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FROM THE PASTOR

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I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my work.
I feel blessed to walk in the long-lived rhythms of sowing, feeding and reaping.
Fill me anew today Lord with your Spirit.
Give me strength and health when I feel tired or weary.
I release my anxious thoughts to you,
Knowing that you hear my prayer.
Please bless my farm, my home, my family.
Please bless the work of my hands.
Please remind me each morning
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in the golden afterglow,
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LETTER FROM REVEREND JAN DUS

Dear friends,

Many of you keep asking me about our situation in the context of the Russian invasion to Ukraine.

Firstly, Czechs are strongly feeling for Ukrainians at this time. Having been occupied by Russians in our past, we very much support Ukrainians in their fight. Huge numbers of Czech people are donating goods and money to Czech humanitarian organizations operating in Ukraine. Many private donations keep also floating in an account of the Ukrainian Embassy in Prague, which is designated for purchase of weapons. There are regular demonstrations held in Prague and other Czech cities in support of Ukraine. I would say that as divided as the Czech society has been in political opinions during the recent years, the war in Ukraine brought us together.

The Czech government is also highly supportive. The administration keeps sending not only financial support, but especially military equipment (anything from guns and anti-aircraft missiles to tanks and armored vehicles). In the middle of March, the Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala made a train trip to Kyiv. Together with the Polish and Slovenian Prime Ministers, Mr. Fiala met the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. It has probably no match in the modern history: Three heads of countries come to meet a head of another country in his capital while the city is being shelled by enemy armies.

The Ukrainian minority was strong in the Czech Republic (especially in Prague) already before the

conflict. During the last weeks, Czechia welcomed 300 thousand new immigrants from Ukraine. They have currently the right to enter legally without visa. It is up to them to decide, if they want to stay (for now) in Czechia or to continue to another European country. If they choose to stay, they receive a start-up financial support and they get immediately enlisted into the Czech public health-insurance system. Many municipalities, organizations, and private citizens have been offering accommodation and help to them. Most of the immigrants are women and children. Ukrainian men have the legal obligation to stay in the country and to be ready to get drafted in the army.

On a personal level, I have several good friends who are Ukrainians. Some of them live in the Ukraine. A very close friend has been permanently living in Prague. We have been in a frequent touch and I keep doing my best to show them my support.

On the safety level, there is no worry. As you know, the Czech Republic is part of the European Union (EU). The war in Ukraine has not crossed the borders of the EU and there is a very low probability that it would happen in the future. So, when traveling to (or through) the Czech Republic, you would not see any difference from normal. The same applies to Slovakia, Poland and all other EU countries. So, if you are considering a trip to Europe, I would not have any worries.

Thank you very much for keeping Ukrainians in your hearts and minds. Peace for Ukraine!

Rev. Jan's Genealogical and Travel Services
Policka, Czech Republic

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. John Lutheran church is looking for a Communications Coordinator to facilitate and help guide communicating the message of St. John with members and neighbors through social media, electronic, and analog media. Letters of interest and a current resume should be sent to: St. John Lutheran Church, 1420 Walker St., Ely, IA 52227 or emailed to stjohnely@southslope.net.you.

CAMP WYOMING BIBLE DRIVE

Our friends at Camp Wyoming have asked our congregation to help provide Bibles to campers who arrive at camp without this important Christian camping resource. We are accepting donations for Camp Wyoming student NIV Bibles. When we buy in bulk, we get a better price. One case containing 32 Bibles is \$90. Our goal is 2 cases. Would you please consider making a donation to enhance a child or teenager's camping experience? A collection basket will be downstairs at church during the month of May or leave your donation in Misti's church mailbox. Thank you!



Volunteers pose on a recently built ramp

COMPLETED COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

On the morning of Saturday, April 23, 12 volunteers from our congregation met outside the home of a stroke patient who had been struggling to maneuver the steps just beyond her front porch. Our church team was greeted by 8 skilled mentors from the WRAP Program with plenty of experience with ramp projects. We set to work and five hours later we completed the project. In five hours we made a life-changing difference for a person we didn't know before meeting her that day.

Our church volunteers brought their can-do attitudes, their personal tools, and their Christian hearts to extend the love of Christ into our community. A huge thank you to Angie Ehle for coordinating the WRAP project, scheduling the fabulous WRAP mentors and feeding the team. I'd like to thank Fred and Sarah Harris, Bob and Jean Kolek, Andy Hasley, David Faltis, Ted and Becky Grenis, Larry Harder, and Bob Zvacek for spending their Saturday morning for this meaningful Mission project.

Misti Huedepohl, Mission Elder



INFORMATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN MISSION ON UKRAINE

The Christian community in Ukraine is present in more diverse ways than in any other nation of the former Soviet Union. That diversity spans Orthodox, Catholic, Reformed, Lutheran, Baptist and many other modern traditions. In this new era the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is engaged in a close mission partnership with the Reformed Church in Carpath-Ukraine, and relates to other growing Reformed denominations, as well as to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Ukraine.

The PC(USA) enjoys a special relationship with the Reformed Church of Carpath-Ukraine, a largely ethnic Hungarian community in the Transcarpathian region of western Ukraine. This rebuilding denomination has over 100 congregations in both village and city settings. A primary point of mission connection is outreach to the Roma people to share the Good News and to address the issues of discrimination, poverty, and social separation of the Roma.

