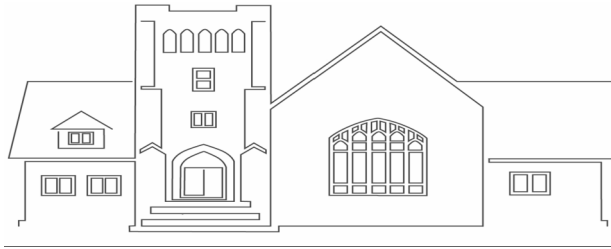


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWTON, IOWA
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THE MESSENGER



MARCH, 2013

Message from Pastor John

Dear Faith Family of First Presbyterian Church,

We continue on the Lenten Journey toward Jerusalem with our Lord Whose focus, mission and purpose is the Cross. There, it all comes to a climax. It will make sense when we get up on Easter morning to celebrate what that focus, mission, and purpose truly mean, Meanwhile, the journey moves on. Jesus was at such a junction of His Journey when on the Mount of Transfiguration. Look at Luke 9: 28-36 and recall the momentous encounter Jesus has with Elijah and Moses. The disciples are there, but not fully. They are sleeping and almost miss this extraordinary prayer summit with these Old Testament Heroes. The content of the discussion with Jesus, Elijah and Moses is what Jesus faces when He sets His focus on Jerusalem and ending at the cross. Nothing will distract Him from that objective.

This Lent, we are figuratively on the same journey with Jesus. Do we really think of that Journey for our own life direction? I challenge all of us to keep the focus, mission, and purpose of our Lord central in our thoughts on this journey to the Cross.

An example is when I take my weekly trips back and forth from Lincoln, Nebraska to Newton, Iowa. Along the interstate, there are two sights that I customarily look for as an assurance of being guided. One is about 42 miles from my apartment in Lincoln called the Holy Family Shrine, which is on the south side of I-80 between Lincoln and Omaha. It is quite modern looking with a chapel. In the front of the chapel is a crucifix which is a constant reminder for me of my Lord's sacrifice. I am reminded of His willingness to go the full journey for me and my life, my family, and the people whom I love and serve.

The second sight is on the north side of I-80 East bound just outside of Council Bluffs. It is the New Horizons Presbyterian Church. That church is a recent merger of 1st Presbyterian Church and Grace Presbyterian Church of Council Bluffs. The New Horizons Church reminds me of what lies ahead of my journey with Jesus. So, coming or going home, I see these two sights as a constant reminder of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and His ongoing victory and assurance of New Horizons to come.

On your journey – let your focus, mission, and purpose be like Jesus. Find the assurance of His guidance and sacrifice, but also His victory and ongoing promise of a glorious future that we celebrate on Easter Morning. Meanwhile, the journey continues to the Cross.

In His name,
Your Interim Pastor
John J. Duling

Worship & Music Committee

Kim DeGraff, Chairperson

Tis a busy Lenten and Easter season! It's early this year, so please note the following:

- ✦ Lenten Breakfast/Devotions-Wednesday mornings at 6:45 through March 27th.
- ✦ Palm Sunday (March 24) - We are looking for 2 people to pass out palms before church. (If willing to help, please contact Kim DeGraff, 641-521-8571).
- ✦ Maundy Thursday (March 28)- The service will begin at 7:00pm We will have communion by intinction, and end this meaningful service with quiet reflection and stripping of the sanctuary.
- ✦ Good Friday (March 29)--details are still outstanding, but we are planning to partake and be part of the community Cross Walk midday.
- ✦ Easter Sunday (March 31) -There will be only 1 service at 10:30. The consideration of additional early services will be visited again next year. Lilies to be placed on the Lily Cross, will be available for purchase at \$9.00 each.

Budget and Finance Corner

Bill Shields, Chairperson

For the month of January, pledges were \$34,663, which included pledges of \$19,000 that were prepaid in 2012. This was \$3,913 higher than budget. Other regular giving, at \$1,340, was higher than budget by \$1041. Building & Grounds expenses were above budget by \$114.50 due to snow removal expenses and utilities that were higher than budgeted. Personnel expenses were under budget \$399.55 due to pastor mileage expense that was lower than budgeted for the month. In total, expenses were \$505 under budget for the month.



