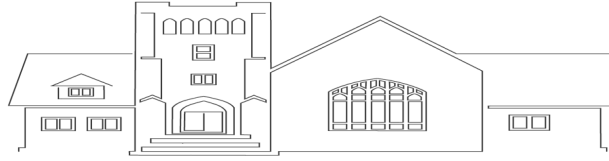


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THE MESSENGER



APRIL 2017

Meghan's Musings

Thank you all for your concern, prayers and offers to help in the wake of Curt's injury while at training at the Des Moines Police Academy. It's certainly been a learning experience I could have done without, but I know will be useful in my future ministry. (ZuZu, too, is getting a good head start in her training for her future career as a therapy dog).

"like a red dress in a gray world"

As Lent draws to a close and Easter will be here before we know it, this month I will be sharing an excerpt from an Easter Sunday sermon by beloved author and ordained Presbyterian minister Frederick Buechner based on the story of the disciples' encounter with the resurrected Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-31). I accessed this on his official website (www.frederickbuechner.com). It was also published in *The Longing for Home* and *Secrets in the Dark*:

I believe that although the two disciples did not recognize Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Jesus recognized them, that he saw them as if they were the only two people in the world. And I believe that the reason why the resurrection is more than just an extraordinary event that took place some two thousand years ago and then was over and done with is that, even as I speak these words and you listen to them, he also sees each of us like that. In this dark world where you and I see so little because of our unrecognizing eyes, he, whose eye is on the sparrow, sees each one of us as the child in red. And I believe that because he sees us, not even in the darkness of death are we lost to him or lost to each other. I believe that whether we recognize him or not, or believe in him or not, or even know his name, again and again he comes and walks a little way with us along whatever road we're following. And I believe that through something that happens to us, or something we see, or somebody we know - who can ever guess how or when or where? - he offers us, the way he did at Emmaus, the bread of life, offers us a new hope, a new vision of light that not even the dark world can overcome.

That is the word that on Easter Sunday is sounded forth on silver trumpets. And when Easter is past and the silver trumpets have faded away to hardly more than a distant echo, that is the word that is whispered to us like a secret in the dark, the saving and holy word that flickers among us like a red dress in a gray world.


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


- ✚ Officer Curt Brass as he recovers from an injury at the Des Moines Police Academy and for Meghan as his primary care-giver and chauffeur.
- ✚ Pete Koppin and his family as he is in Skiff Hospital.
- ✚ Kelly Koenen, who is recovering from recent surgery. Kelly will be facing another surgery soon, as she has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ✚ People around the world who have lost loved ones during senseless shootings.
- ✚ Those in the southern part of the United States who are trying to recover following severe storms.
- ✚ Those who struggle with events going on in their lives and/or health issues.
- ✚ People facing their first Easter without a loved one.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you in the months I have been your Administrative Assistant. I appreciate the help given me as I continue to learn the details of this position.



There are still a couple of things I need to ask of you:

1. Please identify, in the memo line of your check, where/what the check is to be used
2. Each week the Bulletin is drafted on Wednesday, proofed on Wednesday evening and printed on Thursday. The Church Happenings email is formatted based on the Bulletin being approved for printing, and is emailed each Thursday. Please make every attempt to email your submissions no later than noon on Wednesday. Should you miss the deadline, please give me a call as there may be a chance your announcement may still be included.

If I have not had the opportunity to meet you yet, please feel free to stop in the office Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm. It makes it easier to put a face with a name.

Thank you, your understanding is greatly appreciated.
 Barbara Vasquez

2017 Lenten Breakfasts and Devotions

A wonderful tradition that continues in our church is the Lenten breakfasts and devotions. These take place every Wednesday morning through Lent. We start breakfast at 6:45 am with devotions following. We strive to finish by 7:45 to 7:50 for those needing to get to work.

Below are the times in April. A big “thank you” goes out to Mary Jane Tripp for making the contacts to find those who will prepare the meal and those who offer the devotions each week.

We hope to see many of you there.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Devotions</u>
April 5	Larry & Shari DeCook	George Wilkening
April 12	Tom & Nancy Mott	Terry Rickers



Fill your fish banks and bring them to services on Palm Sunday, April 9. This is our “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering. If you weren’t able to bring your bank to church on the 9th, you can leave it at the church office during the following week.



Services on Maundy Thursday, April 13, will be held at 7:00 p.m. The choir will provide special music and The Last Supper will be celebrated with communion being served by intinction. The service ends with the stripping of the sanctuary and with the congregation leaving in silence.