The PC(USA) is actively involved in the Ukrainian ministry of Mission in Unity (MIU), a joint project of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the John Knox International Reformation Centre. Multiple Reformed and Presbyterian denominations are re-emerging in Ukraine. The focus of the MIU Project in Ukraine is to encourage cooperation between these denominations and to build healthy connections with church partners abroad.

There are many mission opportunities “to come alongside” our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine as they emerge from almost 75 years of state-sponsored atheism, repression, exile and martyrdom. These mission opportunities include:



- Support to orphanages
- New church development
- Ministry with Roma support for soup kitchens and bakeries
- Enabling the work of the Mission in Unity Project
- Specialized medical ministry
- Training leaders for children's ministry
- Support for Ukrainian students in seminary

NATIONAL CROP HUNGER WALK FOR UKRAINE

In light of recent events, the National Spring CROP Hunger Walk is now the CROP Hunger Walk for Ukraine. Walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood, in a park with friends – you choose your location.

While the walk concluded on April 22, individuals are still urged to **walk 117 miles in solidarity with Ukrainian refugees seeking safety in Moldova**. Ask friends and family to donate in support of your effort. The funds you raise will provide help to Ukrainians seeking safety. #Walk4Ukraine.

Why Moldova? Walk sponsor, CWS, has ongoing refugee/migration programming in Eastern Europe and partners on the ground in Moldova. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Eastern Europe and in the past weeks, more than 200,000 Ukrainians have crossed the border and need help.

Why 117 miles? Many Ukrainians arriving in Moldova are coming from the port city of Odessa. The distance from Odessa to Chisinau (Moldova's capital) is 117 miles. If that distance is more than you can make, why not set a goal of 30 miles – the distance from Odessa to the border?

What will your donations provide? Your donations can provide mental health and psychosocial support, food, shelter, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and cash assistance to Ukrainians fleeing conflict. If we raise more than we need for the Ukrainian response, funds will support other migrants and refugees in Eastern Europe.

>> YOUTH GROUP

Greetings from Youth Group!

Thank you to everyone who ordered an Easter Lily - the sanctuary was decorated so beautifully for Easter Morning! Also, thank you to everyone who joined us for muffins between services on Easter. **BIG Thanks** to Darla, Steve and Jeri for helping youth with baking the muffins, and to Terry, Darla, Jeri and Pastor Julie for the muffin pans to make many muffins quickly. Thank you to Matt Z for the connection to the muffin batter.

Also, Thank you to all youth and adults who helped with Kernels Cleanups in April. We had 20 different helpers over the five days. **Please plan to join us for the next Kernels cleanup homestand May 17-22nd** - many hands make light work!!

Also in May, Youth will spend an afternoon roller skating!! We will be at Super Skate on Sunday, May 1st - all are welcome to come for a fun afternoon of skating, starting at 1pm!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! June 19-25th, Youth group will be serving in the Hurricane Ida stricken areas of New Orleans. This Mission trip includes opportunities for the youth AND adult chaperones to work and serve in an area that will meet needs and make a lasting impact. There will be cleanup and building opportunities including deck repair, roof repair, painting, and landscaping. I invite all church families and congregation members to contact Angie ASAP about your interest in going to serve alongside our youth - **we especially need male chaperones!** We will have fun while providing relief for our brothers and sisters in Louisiana. From Galatians 5:13, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**"

We will continue accepting redeemable cans and bottles from our church friends willing to donate; these funds help with activity costs. These cans and bottles can be set inside the youth room door. **Thank you** to all who are helping the youth in this way and recycling!

Please let me know if there are any questions about youth programming, and thank you for your continued support!

Blessings~
Angie



Youth Schedule – May 2022

Sunday, May 1st: May Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School in Youth Room
1:00 p.m. Roller Skating at Super Skate
No evening Youth Group

Sunday, May 8th: Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School in Youth Room
No evening Youth Group

Sunday, May 15th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Faith's Graduation party
No evening Youth Group

May 17-22nd: Kernels Clean ups

Sunday, May 22nd:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Kernels Cleanup

Sunday, May 29th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jack's Graduation Party
No evening Youth Group

Sunday, June 5th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



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GRADUATING SENIORS AND PARTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyndsey Zahradnik, daughter of Adam Zahradnik, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Saturday, May 14th from 3:00 -7:00 p.m. at her Aunt Angie's home. Lyndsey graduates from Greene County High School in Jefferson and will be attending DMACC in the Fall 2022 studying nursing.

Faith Ehle, daughter of Angie Zahradnik Ehle, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Sunday, May 15th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at her home. Faith graduates from Prairie High School and Kirkwood Community College, and will be attending the University of Iowa studying chemistry in the Fall 2022.

Everyone is invited to **Jack Manders'** graduation reception, which will be held on Sunday, May 29th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The party is at Dan and Rachel's house. Jack is graduating from Prairie High School, and will attend Kirkwood Community College to pursue a Sociology degree.

Annika Klemm, daughter of Tom and Monica Klemm, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Sunday, May 29th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at her home. Annika graduates from Prairie High School and will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall studying English and Creative Writing in the Honors Program.

