

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Worship Times

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. traditional service in the Atrium/Chapel

9:00 a.m. contemporary service in the F.L.C.

11:00 a.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary

Communion is served on the first weekend of each month.

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### MOVING FORWARD

Many questions have come up of late about how the process of calling a new pastor works, so here is my attempt to answer some of those...which will probably raise more questions! But, it's worth a shot, and a better understanding of how this all works will be a good thing. This is by no means a detailed list of the steps in the process, but rather an overview of some of the highlights.

We currently have an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee that is in the process of securing a temporary, interim pastor, to help us through this transitional time. An interim pastor is not called and installed by the congregation, but is hired by the Session to provide pastoral leadership while we search for a new Head of Staff. The interim pastor is not eligible to be called as the church's next pastor, but is an individual who has special expertise and training in working with congregations in the midst of a pastoral transition. The Session's hope is that we will have someone on board in this interim capacity by the beginning of May. So, that is the first step; the step we are in right now.

Once the interim is in place, we will begin a process of discernment as a church family to come to an understanding of the nature of our church's mission and ministry in the context we are in. This mission study is initiated by the Session with guidance from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) and will be the foundation upon which a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will base its work.

When the Session feels we are ready to elect a PNC, they will recommend the size of the PNC and provide the process for electing the PNC. Often congregations will use the congregation's Nominating Committee to propose a slate of nominees for the PNC and to provide a mechanism to receive the names of nominees suggested by the congregation. This slate will be representative of the whole congregation and will be made up of people who are knowledgeable about the church and the community, about Presbyterian polity and theology, and who are able to make a significant commitment of their time, energy and wisdom to the work. Once this slate is ready, the Session will call a congregational meeting to elect the PNC. A ballot vote will be taken and the PNC will be commissioned during a Sunday morning worship service.

With the PNC in place, the search will begin in earnest for a new Head of Staff. Because of the need to be diligent in its work and to spend considerable time in discernment and evaluation of potential candidates for the position, it could take anywhere from a year and a half to two years to find the right person to be called and installed as Westminster's new Head of Staff. While this may seem like a discouragingly long period of time, it is crucial that the process be deliberate and not overly hasty, so as to ensure that the best individual for the position is called and installed. Patience and discernment go hand-in-hand in the search process and are often the keys to a productive search.

Please feel free to direct any questions you might have about this process to me or to any member of the Session and we will do our best to give you an answer. In the meantime, I would encourage you to spend time in prayer for our congregation, for the church's officers, both elders and deacons, who will guide us on this journey, as well as for the church staff who will also be involved in this work.

*Pastor Jim*

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES OFFERED

Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week, is the time when we recall the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples, and we give thanks for the bread and cup of communion – the body and blood of our Lord willingly given for each of us. This year, Maundy Thursday will be celebrated on April 1<sup>st</sup> with special services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Pastor Jim will be preaching at each of these services and communion will be served, so mark your calendars and please join us!

## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Please join us on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, for our Easter worship celebrations. The 9:00 a.m. FUEL contemporary worship gathering will meet in the Sanctuary with the Praise Band leading our worship; and the 11:00 a.m. traditional service with the Chancel Choir will also meet in the Sanctuary. Pastor Jim will be preaching on the Easter story from John 20, and the title of his sermon is "Who Are You Looking For?" On this Sunday only, the 8:00 a.m. traditional service in the Chapel will NOT be held. Sunday School will also not be held on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family and friends and join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!



## Bookworms Life Group

Join the Bookworms on April 8 for a discussion of the book, "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. We'll meet at 7:00 at Brewed Awakenings. Bookworms is a women's LIFE Group that meets monthly to discuss a book, have some coffee and just enjoy each others' company. We will be reading "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout in May. Join us every month or just for one book. Contact Gayle Elliott, 361-5298 if you would like more information.

## WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS – A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE ON GOOD FRIDAY

For centuries, Christian pilgrims to Jerusalem have followed the footsteps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa – the Way of the Cross – and have paused to observe the Stations of the Cross, which depict different events from the Passion of our Lord. While for many years the Stations were strictly a Roman Catholic observance, in recent years the Protestant church has begun to re-appropriate this devotional journey for its own faith life.