Way of the Cross Walk to be held on Good Friday, April 14. It will start at 12 noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and will progress to other downtown churches, ending at First Presbyterian. Stops will be at 7 churches, where devotions will be read. The group will also be led in singing one verse of “Were You There?”. Individuals will carry the cross from church to church. The walk will end at about 1 pm.



The Church Life committee will be hosting the annual Easter breakfast at 9:15 am. They will need donations of a variety of items. See their report on page 7 to get the details of what is needed. They appreciate your contributions.



Our service on Easter Sunday, April 16 will begin at 10:30. The Lily Cross will be put up to display Easter lilies that were ordered from the church office. Following services on Easter Sunday, the Deacons will be in charge of delivering the lilies to shut-ins. They are always thankful for additional help.

Terrific TEENS

Our high school and college students have been busy over the winter months and are gearing up for spring activities. We'd like to feature our youth below.

The Camps:

Dylan is only two classes away from finishing his Masters degree in Family Financial Planning through Iowa State University. He is searching for a job in his field.

Katelyn is Vice-President of the ISU Physician's Assistant Club and just returned from a medical missions trip to Puerto Penasco, Mexico. She will graduate from Iowa State University on May 5th with her BA in Kinesiology. She is planning to go on to school to become a Physician's Assistant.

Natalie is a junior in high school. She recently started playing the oboe, was inducted into the National Honor Society, played Belle in the musical Beauty and the Beast, was elected vice-president of the Thespians, Chamber Choir Ambassador, and is on the NHS varsity tennis team.

Sam Cutts:

Sam will be attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton, Georgia this fall. Her major will be Agriculture with an emphasis on livestock production.

Cole Doerring:

Cole will be completing his 2 year Agriculture Tech degree from DMACC in May. He has enjoyed his Winter/Spring internship working for Canon-Deutsch Charolais Cattle Company. He especially enjoys his own herd of 4 cows and calves and taking his John Deere tractor for a ride around town when the weather allows.

Peder Hopkins:

Peder is completing his senior year at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He has been competing with the top Ultimate Frisbee Team called Lufda and just got back from a spring break tournament in Statesboro, Georgia. He received an invitation to the History Honors Society this fall. The day after graduation he starts a job with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation located in northeast Iowa.

The Leonards:

James is graduating in May from Iowa State University in May with an Ag Business major and Animal Science minor. He is employed full time at Key Coop in Nevada.

Macy is a sophomore at ISU majoring in Animal Science. She has been participating in intramural basketball and soccer. Macy is getting ready for the showing season with sheep and pigs.

The Millers:

John has been busy with finishing up his last class for his Tool and Die degree at DMACC in Ankeny. John will graduate in May. While not attending class, he works 40+ hours a week (full time) for Product Development Partners (PDP – Don Fisher) in Newton.

Emily is Class President and will give a speech at the graduation ceremony. She is a valedictorian of her class. She is also vice president of Student Council and president of the National Honor Society chapter. Emily also is a "special needs" peer helper and on the "Teens Against Human Trafficking" committee. She was captain of the girls varsity swim team and was a state qualifier. Emily volunteered at "Fairy Godmother" organization, which helped underprivileged girls get ready for the

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Princess and Papa's Ball. She was also a Rotary Student of the Month. Emily has been accepted as a direct admission student into the business program at the University of Iowa for fall 2017. Based on her college credits she has taken during her high school years, she will start as a college sophomore.

The Norvells:

Jordan was inducted into the National Honor Society in March and is preparing to play spring varsity soccer. He played indoor soccer over the winter months and participated in the NHS Pacesetters co-ed dance during the Pacesetters winter show. He was a Rotary Student of the Month. He is employed at Hy-Vee.

Allie just completed her first year on Pacesetters. They received first place in state in kick and also competed in a Nationals competition in Orlando, FL in which they placed 3rd in small school varsity kick. She will be playing soccer this spring. She will perform at her annual dance recital with inMotion Dance Studio in May.

The Ritters:

Bradley is successfully wrapping up his first year at the University of Northern Iowa. This year he has been involved in the Residence Hall Senate, Accounting Club, Service and Leadership Council and SALT Company (a large faith-based fellowship group). He is also still involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters by mentoring a Waterloo elementary school student. Bradley attends First Presbyterian Church near downtown Cedar Falls. He is also involved with an organization called Camp Adventure, which hires, trains and places college students on military bases around the world to lead summer day camps with the military kids who live on base. As a part of this organization, he will be spending 10 weeks this summer in Honolulu, Hawaii, working at Hickam Air Force Base, which is adjacent to Pearl Harbor. Upon returning from Hawaii, he will immediately report to UNI for a job as a resident assistant for the 2017-2018 school year.

