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FROM THE PASTOR

We are in the season of Eastertide at church. Eastertide starts on Easter and proceeds through the next fifty days until Pentecost. This year Pentecost will be May 28.

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.

Christ has risen. He has risen indeed!

In Christ,
 Pastor Julie



SPRING CLEAN UP

With the weather, cleanup had to be scheduled for two days, and also a few other days were thrown in there as people came out on their own time. The spring cleanup has been mostly accomplished both inside and outside with what was on the list posted in the church basement. I'm sure some folks have done things that were not on the list also. A few things remain; feel free to come anytime and complete those. Many people were involved along with

many pieces of equipment, both large and small. It all goes better with the right tools, that's for sure. The cemetery was cleaned up again and a couple more damaged trees were removed. The derecho hit that area hard and there are still a lot of broken branches in the trees; and some more that need trimmed for mowing.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone including the ones who provided drinks and treats for any workers. They were mighty tasty as I can confirm.

Larry Krohn

REV. MIROSLAV PFANN VISITING

The Rev. Miroslav Pfann from the Czech Republic will be visiting our area May 9, 10, and 11, and meeting with our History Committee. He is Pastor of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren and coordinator of Czech and Ukraine Evangelical congregations. He has come to the United States to study Czech immigrants and their descendants, focusing on their history with the Czech Evangelical Church. He is especially interested in Rev. Pokorny and will meet with his granddaughter, Lois Pokorny, in Oklahoma.



We will show him our church and cemetery, early settler farmsteads and share church history with him. Rev. Pfann will also visit the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and will leave for Spillville on the 11th. He will be accompanied by Joan (Dvorak) Ferguson and Rev. Jody Filipi from Omaha.

Thanks to Janice Horak and Andy Hasley for hosting Rev. Pfann in their home.



2023 EASTER LILIES

*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.*

-Louise Lewin Matthews

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.

Bret & Mindy Zvacek In Memory of Marilyn Zvacek

Bob Zvacek In Memory of Marilyn Zvacek

Norman & Terry Zahradnik In Memory of My Brother Galen Jon Ludvick

Norman & Terry Zahradnik In Memory of All of Our Our Loved Ones

Norman & Terry Zahradnik In Honor of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Carl Zahradnik In Memory of Barb Zahradnik

Karen Zacek In Memory of Loved Ones

Karen Zacek In Honor of Tony Zacek

Linda and Everett Williams In Memory of Galen and Esther Buterbaugh

Linda and Everett Williams In Memory of Ralph and Elizabeth Williams and Joyce Williams.

Marjorie Thirkettle & Joan Peck In Memory of Leonard and Mildred Peck

Marjorie Thirkettle & Joan Peck In Memory of William and Ruth Thirkettle

Shirley & Kevin Bailey, Jim & Judy Serbousek, and Bill & Penny Serbousek, & families In Memory of Wes & Lillian Serbousek

Penny & Bill Serbousek & family In Memory of Curly & Lillian Ware

Jeff, Diane, Lauren & Hailee Reist In Memory of Edwin & Martha Buresh

Jeff, Diane, Lauren & Hailee Reist In Memory of Charles & Emily Reist

Jeff, Diane, Lauren & Hailee Reist In Memory of Richard, Eutona, Dennis, and Dale Buresh

The Schuetts In Memory of Gene Anderson

Sharon Novak In Memory of Donald Novak

Sharon Novak In Memory of Sierra Mitchell

Larry & Becky Modracek In Memory of Esther Finn

Larry & Becky Modracek In Memory of Irma & Leo Modracek

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

George & Joanne Chadima In Memory of Milton & Lillian Chadima

George & Joanne Chadima In Memory of Joseph & Esther Cervený

Jodie Chadima In Memory of My Mom, Betty Dorsey

WORSHIP & PROGRAM

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7: High School Senior Recognition

Liturgist: Jeff Reist

Ushers: Larry & Becky Modracek

Greeters: Bryan & Elaine Bailey

May 14: Mother's Day

Liturgist: Stephanie Buonadonna

Ushers: Manders Family

Greeters: Rachelle Mineck

May 21:

Liturgist: Diane Reist

Ushers: Darla & Alivia Meyer

Greeters: Kevin & Shirley Bailey

May 28: Pentecost, Holy Communion, Memorial Day weekend, Music Ministry Recognition