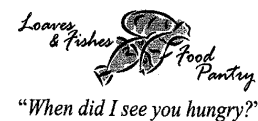
This year you, too, will be able to make this symbolic journey, as the Stations of the Cross are the theme of Westminster's Good Friday Tenebrae service this year on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Eight stations will be set up in the Large Parlor beginning on the third Sunday in Lent. A devotional booklet will also be available to assist you on the journey. Feel free to walk the Stations on a Sunday morning, or any time you are in the church. You can also come early on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday and walk the Stations during Holy Week. The Worship Ministry Team hopes you will take advantage of this opportunity!

## MISSION WORKERS' WELCOME DINNERS

Watch for the sign-up bulletin board and help where you can. We have two dinners in April — on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this project in mind especially during the summer months when the number of workers goes up and we often have a dinner each week.

### E-NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by email instead of a hard copy by mail, please contact Christina in the Church Office at 366-7185 or [westmin@crwpc.org](mailto:westmin@crwpc.org).



"When did I see you hungry?"

### LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

APRIL - TOMATO SOUP & PINEAPPLE  
MAY - PEANUT BUTTER & MANDARIN ORANGES

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL 2010

### 8:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

April 11 Don & Sherryl Hoepfner  
April 18 Connie Hayes & Patty Lewin  
April 25 Jim & Sue Patterson

### 9:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

April 4 Kim & Katherine Brokaw  
April 11 Jack Brokaw & Sheridan Sealy  
April 18 Kristina Farrington & David Marner  
April 25 Terry Tiede & Jacob Alff

### 11:00 a.m. Head Usher

Scott Olson

### 11:00 a.m. Greeters

April 4 Darlene Cox & Luman Colton  
April 11 TBA  
April 18 Richard & Sandy Shoemaker  
April 25 John Henderson & Suzanne Huebsch

### 11:00 a.m. Ushers

April 4 Claudia Warfel, Dale Weiske, Lorraine Worsfold, Chuck & Mary Jo Crull  
April 11 David Basler, Luman Colton, Bruce Crawford, Ed & Ardyce Brunsting  
April 18 Mike & Nancy Walker, Dee Davis, Herb & Carm Hammerberg  
April 25 Bryan & Nancy Hawkins, John Henderson, Tony & Suzanne Huebsch

### Offering Stewards

April 4 Doug Wagner & Marcia Elhart  
April 6 Martha Griffith  
April 11 Rich Ripley & Jim Sankey  
April 12 David Marner  
April 18 Wendell Snow & Debbie Richardson  
April 19 Kathryn Phares  
April 25 Larry Cooper & Butch Hataway  
April 26 Connie Hayes

### Nursery Volunteers

9:00 a.m.  
April 4 Wreese Marner  
April 11 Jessie Alff  
April 18 Tricia Brown & Hailey Voyek  
April 25 Jordan Entsminger

### 10:00 a.m.

April 11 Nikita Thies

April 18 Ibsa Tilahun  
April 25 Abby Papesh

### 11:00 a.m.

April 4 Jenna Teberg  
April 11 Marcia Elhart  
April 18 Paula Maddy  
April 25 Lauren Zimmermann

### Liturgist

April 4 No Liturgist (Easter)  
April 11 Leah Romanelli  
April 18 Signe Munson  
April 25 No Liturgist (Music Appreciation)

### Handicap Host / Flower Delivery

April 4 Signe Munson  
April 11 Kirk Lampe  
April 18 Time Winegarden  
April 25 Vicki Owens

### Coffee Hosts

April 4 Dale Weiske & Dee Davis  
April 11 Bryan & Nancy Hawkins  
April 18 Jerry & Donelle Daugherty  
April 25 Flora Kitzman & Barb Schultz

### 9:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Pat Thies, David & Linda Cosgrove, Tim Stolba

### 11:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Lindsay Meade, Dale Crosier, John Swanson, Jake Wilding, Bob Ferguson, Tim Isenberg, Ann Hearn, Nancy Evans, Rick Titus

April 16th is the deadline for the  
March Newsletter. Contact Christina  
in the office or email your information to  
[westmin@crwpc.org](mailto:westmin@crwpc.org).

If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please find a replacement or someone to switch with you. Please let the Church Office know of any changes by Thursday of each week to ensure that it is printed correctly in the bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call the Church Office at 366-7185 or email Christina at [westmin@crwpc.org](mailto:westmin@crwpc.org). Thank you for your willingness to serve!