Megan played basketball and has now started track. She was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year. She has also decided to play softball for Wartburg College and had her signing day recently.

The Sturtzs:

Chandler is currently a junior at Iowa State University with a marketing major and a psychology minor. He was recently selected to compete for the ISU College of Business in a Case Competition and is currently interning within the Corporate Marketing department at Workiva in Ames.

Garrett is a junior at Newton High School and completed his dancing debut during the NHS Pacesetter winter show with his high school buddies during the co-ed dance led by the NHS Pacesetters! He also was a member of the NHS boys high school basketball team, along with Josh Ventling that earned a trip to the Iowa Boys State Tournament on March 8. This spring and throughout the summer Garrett will play AAU basketball with Iowa Intensity. Garrett and Josh would like to say "thank you" to the church family for attending their games and all the support throughout the season.

The Ventlings:

Jennifer is majoring in Supply Chain Management with a minor in International Business at UNI. She is a junior, slated to graduate in May, 2018. She is secretary of the Tennis Club and secretary of Leadership and Management Association at UNI. She volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club in Waterloo. Jennifer has been on the Deans List every semester she has been at college. Her scholarships include College of Business Administration grades scholarship, multiple scholarships for study abroad in Germany last summer and for her upcoming Spain study abroad. Her current job is Parameter and Planning Services Systems Administrator in the worldwide logistics brand at John Deere (this will lead to a full time internship this summer).

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Joshua was part of the basketball team that made it to State. He earned All Conference Honorable Mention for basketball. Josh has made all academic team for every sport, every year he participated. Josh is getting ready to start spring soccer and was named one of the team captains. Academically, he was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior. He is one of the class valedictorians and was a Rotary Student of the Month and was on the A Honor Roll every semester. He has earned an internship with Dr. Fudge (cardiologist) at the Iowa Clinic.

Congratulations to our young people on all they have been involved in. Your church family is extremely proud of you.




Graduation
Open House

For: Josh Ventling

When: Saturday, May 6, 2-5 p.m.

Where: 715 W. 9th Street South, Newton

We'd love to have anyone from our church family attend and help support Josh as he celebrates his high school accomplishments and looks on to the next stage of life



I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to watch Beauty and the Beast and supported me in this show!!! It meant the world to me to know that I had so many of you in the audience.

I'm sorry I haven't been there (at church) much this year, but I have been so busy with school and my extra-curricular activities, that I can only work on Sundays to help save for college.

I want to add a special thanks to Bret and Amy Doerring for organizing the tickets for the group and the dinner. Thank you to the Doerrings, Linda Campbell and friends for cooking dinner, I wish I could have gone. My Dad and Grandma said it was elegant and delicious! Again, thank you for coming to the show and I hope you enjoyed it! I couldn't ask for a better family!!

Love,
Natalie Camp, aka Belle ♡

Mark your calendar for April 23 for our annual three choir concert. This year the concert will be at **7 p.m.** The concert will include our chancel choir, a choir from the high school under the direction of David Baxter and a group from Central College under the direction of Mark Babcock.

You won't want to miss this concert presented by Concerts at 4. A free will offering will be taken.

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

We are continuing to work on a new church brochure. Not only are we getting low on the old brochures but it needs updating due to changes in our church program since the old one was printed. We have collected brochures from a number of Newton churches to help give us ideas to incorporate in the new brochure. We are also exploring the possibility of developing a church “app” which would enable people to access information about our church using their smartphones.

Also in the exploratory stage is the possibility of developing and purchasing church logo t-shirts that could be used for parades and other special events.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize two people who help our committee behind the scenes. Ruby Davis calls people the week before they have volunteer responsibilities at church to remind them of their jobs for that Sunday. Julie Broderson sets up the greeter schedule for about 3 months at a time and sends it to the office for publication. Neither one of these members gets much recognition for their contribution but they are important jobs that helps us a lot. Thanks Ruby and Julie!

