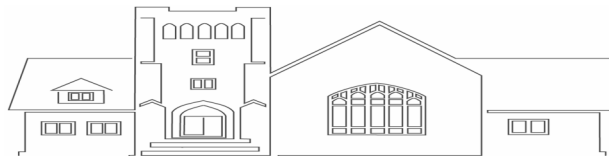


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THE MESSENGER



APRIL 2015

Meghan's Musings

As I sit down to write my April "Musings" it is not yet Palm Sunday and yet, by the time the newsletter is distributed, it will be Holy Week. It occurs to me that Lent and Holy Week are a lot like Iowa late winter and early spring: we go through the trial and wilderness of winter/Lent; we might have some lovely warm weather (remember that 82 degree Monday a few weeks back?), not unlike the joy and celebration of Palm Sunday; then it's back to some unpleasantness: cold temperatures in Iowa, betrayal and crucifixion for Jesus; only to all be redeemed through new life and Resurrection of Christ and spring that's here to stay (or so I'm told... though sometimes I have my doubts). And yet, spring will come. And Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Amen!

To get us through Holy Week to Easter, I offer this by Ann Weems, one of my favorite poets:

HOLY WEEK

Holy is the week...
Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...
We move from hosannas to horror
with the predictable ease
of those who know not what they do.
Our hosannas sung,
our palms waved,
let us go with passion into this week.
It is a time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.
It is a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.
It is a time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,
to lavishly break our alabaster
and pour perfume out for him
without counting the cost.
It is a time for preparation...
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.
Eat, drink, remember:
On this night of nights, each one must ask,
as we dip our bread in the wine,
"Is it I?"
And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand
beneath the tree
and watch the dying
if we are to be there
when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.
Only then will the alleluias be sung;
only then will the dancing begin.

Be Praying For...

- ✠ Steve Hopkins who is recovering from meniscus surgery done on March 19.
- ✠ Henry Birkenholtz, who has been in the hospital.
- ✠ Terry Nordheimer, who has been in the hospital.
- ✠ Dixie Zegers who fell on March 22 and broke her wrist. She had surgery on Thursday, March 26.
- ✠ Richard Wilson, brother of Linda Anderson and Shirley Stevens who has been at Mayo Clinic for seizure control.
- ✠ Carol Wilson, sister-in-law of Linda Anderson and Shirley Stevens, who has serious, ongoing health issues that have not been properly diagnosed and treated.
- ✠ Larry Anderson as he continues his search for a full-time job.
- ✠ Charlie Bruce, Jen Norvell's father, who was life flighted to Methodist Friday evening with pneumonia and acute heart failure.



With Deepest Sympathy

To Barb and Randy Ferguson and family in the death of Barb's father, John Hunt, on March 14. John and his wife, Vera, raised their family in Des Moines and lived in Highland Park for 60 years. They had moved to Newton Village and were residing at Nelson Manor at the time of his death. The Hunts were 60 year members of All Saints Catholic church in Des Moines, where services were held on March 18. Burial was at Highlands Memory Gardens Cemetery in Des Moines. In addition to his wife, Vera, and Barb and Randy, John is also survived by his son, John (Bonny), his 3 grandchildren and a sister.

To Janie and Diane Moles and family on the death of Janie's brother, Bob Woodburn, on March 20. A memorial service was held 11 a.m., Monday, March 30th at the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City. Surviving him are his children, Mark Woodburn (Deborah) of North Liberty, Sharon Schluttenhofer of Lone Tree, Richard Woodburn (Aimee) of Iowa City and Mary Lisa Wollnik (Brad) of Pleasant Prairie, WI; step-son, James Showman (Vicky) of San Jose, CA; sister, Mrs. Jane Moles of Newton, IA; daughter-in-law, Joyce Showman and 19 grandchildren.

Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

At its March meeting, the Worship and Music Committee reviewed past services.

The Lenten breakfasts are underway. Thank you to Mary Jane Tripp for her organization, the breakfast providers (Linda and Larry Anderson, Pete and Pat Koppin, Dave and Linda Curtis-Stolper, Gary and Kay Parsons, Barb and John Taylor. Larry and Shari DeCook and Nancy and Tom Mott) and to those providing devotions (Meghan Davis, Mickey Van Baale, Linda Curtis-Stolper, Don Black. John Taylor, Terry Rickers, and Shirley Stevens).