Prayers for:

Ruth Ann Van Elswyk who had hip replacement surgery on February 19.

Dixie Zegars who has a broken wrist suffered from a fall.

The confirmation class and their mentors as they have begun on this faith journey.

*Our sympathy goes out to the family of Harold Tiedje. Harold died on February 3, 2013. Services were held at First Presbyterian Church on February 9 with Pastor John Duling presiding. Interment was at Newton Union Cemetery. Harold and his wife Winifred (who died in 2005) were long-time members and very active at our church. Harold is survived by his 2 sons and their wives, a daughter and her husband, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 sisters-in-law.

*Sympathy to Dave Boyd and the family of Susan Pelzer. She died February 7, 2013. Services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on February 12. Susan is survived by her daughter, her son and his wife and her 5 grandchildren.



Anna Elise Weeks was born February 12 to Steve & Jennifer Weeks. Proud grandparents are Tom & Susan Weeks.

Congratulations from your church family.

LENTEN BREAKFASTS/ DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

3/6/13

Breakfast Dave & Linda Curtis-Stolper
Devotions Dave & Linda Curtis-Stolper

3/13/13

Breakfast Kay & Gary Parsons
Devotions Virginia Bennett

3/20/13

Breakfast John & Barb Taylor
Devotions Terry Rickers

3/27/13

Breakfast Shari & Larry DeCook
Devotions Don Black

A big "thank you" to Mary Jane Tripp for once again making the calls and putting together our cooks and the people for doing devotions each week. We appreciate your time and organization.

There has been an average of 12-15 people attending each week. If you have not attended in the past, try it this year. We start breakfast at 6:45am with devotions following. We are finished by 7:45am to 7:50am so you can get to work on time, if that is necessary.



**Breakfast
and Devotion**

March Fellowship Events

By Diane Moles, Chair

Potato Bar on March 10th

The annual Potato Bar will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2013, immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. Come and have a **big** potato and load it up with your favorite toppings: chili, cheese, butter, broccoli, green onions, tomatoes, sour cream, and onions. Dessert bars and beverages will also be served and a free-will offering will be taken.

Easter Breakfast on March 31st

Easter Breakfast has been a tradition for several years at First Presbyterian. Once again, the breakfast will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on March 31, where the menu will include a variety of breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, muffins, fresh fruit kabobs from the Ritter family, and beverages. If you'd like to sign up to bring a casserole or breakfast bread, please contact Diane Moles at jasperdem@iowatelecom.net or 792-2133.

Board Game Party on February 24, 2013

A small group gathered on Sunday afternoon to enjoy a selection of appetizers and snacks, and play a few rounds of Blockus and Mexican Train Dominoes. Thanks for everyone who participated!

Your Church Life Committee,
Nancy Mott, Dan Ritter, Janie Moles, Kay Parsons,
Randy Camp, and Diane Moles

Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk

- Approved a new, reduced-cost contract for elevator maintenance
- Heard a report that the annual Ice Cream Social is tentatively set for June 4
- Approved a series of discussions led by Larry Anderson using a National Public Radio program "Civil Conversations - On Being" as a focus.
- Approved moving Communion in April from the 7th to the 14th.



Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time

**Daylight Savings
time starts on**

**Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set your clocks
ahead one hour before you go to bed on
Saturday night, March 9.**

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

To better acquaint you with the workings of the Membership Committee we decided to print a copy of the beginning agenda from our last meeting. If there are any questions or comments we

would love to hear from you.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
DATE _____

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH

- PUBLIC RELATIONS/NEWTON DAILY NEWS
- MESSENGER
- TRANSITION THEME PARADE/HOMECOMING/FALL FESTIVAL
- MEMBER DIRECTORY
- COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING
- ODDS & ENDS-

Brochure rack
Volunteer calls

2. RETENTION OF CURRENT

- MEMBERSMEMBER CARE
- TRANSPORTATION
- SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

3. ACQUISITION OF NEW MEMBERS

- BREAD MINISTRY
- VISITOR BINDER
- GREETERS
- NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING _____

Remember: Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited.....Until you try to sit in their pews.

