



# The Salt Shaker

May 2020

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## FROM THE PASTOR

I would like to be writing about the potluck we had scheduled for May 3. Nope.

I would like to be writing about Mother's Day on May 10. Nope.

I would like to be writing about Memorial Day services on May 25. Nope.

I would like to be writing about Pentecost and Holy Communion on May 31, Nope.

After six weeks of online worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible study, and fellowship times, we are in a holding pattern.

In May 2013 I took Daniel on a trip to Germany to visit my uncle. All was well until the airplane back from Europe began its landing procedures at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. The trays were put away. The seat belts were tightened. We could see Chicago. And then, we were not given permission to land, so the airplane circled. On the airplane tracker, we flew over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and circled back to Illinois. We circled for almost two hours. At the end of a long journey with a two-year-old, I wondered if we would land, and how much fuel we had. Of course, we made it. But the fear, frustration, worry, and whining is still memorable today.

In five or ten years from now, I wonder how much of the fear, frustration, worry, and whining about the Covid-19 pandemic we will remember.

Although the church building is closed, I hope we remember how important our church family was during this time.

I hope we remember what was really important and how we took time to do that instead of

dwelling in doubt, anguishing in anger, and wandering lost in worry.

I hope we remember how we prioritized.

I hope we remember that through all, God is with us, for us, and coaching us through.

As for this May 2020 newsletter, we are listing information based on our current understanding as Governor Reynolds has opened 77 counties in Iowa, but Linn and Johnson remain under stricter guidelines. So, we will proceed as we have since March 18, 2020 until further notice.

May God continue to bless you, protect you, and give you peace.

In Christ,  
Pastor Julie

## THANK YOUs

We want to thank our church family for your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and food while we were ill with COVID 19. Bob and Marilyn Zvacek

Michaela Arnold and Cade Sanders would like to thank everyone for the gifts, cards and well wishes received at Maeve's birth. She is healthy and happy and can't wait to see everyone again.

A big THANK YOU to all who called and sent cards for our 60th wedding anniversary. Dick and Zelda Sherman

## LEARNING ABOUT CHILD NEGLECT

Tuesday, April 28th, 2020

Calls to abuse hotlines all around the country have lessened over the past couple of months, but that's not necessarily a good thing. Many children are at home with those who abuse or neglect them instead of going to their weekly activities. This means that mandated reporters such as teachers, childcare workers and church volunteers aren't able to help those who may be in trouble. Now more than ever, it's time to brush up your knowledge about child neglect so that when activities resume, you can keep be informed about what to look for.

In the United States, child neglect is not only the most prevalent type of child maltreatment, but is also the cause of nearly 80% of child fatalities resulting from abuse. Often the acts that are *not done*, rather than acts that *are*, child neglect can take many forms—from blatant to so subtle it is nearly undetectable.

A child left alone while the parent goes out on the town might be a picture "neglect" can bring to mind. However, neglect often occurs when parents and children are under the same roof. Neglect frequently goes unreported and unacknowledged, and has not been as highly studied or publicized as other types of abuse. This is, in part, because there has been a perception that neglect is not as severe a form of maltreatment as other types of child abuse.

In addition, the *consequences* of child neglect have not been considered to be as acute as the consequences of other types of abuse. However, according to Dr. Patricia Crittenden, renowned researcher and author on the subject, "Neglect is the most serious and least understood type of child maltreatment."

Neglect is assessed on a progressive scale, and the U.S. Office of Child Abuse and Neglect has established definitions for neglect:

Mild neglect usually does not warrant a report to a child protection agency, but might necessitate a

community-based intervention, or an observer reminding or advising the parent. A parent failing to secure a child in a car safety seat once is an example of mild neglect.

Moderate neglect occurs when less intrusive measures, such as community interventions, have failed or some moderate harm to the child has occurred. In cases of moderate neglect, a child protective agency may be involved, along with community support, such as the child's school. A child who is consistently dressed inappropriately for weather conditions, or whose personal hygiene is continually neglected, are examples of moderate neglect.

Severe neglect occurs when severe or long-term harm has been done to the child. In these cases, child protective services is usually involved, as is the legal system. A child with asthma who does not receive appropriate medications over a long period of time is an example of severe neglect. However, some situations need to occur only once in order to be considered severe neglect, such as leaving a baby in a bathtub unattended.

*This information has been excerpted from the CongregationU online course "Understanding Child Neglect."*

## FACEMASKS

How To Tips to make and wear correctly  
<https://www.healthline.com/health/how-to-make-a-mask-out-of-fabric>

## PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA

Daily Devotionals, information about Covid-19, and church resources  
<https://peia.org/resources-for-covid-19/>

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gabrielle Armstrong who gave birth to Nyla Elizabeth on February 19. Nyla's birth weight was 6lbs 11oz. She was 19.5 inches long. Well wishes can be sent to 136 Jacolyn Dr SW #9, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

## WORSHIPPING Opportunities

We will continue Facebook live streaming on the church's Facebook page until further notice. The video link will also be on the church's webpage ([elypres.org](http://elypres.org)) later on Sunday.