Liturgist: Bob Zvacek

Ushers: George & Joanne Chadima

Greeters: Phil & Misti Huedepohl

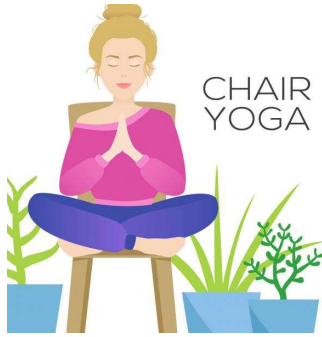
Leighton Furler

May 22

FELLOWSHIP

CHAIR YOGA

Please join us
Wednesdays, 11:30-
12:30 p.m. for chair



yoga
with

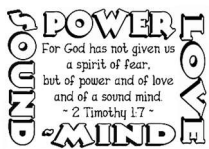


certified instructor, Julie Ellen.

Why should you invest your

time in chair yoga? It is a safe way to improve your health. Anyone can participate in chair yoga, even if they feel unsteady, don't feel flexible, or haven't done exercises in a long time. While the chair is for balance, if you need to sit, chair yoga can be done while seated.

Chair yoga is not a competitive sport, but it is a beautiful, fun activity with friends while loosening and stretching muscles, reducing pain, increasing circulation, and reducing stress. Just think, spending one hour each week can help rid yourself of stress and anxiety and lower that blood pressure while protecting your joints and restoring lost balance.



Yoga is more than just a wonderful time with friends; it is a beautiful way to find peace and harmony in the mind, body, and spirit.

A donation basket will be available for donations to cover the cost of the class.

Elder Marjorie Thirkettle, Ph.D.



Pastor Julie delivers the children's sermon during Palm Sunday Worship.

HANNAH ZACEK'S GRADUATION PARTY

Join us to celebrate Hannah Zacek's Graduation on Sunday, June 4th at 11:30. The party will be held at Z's Catering and BBQ, 760 Nathan Ave Unit 9, North Liberty.

SNACKS FOR FELLOWSHIP

Please consider donating snacks for fellowship time. Donations can be made in bulk and frozen for use throughout the year. Contact Bonnie Fencil with any questions.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday morning Bible study: First and Second Timothy. 9:30 a.m. Come and join in the discussion!

CAMP WYOMING



Family discounts of \$25 are available at Camp Wyoming for multiple children. Also, bring three friends who have never attended before and receive 50% discount. Finally, the church offers partial scholarships for students. Summer may seem a long way off, but getting camp on your calendar early means you get your first choices!



Volunteers pose while working at Feed My Starving Children



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Will Arnold – Linn Mar High School
Noah Tedrow – Linn Mar High School
Hannah Zacek – Liberty High School
Calvin Chadima – Drake University
Morgan Eadie – University of Northern Iowa
Grace Ehle – University of Iowa
Nathan Harder – Iowa State University
Luke Huedepohl – Iowa State University
Cole Huedepohl – Iowa State University
Andrew Walter – Kirkwood Community College
Matthew Walter – University of Wisconsin,
Platteville

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

MOTHERS DAY MISSION FOR CAMINO

For a few months maybe you have heard me mention, or maybe you have seen blue and yellow posters at church about Camino, Rev. Jan Dus's organization in Czech Republic.

Through Camino, Rev. Dus is aiding those in need in Ukraine, especially orphans. To remember and honor those children without mothers, our church will take one final collection for Camino on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. The funds collected will be sent directly to Jan as a mission gift from our church.

Please consider writing a check to our church with CAMINO included on the memo line and placing it in the offering plate. This signals us to direct your gift to Camino.

Thank you to all who have given financially or offered your loving thoughts and prayers to the Ukrainian people. Every bit makes a difference.

In Christ,
Misti Huedepohl, Mission Elder



Chris F. and Sharon F. perform during Palm Sunday Worship.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship forms will be available starting April 1st 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. Be sure to read each application carefully as they all have changes from past forms. All applications are due June 1st whether for the fall semester 2023, the spring semester 2024 or the summer session 2024.

Applications are available from Pat Kilberger at church.

DAY OF PENTECOST



On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to

empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).

CHURCH BUSINESS

ELEVATOR/LIFT UPDATE



By the time you read this, the elevator/lift should be already installed. The outside door will be finished soon after the elevator/lift is installed. After installation, we'll be working on trimming the doorways for a nice, finished look and re-installing the ceiling tiles in the basement. Final touches include an awning to be installed above the outside door along with the new cement pad to walk on and a hand railing. After that, we're in business!! Thanks for your patience and support. Who wants to be the first one to ride??!! Praise the One above; good things are happening with our church. This project is still short of dollars to get it completed by approximately \$7,000, so please consider a few more \$\$ to get this done.