Gary Parson, Chairperson

We welcome Dixie Zegers, who was elected at the Annual Meeting, to our Board of Deacons. She will be fulfilling the term of Ruth Ann Van Elswyk. Ruth Ann is now recovering from surgery, and we wish her the best.

In February, the Deacons continued to make their visits. Sadly for us, we lost Harold Tiedje. We have had the privilege of sharing his journey for several years.

The Deacons donated \$75 to the Muñozes Fertilizer Fund. Our next large project will be the Easter lily cross.

Linda Kirchhoff, Moderator



Buildings and Grounds

Linda Campbell, Chair

Due to the snow birds absence, our meeting this month was cyber, which was a good thing as everyone could attend.

Currently on the docket is our new sign. It's nearing completion; we still need the electrical component completed, but that may have to wait for warmer weather. Our goal with designing and commissioning the sign was something that was compatible with our lovely old church, easily seen from several directions, that the information be easily changed and that the structure be strong and lasting. We think this sign is all that.

We are pleased to hear that the Work Week crew will be donating a day to up-keep and clean up on the church. I am sure that mulching, weeding, trimming and perhaps the removal of the old sign will be on the schedule.

We also are re-negotiating the outdated elevator maintenance contract, which should save us some money...and are working on generally sprucing up and redoing a few things to keep our church looking attractive and up to date.

Christian Nurture at Work

By Virginia Bennett, Chair

Shoe Box Ministry

Kelly Koenen received a recap on the "Shoe Box" ministry that our church participated in. Central Iowa donated 24,000 boxes & over 9 million boxes were delivered worldwide. Our church donated 32 boxes and enough cash to cover shipping (\$7/box) plus extra. Very impressive figures for a worthwhile cause.

Adult Education Podcasts

Larry Anderson will offer the "civil conversations" series podcasts as an adult education opportunity in the church. Larry would like to offer these at a time other than Sunday morning -- likely Sunday late afternoon/evening. There will be four meetings, one per month for 4 months, lasting about 90 minutes each. The topics include gay marriage, abortion, bridging political divides, and churches' role in politics. These are very helpful models of how to engage with people who think differently.

Worship on Wednesday

WOW is now up and going and fully staffed. Due to a snowstorm, the beginning date was moved back one week to February 6th and will now conclude on March 13th. Children taking part in WOW have opportunities to learn about the Bible through participation in drama, music and crafts. A kid-friendly dinner is also served. Members of the Christian Nurture Committee taking leadership roles include Stephanie Critchfield, Kelly Koenen, and Virginia Bennett. Others from our church helping out include Rick and Kim Miller and family and Valerie Barney.

Youth Bible Study

The new youth bible study also began on February 6. It is being lead by Pastor John with Virginia Bennett assisting. The curriculum is called *Plugged In*. Youth attending this meeting eat dinner with the young people attending WOW.

Confirmands

The Confirmation Class members and their parents met with Pastor John and received their new Bibles. Pastor John has also met with the mentors and the Confirmation Class is now underway, meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

A Lenten Prayer Offering



Please join me for Lenten exploration of the Practice of Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a method of **silent** prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer - verbal, mental or affective prayer - into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

We will meet at 6:15 in the Church Parlor of 1st Presbyterian Church, Newton on Thursday evenings of Lent starting Thursday 2/28. We will start with a brief introduction to Centering Prayer followed by a period of silent prayer. The session will be over by 6:45 pm.

Please prayerfully consider this invitation as a Lenten practice. Contact me with any questions 641 831 3883.

