



The Salt Shaker

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FROM THE PASTOR

My cup overflows
(Psalm 23:5)

...even in 2020?

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Despite 2020, our scriptures and our faith remind us that the cup of the new covenant is more than half-full, more than full—it is SO FULL that it cannot contain all of the blessings of God.

Our commitments

to God, to each other, and to the community continue even if they look different than a year ago. Our church members and leaders have creatively adapted to maintain our connections to one another through

- ✓ live streaming worship services
- ✓ regular emails from church
- ✓ daily inspiring posts on Facebook
- ✓ enjoy outside worship for not just one or two Sundays this summer but for a full three months
- ✓ continuing our mission financial commitments and strengthening our ties with the Olivet Neighborhood Mission and Linn Community Food Bank



- ✓ continuing our Wednesday morning Bible study by live streaming and video conference
- ✓ a new methodology to VBS (virtual) and Sunday School (experiencing the Bible story in stretching movements)
- ✓ through Pen Pals and phone calls

Our cup flows over.

Thank you to all who have continued to interact and worship with your church family. We continue to be transformed by the Holy Spirit alive and active in our lives and times. And, we trust that God will continue and pour into our cup blessings, responsibilities, joys, and faith.

In Christ,
Pastor Julie

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my church family for the many words of encouragement and support, beautiful flowers and food as I work my way through this challenging time in my life. Your thoughts and prayers are food for my soul. Love, Marilyn

KOLACH KARE

A dozen kolaches were donated to the National Czech Cemetery Board to give to the workers from Florida who came to clean up the trees in the Cemetery on October 3.

Robert Sadilek passed away on September 30. He and his wife Judy attended our Soup Supper every year - on October 3, kolaches were delivered to their home in honor of Bob.



THE GREAT “CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP AND KOLACH SUPPER” EXPERIMENT

Creativity and adaptation seem to be our challenge these days – our great experiment of a Carry-out

Supper worked beyond our expectations. Here's the numbers first to quench your curiosity: donations received - \$484.00, kolach sales - \$2,372.00 (193 dozen), frozen soup sales – \$2,928 (366 quarts). Expenses so far (incomplete) - \$424.69. Net income so far - \$5,359.31.

Now read the rest of the story, and please thank those who could help – the thought of a Carry-out Supper was met with a “We-can-do-this!” spirit. We know that many could not help this time, but your encouragement and prayers for success really worked!

Stephanie B. prepared advertising methods. Orders were taken by a Google order form, by church phone messages, and calls to Joanne C. All of these orders were compiled by Joanne C., checked by Pat K., and personally confirmed by Chris F.

Becky G., Viola Z., Eleanor B., Karen Z., Bonnie F., Jean K., Sue F., Joanne C., Diane R., Barb H., Chris F., and Sharon F. provided the broth, chicken, noodles, and flavorings. Most met 3 times at the church to fill the containers donated by Matt Z. Becky G. finished up our orders since we were getting more than we had ready! We even had lunch and treats!

Matt Z. also donated the trays for the kolaches, Karen Z. had previously donated the bags. A new procedure to satisfy food safety was to print labels for every quart of soup and every tray of kolaches – THANKS to Karen Z. for printing these - she even put them all on.

Then the baking began on October 1 at Jim and Theresa G.'s with help from Viola A. and Becky G. On October 2 and 3, we had a wonderful group who wore masks, hairnets or hats, wore gloves when packaging, and socially distanced at the church. Thank all those who were able to bring dough: Virginia S., Sue F., Karen Z., Theresa H., Barb H., Barb Z., Dorothy D., Bonnie F., Chris F., Jean K., Becky G., Viola Z., Joanne

C., and Diane R. (It was the best dough ever!)

Now, for the kolach workers: Carl Z., Dorothy D., Sharon F., Viola Z., Tom V., Bonnie F., Karen Z., Jean K., Chris F., Steve S., Bob K., Eleanor B., Larry K., Zelda S., Dan C., Sophia C., and our amazing packaging crew – Pat K., Theresa H., Donna R., Jennie N.