Virginia Bennett and Warren Erickson will share choir director duties through May.

Bill Calhoun, our former pastor, has written a book, *Notes in the Margin*, which may be purchased through Tattered Covers Book Store in Denver.

The lamb sculpture, given by Bill and Nancy Shields in memory of their son, has been placed in the sanctuary and will remain throughout the Easter season.

Plans were formulated for Holy Week. Eco-palms will be used on Palm Sunday and Meghan will give the children's sermon. There will be a traditional Maundy Thursday service with communion by intinction. The Cross Walk will be held on Good Friday. Communion will be served on Easter Sunday.

Meghan mentioned that in her previous church, she and 3 other pastors held a Lenten study in the evening once a week during Lent, rotating churches and leaders. An event of this nature may be tried in the future.

Meghan will be on vacation for 2 Sundays from April 22nd through May 4th. George Wilkening will preach on April 26th, and Linda Curtis-Stolper will provide the sermon and lead the communion service on May 3rd.



SPECIAL PROJECT THE HISTORY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

There is a very large amount of history and miscellaneous records of our church stored in the building, in member's homes, etc. It is important enough to preserve our history that PC(USA) provides guidance and facilities to support that work. The Session is asking for people to step forward - form a small committee - to identify, sort and preserve our records. This will be a big, fascinating, and very important job, so if it's something you would like to help with, please contact Meghan Davis or Dave Boyd to find out more of what will be involved.

Buildings and Grounds

Norm Grimm, Chair

The committee approved hiring Jack Topp to complete Phase I of a design for the front steps, per the rate shown on his estimate: \$600 plus up to \$150 in costs. The new design would have a landing outside the front door at the same level as the door, to eliminate the step up to go into the church. Jack was in attendance at our meeting. We also approved having him digitize the paper copy of the old church blueprints, which would cost around \$40. There will likely need to be a more detailed Phase 2 design of the steps before we can bid out the construction part of the project.

Deanna and Harold Manley replaced 44 CFL bulbs in the Sanctuary chandeliers and down lights in the chandeliers, spot lights on the stage and sconce lights. They purchased bulbs on-line due to uniqueness and no local source. They have assessed the Exit signs downstairs and replaced bulbs, but the battery back-up does not work and is not repairable, so the B&G decided to price replacement fixtures. The Manleys purchased a contractor pack of 34 watt T12 tubes for the downstairs ceiling fixtures since the building uses that type of lighting in many places. They will replace burned our tubes as needed. They also discovered there are two fixtures with bad ballasts that will need to be replaced, so those will be ordered as well.

Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of February were \$12,715. This was \$897 above budget for the month. Other regular giving, which represents donations from people who tithe but do not pledge, was \$390 for the month.

Year-to-date pledges through February are \$1,230 above budget. Year-to-date expenses are \$452 below budget.

The Deacons received donations of \$66 and made a \$150 donation to the El Salvador Mission Fund. In addition to the donation from the Deacons, the El Salvador fund also received another \$855 in donations and sold \$10 in crafts. They made a \$2,000 undesignated gift to El Salvador and paid \$573 in trip-related expenses.



Bread Ministry

By Barb Taylor

Thanks to the wonderful bakers and takers that have provided untold loaves of love and caring to our congregation and its friends. We are back in business, ready to send our homemade love to all. Help us be aware of guests and health needs as we share in this ministry.

Congratulations, **Loretta Wendt**, on your 100th birthday that was March 29. While many of us helped you to celebrate this monumental occasion at the open house on February 14, we wanted to congratulate you now that your actual birthday has arrived.



Forrest Rusk will be **90** on Wednesday, April 1st.

An **Open House** will be held at the Hy-Vee Club Room
3:00-6:00 pm

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Church Life Activities

Diane Moles, Chair

Our committee met in January and planned out the year's events for Church Life. These are events that we hope appeal to a wide audience and are meant to encourage fellowship and camaraderie. Food is always involved in some way! Please mark your calendars.