Blessings on the journey,
Sara Hopkins



Mission Committee

By Linda Erickson, Chairperson

Our committee held a mini retreat on January 29, 2013 to discuss our objectives for the upcoming year. It is apparent that many Mission opportunities come our way throughout the year, but our church can only support so many both financially or with manpower. Items we will continue to focus on will be:

- Our work in Muñoces, through trips and help with farming needs
- Support of the Medical delegations that go to Berlin, El Salvador (Tom Mott will be going with this year's group)
- Companeros - the Presbytery organization
- Work Week Trips
- Mariners In Mission work projects (Barb and John attend these. There are 3 planned for 2013 in Oklahoma, Michigan and Kansas at Presbyterian Camps.)
- Support and participation on PDA disaster relief trips/needs, such as disaster kits
- Activities of Mission Coalition
- Jasper County "Kids Against Hunger"

We have decided to eliminate the "Minute for Mission" presentations we have held occasionally during church. Rather, information received by our committee that does not fall into the above categories will be publicized to the congregation through information on a bulletin board (location to be determined), church happenings, the bulletin and the Messenger.

2013 Work Week Trip

It's official - our work week group will be going to Benton Harbor, Michigan. The group will be leaving on Saturday morning, July 6 and return on Saturday evening, July 13. As is tradition, the work week group will give a report of their experiences during church services on July 14.

As of last count, we have 15 going, with a few youth we still need to hear back from. The steering committee is excited as this will be the first Work Week trip for most of the youth that are going. Participants have been provided with their covenant booklets, giving them dates of the monthly covenant meetings, expectations for the trip, and the usual rules and regulations. The first covenant meeting is March 24 from 6-7:30pm.

Our main fund raiser will be the annual ice cream social. The tentative date for this has been set for June 4. Watch for additional information in upcoming Messengers and Church Happenings. We will not be doing the Work day fund raiser as we have in the past. Instead the group will be working with the Buildings and Grounds Committee on doing clean-up projects around the church property.

If you have any questions or an interest in going on this mission trip, please call one of the members of the steering committee.

Larry Anderson - 521-1154
Dana Hashman - 521-8820

Linda Anderson - 521-1153
Mickey Van Baale - 521-0549



Sermons for March

March 3: Service of Baptism (for Khloe Fink, daughter of Keith and Jillian Fink. The Finks come by letter of transfer as new members) Communion will also be served: Message: *"The Timeless Second-chance."* Psalm 63: 1-8; Luke 13:1-9.

March 10: Message: *"Become God's Friend! He's Already Your Friend!"* 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15: 1-2;11b-32.

March 17: Message: *"Getting Rid of Garbage for Something New!"* Isaiah 43: 16-21; Phil. 3:7-11

Holy Week Services and Messages:

March 24: Palm Sunday – *"Making the Impossible, Possible!"* Luke 19:29-40; Phil 2:5-11.

March 28: Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebre Service, 7 PM. Message: *"The Bread, the Cup, and the Sacrifice."*

March 31: Easter Sunday. Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, 9 am. 10:30 Worship with special music and message: *"Look Every Day for the Living Jesus!"* Ps, 118: 1-2, 14-24; Luke 24:1-12

Muñoces Trip

Warren and Linda Erickson and Kimberly Schnell have been in Muñoces teaching English in the local school. While they got off on a rocky start, their trip is going very well.

Linda has been writing almost daily on their experiences. Please go to our church website for the link to view these reports and see pictures of the people from Muñoces.

Continue to hold the Erickson's and Kimberly in your prayers. They will be returning on March 6.

Emergency Closure of the Church

With winter weather upon us, we have reviewed and updated our policies at First Presbyterian. In the event of severe weather, any changes to scheduled activities at the church will be communicated to KCOB Radio. They have assured us such information will be sent out over all 3 of their stations (1280 AM, 95.9 FM and KRTI 106.7 FM which covers Grinnell, Marshalltown, parts of Des Moines, etc.) In addition, we have established an account with KCCI Television and WHO radio. When severe weather occurs, check these sources. If First Presbyterian is not mentioned on any of these, there is no change in our plans. However, if you have any doubts, please err on the side of caution and be safe!