And, finally, our delivery crew: Traffic - Sarah H., Fred H., Larry H., Rick S., and Gary K. Cash box and “Square” set up - Phil H., Tom V., Stephanie B., Judy S., and Misti H. Soup persons - Angie Z. and Rachelle M. Basement – Theresa H. and Darla M. Runners – Sarah C., Monica, Allie, Leslie H., Sophia C. and friends. Cheerful persons – Misti H. and Jodie C. Our wonderful Pastor Julie handed out thank you notes to all who came. (I hope all names have been listed.)

A picture collage has been scrolling on our web site.

Please send suggestions/comments to Joanne C. Next year?

SOUP SUPPER CUSTOMER COMMENTS

“...5 stars for the time and effort it took to come up with this plan... It could not have been easy to make such changes to a very special event in the life of our church!” L.W.

“What a fun way to do the soup supper! How smooth and easy that was! (Except we ‘stumped’ the first lady ..as our check was a little more than what our order was ..we told her every great restaurant deserved a tip!)” J. R.

“I just wanted to tell all of you that the Kolaches and chicken soup was just wonderful!! Our family recreated the whole experience. ... Our grandsons age 2 and 1 ate their 1st Kolach - they were a hit. ...Hopefully, we won't have to do this next year, but if so I will be first to order again! Thank you for a delicious Supper!! Excellent!!!” J. & S. G. family

“Just a note to let you know that the kolaches were a HIT! I only got one...LOL and that strawberry kolache was delish! Thanks to all that contributed.” R. K.

“The whole process went very smoothly. The members of this church really step up when there is a task to be done.” E. B.

PHOTOS FROM THE DRIVE THROUGH CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP AND KOLACH SUPPER





WORSHIP & PROGRAM

Worship Schedule: This year we will continue with candle lighters for Advent Candles beginning on Sunday, November 29. If you are interested in sharing a short prepared reading and lighting the Advent wreath candles, please let Stephanie know.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Note: If you are not comfortable serving in the roles that were set nearly a year ago, let Stephanie know, and we will make other arrangements.*

A Series in 1 Thessalonians

November 1: Reformation Sunday/All Saints Sunday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 We Give Thanks for You

Ushers: Larry & Deb Krohn

Liturgist: Misti Huedepohl

November 8: 1 Thessalonians 2: We Care for You

Ushers: Matt Zacek Family

Liturgist: Barb Horak

November 15: 1 Thessalonians 3: Hearts in Holiness

Ushers: Gary & Pat Kilberger

Liturgist: Jodie Chadima

November 22: Christ is King: 1 Thessalonians 4: A Cry, A Call, and A Trumpet

Ushers: Bressler Family

Liturgist: Bob Zvacek

November 29: First Sunday of Advent: 1 Thessalonians 5: May Your Spirit and Soul and Body be Kept Sound and Blameless

Ushers: Jim & Judy Serbousek

Advent Candlelighters: TBD

Accessibility from home: to simplify the Sunday Morning Zoom schedule: all access on Sunday morning will be available at:

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84712137959?pwd=KzNHWjh1NERRkFnbnNkS0ErOXewZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 1213 7959 Passcode: 562572

Since the church's Zoom account can have one meeting at a time, this will stop the closing of one Zoom meeting to start another, and instead it will be more organic transition from worship to fellowship to Sunday School.

THINKING AHEAD – REQUESTS FROM WORSHIP AND PROGRAM

In order to make all of our viewing spaces at our church festive, I am requesting some help. I sure could use a Thanksgiving cornucopia for our virtual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service November 23 (we are the hosts), baby jars or any small jars for tea light candles for our Advent activity, and any nativity displays you might have that you would be willing to share. Yes, Thanksgiving and Christmas in October! Sorry about that.

Also, I will need help setting up our new Christmas tree and decorating it before the first Sunday in Advent, the week of November 23rd.

Please thank Becky and Larry Modracek for donating the tree in memory of Leo and Irma Modracek. Since it is a lovely artificial tree, we can set it up early without any worries. Thank you Becky and Larry!!

Any ideas for our celebrations at church are welcome.