# Grace Notes

## MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY – APRIL 25, 2010

Save this date for the worship service celebrating all that WPC's musicians share with us throughout the year! On April 25<sup>th</sup>, each of our ensembles from Kindergarten on up will present special music for us in worship. We will have ONE service at 11:00 a.m. that Sunday, so that all members are able to enjoy this wonderful event. Don't miss out – mark your calendar today!

### HELP WANTED !!

Music Appreciation Sunday is coming soon – April 25<sup>th</sup> - and we are looking for volunteers to help with the reception after our 11:00 a.m. service. We will need folks to help serve punch and cake, to help set up, and to clean up afterwards (including running the dishwasher). Remember – many hands make light work, and this is a truly joyous occasion. Please consider sharing a bit of your time on this special Sunday. Call the church office at 366-7185 or Julia Titus at 365-7033 to let us know you would like to help. Thank you!!!

## Notes from the Choirmaster

When I was traveling in England in the spring of 2009, I met with my friend and composer, Simon Mold (he wrote much of the music we sang at our mid-March Choral Evensong) and laid plans for a new work that was to be written for our church and the Chancel Choir. It is always an exciting process to work with a composer and “tailor” a piece just for the strengths of our forces and to get to give the composer exactly what is desired; I couldn't have been more pleased with the results! I asked Simon to compose a “big sing” for the Choir and for our beautiful Schantz pipe organ (and Marilyn plays it with great verve!) and I cordially invite you to the world premier of *Jubilate - O Be Joyful in the Lord*, a setting of Psalm 100, on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at the 11am service. The commission was made possible by my dear friend, Margaret Haupt, Professor Emerita at Coe College. Even while I am writing this note to you, we're still perfecting the piece, but by the time you enter the Sanctuary on Easter morning and smell the lilies and sing, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” we will be ready and eager to present this stunning new work to the Glory of God and the risen Son, Jesus Christ!

On Tuesday, Apr 20, the Westminster Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir will be the featured guest on the Coe College Chorale Spring Concert held on the campus in Sinclair Auditorium at 7:30pm. Chancel Choir will sing three feature pieces from their current repertoire and then join the Chorale in the second half of the program singing a large medley of songs by Broadway legend, Richard Rodgers. Admission to the concert is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend.

### LIFE GROUPS

LIFE Groups is the name of Westminster's small group ministry program. LIFE is an acronym for Living In Faith Everyday, which is what these groups help us do. Westminster has LIFE Groups that meet in a variety of locations at a variety of times. Some meet weekly; some meet every other week. Each group has its own focus – from book discussions, to Bible studies, to women's and men's groups. To learn more about joining a LIFE Group, please contact Kay Basler at 550-2614 or email her at [ksbangel@mchsi.com](mailto:ksbangel@mchsi.com). You can also contact Pastor Jim for more information by emailing him at [jlanglely@crwpc.org](mailto:jlanglely@crwpc.org), or by calling the Church Office at 366-7185.

### LIFE GROUP LEADERS WANTED!!!

Do you have a passion for spiritual growth? Are you kind and compassionate? Would you be willing to give up a couple of hours each week to help other members of the Westminster family grow in their faith, while growing in faith yourself? If so, please let Pastor Jim ([jlanglely@crwpc.org](mailto:jlanglely@crwpc.org)) or Kay Basler ([ksbangel@mchsi.com](mailto:ksbangel@mchsi.com)) know it! We are always looking for new leaders for our LIFE Groups. Training will be offered, so sign up today!

## FINANCE CORNER

February proved to be a pretty good month for income. The general contributions were \$44,111. Youth Commitment Sunday revenue reached their goal of \$10,000 and Haiti donations totaled \$3,421. Your monetary support is greatly appreciated.

### General Contributions thru February 28, 2010

Amount Budgeted	\$92,808
Amount Received	<u>89,776</u>
Deficit	\$ -3,032

The 2010 Apportionment (Per Capita) is \$21,186. Please pay the \$29.00 per member amount to help us cover this line item in the budget. This year so far, we have received \$5,138 for per capita. Thank you.

Good news on the 2002 new addition building loan. The balance on the loan is \$174,965 (the addition cost \$2,972,578). As we make our quarterly payments, the loan will be paid off November 2011. Any prepayments we make brings the paid-off date closer.