I also wanted to personally thank those responsible for the wonderful evening on March 4 when we were able to enjoy an outstanding candlelight dinner at the church and then attend the high school play “Beauty and the Beast”. First Presbyterian member Natalie Camp played “Belle”, the female lead and member Emily Miller was in the orchestra. Around 40 attended the dinner and around 50 went to the play. Thanks goes to the Bret Doerring family for so much work with set up, serving, etc. Thanks to Linda Campbell and Rita Baker for the outstanding meal and Tara Zehr, Rachel and Taylor Peska for organizing seating and getting us to our seats at the Center for Performance. The idea for this event originated with Bret and the Church Growth Committee. If I have left someone out who should have credit due, please let me know. Great job!

Gary Parsons, chair pro tem

Church Life

Tara Zehr, Chair

Potato Bar Recap: We served approximately 40 people and everyone left with full bellies after the Potato Bar this month. Massive potatoes, all the toppings and desserts were provided by the Church Life Committee while chili was donated by the Parsons and Ritter families.

Date & Time	Event
April 16, 2017, 9:15 am	Easter Breakfast
May 21, 2017, 9:00 am	Graduation Breakfast jointly with Christian Nurture committee. Emily Miller, Jordan Norvell, Megan Ritter, Josh Ventling
July 16, 2017, 10:00 am	Worship at Woodland, jointly with Worship and Music committee
August 27, 2017, 10:00 am	Rally Day Ecumenical Worship Service
September 17, 2017, 4:00 pm from church	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritter Camp
October 15, 2017, 4:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
November 19, 2017, 11:30 am	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 17, 2017, 4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling followed by supper

Next event: Easter Breakfast has been a tradition for several years at First Presbyterian. Once again, the breakfast will be held at 9:15 a.m.in the Fellowship Hall on April 16th, where the menu will include a variety of breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, muffins, fresh fruit and beverages. If you’d like to sign up to bring a casserole, breakfast bread or another item to share, please contact Tara Zehr at tarazehr@gmail.com or (641)521-3600.



High school graduation is upon us! This View From the Pew will focus on two of First Presbyterian's wonderful seniors!

Emily Miller is the youngest daughter of Rick and Kim Miller. She has a sister Laura and a brother John. Born in Newton, IA on January 10, 1999 and baptized a month later, she has been a member of First Presbyterian ever since. One of her favorite memories of church is playing games on Wednesday nights during youth sessions.



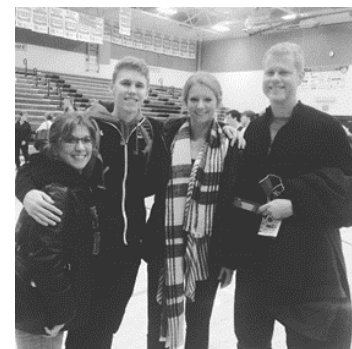
Riding horses, showing pigs, being outside and hanging out with friends are some of Emily's favorite things to do. As some of you may know, or have seen in the 4th of July parade, Emily was Jasper County's 2016 Fair Queen!

Needless to say, she stays pretty busy! She is the 2017 NHS Class President, president of National Honor Society, vice-president of Student Council (she decided to let someone else be president for a change), and a member of Teens Against Human Trafficking. Her favorite memory of high school is going to sporting events to cheer on the Newton Cardinals. Nothing says school spirit more than painting your face for the state basketball game. ☺

Helping her through the good times and the bad are her parents, Rick and Kim. Emily says they are her biggest role models. She says her key to success is, "Learning from every experience, especially the bad ones. This helps make you successful in the future."

After high school, Emily will attend the University of Iowa and major in business management or marketing. Emily, never forget your First Presbyterian family - we are all here cheering you on... even if our faces aren't painted.

Josh Ventling is the youngest son of Kathy and Doug Ventling. Josh has an older brother, Matt, and an older sister, Jenn. Josh's grandparents Roger and Harriet Harmelink are also members of First Presbyterian Church. Josh was born on October 22, 1998 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was baptized in Tennessee, and joined the church in 2001. His favorite memory from church was when he went on Work Week in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Josh says his week was filled with fun, and he learned a lot about faith from the people he was with.



Josh's favorite hobbies are playing soccer and basketball, and playing with his cats Tommy and Kiki. His favorite high school memory was created recently when the boys basketball team went to Wells Fargo to play in the state tournament. Josh not only plays basketball and soccer, but is also a member of National Honor Society. His favorite subject in school is chemistry, and he plans to attend the University of Iowa as a pre-med major.

Josh says it was hard to pick just one role model in his life, because he is fortunate enough to have many across all aspects of his life. However, he did say his mother would be his biggest role model overall. Of particular impact is her selflessness - Josh says wherever she is, she makes everything go smoother, because of her leadership and sacrifice for others. Josh's attributes success to his competitive spirit - it makes him work harder, pay closer attention to detail, and strategize how to overcome any obstacle.