Evan Rossman, son of Cody and Melissa Rossman, invites everyone to his Graduation Party on Saturday, June 4th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at his home. Evan graduates from Prairie High School and will be attending Iowa State University in the Fall of 2022 studying business.



Hello everyone! I would love to see you all at my graduation party on Saturday, June 11th between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the Eadie household! We will be having a pig roast and fun and games. Hope to see you! - **Makenna Eadie**

You are all invited to **Sophia Chadima**'s High School Graduation Party! Sophia is graduating from Prairie High School and will be attending Luther College this fall in Decorah, IA. Saturday, June 11th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Additionally, Ava Andrlé and Shawna Lindemann are graduating. In total there are 9 Seniors connected closely to this church. WOW...

All High School Graduates will be recognized during church on Sunday, May 15.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:30 Last Day of Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Hour 1:00 YG Roller Skating Deadline to request Mother's Day Hymn	2	3	4	5 National Day of Prayer	6 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	7
8 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:30 YG Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Hour	9	10 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	11 9:30 Bible Study 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	13 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	14
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22 Confirmation 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:45 Confirmation Reception 4:30 YG Kernel's Clean Up	23	24 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	25 9:30 Bible Study 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir	26 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	27 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	28
29 Noisy Can Collection 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:45 Coffee Hour	30 Memorial Day	31 9:00 Swisher Service 11:00 Rogers Grove Service				



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4:30 p.m. Kernels Cleanup

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9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
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Hello everyone! I would love to see you all at my graduation party on Saturday, June 11th between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the Eadie household! We will be having a pig roast and fun and games. Hope to see you! - **Makenna Eadie**

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Additionally, Ava Andrlé and Shawna Lindemann are graduating. In total there are 9 Seniors connected closely to this church. WOW...

All High School Graduates will be recognized during church on Sunday, May 15.

First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:30 Last Day of Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Hour 1:00 YG Roller Skating Deadline to request Mother's Day Hymn	2	3	4	5 National Day of Prayer	6 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	7
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FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Easter! Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

We are in a new season at church—the season of Eastertide. Eastertide starts on Easter and proceeds through Pentecost. This year Pentecost will be June 5 and celebrated with Holy Communion.

In the church, we seem to love seasons. A season gives us a period of time in which we can focus on one particular theme and have enough time to thoroughly reflect and absorb the power of that theme. Eastertide is a brilliant reminder that Jesus' sacrifice and God's triumphant power over death was not just a one-time world changing event, but also, an integral everyday reality. Everyday God reminds us of the success and victory. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter in which to celebrate and thank God.

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DAILY CHURCH EMAIL

Daily Church Email continues through the summer.

Are you on the list?

Want to be? Let Pastor Julie know.

Don't want to be anymore? Let Pastor Julie know.

A FARMER'S PRAYER POEM TO START THE DAY

As I rise with the dawn, I drink in the morning.
I taste the goodness of your creation and smell the crispness of new beginnings.
I sense you beside me, my good shepherd watching over me as I care for the farm.
I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my work.
I feel blessed to walk in the long-lived rhythms of sowing, feeding and reaping.
Fill me anew today Lord with your Spirit.
Give me strength and health when I feel tired or weary.
I release my anxious thoughts to you,
Knowing that you hear my prayer.
Please bless my farm, my home, my family.
Please bless the work of my hands.
Please remind me each morning
To give thanks to you anew, my Lord and Savior.
Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues in person in the Gospel of Mark. Chapters 12+ in May. Each Wednesday the scripture passage is also read with a brief reflection shared on the church's Facebook page.

2022 EASTER LILIES



The Youth Group would like to thank you for honoring and remembering loved ones through Easter lilies.

The lily is a beautiful trumpet-like symbol of purity, hope, and life.

*Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.*

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Bret & Mindy Zvacek In Memory of: Marilyn Zvacek

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The Schuettts In Memory of: Gene R. Anderson

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Dave & Chris Faltis In Memory of: Bill & Helen Faltis, and Warren & Virginia Cutbirth

Zelda Sherman In Honor of: Tammy Sherman

Jan & Sharon Furler and Family In Memory of: Lumir & Lenore Biderman

Betty Buresh In Memory of: Dale, Dennis, Richard, Edwin & Martha Buresh

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Elaine & Bryan Bailey In Memory of: Lynn Zahradnik

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Youth Group In Honor of: Our church leadership, our community of faith, and our supportive family and friends



WORSHIP & PROGRAM

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP CALL OUT

Are you interested in being part of a rotational team to help with worship? Maybe once a month at your convenience with a signup sheet? As we have discovered the significant online community of believers gathering for live worship in addition to the in-person gathering in the sanctuary, we have identified a few needs to enhance worship:

1. Technology Tech—run the camera and live Facebook feed. Volunteer would need to be in the sanctuary during worship.
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Talk to Stephanie or Pastor Julie to volunteer.