Here's the list of events, with dates and times. Watch the Sunday bulletins, Church Happenings, and monthly Messenger closer to the event for more details. Most are events we've done in the past that were so much fun we just have to do them again! And, we've added in a couple of new ones. Please note that we moved Worship at Woodland up a couple of weeks, so that we don't compete with the State Fair.

Date & Time	Event
April 5, 2015, 9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
May 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m.	Graduation Breakfast*
July 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m.	Worship at Woodland with picnic**
August 16, 2015, 3:00 p.m.	Arboretum Fun, Bike Ride, and Supper
September 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritters
October 25, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
November 22, 2015, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion**
December 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling and chili supper

*Joint venture with Christian Nurture Committee

**Joint venture with Worship & Music Committee

We'll also be investigating interest in an I-Cubs game at Principal Park some evening in June and viewing Jolly Holiday Lights in December.

And, if you want to see what happened at some of the events last year, check out the Church Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall – the red one on the north wall. It's got all new photos and the schedule for the year.

March's Potato Bar

The Potato Bar was the main event after the worship service on March 22nd. About 85 people enjoyed the spuds covered with their favorite toppings, followed by a sweet treat to end the meal. Thanks to the committee and their families for preparing the meal and making the desserts, and to everyone who helped clean up. Over \$400 was raised to help fund the committee's activities during the year!

Next Event: Easter Breakfast on April 5th

Rise and Shine! Easter Breakfast will be celebrated at First Presbyterian, starting at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on April 5th. The menu will include a variety of breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, muffins, fresh fruit, and beverages. If you'd like to bring a casserole (8 needed) or breakfast bread (4 more needed), please contact Diane Moles at jasperdem@iowatelecom.net or 792-2133. This is a relaxing way to begin the celebration of Easter, so bring yourself, family, and friends to enjoy breakfast and fellowship before the worship service.

Your Church Life Committee:

Nancy Mott, Dan Ritter, Randy Camp, Kay Parsons, Janie Moles, and Diane Moles



Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

Work Week Update: We held our first covenant meeting on March 22. At this time, the following are those planning on attending this year's Work Week: First Presbyterian - Chet Adams, friend of Jordan Norvell and Josh Ventling; Jordan Norvell; Josh Ventling; Steve Hopkins; George Wilkening; Dana Hashman; Mickey Van Baale and from Brooklyn - Tony, Anna and Lara Hilpiper and Kaitlyn Hildebrand. There are a couple others from our church and one more from Brooklyn who may be attending, but we haven't received a confirmation from them as yet. Vehicles have been reserved for the trip - the date for the ice cream social has been set and plans are in the works for that - conversations are taking place with our hosts at Kemmerer Village in Assumption, IL. Our covenant meeting for April will be on the 19th from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Steering Committee,

Linda Anderson, Julie Fisher, Dana Hashman, Mickey Van Baale

Follow The Way of the Cross on Good Friday: Newton's downtown churches will host The Way of the Cross, the annual Good Friday worship activity, on April 3. The walk will start at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 12:00. Following in the steps of Jesus, attendees will follow the cross to each of the seven churches with meditations, prayers, and singing at each stop. Worshipers may come and go as their schedules require; the entire walk will conclude shortly after 1:00. First Presbyterian will be the third stop on the walk. If you are interested in helping with the walk, we need someone to insure that the building is unlocked and that the sound system and a microphone are ready for use, someone to read a meditation and lead the group in prayer, someone to carry the cross to the next stop on the journey, and someone to lead the group in singing one verse of "Were You There?" Please contact Linda Curtis-Stolper if you wish to participate in one of these roles.

Presbyterian Women: The next meeting will be Saturday, April 25 in Winterset, IA. The topic for the day will be "diversity". The church wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be June 18-21 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme will be "*One Body, One Spirit*".

Kids Against Hunger: We had 3 youth and 5 adults from First Presbyterian participate on March 7 at the latest event that was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

El Salvador: Linda & Warren Erickson have returned from El Salvador where they were observers for the elections. Kimberly Schnell and Doug & Jessie Smith had the pleasure of teaching in a school. Kimberly left first and Doug & Jessie joined her over Spring break - March 13-20. Tom Mott went with the medical delegation, again helping fit residents with glasses. See page 9 about a luncheon and program that will be held on April 12. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about El Salvador and what our representatives do there.