Joanne Chadima

Leave a

message at 319-846-2572

jkchadima@southslope.net

CHURCH BUSINESS

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

DIGITAL ways to donate to church:

1. Through church website.

2. Smart phone and tablet app:
GivePlusChurch

3. QR Code



Thank you for your continued generosity in these last months. The program, worship, mission, and fellowship of the church continue by your participation and commitment. God has been praised at our church for 160+ years. We have roots in the past, life in the present, and continued hope in the future of our faith family together. God bless you in these trying days.

SESSION NOTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

1. Memorials by Michael's in Solon will be giving an estimate on gravestone repairs in the cemetery.
2. Sunday School will be held outdoors this fall as long as possible with a "Story and Stretch" Bible and yoga curriculum. Music will focus on bells and percussion instruments.
3. School supply collection in August has been delivered.
4. Motion approved to adjust Church Secretary wage to \$12 per hour.
5. CRP contract has been completed after two 10 year terms. Motion approved to contract with Jim and Bill Serbousek for three years (2021-2023) to farm two fields north of church at rate of \$1220 (same amount as CRP contract.)
6. Roof work will be estimated by Frontline Roofing and Exteriors
7. Siding work will be repaired by volunteer if possible.
8. Road signs (at Ely and North of church) need to be repaired and reinstalled.
9. Motion approved to establish task force to investigate and recommend safety and security solutions
10. Motion approved to transition to indoor in person worship (with social distancing, mask wearing, and enhanced sanitation in the building) and continue live streaming and F.M. radio broadcast in the parking area west of the church. Motion approved to hold off on fellowship refreshments until further notice.



SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM

Volunteers wanted for a Safety & Security Team. Members would develop a security plan including policies, activity protocols and emergency preparedness. Once established, the team would meet quarterly. For more information contact Pat at pat.kilberger@gmail.com or 846-2418.

THANK YOUS TO BETTY BURESH

In the July Salt Shaker, we extended congratulations to Betty Buresh upon retirement as our faithful custodian. 30 years holds a lot of cleaning and caring for our church building. We had hoped to give her a proper thank you party, but here we are already in November still socially distancing. Let us show our appreciation by showering Betty with personal thank yous - notes sent or calls made to let her know how much we appreciated her work throughout the years - perhaps even a memory or two. Please send to: 670 Old School Rd. Ely, IA 52227

COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

Step Forward For 100 Socks

by Misti Huedepohl



The temperatures are dropping. It's fall after all. And there's a good chance you're wearing socks right now and your feet are warm and comfortable. I love that cozy feeling. It feels right. It feels safe.

Dd you know socks are one of the most needed items at local missions and shelters? There is a critical need for socks for men, women and children. First Presbyterian Church near Ely is holding a sock drive during the month of November for Olivet Neighborhood Mission to help those in need in our community. Our goal is to provide 100 socks to the mission. Please consider purchasing new socks for men, women and children and place them in the Sock Box collection located at the back of the church sanctuary Nov 1-29th. All socks collected will be taken to Olivet Neighborhood Mission and distributed in early December.

Do you want to support the sock drive but you are unable to shop for socks? Leave your cash gift in the sock box and I will purchase socks on your behalf. Unable to attend in-person worship? Contact me and I can pick up your donation from you. Call Misti at 319-594-2982.

Thank you for being part of this mission project where we can show that our congregation loves and serves the Cedar Rapids area.

Let's aim to fill the Sock Box with 100 socks. *For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37*

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY will continue by Facebook live streaming in November. Matthew 21+

Coffee Chat will be by zoom around 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/250060150?pwd=MHVKKMU4rRWhoOVJlbHdZcElGVHpJUT09> Meeting ID: 250 060 150 Passcode: 386508

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Digital Sunday School in November will be accessible with the same meeting id and passcode as worship/fellowship. In November we begin a new unit! Please join in!

YOUTH SCHEDULE

November 2020

Sunday, November 1st:

10:30am: SS - in Youth room
6pm: Youth Group socially distanced inside and Zoom lesson

Sunday, November 8th:

10:30am: SS - in Youth room
6pm: Youth Group socially distanced inside and Zoom lesson

Sunday, November 15th:

Operation Christmas Child – SHOEBOX Sunday!

10:30am: SS – in Youth room
6pm: Youth Group socially distanced inside and Zoom lesson

Friday, November 20th:

5:30pm: Rohlicky, Pies, and prep for Senior Meal!

Saturday, November 21st:

8am: preparation for Thanksgiving meal
4pm: Drive through meals for seniors - see sign up

Sunday, November 22nd:

10:30am: SS - in Youth room
6pm: NO Youth Group

Sunday, November 29th:

10:30am: SS - in Youth room
6pm: Youth Group socially distanced inside and Zoom lesson



All youth should plan to bring a mask for ALL "at church" Events! Hand Sanitizer is provided.



Hello from Youth Group!
We are excited to share all about November activities

for the Youth Group!

First, we will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes on Sunday, November 15th. Please see the wish list for **specific items** we need this year, and **financial contributions** can be made to help with postage and assorted items we need. To pack a shoebox on your own, check the website for what goes into a shoebox: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Second, Youth plan to prepare a thanksgiving meal for seniors in our congregation, 2020 drive-thru style! To keep everyone safe right now, we will pack your meal for take home and ask you to drive on over to church to pick it up at 4pm on Saturday, November 21st! **Please sign up for a meal and let us know your choice of pie flavor: Pumpkin, Cherry or Apple.** See the sign up sheet!

In October, we Zoom-ed Youth Group meetings on Sunday nights, and we will continue to have a Zoom option each Sunday - in addition to meeting in person - for those who prefer to stay home. Youth Group will begin at 6pm, Zoom and Lesson will begin at 6:30pm each Sunday.

In October, Youth hosted a virtual Halloween Zoom party for kids of all ages. There was a halloween craft, story, Bingo, and a costume "parade". Kids wore costumes for the event. THANK YOU to all who joined via zoom; I am sorry for any delays and other zoom difficulties!

We continue to offer the opportunity for any church member or friend of Youth Group who would like to **"donate" refundable beverage cans or bottles** to text or call Angie at 319-899-1223

for pickup or delivery. We hope this is helpful for you and the Earth - to avoid your trip to redeem these containers, and keep them from the landfill!

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

Blessings, Angie



Operation Christmas Child wish list for 2020

Soccer / playground balls and ball pumps

Small rubber / foam balls

Matchbox cars

Card games / decks of cards

Crayons, markers, colored pencils

Pencils

Small notebooks / Activity books

Washcloths / loofahs

Hair accessories

Socks for kids and adults

Deodorant (no liquids or gels)

Hair brushes and combs

Toothbrushes and floss

And of course SHOE BOXES!

Please bring all items by Sunday, November 15th. Starting November 1, there will be an area in the basement for Shoe Box collection near the Youth bulletin board. Thank you to all who participate!



Alivia received a goodie bag for the Kids Virtual Halloween Party

First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar, November 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|--|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Food Pantry All Saints' Day Daylight ST Ends 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream/ FM broadcasting 10:30 Fellowship Zoom 10:30 SS Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom | 2 | 3  | 4 9:30 Bible Study LS 10:00 Coffee Chat Zoom | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Stewardship Sunday 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream/ FM broadcasting 10:30 Fellowship Zoom 10:30 SS Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom | 9 | 10 | 11 Veterans' Day 9:30 Bible Study LS 10:00 Coffee Chat Zoom 6:00 Beginner Bells 7:00 Intermediate Bells | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream/ FM broadcasting 10:30 Fellowship Zoom 10:30 SS Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom | 16 | 17 | 18 9:30 Bible Study LS 10:00 Coffee Chat Zoom 6:00 Beginner Bells 7:00 Intermediate Bells | 19 6:30 Session Meeting | 20 Newsletter Deadline | 21 Drive-Up Senior Meal |
| 22 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream/ FM broadcasting 10:30 Fellowship Zoom 10:30 SS Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom | 23 | 24 | 25 9:30 Bible Study LS 10:00 Coffee Chat Zoom | 26  | 27 | 28 |
| 29 1st Sunday Advent Communions 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Zoom 10:30 SS Livestream 6:00 Youth Group Zoom | 30 | | | | | |



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