*Marilynn Shoger*

### IMPORTANT STUFF FOR KIDS

#### Sunday School

##### *Rotation*

Our final rotation will be Paul, the Missionary. For five Sundays we will explore the travels of Paul through a prison jailbreak in drama, fishy voyage in art, the big picture in video and CyberBible, and our mission focus with Heifer and Brazil in the Synagogue. It should be an exciting trip!

##### *Village Offering*

The final offering project will be for Heifer International. (see article) We are collecting quarters to put in our peace pipe. If you don't happen to have quarters, we will convert!

##### *Music Appreciation Sunday*

April 25<sup>th</sup> will be a special Sunday with one worship service. We will have an adjusted Village Sunday school. Since Logos children will be involved in musical warm-up times, other children will have a special session.

##### **Logos**

##### *Thanks*

A grateful thank-you to all the Westminster bakers who shared goodies for our dinners. You're the BEST!

##### *Closing Banquet*

The whole family is invited to celebrate another terrific year of Logos and honor our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade class – Zack Thies, Anna Long, Elizabeth Chadima, Maggie Lampe, James Ngombwa.

### THE CONNECTIONAL CHURCH

As Presbyterians, we affirm the fact that we are not lone congregations making our way through the world on our own. Instead, though we are Westminster Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids, IA, we are also connected to every other Presbyterian Church both here in America, as well as around the world. Through this spirit of connectionalism, we recently received a check for \$3000 from the Presbytery of East Iowa, which came from some unused grant money supplied to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance following the floods and tornadoes that affected our area in the summer of 2008. A letter written by General Presbyter Harry Olthoff came along with the check and contained these thoughts:

“The Presbytery is very aware of the incredible commitment the members of Westminster have made to flood recovery. It is also not a secret that your congregation was a victim of the flood when your heating system was knocked out. Therefore, in the spirit of connectionalism between PDA, the Synod, the Presbytery of East Iowa, and our member churches, we would like to pass along this check for \$3000 to be used by Westminster to assist with facility costs. Thank you for all you are doing to serve people with the love of Jesus Christ.”

## STEWARDSHIP=REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

When you eat fast food, please recycle the bag and any part of the packaging that can be recycled at home. Unfortunately, most fast-food places are behind the times with providing recycling containers. Some-day...

When buying household cleaning products, why not think about plain old white vinegar? Many of the older members of our congregation probably remember doing most of the cleaning with vinegar and baking soda. The disinfectant properties of vinegar have been verified by numerous studies including those conducted by the Good Housekeeping Institute, as reported on 48 Hours (on CBS) in 2000. ***A straight 5% solution of vinegar kills 99 percent of bacteria, 82 percent of mold, and 80 percent of viruses.*** However in the U.S. companies can't claim on their packaging that vinegar is a disinfectant since they have not registered it as a pesticide with the Environmental Protection Agency. But it seems to be common knowledge in the industry that vinegar is powerfully antibacterial. Here are a few ideas:

1. Clean sink and tub with full-strength vinegar. Simply apply with a sponge, wipe clean to a sparkly shine;
2. Soap scum & hard water spots on the tub and shower stall? Soak a sponge in full strength vinegar, wipe, let stand for five minutes then rinse with clean water. Water spots on sliding shower doors disappear after cleaning with half-water and half-vinegar solution;
3. A solution of equal amounts of vinegar and water is a well-known window-washing trick. Dip newspaper pages into the solution and wipe the glass until it's almost dry. Finish wiping with a dry newspaper page. The streaks will disappear and the window will shine;
4. Deodorize your sink drains: Pour a cup down your drain, let stand about thirty minutes, then run cold water;
5. Unclog a drain: Dump 1 cup of baking soda down your drain and follow it with 1 cup of vinegar. When they mix, they foam and expand, cleaning your drain. Allow a few minutes for the mixture to do its job, then flush with hot water for several minutes;
6. Clean the coffeepot: Hard water can clog a coffeepot and cause yucky buildup inside it. To remedy this, pour 1 cup vinegar in your coffeepot, fill the rest of the way with water, then run it through a cycle as usual (without coffee grounds in the filter). Rinse out the coffeepot. Fill it with fresh water and run another cycle without coffee to rinse the inside of the coffee maker. I use several of these, and know they are effective! They are much cheaper than cleansers and cuts down on the toxins in our homes!!!