Katherine Pater's visit was cut short due to the death of the father of a member of the Pastoral Team. She was able to visit Baxter school and present at the First Presbyterian men's group. She missed giving a presentation to the Newton Rotary. Katherine anticipates returning soon to catch up where she left off.

The 20th year celebration of our partnership with Muñoces is still in the planning stages.

Special Offerings - One Great Hour of Sharing: The Blue Out was a big success. Thanks to Barb Taylor for her organization and creativity on the publicity. OGHS inserts and envelopes were placed in the bulletins through Palm Sunday. Fish banks were also returned to church on Palm Sunday.

Deacon's Report

Dana Hashman, Moderator

Held their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 8.

- ✠ Rev. Meghan Davis and Jeanette Shannon took communion to June Crawford.
- ✠ Received a thank-you note from the Salvation Army for a contribution that was made.
- ✠ Will set up the Lily Cross following the Cross Walk on April 3.



Committees of the Church

By Mickey Van Baale, Editor

Earlier this year, I published a listing of the Elders and the committee they are serving on. To take this one step further, here is a list of all members of the various committees. Rev. Meghan sits in on as many of these meetings as is possible.

Budget and Finance - **Jonnie Carpenter**, Bev Rossow, Gary Haynes and Dave Boyd

Buildings and Grounds - **Norm Grimm**, Tom Mott, Linda Campbell, Roger Harmelink, Steve Hopkins and Deanna Manley.

Christian Nurture - **Virginia Bennett**, Karen Quinn, Jen Norvell, Stephanie Critchfield, Kelly Koenen

Church Life - **Diane Moles**, Janie Moles, Dan Ritter, Randy Camp, Nancy Mott, Kay Parsons

Membership - **Val McKee**, Gary Parsons, Cat Rickers, Jeanette Shannon, John Taylor

Mission - **Linda Erickson**, Marilyn McCallister, John & Barb Taylor, Mickey Van Baale

Personnel - **Bret Doerring**, Gary Parsons, Don Black, Kim Miller and Toni Peska

Worship & Music - **Linda Kirchoff**, Sandy Smit, Sharon Black, Kim DeGraff, Ann Cutts

Thank you to all for your time and talents in serving on these committees.

The first name that is bolded is the chairperson.

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

The directory has taken longer than we anticipated, but we are very close. All the information is in and the committee proofed it one more time at our March 25 meeting and then it was sent to the printer. We hope to have it back within two to three weeks.

The committee is continuing to feature newspaper and magazine clippings about our members and attendees on the narthex bulletin board. It has been a lot of fun and we encourage you to check it every Sunday because it changes about every 1-2 weeks. We encourage you to bring in articles that you have found in case we have missed them. After the article is taken down it is given to the person/family it featured in case they missed it or needed more copies to give to family members.

The committee is considering hosting a Seder meal during Lent next year. The Seder is a ritual that involves retelling the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. It includes telling and discussing the Passover story and eating symbolic foods mostly prepared according to Jewish custom. The Seder is usually enjoyed by members of the Jewish community. However, many Christians observe Seder as part of their Lenten tradition.

Gary Parsons, chair pro tem

Community Meals

By Barb Taylor

April meal is the 22nd. Menu is loose meat sandwich, potato salad, relishes and cookies. We will need cookie donations, cooks at 1:00 and servers at 5:00. If you can help, there will be a sign up sheet on the basement bulletin board. It is exciting to see how dependent the diners are for the sociability these meals offer them. It's almost like a family reunion once a week. Thanks to those who help community meal: support this interfaith opportunity



Community Meal

Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

Action Hour: We are continuing with the Action Hour twice a month. A big thank-you to Jane Repp, who has taught during the month of March. Mickey Van Baale and Dana Hashman will be teaching during the month of April. We ask that parents let the teacher know if their kids won't be there

Easter Egg Hunt: This will be on Easter morning April 5th, following the breakfast and before the morning worship. Stephanie Critchfield will be heading this up. Eggs will be hidden outside, weather permitting, by the older youth.