## CONNECTING Opportunities

Please consider the following opportunities to check in with one another through online fellowship through ZOOM meeting platform. Copy the link into your web browser and then add meeting ID and password information as asked. You will need to have Zoom software installed which is free.

### Sunday Morning Fellowship

May 3, 2020 10:00 a.m. and following Sundays

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/681162913?pwd=UXNYZFdxXVXMytVTjBqeG9DUFUrQT09>

Meeting ID: 681 162 913

Password: 309550

Dial by phone: (312)626-6799. Meeting ID: 681 162 913 Password: 309550

### Wednesday morning Coffee Chat

May 6, 10:00 a.m. and following

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/250060150?pwd=MHVKMU4rRWhoOVJlbHdZcElGVHpJUT09>

Meeting ID: 250 060 150

Password: 386508

Dial by phone: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 250 060 150 Password: 386508

## STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 10:45 on Facebook live streaming of a story and a song. Followed by zoom meeting time for check in.

### Sunday School Children Check in

May 3, 2020 11:00 a.m. and following Sundays

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/617726179?pwd=aEcwQVZGeVc3azF6VDIGVkJmcGljQT09>

Meeting ID: 617 726 179

Password: 605616

Dial by phone: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 617 726 179 Password: 605616

### Wednesday morning Student Time

Wednesday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/251508243?pwd=WFZTSVh2QWV4L3QvYkg3b2pmeGkwZz09>

Meeting ID: 251 508 243

Password: 772232

Dial by phone: (312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 251 508 243 Password: 772232

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday morning Bible study at 9:30 a.m. continues on Facebook live streaming. In May we will examine chapters 13 -15. Please join in, or watch at a later time.

## 2020 MAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAM

Sundays:

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Facebook Live streaming worship

10:00 a.m. Zoom fellowship

10:45 a.m. Facebook Live streaming Children's Sunday School

Wednesdays:

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Facebook Live streaming Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Zoom coffee chat

10:45 a.m. Zoom Sunday School children check in

Session – Thursday, May 21:

6:30 p.m. Session Zoom meeting

Ladies' Night Out – Postponed

## **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY CONTINUES IN A NEW WAY**

So, we tried a new way of doing Food Pantry Sunday in April. We had 8 households from 5 different communities donate nonperishable food items for the Linn Community Food Bank. That was amazing! Angie and Faith Ehle and I traveled across God's land (using social distancing and CDC precautions) on a beautiful Sunday to pick up donations left on front porches and sidewalks. The gift of food is the gift of love, of hope and peace for another day.

Many lowans find themselves without jobs, with children at home, and their pantries depleted. People who never expected to find themselves turning to community food banks are doing exactly that. The Linn Community Food Bank is offering 3-days of meal packages to anyone who stops by First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, 310 5th Street, SE, Monday-Friday, 1:00-3:15 p.m. Share the news of this wonderful organization with anyone you think should know.

If you find that you have a little extra in your pantry, and you wish to give it on behalf of our church to the Linn Community Food Bank, step 1) Tell me and I will arrange pick up. 2) Leave nonperishable food items at your front door on Sunday, May 3. I (or maybe someone from the Youth Group) will pick it up on Sunday, May 3 between 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Want to donate to Food Pantry Sunday? Call Misti Huedepohl at 319-594-2982 or [mlhuedepohl@yahoo.com](mailto:mlhuedepohl@yahoo.com) between now and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 3 to arrange pick up.

If you find that you or someone you know is in need, please look to the Linn Community Food Bank for food assistance. Everyone needs a little help sometimes.

This is one way we can show our love and compassion for our community in one of the best ways we know - through food and nourishment.

Thank you and bless you,  
Misti Huedepohl  
Elder, Mission

## **HELP PLANT FOR BEES AND BUTTERFLIES!**

A project is now in progress to plant the area between the creek and the church's north driveway with wildflowers. This will enhance the beauty of the church and provide needed nectar sources for our bees, butterflies, and birds.

It will also harken back to the days that the church came into being when prairies & prairie flowers flourished. Less than a half mile west of Western, there was once a prairie, known as Grand Ridge Prairie, and our early church people probably knew of it!

Jim Serbousek will be generously preparing the ground and has ordered seed. We are in need of four or five people, or perhaps a few of the youth group members, to help us broadcast seed when the time comes, probably sometime in mid-May. We will, of course, follow social distancing guidelines.

Please contact Barb Horak if you would be willing to help out at 848-4074 or [dehorak@yahoo.com](mailto:dehorak@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## **EDUCATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL Opportunities**

Daily Emails to anyone who wants to be included. Contact Stephanie B. if you are not on the list and would like to be included.

Daily Facebook posts on the church Facebook page

## **CORRECTION**

A photo was included in April's Salt Shaker showing Gabby Zahradnik's membership confirmation. She was incorrectly identified as Rachael Zahradnik.