Thanks for caring about our environment!

*Marilyn Lodge*

## HELP THE KIDS BUY A GOAT!

Each year the children in The Village Sunday School donate a portion of their offering to Heifer International. For 65 years Heifer has been giving families in need a hand-up not a handout. With a gift of live-stock and training families can turn a life of poverty into one of self-reliance and independence. The animals are referred to as "living loans" because in exchange for receiving their animal, each family agrees to give one of its offspring to another family in need.

In previous years the children have raised money to purchase water buffalos, goats, pigs and even an Ark, which is two of every animal! Our "peace pipe" collects quarters and when full will contain \$120 for a goat. If you would like to contribute, you can find the pipe on the landing between first and second floors during Sunday School and in the office at other times.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

From March 6<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>, our church hosted a group of 20 college students and leaders from Westminster College in New Willmington, PA who came to Cedar Rapids to help with flood recovery. Steve Sankey, who grew up here at Westminster, was a part of this group. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we received a very nice thank you from the chaplain at the college, Rev. Jim Mohr, who accompanied the students on their work trip. While the full text of the letter can be found on the bulletin board in the Large Parlor, as well as on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Family Life Center, I want to share part of it with you:

Dear Westminster Friends,

In 1 Chronicles 16:8 it says, "*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.*" I want to take a moment and let you know what the Lord has done among the nations through the support of your congregation. Your willingness to be a beacon in your community is outstanding. Thank you, not only for helping host our work team but also for countless other volunteers who you have hosted over the past few years. Your willingness to share your outstanding facility made our lives simple last week.

So, on behalf of the students of Westminster College I want to "give thanks to the Lord" for the members of and staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church for your wonderful hospitality. You all made us feel like part of your church family as we shared with you in the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance flood rehabilitation program."

This summer will mark the beginning of our third year hosting groups who come to Cedar Rapids to help with flood work. While it has caused some disruption in the "normal" flow of our church activities and made for some extra work, it has been worth it – both to those in our community who are working to put their lives back together following the floods of 2008 as well as to those of us here at Westminster who have had the opportunity to interact with these very caring folks from around the country. While we do not yet know what the future holds for flood recovery work here in Cedar Rapids, I want to offer thanks to the many members of our church who have helped with hosting groups by doing anything from blowing up air mattresses to washing towels to providing meals to being the liaison between the work teams and the church. A special thank-you goes to Loren Neubauer, who answered the call and took on the monumental task of coordinating our hospitality efforts and ensuring that work teams had the supplies they needed and work to do. I hope you will join me in giving thanks to God for the dedication of the many members of our church, our community, and the work teams from around the country that have taken part in flood recovery here in Cedar Rapids. May God continue to bless our efforts to be a beacon of hope in our community!

*Pastor Jim*

## KIDS' CLOSET MINISTRY REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS

The Kids' Closet makes available to our neighbors clean, quality children's clothing free of charge. We have been open two days a month since December, are located in the Loaves and Fishes Mission House.

The ministry received a special blessing in March from the East Iowa Presbytery. The Vision and Renewal Unit has granted a request of funds in the amount of \$1720 to aid in the start-up of this outreach. The money will be used for shelving and items to organize our inventory. (Up until this time we have been working with card tables and overturned packing boxes!) This will be greatly appreciated. It is truly exciting to think of the 77 churches in our Presbytery becoming partners with us in this mission.

*Please continue to pray and donate to this mission. We are collecting summer clothing, birth to size 12/14 and can always use volunteers to sort and distribute clothing. Watch for dates in the bulletin or*

## WOMEN'S RETREAT – KINDRED SISTERS APRIL 16 – 17, 2010

Ruth and Naomi, Mary and Martha, Rebecca and Rachel; Throughout the years women of faith have strengthened and supported one another in the journey of life. Join with your sisters in faith this spring for a time of refreshment and renewal hosted jointly by the women of First and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The fun begins at 6:00 on Friday night, April 16th, in the Gathering Space at First Presbyterian Church for a candlelight dinner served to us by the men of the church and followed by a movie shown on the "big screen". After the movie, we'll move back up to the Gathering Space for conversation, coffee and some of Cara Stolba's famous tiramisu.