Youth Sunday: The date for this year will be May 10. Details have yet to be worked out.

Graduation Sunday: This will be on May 24. Jen Norvell will again be the head of this celebration. The seniors from our church will be honored with a breakfast and program.

VBS: Materials are purchased, and a meeting was held on March 25 to talk about possible dates and get the wheels rolling for this year's event.

Pow Wow in Tama: This year the Pow Wow will be August 6th-10th. Karen Quinn plans to speak with the youth before then.

Planning Meeting: A meeting of the leaders of the older youth program will be set up soon to start lining up the programs for next year. Meghan will be leading this meeting.

Nursery/Classroom Remodel: Kelly will work on a plan for the nursery. We will also plan on a day to discuss the ideas for the classroom. George Wilkening or the Host Elder/Deacon will be asked to turn on the heat or air conditioning when they arrive on Sunday morning in the classroom on the 2nd floor to prepare for Action Hour.

Kid's Yoga: Meghan is planning on taking classes this summer for kid's yoga.



Easter Egg Hunt



VBS Planning

Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Approved sharing cost for a special showing of "Selma" with the UCC and 1st Lutheran churches.
- Designated loose offering on April 12 to support OPEN's Ukrainian humanitarian needs.
- Heard a report that an architect has been hired to plan the renovation of the front steps & walk.



Scholarship students from Muñoces

Once again First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring four high school scholarship students for the 2015 school year. School began in late January and will continue until early November. We have sponsored all four students for their first two years of high school and now they are in their third and final year.

Their pictures and application letters can be found on the El Salvador mission bulletin board in fellowship hall. The delegation in March had the pleasure of spending time with them as they were selected by the Muñoces Directiva (town council) to be students in Warren Erickson's camera class.

It was a pleasure to see their personalities emerge as they relaxed into the class and enjoyed their first experiences with a camera. We wish them success in their final year in high school and whatever they hope to achieve after they graduate.

Linda Erickson, El Salvador interest group

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
for
Holy
WEEK



Fill your fish banks and bring them to services on Palm Sunday, March 29. This is our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. If you weren't able to bring your bank to church on the 29th, you can leave it at the church office during the first week of April.



Services on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 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, April 3 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Stops will be at 7 churches, including First Presbyterian, where scriptures will be read. The group will also be lead in singing one verse of "Were You There?". Individuals will carry the cross from church to church. The walk will end at about 1pm.



The Church Life committee will be hosting the annual Easter breakfast at 9:00 am. They will need donations of egg casseroles or breakfast breads. See their report on page 4 to get the details of what is needed. They appreciate your contributions.



The Christian Nurture committee 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.



We will have only one service on Easter Sunday, April 5 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.

Holocaust Survivor

To speak at
Congregational United Church of Christ
308 E. 2nd St. N., Newton
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 7:00PM

Professor Harold Kasimow, Holocaust Survivor and Dr. Tyler Roberts will share about the Holocaust. Both are professors at Grinnell College. Kasimow, at age 4, and his family were saved from the Nazis by a Polish peasant who hid the family and sustained them. Roberts is the professor of Religious Studies.

LENTEN BREAKFAST/DEVOTIONS

APRIL 1

Breakfast	Nancy & Tom Mott
Devotion	Shirley Stevens

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.

If you have not attended in the past, try it this year. We start breakfast at 6:45 a.m. with devotions following. We are finished by 7:45 to 7:50 a.m. so you can get to work on time, if that is necessary



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Rev. Meghan Davis's schedule
Office Hours

Monday & Thursday - 10 am - noon

Tuesday - 9 - 11 am

Wednesday - 11 am - 1 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, afternoons and evenings as needed

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 6 pm, evenings as needed

Friday: day off

Saturday: as needed

(Hours will vary from week to week based on pastoral care issues, meetings and other events.)

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Salvadoran Stories

On April 12, following worship and a soup luncheon, several of the recent travelers to El Salvador will make presentations about their travels. Tom Mott will tell about the medical delegation, Kimberly Schnell will share her teaching experiences and Warren and Linda Erickson will join Kimberly to talk about their visit to Muñoces. They have pictures to show and stories to tell!