The Session

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Custodian Hours: M-Thurs: 8am to 11am

Pastor John's Hours:

Sunday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Monday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Thursday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Friday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Saturday: by appointment

(Hours may vary from week to week based on his need to be at the church for meetings, etc.)



Fill your fish banks and bring them to services on Palm Sunday, March 24. This is our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. Banks are available at the church.



Services on Maundy Thursday, March 28, 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.



Community Good Friday Cross Walk will start at noon on Friday, March 29. Stops will be at 7 churches, including First Presbyterian, where scriptures will be read. The walk will end at about 1pm.



We will have only one service on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10:30. The Lily Cross will be put up to display Easter Lilies that can be ordered from the church office for \$9.00 each.. 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.



The Church Life committee will be hosting the annual Easter breakfast at 9:00 am. We need donations of egg casseroles, muffins, and coffee cakes. If you would be willing to help, please contact Diane Moles at jasperdem@iowatelecom.net or 792-2133. We appreciate your contributions.



The Middle School and High School students will be conducting our annual Easter Egg hunt on the church lawn. This will take place between the Easter Breakfast and our 10:30 worship service. If you can donate a dozen hard boiled eggs for the hunt, please let Jenny at the church office know at 792-2790.



One of the small collection plates used in the balcony each Sunday has come up missing. If you seen it, please take it to the office, or call Jenny to let her know where it is. Thank you!

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) have received their training from General Presbyter, Phil Barrett and Pastor John Reynolds. They now begin their work of putting together our Church Information Form (CIF) which will eventually be put on line and used to match possible candidates to the specifications of our church.

Continue to hold them in your prayers.

THE WORKINGS OF THE CHURCH

The Congregation

By Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

Previous contributions to this series have discussed the workings, purpose and authority (if any) of the Deacons and Session and touched on the process of calling a Teaching Elder. Staying on the local level for at least one more installment, the next question is, what about the 400 pound robin sitting there in the room? You know, the people, the congregation. What is their role in all this? After all, aren't they *The Church*? Do they have any responsibilities beyond showing up at least twice a year, maybe writing a check or 2 and knowing when to sit and when to stand? Is there more to it than that?

Well lucky us! We have a Book of Order, a constitution of sorts that tells us much about what's expected of members of the PC(USA) and specifically, First Presbyterian Newton. (We're also referred to as "Newton First" around the Des Moines Presbytery.)

So who is "the congregation?" According to the Book of Order (para G-7.03)

The congregation is made up of all members on the active roll of a particular church and all such members who are present at a congregational meeting are entitled to vote.

To be on the "active roll" at 1PC we consider all forms of participation. The Book of Order says "An active member of a particular church is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship." At 1PC we don't think you have to be a "big giver" or on Session. You don't have to be in the pews every Sunday or sing in the choir. You just have to be active at whatever level you want. We accept you and welcome you here.

OK – so what else is required of the congregation? We probably all know that meetings of the congregation can be called by the session or the presbytery, but did you know a request from one-fourth of the active members can also cause a meeting to be held? Paragraph G-7.0303 - How Meetings Are Called.

The Book of Order contains a lengthy list of authorized reasons why a meeting might be called. For example, buying or selling property, calling Pastors, electing Elders and Deacons, and changes to the call of the pastor are all valid reasons. Calling of the meeting can start with the congregation.

Here's a significant responsibility each of us shares: "The congregation shall welcome all persons who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the membership and ministry of his Church." That speaks volumes about our work here. It's found in paragraph G-5.0103. It goes on to state "Each member must seek the grace of openness in extending the fellowship of Christ to all persons . . . Failure to do so constitutes a rejection of Christ himself and causes a scandal to the gospel."

Both the nominating committee which names members to be Elders and Deacons as well as the Pastor Nominating Committee are elected by the congregation. During the ordination and installation service for Deacons and Elders, the congregation is asked these questions:

“. . . Do we, the members of the church, accept (names) as elders or deacons as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?"

Again, some pretty interesting commitments by the members of the church.