On Saturday, our event moves to Westminster Presbyterian for a variety of workshops and presentations. Participants will be able to learn about herb cultivation from a Master Gardener and create their own herb pot. Leslie Wright will be leading a session on meditation. Joanne Chadima will talk about the art of baking, and teach us how to make kolaches. A nutritionist, will be on hand to discuss healthy eating choices as well as organic and local options. Throughout the day, Pastor Heather Hayes will be leading us in devotional time and there will be a variety of door prizes to help you pamper yourself.

For information on cost for the retreat, please call the Westminster Church Office. There is a discounted price if you register for both days. Childcare is available. Registration is going on now. Make sure to reserve your spot and invite your friends.

## Thank You

Judy and I would like to thank the many members of Westminster who were so kind after the death of our son, John Ruth III last month. The prayer shawl arrived the day we returned home from John's funeral in San Francisco. It meant so much to me. A special thanks to the shawl ministry group, and to all who have called, sent cards, and e-mails. These have been very sad days, but your support has meant so much.

*John Ruth*

## A HEALTH MINISTRIES ARTICLE BY SUSIE MORAN

Several years ago a dear friend's daughter was raped and acquired HIV/AIDS. Thus, when you know someone you care about, you take a reality check on life and realize that HIV/AIDS could happen to you or to a friend and it is world wide.

Here are a few informative facts on a tough disease:

- What is HIV – **H**uman **I**mmunodeficiency **V**irus that causes AIDS (**A**cquired **I**mmunodeficiency **S**yndrome).
- Being HIV Positive does not mean that you have AIDS now! If HIV is left untreated the immune system can become damaged and could lead to AIDS.
- You can get HIV- AIDS by transmitting any of four body fluids: blood, semen, vaginal secretions or breast milk.

Some prevention: Be informed about HIV- AIDS.

- Get tested early to prevent the risk of infection. Many people don't know they have the virus.
- A diagnosis can be overwhelming. There are many new medicines and procedures to treat HIV- AIDS. Medical science has advanced to the point that some people may now live a long life when they are HIV positive. It can be a manageable disease or it may progress rapidly into AIDS.

How can you help someone with HIV-AIDS :

- Treat the person with compassion and understanding.
- The power of faith and prayer and the caring of family and friends helps the patient deal with the disease.

**Life is short – Enjoy Everyday!!**

## SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL AGES

It's time to think (and plan) for summer. Camp Wyoming brochures are available in the office. Our Presbyterian camp is about 45 minutes from Cedar Rapids on 400 acres of beautiful woodland. Children have a chance to get away and get close to God. Our church would like to help all children attend camp by assisting in their fee (1/3-1/2) Call Karen at the church for more information.

## JOIN US AT THE CONFIRMATION BANQUET

Each year, we host a banquet for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade members of our church who are being confirmed. This year, the banquet will be held in the Family Life Center on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. For cost information, look to your weekly bulletin! You can sign up following worship on a Sunday morning or by calling the Church Office. All reservations must be made by Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone in the faith lives of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students!

## SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Please remember to check out our students' plays and games throughout the month of December and let them know what a great job they're doing!