One obstacle in particular Josh had to overcome was when his sister stuck candy up his nose. Let me rewind and explain. The Ventling family was on a long car trip to the East Coast. Jenn and Josh were in the backseat eating candy. Jenn thought it would be funny to stick candy up Josh's nose, but they were little candy balls that got stuck, and ended up taking about 20 minutes of "maneuvering" to get out. Josh said after that, he kept his eyes on her the rest of the trip. Can't say I blame you, Josh!

Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

The purpose of the Mission Committee is to recommend, approve, manage, and terminate mission projects. The committee communicates about opportunities for mission involvement and promotes congregational participation.

- ◆ *One Great Hour of Sharing* - please see the article about this on page 10.
- ◆ *Days for Girls International* workshop was held March 23 in Fellowship Hall. Fifteen people worked on the multiple pieces needed for a sustainable feminine hygiene kit with 8 completed kits assembled by the end of the day. The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to participate in this great mission project.
- ◆ The annual *Way of the Cross Walk* sponsored by Mission Coalition will take place in the downtown churches on Good Friday, April 14. Information has been in the Church Happenings and you can read more about it on page 3.
- ◆ The principal leaders for the *Spring Style Show and Luncheon* were not available to put together an event this spring so late summer/early fall dates are being considered.
- ◆ Warren Erickson will be delivering the “farewell” letters from our congregation to the people of Muñoces during his travels in El Salvador April 10-26. Our Sister Parish has been notified that the money already sent to El Salvador and currently sitting in accounts there should be made available to the community of Muñoces for their needs. First Presbyterian will be made aware of any expenditure from those funds by Our Sister Parish.
- ◆ *Ice Cream Social* - Because there is no First Presbyterian, Newton, work week this year, the annual Ice Cream Social fund raiser, June 6, 4:30 – 7 pm, will become a mission committee fundraiser. Linda Anderson is contacting people about coordinating the different aspects of this event. The Brooklyn Presbyterian work week group (which includes Mickey Van Baale and Dana Hashman) will be contacted to see if they would like to coordinate the making of the ice cream and, if so, they would be offered half of the profits.
- ◆ The first job for our new *Ramp Building Ministry* is repair of the ramp on Friendship House. George Wilkening, chair of buildings and grounds, has considered the project and estimates costs at approximately \$300. Kid Assist, which is housed in Friendship House, has voted to expend \$300 for the project and Mission Committee voted to spend up to \$200 if more than \$300 from Kid Assist is needed. Linda Anderson is coordination the project.
- ◆ The Ministerial Alliance will be starting a *Share Project* for April distribution coordinated by the United Methodist Church. More details will be coming soon.

Christian Nurture

Karen Quinn, Chair

Mark your calendar for Youth Sunday which will be held on May 7. We look forward to having our youth share their time and talents with the congregation. Also on that day, we will enjoy having Allison Norvell confirmed, as she joins our church.

On May 21, we will partner with the Church Life committee in honoring our seniors, Emily Miller, Jordan Norvell, Megan Ritter and Josh Ventling. We will have a breakfast and program prior to church.



Are you up for a challenge?

Linda Erickson, Mission Committee

Lent is the season when we, among other things, collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This is one of the two offerings First Presbyterian collects for national church programs, the other being the Christmas Joy Offering. One Great Hour of Sharing funds are distributed fairly evenly among three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Around the world and across the United States, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Over the last three years First Presbyterians of Newton have contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing:

- 2014 - \$792.02
- 2015 - \$714.00
- 2016 - \$745.93



Do you think we can top our highest amount of \$792.02 in 2017? Let's give it a try! So keep feeding those fish banks or consider writing a check. The offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 9. When all the funds have been collected and counted, we'll let you know how we did.

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required", from Luke 12: 48.



During our March meeting we:

- ◆ Received and approved the minutes of our February meeting.
- ◆ Received updates on visits.
- ◆ Received a report from Meghan. We may have a hospice worker do a presentation to church members in the future.
- ◆ Received information from Sara Hopkins on a project she is working on which would provide members with contact information on members who do not have immediate family members living in Newton.

Mickey Van Baale, moderator

Special thanks goes to Sara Hopkins for Moderating the last 2 Deacon meetings in my absence.