MANY EASTER THANKS

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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 1

Liturgist: Jeff Reist
Ushers: Steve & Daniel Schuett
Greeters: Becky & Ted Grenis

May 8 Mother's Day

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Ushers: Larry & Becky Modracek
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To the heavenly towers of God.*

-Louise Lewin Matthews

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WORSHIP & PROGRAM

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP CALL OUT

Are you interested in being part of a rotational team to help with worship? Maybe once a month at your convenience with a signup sheet? As we have discovered the significant online community of believers gathering for live worship in addition to the in-person gathering in the sanctuary, we have identified a few needs to enhance worship:

1. Technology Tech—run the camera and live Facebook feed. Volunteer would need to be in the sanctuary during worship.
2. Facebook live streaming host/greeter: worship through live streaming looking to make conversation/comments to those gathering, like “Welcome this morning! I am the greeter today and want to answer any questions that I can today.” “If you have a prayer concern, please post using first names,” etc. And following up with Pastor Julie with needs. Volunteer can be off-site.

Talk to Stephanie or Pastor Julie to volunteer.

MANY EASTER THANKS

Our Holy Week was a wonderful celebration of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sonrise and Easter Celebration. Thank you to Shirley and Kevin Bailey for providing the lovely palms, to those who brought food and the Session members who served the Maundy Thursday meal, and the beautiful music supplied by the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, and special musicians all week along with our faithful organist. It was such a blessing to be able to celebrate the whole week in person and share Easter joy. Our Pastor Julie tied all together with the Word from the Bible, and the interpretation that inspires our lives. Thanks to all. Joanne



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 1

Liturgist: Jeff Reist
Ushers: Steve & Daniel Schuett
Greeters: Becky & Ted Grenis

May 8 Mother's Day

Liturgist: Barb Horak
Ushers: Larry & Becky Modracek
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Ushers: Manders Family
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FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday will be May 22 with a reception on lower level after worship.

SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Scholarship forms are now available for members of the congregation seeking to continue their education. We have 3 scholarship Funds: Pokorny Scholarship Fund, Motycka Scholarship Fund, and Wilhemina Anna Skalsky Carson Scholarship Fund. Each Fund has separate guidelines and application forms. All applications are due June 1st whether for the fall semester 2022, the spring semester 2023 or the summer session 2023. Applications are available from Pat.

CAMP WYOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

Camp Wyoming summer camp scholarships are available to all families within the church for students to attend this year. Usually one third to one half of the costs of camp are covered by scholarships. Please let Phil Huedepohl know if you are planning to send a student to camp this summer.

COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

LETTER FROM REVEREND JAN DUS

Dear friends,

Many of you keep asking me about our situation in the context of the Russian invasion to Ukraine.

Firstly, Czechs are strongly feeling for Ukrainians at this time. Having been occupied by Russians in our past, we very much support Ukrainians in their fight. Huge numbers of Czech people are donating goods and money to Czech humanitarian organizations operating in Ukraine. Many private donations keep also floating in an account of the Ukrainian Embassy in Prague, which is designated for purchase of weapons. There are regular demonstrations held in Prague and other Czech cities in support of Ukraine. I would say that as divided as the Czech society has been in political opinions during the recent years, the war in Ukraine brought us together.

The Czech government is also highly supportive. The administration keeps sending not only financial support, but especially military equipment (anything from guns and anti-aircraft missiles to tanks and armored vehicles). In the middle of March, the Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala made a train trip to Kyiv. Together with the Polish and Slovenian Prime Ministers, Mr. Fiala met the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. It has probably no match in the modern history: Three heads of countries come to meet a head of another country in his capital while the city is being shelled by enemy armies.

The Ukrainian minority was strong in the Czech Republic (especially in Prague) already before the

conflict. During the last weeks, Czechia welcomed 300 thousand new immigrants from Ukraine. They have currently the right to enter legally without visa. It is up to them to decide, if they want to stay (for now) in Czechia or to continue to another European country. If they choose to stay, they receive a start-up financial support and they get immediately enlisted into the Czech public health-insurance system. Many municipalities, organizations, and private citizens have been offering accommodation and help to them. Most of the immigrants are women and children. Ukrainian men have the legal obligation to stay in the country and to be ready to get drafted in the army.

On a personal level, I have several good friends who are Ukrainians. Some of them live in the Ukraine. A very close friend has been permanently living in Prague. We have been in a frequent touch and I keep doing my best to show them my support.

On the safety level, there is no worry. As you know, the Czech Republic is part of the European Union (EU). The war in Ukraine has not crossed the borders of the EU and there is a very low probability that it would happen in the future. So, when traveling to (or through) the Czech Republic, you would not see any difference from normal. The same applies to Slovakia, Poland and all other EU countries. So, if you are considering a trip to Europe, I would not have any worries.

Thank you very much for keeping Ukrainians in your hearts and minds. Peace for Ukraine!

Rev. Jan's Genealogical and Travel Services
Policka, Czech Republic

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. John Lutheran church is looking for a Communications Coordinator to facilitate and help guide communicating the message of St. John with members and neighbors through social media, electronic, and analog media. Letters of interest and a current resume should be sent to: St. John Lutheran Church, 1420 Walker St., Ely, IA 52227 or emailed to stjohnely@southslope.net.you.