- 4/3 **Tennis**, Kennedy (Lindsay Meade) Cougar Invitational, 9:00 am  
 4/6 **Jazz Band**, Kennedy (Carly Warner) in Corridor Jazz Project Concert @ *Prairie*  
**Tennis**, Kennedy (Lindsay Meade) @ *Waterloo West*, 4:00 pm  
 4/8 **Tennis**, Kennedy (Lindsay Meade) @ *Waterloo East*, 4:00 pm  
 4/9 **Band**, *Prairie* (Emily Snow) Instrumental Ensembles, 6:30 pm  
 4/10 **Tennis**, Kennedy (Lindsay Meade) @ *Waterloo Columbus*, 9:00 am  
 4/12 **Show Choir**, Vernon (Lauren Zimmermann) @ *Marion* concert, 7:00  
**Tennis**, *McKinley* (Hailey Voyek) v. Franklin (Macy Ripley), 4:00 pm  
 4/13 **Jazz Band**, Kennedy (Carly Warner) in Iowa Jazz Championships in *DSM*  
 4/15 **Band**, *Vernon* (Lauren Zimmermann) Solo & Ensemble contest 5:30-9:00  
**Tennis**, *McKinley* (Hailey Voyek) v. *LaSalle*, 4:00 pm  
**Tennis**, *Franklin* (Macy Ripley) v. Taft, 4:00 pm  
**Track**, Roosevelt (Ibsa Tilahun) v. Wilson @ Kingston  
 4/17 **Band**, Jefferson (Brandon Lewin) & *Prairie* (Emily Snow) at State Solo & Ensemble contest  
**Tennis**, *Kennedy* (Lindsay Meade) v. Dubuque Hempstead & Senior, 9:00 & 1:00 pm  
 4/19 **Tennis**, *McKinley* (Hailey Voyek) v. Oak Ridge, 4:00 pm  
**Tennis**, *Franklin* (Macy Ripley) @ *Linn-Mar*, 4:00 pm  
 4/20 **Tennis**, Kennedy (Lindsay Meade) @ *Prairie*, 4:00 pm  
 4/22 **Tennis**, *McKinley* (Hailey Voyek) v. *Roosevelt*, 4:00 pm  
**Tennis**, *Franklin* (Macy Ripley) @ *Harding*, 4:00 pm  
**Track**, Roosevelt (Ibsa Tilahun) @ *Oak Ridge*  
 4/22-24 **Musical**, *Kennedy* (Anna Hardin, Lindsay Meade & Jake Wilding)  
 4/23 **Jazz Band**, Kennedy (Carly Warner) concert with UNI @ *Cedar Falls*  
 4/24 **Band**, *Vernon* (Lauren Zimmermann) in performance @ *Adventureland*  
 4/26 **Tennis**, *McKinley* (Hailey Voyek) @ *Wilson*, 4:00 pm  
**Tennis**, *Franklin* (Macy Ripley) v. Regis, 4:00 pm  
 4/27 **Tennis**, *Kennedy* (Lindsay Meade) v. Cedar Falls, 4:00 pm  
 4/29 **Band**, *Prairie* (Emily Snow) concert  
**Tennis**, *McKinley* (Hailey Voyek) v. *Harding*, 4:00 pm  
**Track**, Roosevelt (Ibsa Tilahun) @ *Franklin*

## THE STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

The confirmation of nine new members on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. service, with a reception following. Please join us on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the FLC for a banquet to honor these students' commitments. A sign-up sheet for the banquet will be outside the FLC and large parlor on Sundays and in the office during the week starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for welcoming and supporting our soon-to-be-members: Jack Brokaw, Nicole Corcoran, Wes Ennis, Ben Long, Wreece Marner, Macy Ripley, Sheridan Sealy, Ibsa Tilahun and Hailey Voyek.

## GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

All information for the Louisa Peak Scholarship will be mailed home. Please see Leah Romanelli after Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> if you have not yet received your information, yet. Essays and references will be due Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the selection being made by Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. service.

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>!

**EnterActive (middle school):** The last day to register for The Great Escape faith-building trip is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Total cost (including deposit) per student is due May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Financial assistance is available.

**EmmAus (high school):** The last day to register for the Huntington, WV mission trip (July 18-25) is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Total cost (including deposit) per student is due June 6<sup>th</sup>. Financial assistance is available.

All forms were mailed home in January. Please see Leah Romanelli (Dir. Student Ministries) for information on cost, additional forms, to register or with any questions.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS



01	Betty Pohorsky	13	Jill Comried
02	Nancy Evans	14	William Charters
02	Ben Benegas	14	Abbi Ritter
02	Mike Walker	15	Mark McDermott
02	Jessi Dolmage	16	Gayle Elliott
	Thorud	16	Jim Scroggs
02	Stacey Teig	17	Ronald Oliver
02	Heidi Altorfer	17	Marilynn Shoger
02	Ryan Stolba	18	Trevor Debth
03	Don Meyer	18	James Shaff
03	Karen Chambers	20	Barbara Schultz
03	Susan Kersenbrock	21	Martha Griffith
03	Rolin Maddy	21	Jim Sankey
04	Elizabeth Gray	21	Augie Knutsen
04	Ted Kahler	22	Sheri McCormick
04	Mary Evans	22	Rhonda Novak
04	Grant Wright	22	Justis Young
05	Jennifer McRae	22	Brittany Lovekin
06	Connie Ripley	24	Amanda Brooks
07	Emma Walton	24	Amanda Snow
08	Mary Allemang	24	Luke Passmore
08	Bob Moran	24	Megan Papesh
08	Clayton Chambers	25	Jennie Shanklin
08	Madison Hilbert	26	Thomas Read
09	Macy Ripley	26	Karen Zazza
10	Mark Tyler	26	Tisha Constein
10	Butch Hataway	27	Karalee Ripley
11	Don Hall	28	Kim Langley
11	Jason Wright	29	Marsha Barta
12	Joan Charters	29	Ann Hearn
13	Mildred Heck	30	Jerry Daugherty

