15 pm

VBS runs 6 to 8 pm

For Children Ages 3 to Finishing 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Youth Bible Study for those who just finished  
6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade with an opportunity to serve  
during VBS.

Register here with the QR code  
or online at [oscochurch.org](http://oscochurch.org)!!



We are in need of television or oversized cardboard boxes  
to start prepping scenery for VBS 2025. Boxes can be left  
in the entryway by the offices.

Thank you, OCC Staff

### Graduating Students

If you know of any students that will be graduating this May,  
please let the church office know who is graduating,  
when they are graduating, and what school or college  
(and degree) they are graduating from so we can recognize  
their accomplishments.

\*A photo of the graduate could also be included!



To Know Him



To Make Him Known



To Share His Love

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

As a church we have a long legacy of being passionate about investing in those who are making Him known to the nations. We are blessed to currently partner with 8 individuals or families and 6 organizations through both prayer and financial support. For more information about our missionaries, please stop by our missionary wall in the church foyer.



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& Youth Center**  
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**Peter Grant**  
PreVision Partnership



**Steve & Jill Horsman**  
InterAct Ministries - Alaska



**Scott Johnson**  
YFC International



**Elizabeth Mativo**  
Child Arise Kenya Widows  
& Orphans Ministry



**Beth Ann Nelson**  
Cru - Italy



**Jay & Kathy Pinney**  
Reach Global Montreal City Team



**Jim & Juanita**  
Wycliffe - Mexico

**Nick & Jennifer**  
Investing in Leaders in South Asia

**Keith & Louise**  
EFCA Reach Global in Asia

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9 am to 3 pm

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