Budget and Finance Corner

Bev Rossow, Chair

Pledges for the month of January were \$16, 858. This was \$6,214 above budget for the month. This was due to an annual pledge that paid completely in February.

Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$980 for the month.

We collected \$3,002 in per capita donations.

In total for the month, expenses were \$254 under budget.

- Administrative Expenses were \$509 above budget due to the purchase of Don Justo coffee, higher than budgeted copier expense and a supply of paper purchased.
- Building & Grounds expenses were \$235 below budget due to lower than expected maintenance expenses.
- Personnel expenses were above budget due to higher than expected pension expense.
- All other expenses categories were very close to or below the budgeted amounts.

Year-to-date through February:

- Pledges are \$5,955 over budget
- Other Regular Giving is \$1,583 over budget.
- Expenses are \$411 over budget.

Program Expenses for February:

- The Foundation received a \$30 contribution as a memorial.
- The Memorial fund received \$745 in contributions.
- The Undesignated Mission fund paid \$71.96 in expenses related to Day for Girls.





2017 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

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<p>9 00 a Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 a Worship</p> <p>11:30 a</p>						<p>1 Forrest Rusk</p>
2	3	<p>4</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Worship & Music</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:45a Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7p Choir Youth Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group</p> <p>9a Men's Group</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p> <p>7p Christian Nurture</p>	7	8
<p>9 Cole Doerring Joan Aldridge</p> <p>Palm Sunday 9a Deacons</p>	<p>10 Carol Russell Linda Anderson</p> <p>5:30p Building & Grounds</p>	<p>11 Linda Means</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:45a Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>5:15p Membership</p> <p>6p Budget & Finance</p> <p>6p Youth Group</p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>13 Meghan Davis</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p> <p>7p Maudy Thursday Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12p Cross Walk</p>	<p>15 Cat Rickers Kyle Doerring</p>
<p>16 Gladys Sparks Kim Miller</p> <p>9:15a Easter Breakfast</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>20 Tara Zehr</p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group</p> <p>9a Men's Group</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Articles due for the Messenger</p>	<p>22 Barb Roese</p>
<p>23 Carroll Broderson</p> <p>7p Three Choir Concert</p>	24	<p>25 Rachael Peska</p>	<p>26 Skye Koenen Sharon Black Matt Ventling</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6p Youth Group</p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9a-2p Day for Girls</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p>	28	29
<p>30 Wilma Manning</p>						

**SCHEDULE
OF**



VOLUNTEERS

April	2	9	16	23	30	May 7
Worship Leader <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Linda Kirchhoff	Jane Repp	Tom Mott	Val McKee	Linda Campbell	Mickey Van Baale
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Church Life</i>	Karen Quinn	Larry Anderson	Tara Zehr	Kevin Peska	Elsie Nelson	Val McKee
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Kert or Kimberly Schnell	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp
Ushers <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Tom & Nancy Mott	Gary & Kay Parsons	Terry & Cathy Rickers	Dan and Cheryl Ritter	Kathy Ventling Roger Harmelink	Mary Jane Tripp Suzy Funk
Audio <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Dan Ritter	Kyle Doerring	Erick Zehr	Shirley Stevens	Dan Ritter	Brad Ritter
Counters <i>Budget & Finance</i>	Dave Stolper Roger Harmelink	Bret Doerring Tara Zehr	Jonnie Carpenter Sandy Cheney	Jen Norvell Janet Shields	Terry Rickers Chris or Peggy Lickiss	Mickey Van Baale Bev Rossow
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Jane Repp	Joan Tyler	Dixie Zegers	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Carol Russell	Toni Peska	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Barb Gallaher	Mickey Van Baale
Communion Set up <i>Worship & Music</i>	Linda Kirchhoff Marilyn McCallister					George Wilkening Kay Parsons

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Lectionary —

April, 2017

April 2 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezek. 37:1-14; *Ps. 130*; Rom. 8:6-11;
John 11:1-45

April 9 - Passion/Palm Sunday

Palm: Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; *Ps. 31:9-16*
Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 *or*
Matt. 27:11-54

April 16 - Easter

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jer. 31:1-6; *Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24*; Col. 3:1-4 *or* Acts 10:34-43;
John 20:1-18 *or* Matt. 28:1-10

April 23 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; *Ps. 16*; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
John 20:19-31

April 30 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; *Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19*;
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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May 7 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; *Ps. 23*; 1 Peter 2:19-35;
John 10:1-10

May 14 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

Acts 7:55-60; *Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16*;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 21 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; *Ps. 66:8-20*;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 28 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; *Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35*;
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11