CAMP WYOMING BIBLE DRIVE

Our friends at Camp Wyoming have asked our congregation to help provide Bibles to campers who arrive at camp without this important Christian camping resource. We are accepting donations for Camp Wyoming student NIV Bibles. When we buy in bulk, we get a better price. One case containing 32 Bibles is \$90. Our goal is 2 cases. Would you please consider making a donation to enhance a child or teenager's camping experience? A collection basket will be downstairs at church during the month of May or leave your donation in Misti's church mailbox. Thank you!



Volunteers pose on a recently built ramp

COMPLETED COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

On the morning of Saturday, April 23, 12 volunteers from our congregation met outside the home of a stroke patient who had been struggling to maneuver the steps just beyond her front porch. Our church team was greeted by 8 skilled mentors from the WRAP Program with plenty of experience with ramp projects. We set to work and five hours later we completed the project. In five hours we made a life-changing difference for a person we didn't know before meeting her that day.

Our church volunteers brought their can-do attitudes, their personal tools, and their Christian hearts to extend the love of Christ into our community. A huge thank you to Angie Ehle for coordinating the WRAP project, scheduling the fabulous WRAP mentors and feeding the team. I'd like to thank Fred and Sarah Harris, Bob and Jean Kolek, Andy Hasley, David Faltis, Ted and Becky Grenis, Larry Harder, and Bob Zvacek for spending their Saturday morning for this meaningful Mission project.

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INFORMATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN MISSION ON UKRAINE

The Christian community in Ukraine is present in more diverse ways than in any other nation of the former Soviet Union. That diversity spans Orthodox, Catholic, Reformed, Lutheran, Baptist and many other modern traditions. In this new era the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is engaged in a close mission partnership with the Reformed Church in Carpath-Ukraine, and relates to other growing Reformed denominations, as well as to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Ukraine.

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The PC(USA) is actively involved in the Ukrainian ministry of Mission in Unity (MIU), a joint project of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the John Knox International Reformation Centre. Multiple Reformed and Presbyterian denominations are re-emerging in Ukraine. The focus of the MIU Project in Ukraine is to encourage cooperation between these denominations and to build healthy connections with church partners abroad.

There are many mission opportunities “to come alongside” our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine as they emerge from almost 75 years of state-sponsored atheism, repression, exile and martyrdom. These mission opportunities include:



- Support to orphanages
- New church development
- Ministry with Roma support for soup kitchens and bakeries
- Enabling the work of the Mission in Unity Project
- Specialized medical ministry
- Training leaders for children’s ministry
- Support for Ukrainian students in seminary

NATIONAL CROP HUNGER WALK FOR UKRAINE

In light of recent events, the National Spring CROP Hunger Walk is now the CROP Hunger Walk for Ukraine. Walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood, in a park with friends – you choose your location.

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Why Moldova? Walk sponsor, CWS, has ongoing refugee/migration programming in Eastern Europe and partners on the ground in Moldova. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Eastern Europe and in the past weeks, more than 200,000 Ukrainians have crossed the border and need help.

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Flooding darkness with their light,
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Volunteers pose on a recently built ramp

COMPLETED COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

On the morning of Saturday, April 23, 12 volunteers from our congregation met outside the home of a stroke patient who had been struggling to maneuver the steps just beyond her front porch. Our church team was greeted by 8 skilled mentors from the WRAP Program with plenty of experience with ramp projects. We set to work and five hours later we completed the project. In five hours we made a life-changing difference for a person we didn't know before meeting her that day.

Our church volunteers brought their can-do attitudes, their personal tools, and their Christian hearts to extend the love of Christ into our community. A huge thank you to Angie Ehle for coordinating the WRAP project, scheduling the fabulous WRAP mentors and feeding the team. I'd like to thank Fred and Sarah Harris, Bob and Jean Kolek, Andy Hasley, David Faltis, Ted and Becky Grenis, Larry Harder, and Bob Zvacek for spending their Saturday morning for this meaningful Mission project.

Misti Huedepohl, Mission Elder



INFORMATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN MISSION ON UKRAINE

The Christian community in Ukraine is present in more diverse ways than in any other nation of the former Soviet Union. That diversity spans Orthodox, Catholic, Reformed, Lutheran, Baptist and many other modern traditions. In this new era the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is engaged in a close mission partnership with the Reformed Church in Carpath-Ukraine, and relates to other growing Reformed denominations, as well as to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Ukraine.

The PC(USA) enjoys a special relationship with the Reformed Church of Carpath-Ukraine, a largely ethnic Hungarian community in the Transcarpathian region of western Ukraine. This rebuilding denomination has over 100 congregations in both village and city settings. A primary point of mission connection is outreach to the Roma people to share the Good News and to address the issues of discrimination, poverty, and social separation of the Roma.

The PC(USA) is actively involved in the Ukrainian ministry of Mission in Unity (MIU), a joint project of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the John Knox International Reformation Centre. Multiple Reformed and Presbyterian denominations are re-emerging in Ukraine. The focus of the MIU Project in Ukraine is to encourage cooperation between these denominations and to build healthy connections with church partners abroad.