The last, and most obvious, responsibility of the congregation is to support the work of the church. At Newton First we have a rather unique committee structure that gives everyone an opportunity to participate. Our committees are open to any member who wants to contribute their time and effort. Whether it's baking cookies, helping with the annual audit, helping monitor the condition of our building or . . . The opportunities to be part of our church family are almost limitless.

We are truly blessed as we "Raise Our Eyes to the Future".



2013 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am					1	2 <i>Katelyn Camp</i>
3	4	5	6 <i>Jennifer Ventling</i>	7	8 <i>Barb Gallaher</i>	9 <i>Kevin Peska</i>
8:30 am Deacons 11:30 am Mentor Training	4:45 pm Personnel 5:00 pm C N		6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:00 WOW 5:15 pm Span. I 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir	6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 10:00 am Newton Village Worship 10:45 am Park Centre Worship 3:30 pm Missions		9:00 am Spanish IV 10:00 am Set-up for Potato Bar
10	11 <i>Linda Curtis -Stolper</i>	12	13 <i>Mary Ann Ringgenberg</i>	14	15	16
9:00 am Confirmation Class 11:30 am Potato Bar	5:30 pm B & G		6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:00 WOW 5:15 pm Span. I 5:30 pm Membership 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study B & F 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir			9:00 am Spanish IV
17	18 <i>Virginia Bennett</i>	19 <i>Vickie Carson</i>	20	21 <i>Julie Fisher</i>	22 <i>Elsie Nelson</i>	23 <i>Dan Skokan</i>
11:30 am Mentor Training	5:30 pm W & M	6:00 pm Session Meal 7:00 pm Session	6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:15 pm Span. I 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir	6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group		9:00 am Spanish IV
24	25	26 <i>Don Black Elizabeth Mount</i>	27	28	29 <i>Ruth Appleby Loretta Wendt Les Gause</i>	30
9:00 am Confirmation Class			6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:15 pm Span. I 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir	7:00 pm Maundy Service	12:00 pm Crosswalk	

31 *Landon Ferguson*

9:00 Easter Breakfast Egg Hunt



March



Volunteers

March	3	10	17	24	31
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	John Taylor	Terry Rickers	Linda Curtis-Stolper	Scott Curry	Gary Haynes
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Dave Boyd</i>	Barb Gallaher	Terry Rickers	Margaret Atwood	Mickey Van Baale	Warren Erickson
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Jack & Joyce Nicholson	Doug Cutts Wilma Manning	Gary & Kay Parsons	Elsie Nelson Pat Mitchell
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Barb & Steve Roese Wilma Manning	The Miller Family	Gary & Kay Parsons John & Barb Taylor	Doug & Samantha Cutts Tom & Nancy Mott	The Camp Family
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Allie Norvell	Megan Ritter	Jordan Norvell	Joshua Ventling	Emily Miller
Little Church <i>Virginia Bennett</i>	Jen Norvell	Kelly Koenen	Kelly Koenen	Kathy Ventling	Stephanie & Marshall Critchfield
Counters <i>Bill Shields</i>	Kelly Koenen Marshall Critchfield	Joyce Moen Dave Boyd	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Jonnie Carpenter Gary Haynes	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Nancy Mott	Joyce Moen	Mickey Van Baale	Mary Jane Tripp	Barb Taylor
Communion Set up <i>Dave Boyd</i>	George Wilkening Carol Soderblom- Proctor				Maundy Thurs. Virginia Bennett Randy Camp

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary —

March, 2013

March 3—3rd Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9; *Ps. 63:1-8*
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 10—4th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; *Ps. 32*; 2Cor. 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 17—5th Sunday in Lent

Isa. 43:16-21; *Ps. 126*
Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

March 24—Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms: Luke 19:28-40; *Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29*
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; Phil. 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 *or* Luke 23:1-49

March 31—Easter

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isa. 65:17-25
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 *or*
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or*
Luke 24:1-12

April, 2013

April 7—2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; *Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150*
Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 14—3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); *Ps. 30*
Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 21—4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; *Ps. 23*
Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

April 28—5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; *Ps. 148*
Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35