Would you like to know what happened to a 12-year-old girl and her siblings after their parents were killed in the Salvadoran civil war? Ever wonder how the medical delegation manages to do dental work out in the rural villages around Berlin, El Salvador? Do you know how deep the pit is under a Salvadoran latrine? ...or how they dig it in the very rocky soil?

These questions and many others will be answered on April 12, so mark your calendars and plan to stay after worship for a light lunch and stories of El Salvador. See you there!

Linda Erickson, El Salvador interest group

Lock the doors: Check and double check!

By Rev. Meghan

We've recently had some incidents when various doors to the church were found unlocked when they should have been locked. Please note: we have a relatively new knob/lock on the front door. Unlike the previous system which would stay locked when opened, the new knob unlocks when opened from the inside, even if it was locked before it was opened. So please make sure it's locked whenever it needs to be locked.

Also, please make sure the kitchen door is shut all the way. (Sometimes it doesn't shut all the way so even though the knob is locked, the door can be opened.)

Basically, if the doors should be locked, just remember to double check doors when you're leaving the building.

APRIL 2015 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship			1 Forrest Rusk 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	2 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 12:00pm Cross Walk	3 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
5 9:15 am Easter Breakfast He Is RISEN INDEED! 	6 Meghan out of the office.	7 Donna Worthington 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	8 Terri Nordheimer 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus Budget & Finance 7:00 pm Choir	9 Cole Doerring Joan Aldridge 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Missions	10 Carol Russell Linda Anderson	11 Linda Means Collin Ferguson Alex Bebout 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
12 9:00 am Deacons 10:30 am Kids Action Hour	13 Meghan Davis 6:15 pm Yoga Flow 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	14 Mike Lanser Julie Fitzgerald 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	15 Cat Rickers Kyle Doerring 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	16 Gladys Sparks Kim Miller 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	17	18 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
19 6-7:30 pm Covenant meeting	20 Tara Zehr 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	21 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 7:00 p.m. Session	22 Barb Roese 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	23 Carroll Brodersen	24	25 Rachel Peska 9:00 am Spanish Plus
26 Skye Koenen 10:30 am Kids Action Hour	27	28	29 Sharon Black Henry Birkenholtz Matt Ventling 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	30 Wilma Manning	Meghan will be on vacation from April 22 to May 3	

April



Volunteers

April	5	12	19	26	May 3
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Dave Stolper	Mickey Van Baale	Gary Haynes	Linda Kirchhoff	Tom Mott
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Karen Quinn	Jonnie Carpenter	Elsie Nelson	Kevin Peska	Val McKee
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Valerie Barney	
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Bill & Nancy Shields	The Leonard Family	Kevin & Toni Peska	Larry & Shari DeCook	Gary Haynes Dick Mielke Doug & Samantha Cutts
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Brad Ritter	Brad Ritter	Roger Harmelink	Roger Harmelink	Roger Harmelink
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Garrett Sturtz	Allie Norvell	Joshua Ventling	Jordan Norvell	Skye Koenen
Counters <i>Terry Rickers</i>	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Jonnie Carpenter Kim De Graff	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd
Bread Ministry - Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Dixie Zegers	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook	George Wilkening
Bread Ministry - Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Joyce Moen	Mickey Van Baale	Mary Jane Tripp
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Linda Erickson Bev Rossow				Norm Grimm Karen Quinn

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Lectionary —

April, 2015

April 5 - Easter

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isa. 25:6-9; *Ps.* 118:1-2,
14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 *or* Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 *or* Mark 16:1-8

April 12 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; *Ps.* 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 19 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; *Ps.* 4; 1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 26 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; *Ps.* 23; 1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May, 2015

May 3 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; *Ps.* 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 10 - 6th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

Acts 10:44-48; *Ps.* 98; 1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 17 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; *Ps.* 1; 1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 24 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezek. 37:1-14
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom.8:22-27 *or*
Acts 2:1-21; John 15:25-27; 16:4b-15

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Isa. 6:1-8; *Ps.* 29; Rom. 8:12-17
John 3:1-17