There are many mission opportunities “to come alongside” our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine as they emerge from almost 75 years of state-sponsored atheism, repression, exile and martyrdom. These mission opportunities include:



- Support to orphanages
- New church development
- Ministry with Roma support for soup kitchens and bakeries
- Enabling the work of the Mission in Unity Project
- Specialized medical ministry
- Training leaders for children's ministry
- Support for Ukrainian students in seminary

NATIONAL CROP HUNGER WALK FOR UKRAINE

In light of recent events, the National Spring CROP Hunger Walk is now the CROP Hunger Walk for Ukraine. Walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood, in a park with friends – you choose your location.

While the walk concluded on April 22, individuals are still urged to **walk 117 miles in solidarity with Ukrainian refugees seeking safety in Moldova**. Ask friends and family to donate in support of your effort. The funds you raise will provide help to Ukrainians seeking safety. #Walk4Ukraine.

Why Moldova? Walk sponsor, CWS, has ongoing refugee/migration programming in Eastern Europe and partners on the ground in Moldova. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Eastern Europe and in the past weeks, more than 200,000 Ukrainians have crossed the border and need help.

Why 117 miles? Many Ukrainians arriving in Moldova are coming from the port city of Odessa. The distance from Odessa to Chisinau (Moldova's capital) is 117 miles. If that distance is more than you can make, why not set a goal of 30 miles – the distance from Odessa to the border?

What will your donations provide? Your donations can provide mental health and psychosocial support, food, shelter, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and cash assistance to Ukrainians fleeing conflict. If we raise more than we need for the Ukrainian response, funds will support other migrants and refugees in Eastern Europe.

>> YOUTH GROUP

Greetings from Youth Group!

Thank you to everyone who ordered an Easter Lily - the sanctuary was decorated so beautifully for Easter Morning! Also, thank you to everyone who joined us for muffins between services on Easter. **BIG Thanks** to Darla, Steve and Jeri for helping youth with baking the muffins, and to Terry, Darla, Jeri and Pastor Julie for the muffin pans to make many muffins quickly. Thank you to Matt Z for the connection to the muffin batter.

Also, Thank you to all youth and adults who helped with Kernels Cleanups in April. We had 20 different helpers over the five days. **Please plan to join us for the next Kernels cleanup homestand May 17-22nd** - many hands make light work!!

Also in May, Youth will spend an afternoon roller skating!! We will be at Super Skate on Sunday, May 1st - all are welcome to come for a fun afternoon of skating, starting at 1pm!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! June 19-25th, Youth group will be serving in the Hurricane Ida stricken areas of New Orleans. This Mission trip includes opportunities for the youth AND adult chaperones to work and serve in an area that will meet needs and make a lasting impact. There will be cleanup and building opportunities including deck repair, roof repair, painting, and landscaping. I invite all church families and congregation members to contact Angie ASAP about your interest in going to serve alongside our youth - **we especially need male chaperones!** We will have fun while providing relief for our brothers and sisters in Louisiana. From Galatians 5:13, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**"

We will continue accepting redeemable cans and bottles from our church friends willing to donate; these funds help with activity costs. These cans and bottles can be set inside the youth room door. **Thank you** to all who are helping the youth in this way and recycling!

Please let me know if there are any questions about youth programming, and thank you for your continued support!

Blessings~
Angie



Youth Schedule – May 2022

Sunday, May 1st: May Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School in Youth Room
1:00 p.m. Roller Skating at Super Skate
No evening Youth Group

Sunday, May 8th: Mother's Day

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No evening Youth Group

Sunday, May 15th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Faith's Graduation party
No evening Youth Group

May 17-22nd: Kernels Clean ups

Sunday, May 22nd:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Kernels Cleanup

Sunday, May 29th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jack's Graduation Party
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Sunday, June 5th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



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GRADUATING SENIORS AND PARTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyndsey Zahradnik, daughter of Adam Zahradnik, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Saturday, May 14th from 3:00 -7:00 p.m. at her Aunt Angie's home. Lyndsey graduates from Greene County High School in Jefferson and will be attending DMACC in the Fall 2022 studying nursing.

Faith Ehle, daughter of Angie Zahradnik Ehle, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Sunday, May 15th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at her home. Faith graduates from Prairie High School and Kirkwood Community College, and will be attending the University of Iowa studying chemistry in the Fall 2022.

Everyone is invited to **Jack Manders'** graduation reception, which will be held on Sunday, May 29th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The party is at Dan and Rachel's house. Jack is graduating from Prairie High School, and will attend Kirkwood Community College to pursue a Sociology degree.

Annika Klemm, daughter of Tom and Monica Klemm, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Sunday, May 29th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at her home. Annika graduates from Prairie High School and will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall studying English and Creative Writing in the Honors Program.

Evan Rossman, son of Cody and Melissa Rossman, invites everyone to his Graduation Party on Saturday, June 4th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at his home. Evan graduates from Prairie High School and will be attending Iowa State University in the Fall of 2022 studying business.



Hello everyone! I would love to see you all at my graduation party on Saturday, June 11th between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the Eadie household! We will be having a pig roast and fun and games. Hope to see you! - **Makenna Eadie**

You are all invited to **Sophia Chadima**'s High School Graduation Party! Sophia is graduating from Prairie High School and will be attending Luther College this fall in Decorah, IA. Saturday, June 11th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Additionally, Ava Andrlé and Shawna Lindemann are graduating. In total there are 9 Seniors connected closely to this church. WOW...