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday**  
**Communion**  
 All Services - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "Who Are You Looking For?"  
 Text: Luke 24.1-12

**Sunday, April 11th -**  
 All Services - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "What Are You Looking For?"  
 Text: John 1.35-42

**Sunday, April 18th -**  
 All Services - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "Who Do You Say That I Am?"  
 Text: Matthew 16.13-20

**Sunday, April 25th -**  
 All Services - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "What Do You Want me to Do for You?"  
 Text: Matthew 20.29-34

## CIRCLE NEWS

**Martha/Ruth Circle** will meet on Wednesday, April 21st, at 9:30 a.m. at Cooper's Mill for breakfast. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Naomi/Esther Circle** will meet on Friday, April 23rd, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Parlor. Guests are welcome for this time of fellowship!

## YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND YOM HASHOAH

The annual Yom Hashoah service, or memorial for victims of the Holocaust during World War II, will take place this year at the Temple Judah, 3221 Lindsay Lane SE, at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 11th. This service has been often hosted at various Christian churches, and all are welcome to attend and are invited to pay tribute to the victims by their presence.

Featured speaker will be Isaac Levendel, whose mother disappeared when he was seven years old while the two were hiding from the Nazis in occupied France. He never saw her again. He will share his childhood memories and discuss the research that allowed him to eventually discover what happened to her, as well as the lessons he has drawn. His presentations are interactive, and he welcomes questions from his listeners.

The service will consist of prayer, readings, reflections, and music to honor the Holocaust dead.

A reception will be held afterwards for those wishing to meet and talk to Mr. Levendel, whose appearance is being sponsored by the Thaler Foundation.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 10:30 am Service in Sanct.	2 <b>Good Friday</b> 9:30 am Women At the Well Life Group <b>Church Office Closes at 12</b> 7:00 pm Service in Sanct.	3
4 <b>Easter Sunday</b> SMA No 8 AM Service No Breakfast No Sunday School No Emmaus	5 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 6:30 pm Faith Builders	6 10:00 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	7 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Methwick Life Grp WMA	8 9:15 am Kindred Spirits 4:30 pm Kids' Closet	9 9:30 am Women At the Well Life Group	10 10:00 am Kids' Closet
11 SMA	12 9:30 am S.A.M. Meeting 6:30 pm Faith Builders 6:30 pm Shawl Ministry	13 10:00 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting 4:45 pm Stewardship Mtg	14 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am CR Child's Theatre <b>Session Email</b> WNA	15	16 9:30 am Women At The Well Life Group 9:30 am Naomi/Esther <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	17 Women's Retreat (8-3)
18 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> SMA	19 4:30 pm Finance Meeting 6:30 pm Faith Builders	20 10:00 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Session Meeting	21 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha/Ruth 10:00 am Methwick Life Grp WNA	22 9:15 am Kindred Spirits	23 9:30 am Women At The Well Life Group 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Wedding in Chapel	24 4:00 pm Wedding in Sanctuary
25 <b>Music Appreciation Sunday</b> One Service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary	26 5:30 pm Worship Meeting 7:00 pm Property Meeting Proof Newsletter	27 10:00 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting Print Newsletter	28 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry WNA - Last Night of Logos! Mail Newsletter	29	30 9:30 am Women At The Well Life Group 6:00 pm CR Symphony Rehearsal	

### SMA - Sunday Morning Activities

- 8:00 am: Worship in the Chapel
- 8:30 am: Breakfast
- 9:00 am: Worship in the FLC
- 10:00 am: New Member Class
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary

### WNA - Wednesday Night Activities

- 4:00 pm: Logos
- 6:00 pm: Middle School EnterActive
- 6:30 pm: Minster Bells
- 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir