The Salt Shaker

March 2020

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FROM THE PASTOR

As we contemplatively walk through the church season of Lent, a unique opportunity will invite you to record your prayers at church. You are invited through colored yarn to tie a piece of yarn to a prayer tree. You are welcome on Sundays or any day of the week to stop and pray. As the season progresses, the tree will fill with our prayers.

Red for health concerns

Orange for families and individuals dealing with opioids

Yellow for families and individuals experiencing farming crisis

Green for the earth and the future

Blue for peace and empathy

Purple for sorrow

Jesus said, “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20

In Christ,
Pastor Julie

Congregation members enjoy a wonderful meal on Masopust Sunday

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

You shall be called repairers of the breach. Isaiah 58

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 26 – April 12), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Watch for fish banks shared with children (of all ages) to collect coins for One Great Hour of Sharing. The coins collected will support disaster response and hope to people in need.

CHURCH BUSINESS

SESSION NOTES FROM JANUARY 16 2020

1. Combined Session and Deacons meeting.
2. Membership as of December 31, 2019: 196. Worship attendance average in December: 91
3. Treasurer's Report – Dan Chadima reported that the 2019 General Fund ended with a balance of $24,547.99. Per Capita ended the year 125.8% of budget. Regular offering – pledged was 92.9% of budget and Regular Offering – non-pledged was 94.4% of budget.
4. An update was given concerning the Buresh Cemetery Association request for funds.
5. Expansion – First draft is being revised by Point Builders.
6. A motion approved to appoint Phil Huedepohl as Funds Manager. A formal acknowledgement of thanks to Tom Vavra will be made at the Congregational Annual Meeting on January 26.
7. Property - George Chadima has volunteered to do the snow plowing at the church. Secondly, a baby changing table will be mounted on the wall in the handicapped accessible/family restroom. The nursery will be updated next.
8. Motion approved to submit to the congregation a motion to approve the 2019 Endowment Interest for the 2020 General Fund budget.
9. Motion approved the Communion schedule for 2020.

SPRING CLEAN UP

There will be a church indoor/outdoor spring clean-up on April 4 starting at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Many hands will be needed. Hope to see you there.

WORSHIP AHEAD!

March 1: First Sunday of Lent. Holy Communion. Scout Sunday.
Ushers: Fred & Sarah Harris
Greeters: Scouts
Liturgist: Sarah Harris

March 8: Second Sunday of Lent (DST Begins)
Ushers: Brad & Cheri Buresh
Greeters: Phil & Misti Huedepohl
Liturgist: Joanne Chadima

March 15: Third Sunday of Lent. Guest worship leader: Rev. Dr. Howard Chapman
Ushers: Verne & Virginia Svec
Greeters: Glenn Modracek
Liturgist: Jennie Netolicky

March 22: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Ushers: Dan Chadima Family
Greeters: Matt Zacek Family
Liturgist: Theresa Harder

March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ushers: Bonnie Fencl & Betty Buresh
Greeters: Kevin & Shirley Bailey
Liturgist: Joanne Chadima

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 5 - Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Palms carried in by the children

April 9 –Maunday Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Beef Stew supper, 7 p.m. Service with Holy Communion

April 10 – Good Friday, Ecumenical Service hosted by St. John's Lutheran in Ely, supper at 6, service at 7

April 12 – Easter Sonrise, 7 a.m., Bells play, light breakfast

April 12 – Easter Service, 9:30 a.m., Choir sings, Holy Communion

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday School for all generations together

March 29 at 10:45 a.m.

Theme: Lent Pretzels

Yes! Let's sing together: "Loaves were broken, words were spoken" with movements during the refrain.

Yes! Let's explore Exodus 16 with the Israelites in the wilderness and John 6 with the story of a boy sharing his lunch and Jesus feeding a large crowd.

Yes! Let's bake pretzels.

Yes! Let's have a bit of Johnny Cash with "Breaking Bread."

And if we have time, *Yes!* Let's learn about a high school club called "No One Eats Alone."

VBS 2020

Wednesday nights **6:00-8:00 p.m.**
July 8, 15, 22, and 29.

VBS leader planning meeting to be scheduled soon. Are you interested in helping with activities, food, lessons, games?

Also this summer… for the first time….**GRANDPARENTS CAMP**! For children aged 3-students in Grade 10 and a grandparent (or other special adult!) Together participate in fun faith activities including a coffee break for adults and recess break for students.

Ends just in time for a special lunch out together!

No cost.

A place for memories. An opportunity for faith. A time together.

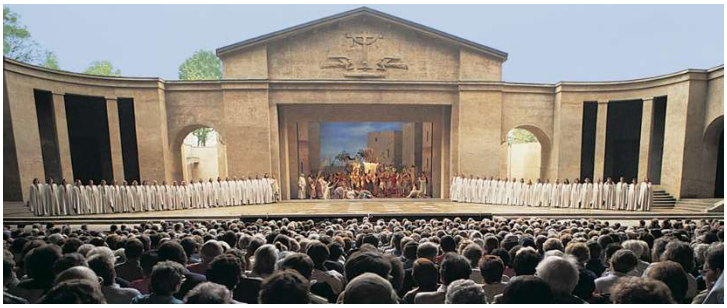
9:30-noon on a date to be determined. If you are interested in helping plan the event, please let Pastor Julie know.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the season of Lent 2020 from March 1 to April 5, the **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will examine The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days. Jesus' Passion story is presented each Lent, but one play presented by the village of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, Germany, may be the longest running performances of all. Staged every ten years since 1634, the play makes an impact not only on the villages who portray the characters, but on all who see it as well.

In our study we will look at the biblical story of the Passion and see how this amazing play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. Part discussion and part viewing behind-the-scenes footage of the production. 11:00 a.m. in the church living room.

March 1: Vow
March 8: Community
March 15: Ritual
March 22: Story
April 5: A Better Story



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday bible study continues at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments, coffee and discussion at the manse. Chapters 10-12 of Matthew during March.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

This survey was available through the church's Facebook page at the end of February. If you are a parent or grandparent of a child at church, please complete the enclosed survey and return it to church, or go the church's Facebook page to complete there.

Diane and Leslie are picking up where Christal finished as Elders for Education at church. (Thank you Christal--you are awesome!)

Thank you for completing this.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

IOWA ACCORDION BAND

The Iowa Accordian Band performs every third Friday of the month at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, 450 5th Ave SE in the Whipple Auditorium on the second floor, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free admission is free for 1 hour. Come and enjoy 30's, 40's and 50's music.

VALENTINE'S KOLACH BAKE AND KOLACH KARE

If you have never baked with us, consider joining us next time. It is more than baking together, it is a KOLACH PARTY. We will kindly teach you a task if you are inexperienced. From beginning to end, our baking is joyful – it is a social time and a sharing time: 20 bakers worked with 8 batches of puffy dough and 8 delicious fillings – yielding about 50 dozen beautiful kolaches - 26 dozen orders, 16 Kolach Kare plates, and enough for Sunday coffee hour (we admit a few were sampled). Those who delivered Kolach Kare were rewarded with the blessing of sharing and visiting the recipients. Praise God for this time together and outreach. Thanks to all.

Hello from Youth Group!

Thank you to all who donated on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday! Together, we were able to support Linn Community Food Bank and HACAP with food and total donation of $272.08.

Ten youth and adults gathered for a special night of music to see the Newsboys United at the Paramount Theater on February 9th. Thanks to all families who brought their Youth to the concert.

Also in February, youth served a PANCAKE BREAKFAST on February 23rd, Jazz Sunday. Thank you to all who joined us for breakfast that day, and for the opportunity to serve our congregation in this way! **BIG thank you** to Matt and Dawn Zacek, Troy Bressler, and Scott Tedrow for helping guide the youth with decorating and food preparation.

Finally, Youth began our first Pizza sales, earning funds for our summer activities. **PIZZA ORDERS ARE DUE MARCH 1st.** All of the pizzas ordered are made by youth, and will be delivered the weekend of March 7-8th. Thank you to Z's Catering for helping youth with this fundraiser.

In March and April, youth will study lessons in the last days of Jesus before crucifixion and other lenten lessons. We will likely be painting the youth room at a lock-in, and will see a movie together, also.

Please let me know if there are any questions about youth programming (phone 319-899-1223), and thank you for your continued support!

Blessings, Angie

YOUTH SCHEDULE MARCH 2020

Sunday, March 1st: Scout Sunday
10:45 a.m.: Sunday School
6:00 p.m.: Youth Group

Saturday, March 7th: 10:00 a.m.: Pizza-making day at Z's Catering; will take your pizzas for delivery after!

Sunday March 8th:
10:45 a.m.: Sunday School
12:00 p.m.: Second Sunday Lunch at church
1:15 p.m.: Disney Pixar "Onward" Movie at Westdale AMC theater
6:00 p.m.: NO Youth Group

Sunday, March 15th:
10:45 a.m.: Sunday School
6:00 p.m.: NO Youth group

Sunday, March 22nd:
10:45 a.m.: Sunday School
6:00 p.m.: Youth Group

Saturday, March 28th: *Possible* lock in and Painting the Youth room
Details TBA: paint and stay Saturday night, go home after SS on Sunday

Sunday, March 29th:
10:45 a.m.: Sunday School
6:00 p.m.: Youth group

Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday
10:45 a.m.: Sunday School
6:00 p.m.: Youth group

Youth Group members pose for a picture during the Masopust Breakfast

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Rachel Manders (2021) Welcome & Outreach	319-640-7526
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Brian Thompson (2021) Stewardship	319-899-8222
Karen Zacek (2020) Fellowship	319-270-2761

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Bob and Jean Kolek (2022)	319-845-5154
Marlene Tiernan (2021)	319-551-2425
Bob and Marilyn Zvacek (2021)	319-848-4755

DEACON FAMILY CARE LIST

Marlene Tiernan	ANDRLE to DEMEAN
Bob and Marilyn Zvacek	DITCH to HARDER
Bob and Carol Andrle	HEBDON to MINECK
Bob and Jean Kolek	MINER to SCHUETT
Virginia Svec	SERBOUSEK to WHITTOM
Bryan and Elaine Bailey	WIENEKE to ZVACEK

First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar, March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Scout Sunday, Communion 9:30 Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour 10:45 Sunday School 6:00 Youth Group	**2**	**3** 9—Noon Office Hours	**4** 9:30 Bible Study @ Manse 6:15 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 History Committee 7:30 Chancel Choir Practice	**5** 9—Noon Office Hours	**6** 9—Noon Office Hours	**7**
8 DST Begins 9:30 Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour 10:45 Sunday School 12:00 p.m.: YG Second Sunday Lunch at church 1:15 p.m.: Youth Movie	**9**	**10** 9—Noon Office Hours	**11** 9:30 Bible Study @ Manse 6:15 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 History Committee 7:30 Chancel Choir Practice	**12** Pastor Julie Out of Office	**13** Pastor Julie Out of Office	**14** Pastor Julie Out of Office
15 Dr. Howard Chapman, guest pastor 9:30 Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour 10:45 Sunday School Pastor Julie Out of Office	**16** Newsletter Deadline Pastor Julie Out of Office	**17** Pastor Julie Out of Office	**18** 9:30 Bible Study @ Manse 6:15 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 History Committee 7:30 Chancel Choir Practice	**19** 9—Noon Office Hours 6:30 Session Meeting 	**20** 9—Noon Office Hours 	**21** Kilberger Wedding
22 9:30 Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour 10:45 Sunday School 6:00 Youth Group	**23** 6:30 Ladies' Night Out at Cheddar's in Cedar Rapids	**24** 9—Noon Office Hours	**25** 9:30 Bible Study @ Manse 6:15 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 History Committee 7:30 Chancel Choir Practice	**26** 9—Noon Office Hours	**27** 9—Noon Office Hours	**28** *Possible* lock in and Painting the Youth room
29 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour 10:45 Sunday School w/ Intergenerational Pretzel-Making 6:00 Youth Group	**30**	**31** 9—Noon Office Hours				

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