All High School Graduates will be recognized during church on Sunday, May 15.

First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:30 Last Day of Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Hour 1:00 YG Roller Skating Deadline to request Mother's Day Hymn	2	3	4	5 National Day of Prayer	6 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	7
8 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:30 YG Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Hour	9	10 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	11 9:30 Bible Study 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	13 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	14
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FROM THE PASTOR

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Want to be? Let Pastor Julie know.

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A FARMER'S PRAYER POEM TO START THE DAY

As I rise with the dawn, I drink in the morning.
I taste the goodness of your creation and smell the crispness of new beginnings.
I sense you beside me, my good shepherd watching over me as I care for the farm.
I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my work.
I feel blessed to walk in the long-lived rhythms of sowing, feeding and reaping.
Fill me anew today Lord with your Spirit.
Give me strength and health when I feel tired or weary.
I release my anxious thoughts to you,
Knowing that you hear my prayer.
Please bless my farm, my home, my family.
Please bless the work of my hands.
Please remind me each morning
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Amen.

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CAMP WYOMING BIBLE DRIVE

Our friends at Camp Wyoming have asked our congregation to help provide Bibles to campers who arrive at camp without this important Christian camping resource. We are accepting donations for Camp Wyoming student NIV Bibles. When we buy in bulk, we get a better price. One case containing 32 Bibles is \$90. Our goal is 2 cases. Would you please consider making a donation to enhance a child or teenager's camping experience? A collection basket will be downstairs at church during the month of May or leave your donation in Misti's church mailbox. Thank you!



Volunteers pose on a recently built ramp

COMPLETED COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

On the morning of Saturday, April 23, 12 volunteers from our congregation met outside the home of a stroke patient who had been struggling to maneuver the steps just beyond her front porch. Our church team was greeted by 8 skilled mentors from the WRAP Program with plenty of experience with ramp projects. We set to work and five hours later we completed the project. In five hours we made a life-changing difference for a person we didn't know before meeting her that day.

Our church volunteers brought their can-do attitudes, their personal tools, and their Christian hearts to extend the love of Christ into our community. A huge thank you to Angie Ehle for coordinating the WRAP project, scheduling the fabulous WRAP mentors and feeding the team. I'd like to thank Fred and Sarah Harris, Bob and Jean Kolek, Andy Hasley, David Faltis, Ted and Becky Grenis, Larry Harder, and Bob Zvacek for spending their Saturday morning for this meaningful Mission project.

Misti Huedepohl, Mission Elder



INFORMATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN MISSION ON UKRAINE

The Christian community in Ukraine is present in more diverse ways than in any other nation of the former Soviet Union. That diversity spans Orthodox, Catholic, Reformed, Lutheran, Baptist and many other modern traditions. In this new era the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is engaged in a close mission partnership with the Reformed Church in Carpath-Ukraine, and relates to other growing Reformed denominations, as well as to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Ukraine.

The PC(USA) enjoys a special relationship with the Reformed Church of Carpath-Ukraine, a largely ethnic Hungarian community in the Transcarpathian region of western Ukraine. This rebuilding denomination has over 100 congregations in both village and city settings. A primary point of mission connection is outreach to the Roma people to share the Good News and to address the issues of discrimination, poverty, and social separation of the Roma.

The PC(USA) is actively involved in the Ukrainian ministry of Mission in Unity (MIU), a joint project of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the John Knox International Reformation Centre. Multiple Reformed and Presbyterian denominations are re-emerging in Ukraine. The focus of the MIU Project in Ukraine is to encourage cooperation between these denominations and to build healthy connections with church partners abroad.

There are many mission opportunities “to come alongside” our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine as they emerge from almost 75 years of state-sponsored atheism, repression, exile and martyrdom. These mission opportunities include:



- Support to orphanages
- New church development
- Ministry with Roma support for soup kitchens and bakeries
- Enabling the work of the Mission in Unity Project
- Specialized medical ministry
- Training leaders for children's ministry
- Support for Ukrainian students in seminary

NATIONAL CROP HUNGER WALK FOR UKRAINE

In light of recent events, the National Spring CROP Hunger Walk is now the CROP Hunger Walk for Ukraine. Walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood, in a park with friends – you choose your location.

While the walk concluded on April 22, individuals are still urged to **walk 117 miles in solidarity with Ukrainian refugees seeking safety in Moldova**. Ask friends and family to donate in support of your effort. The funds you raise will provide help to Ukrainians seeking safety. #Walk4Ukraine.

Why Moldova? Walk sponsor, CWS, has ongoing refugee/migration programming in Eastern Europe and partners on the ground in Moldova. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Eastern Europe and in the past weeks, more than 200,000 Ukrainians have crossed the border and need help.

Why 117 miles? Many Ukrainians arriving in Moldova are coming from the port city of Odessa. The distance from Odessa to Chisinau (Moldova's capital) is 117 miles. If that distance is more than you can make, why not set a goal of 30 miles – the distance from Odessa to the border?

What will your donations provide? Your donations can provide mental health and psychosocial support, food, shelter, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and cash assistance to Ukrainians fleeing conflict. If we raise more than we need for the Ukrainian response, funds will support other migrants and refugees in Eastern Europe.