One additional item to consider is what to do with the solid old oak doors and trim that were removed to make room for the new elevator. These are currently in the old Sunday school room in the basement by the elevator. If someone wants these, please contact me and you can have them. One other option is to donate them to the re-store in Cedar Rapids.

Larry Krohn



Hello from Youth Group!

April started out with a chilly Saturday outing to Aplington Church for Feed My Starving Children, a mobile food packing event. First we learned a little about the mobile pack mission and who benefits from the work we were about to do. We were assigned to a team and everyone had a job: securing the bags onto the food funnel, adding the veggies, protein, vitamins and rice to the bag, weighing each package to be sure it is within shipping limits, sealing the food packages, and packing the food bags into a shipping box. If you have never tried this event, it is fun and rewarding; in our session, there were 109 volunteers, filling 130 shipping boxes for a total of 28800 meals for children. This will feed 76 children one meal per day for an entire year!

Thank you to all who ordered Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday Service! The Sanctuary looks and smells wonderful with all of the lilies dedicated to loved ones.

On Holy Humor Sunday we ate some noodles together and went roller skating at Super Skate! If you haven't been to Super Skate in a while, that place is hopping on a Sunday afternoon, (and still looks exactly the same as it did when you were last there!)

In May:

- We are celebrating our High School and College graduating Seniors with a Campfire Cookout, and families are invited to celebrate with us!
- On Saturday, May 20th, we will assist with some outdoor yard cleanup for a Helping Hands project requested by a church member - parents and youth supporters: please mark your calendars and plan to join in that day!
- We will also have a special guest sharing about his experiences volunteering with Meals on Wheels.

Coming in June: The dates for the Mission trip are June 18-24th.

Youth group is seeking more **adults who volunteer in the community** to share with us about their experiences - what do you do, and why do you do it?

How did you get involved? *Do they allow youth volunteers?* Please contact Angie to plan a date to share!

Youth Group works on Operation Christmas Child boxes year round. If you have shoe boxes or leftover Christmas wrapping paper you no longer want to keep, we can use it to wrap boxes! If you have new school supplies, toys, sunglasses, bars of soap, toothbrushes and other items (see Youth Bulletin Board for ideas) feel free to drop all of these in the youth room, and **THANK YOU** for helping out with OCC!

We will continue accepting redeemable cans and bottles from our church friends willing to donate; these funds help with activity costs. In April, we redeemed \$36.95 in recyclables. Your donated cans and bottles can be set inside the youth room door anytime, or call Angie for a pick up / drop off at my home. **Thank you** to all who are helping the youth in this way and recycling, and **BIG THANK YOU to Judy S** for finding available suppliers on Facebook, and taking cans to Can Shed for YG!!

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

Blessings~ Angie Zahradnik Ehle

Youth Schedule – May 2023

Sunday, May 7th: Graduation Recognition

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
NO Sunday School or Youth Group

Saturday, May 20th:

9:00 a.m. Helping Hands project followed by lunch

Sunday, May 21st:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Campfire cookout to celebrate graduates

Sunday, May 28th: Memorial Day Weekend

9:30 a.m. Worship
No SS or Youth Group

Sunday, June 4th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
Youth Group TBA

June 18-24th: MISSION TRIP

First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	3 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	4 National Day of Prayer 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	5 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	6
7 Food Pantry Sunday HS Graduation Recog. 9:30 Worship with LS 10:45 Coffee Hour 6:00 Youth Group	8	9 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	10 Rev. Miroslav Pfann Visiting 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	11 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	12 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	13
14 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship with LS 10:45 Coffee Hour	15	16 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	17 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 5:30 History Committee 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	18 9:00-12:00 Office Hours 6:30 Session Meeting	19 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	20 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 YG Helping Hands
21 Music Recognition 9:30 Worship with LS 10:45 Coffee Hour 6:00 YG Camp Fire	22	23 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	24 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 6:15 Handbell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	25 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	26 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	27
28 Pentecost 9:30 Worship with LS 10:45 Coffee Hour	29 Memorial Day Services at Swisher and Ely	30 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	31 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga	June 1 Scholarship Application Deadline		



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