## LET'S CELEBRATE

May 2, 2020 marks ten years since Rev. Dr. Julie Schuett was installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church near Ely. Pastor Julie, Steve and Daniel are a blessing to our church and its people. The Session would like to celebrate this milestone in Pastor Julie's pastorate.

On a future Sunday, a SPECIAL RECOGNITION will be planned including a POTLUCK dinner. Please prepare a recipe from one of the three church cookbooks. We will place a card by your dish indicating whose recipe it is.

## SPRING CLEAN UP

Spring cleaning is postponed until the church has the all clear to congregate again. Look for an update via email and facebook in the coming weeks.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship forms are available for members of the congregation seeking to continue their education. We have three scholarship funds: Pokorny Scholarship Fund, Motycka Scholarship Fund, and Wilhemina Anna Skalsky Carson Scholarship Fund. Each scholarship fund has separate guidelines and application



Hello from Youth Group!

What an interesting time we are experiencing right now. Teachers are teaching differently, and students are learning differently. Many people are working differently; some much more, some much less. Some people are losing jobs, and almost everyone's daily routine has changed in some extraordinary ways. Through it all, **we pray that each one will trust that God is working everything out for our good.**

forms. All applications are due June 1st whether for the fall semester 2020, spring semester 2021 or summer 2021.

Scholarship applications are available from Pat Kilberger at pat.kilberger@gmail.com or 319-846-2418. Mail completed copies to the church to Phil Huedepohl's attention. You may email completed copies to Pat.

## WILMA CARSON SCHOLARSHIP

Wilhemina Anna Skalsky Carson was a life-long member of Rogers Grove and First Presbyterian Church near Ely. She graduated from Ely High School and Coe College. She taught at Rogers Grove Elementary School until she married. Her family has created this scholarship in her memory. Any member of the congregation who has graduated from high school and is a full time student in a university, college or vocational technical school may apply for this scholarship. Only one scholarship will be awarded each year. Applicants may receive this scholarship more than once. 100% of the previous year's interest will be available for the scholarship. If there are no applications all interest will be added to the principal. Applicants are required to submit an essay on an assigned topic with each application.

We miss our friends, at church, school, sports, clubs, and other groups. We miss our extended family. We miss seeing people at places we often go, and sometimes linger - the coffee shop, the cafe, and even shopping. Through each day, **we still choose to live out our faith in God, to listen for His Voice, and to know we are never alone because God is with us.**

In April, youth finished up the four week lesson called "SHOOK", studying how the death and resurrection of Jesus shook the disciples, and its impact on us, also. We also began a six-part study called "Uncertainty", a study designed for this COVID-19 time focusing on finding Joy no matter what life circumstances we face right now. **Times of difficulty can deepen your faith in Jesus.**

In May, and until we can gather again, we will continue Zoom Youth Group meetings on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 6pm. Each meeting comes with its own theme - coming soon: Tropical, Favorite Team, Super Hero, Neon. Be sure to check emails for the theme of the day!

10:45 a.m. Sunday School Facebook Live  
with Julie

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Please let me know if there are any questions about youth programming (phone 319-899-1223 or email: [angelaehle3@gmail.com](mailto:angelaehle3@gmail.com)), and thank you for your continued support!

Blessings,  
Angie

## **YOUTH SCHEDULE MAY 2020**

Sunday, May 3rd:

10:45 a.m. Sunday School Facebook Live  
with Julie

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Wednesday, May 6th:

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Sunday May 10th:

10:45 a.m. Sunday School Facebook Live  
with Julie

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Wednesday, May 13th:

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:

10:45 a.m. Sunday School Facebook Live  
with Julie

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Wednesday, May 20th:

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Sunday, May 24th:

10:45 a.m. Sunday School Facebook Live  
with Julie

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom

Sunday, May 31st:

## First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar, May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 Foodbank pick up</b> 9:30 Worship Livestream 10:00 Fellowship Zoom 11:00 Sunday School Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom	4	5	<b>6</b> 9:30 Bible Study LS 10:00 Coffee Chat Zoom 10:45 Sunday School Zoom 6:00 Youth Group Zoom	<b>7</b> National Day of Prayer	8	9
<b>10 Mother's Day</b> 9:30 Easter Livestream 10:00 Fellowship Zoom 11:00 Sunday School Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom	11	12	<b>13</b> 9:30 Bible Study LS 10:00 Coffee Chat Zoom 10:45 Sunday School Zoom 6:00 Youth Group Zoom	14	15	<b>16</b> Armed forces Day
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<b>24 Memorial Day WE</b> 9:30 Worship Livestream 10:00 Fellowship Zoom 11:00 Sunday School Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom	<b>25</b> Memorial Day, traditional	26	<b>27</b> 9:30 Bible Study LS 10:00 Coffee Chat Zoom 10:45 Sunday School Zoom 6:00 Youth Group Zoom	28	29	30
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