>> YOUTH GROUP

Greetings from Youth Group!

Thank you to everyone who ordered an Easter Lily - the sanctuary was decorated so beautifully for Easter Morning! Also, thank you to everyone who joined us for muffins between services on Easter. **BIG Thanks** to Darla, Steve and Jeri for helping youth with baking the muffins, and to Terry, Darla, Jeri and Pastor Julie for the muffin pans to make many muffins quickly. Thank you to Matt Z for the connection to the muffin batter.

Also, Thank you to all youth and adults who helped with Kernels Cleanups in April. We had 20 different helpers over the five days. **Please plan to join us for the next Kernels cleanup homestand May 17-22nd** - many hands make light work!!

Also in May, Youth will spend an afternoon roller skating!! We will be at Super Skate on Sunday, May 1st - all are welcome to come for a fun afternoon of skating, starting at 1pm!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! June 19-25th, Youth group will be serving in the Hurricane Ida stricken areas of New Orleans. This Mission trip includes opportunities for the youth AND adult chaperones to work and serve in an area that will meet needs and make a lasting impact. There will be cleanup and building opportunities including deck repair, roof repair, painting, and landscaping. I invite all church families and congregation members to contact Angie ASAP about your interest in going to serve alongside our youth - **we especially need male chaperones!** We will have fun while providing relief for our brothers and sisters in Louisiana. From Galatians 5:13, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**"

We will continue accepting redeemable cans and bottles from our church friends willing to donate; these funds help with activity costs. These cans and bottles can be set inside the youth room door. **Thank you** to all who are helping the youth in this way and recycling!

Please let me know if there are any questions about youth programming, and thank you for your continued support!

Blessings~
Angie



Youth Schedule – May 2022

Sunday, May 1st: May Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School in Youth Room
1:00 p.m. Roller Skating at Super Skate
No evening Youth Group

Sunday, May 8th: Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School in Youth Room
No evening Youth Group

Sunday, May 15th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Faith's Graduation party
No evening Youth Group

May 17-22nd: Kernels Clean ups

Sunday, May 22nd:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Kernels Cleanup

Sunday, May 29th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jack's Graduation Party
No evening Youth Group

Sunday, June 5th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



Youth prepare muffins for Easter morning breakfast.



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GRADUATING SENIORS AND PARTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyndsey Zahradnik, daughter of Adam Zahradnik, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Saturday, May 14th from 3:00 -7:00 p.m. at her Aunt Angie's home. Lyndsey graduates from Greene County High School in Jefferson and will be attending DMACC in the Fall 2022 studying nursing.

Faith Ehle, daughter of Angie Zahradnik Ehle, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Sunday, May 15th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at her home. Faith graduates from Prairie High School and Kirkwood Community College, and will be attending the University of Iowa studying chemistry in the Fall 2022.

Everyone is invited to **Jack Manders'** graduation reception, which will be held on Sunday, May 29th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The party is at Dan and Rachel's house. Jack is graduating from Prairie High School, and will attend Kirkwood Community College to pursue a Sociology degree.

Annika Klemm, daughter of Tom and Monica Klemm, invites everyone to her Graduation Party on Sunday, May 29th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at her home. Annika graduates from Prairie High School and will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall studying English and Creative Writing in the Honors Program.

Evan Rossman, son of Cody and Melissa Rossman, invites everyone to his Graduation Party on Saturday, June 4th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at his home. Evan graduates from Prairie High School and will be attending Iowa State University in the Fall of 2022 studying business.



Hello everyone! I would love to see you all at my graduation party on Saturday, June 11th between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the Eadie household! We will be having a pig roast and fun and games. Hope to see you! - **Makenna Eadie**

You are all invited to **Sophia Chadima**'s High School Graduation Party! Sophia is graduating from Prairie High School and will be attending Luther College this fall in Decorah, IA. Saturday, June 11th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Additionally, Ava Andrlé and Shawna Lindemann are graduating. In total there are 9 Seniors connected closely to this church. WOW...

All High School Graduates will be recognized during church on Sunday, May 15.

First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:30 Last Day of Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Hour 1:00 YG Roller Skating Deadline to request Mother's Day Hymn	2	3	4	5 National Day of Prayer	6 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	7
8 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:30 YG Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Hour	9	10 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	11 9:30 Bible Study 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	13 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	14
15 HS Recognition 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:45 Coffee Hour	16	17 9:00-12:00 Office Hour YG Kernel's Clean Up	18 9:30 Bible Study 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir YG Kernel's Clean Up	19 9:00-12:00 Office Hour 6:30 Session Meeting YG Kernel's Clean Up	20 9:00-12:00 Office Hour YG Kernel's Clean Up Newsletter Deadline	21 YG Kernel's Clean Up
22 Confirmation 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:45 Confirmation Reception 4:30 YG Kernel's Clean Up	23	24 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	25 9:30 Bible Study 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Chancel Choir	26 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	27 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	28
29 Noisy Can Collection 9:30 Worship with Livestream 10:45 Coffee Hour	30 Memorial Day	31 9:00 Swisher Service 11:00 Rogers Grove Service				



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