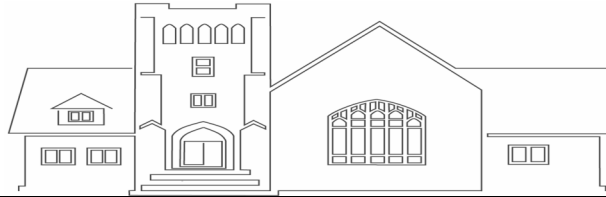


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# THE MESSENGER



FEBRUARY, 2014

## Message from Pastor Linda

The plan is that sermons for the entire month of February will be based on Matthew 5, the first section of what many of us know as "The Sermon on the Mount". This plan is based on the structure of readings suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary. However, even if we didn't follow the Lectionary, we would be led to studying this section of Scripture by the season of the church year we have entered. In my reading, I found this period of time between Epiphany and Lent described as the time of "getting ready to get ready." Getting ready for what? Why do we need to get ready for anything? Who says we aren't already ready? How can we be sure that it will be worth the time and effort involved to get ready for whatever or whoever it is that is coming?

Answers to those questions can be found in the cycle of events we celebrate through the course of every church year. With Advent and Christmas and Epiphany, we remember and give thanks for God's gracious gift of Love Incarnate, God's Son Jesus Christ, who lived as one of us. During Lent, we deeply reflect on the sacrificial love that Jesus showed, assuming the guilt of our sins and dying on the cross to pay for our failures. On Easter and through the Easter season, we rejoice in our faith that Jesus was raised from the dead, that he is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and that we, united with Christ in baptism and faith, will also be raised into God's eternal presence. On Pentecost, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which fills us with the love and knowledge of God and of Jesus, leading us to live as the body of Christ in all ways at all times.

So, now is the time to get ready for all that is coming! In order to be ready for what lies ahead, we need to understand who Jesus truly is – the Son of Man and the Son of God! We need to think about what Jesus taught us with words and examples and how those lessons should shape our character and actions. Now is the time to develop our understanding of what it means to be a witness for Jesus in the world, how we should think and live if we claim to be disciples of Christ, why an awareness of God's gracious acts should shape our acts every day. This groundwork will prepare us for the season of Lent and beyond.

Make time to read Matthew 5 (hopefully more than once) during February. It's not a long chapter, only 48 verses, but you will find lots of challenges! Considering the meaning of the lessons Jesus taught in those verses and figuring out the ways in which our lives and attitudes need to change if we want to follow Jesus – that's the "getting ready" that we need to be doing as we get ready to travel through Lent and into renewed and restored life with our gracious God!

"Let's get ready!"

Pastor Linda



*In Our Prayers*

- ✦ Roger Harmelink who is recuperating from 3 surgeries at Mayo Clinic. The first surgery, on January 10, was on his kidney. This was followed by a second one for some repair work needed that was found during the first surgery. Finally, he had a stint put in. Roger and Harriett were able to come home on Sunday, January 19. They have made a trip back to Mayo for a follow-up appointment that went well.
- ✦ Norm and Marlys Grimm's niece, Abby, who was in a car accident in January in Michigan. She has a fractured collar bone, fractured tail bone, her spleen removed and 3 screws put in her pelvis to hold it in place. Abby was able to go home on January 21, having to do physical and occupational therapy. She did develop a blood clot in her leg after getting home, but is giving herself shots to help it dissolve.
- ✦ Elsie Nelson's granddaughter, Peyton. She is improving, walking and attending a couple of classes, but still has a ways to go.
- ✦ Terry and Cathy Rickers and family as Terry's uncle, Paul Berger, was just diagnosed with reoccurring cancer. This comes on the heels of the death of Cathy's uncle, Mike Shannon.

### Our Condolences to:

- ✦ Barb Gallaher in the loss of her mother Mary Proeger, 92, who died December 27 in Belmond, IA. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 30, 2013 at the Belmond United Methodist Church. Others surviving Mrs. Proeger are Barb's sister, Kathy (Roger) Linderbaum, of Castalia, a brother-in-law, 4 grandchildren, including Barb's children Sara and Seth and 9 great-grandchildren.
- ✦ Glenys Schouten Theis on the death of her husband Rudy Theis. He died January 4 in Pella at the age of 83. Glenys' first husband, Norm Schouten, who passed away in 2003, was our interim pastor between the pastorates of Bill Calhoun and Steve Bowie and Tiare Mathison. Mr. Theis is survived by Glenys, his three children and families, Glenys' four children and families, a brother and a sister-in-law. Services were held Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the Second Reformed Church in Pella.
- ✦ Dave and Jeanette Shannon, Cathy and Terry Rickers and family on the death of Dave's brother, Mike Shannon on Friday, January 24. Mike resided in Gainesville, FL.

### PNC UPDATE

On Sunday, January 19, we welcomed Rev. Meghan Davis to fill the pulpit as our prospective new full-time Teaching Elder (Pastor). Following the church service, a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of approving the recommendation of our committee and electing Meghan as our new Teaching Elder.

We would like to share with you a profile of Rev. Davis. She grew up in Taos, New Mexico and received her undergraduate degree (BA) from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, in Comparative Literature with minors in Russian Studies and Theatre. Her Master's Degree was in Theater History and Criticism from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She received her Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA in 2007. Rev. Davis has had experience as a chaplain intern at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, a chaplain's assistant, and a pastoral intern. She has been serving as solo pastor for Longview Presbyterian Church in Longview, Washington, since February of 2009. Longview, with its twin city of Kelso, has a population of about 48,000. Reverend Davis is single, around 40 years of age, a vegan, and is a Christian yoga instructor.

Due to previous commitments, Meghan will not be relocating to Newton until around the first of June. Until that time, Pastor Linda has agreed to continue as our interim.

Gary Parsons, chair, Larry Anderson, Ann Cutts, Steve Hopkins, Linda Kirchhoff, Kelly Koenen, Joan Tyler

The Deacons met at the church officers retreat on January 11, 2014. The role of a deacon was discussed, deacon visitation partners agreed upon and the visitation schedule was reviewed and amended.

Next meeting will be on February 2 at 8:30 am in the church library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Hopkins, Moderator.



Thank all of you for the warm welcome last month.

I first heard from Gary on behalf of the PNC last summer. Over the months, the more I got to know you, through the PNC, the more I felt like God might be calling me to Newton. When I came for my top secret visit in November, I instantly loved the members of the PNC and figured that if the rest of the congregation was anywhere near as great as they are, that I would be in for a treat if I came here. By the time I left, I was pretty sure that I would be offered the call and that I would accept.

It's difficult to explain just how humbling it is to be told, "We would like you to come and be our pastor." It is both an honor and a major responsibility not to be taken lightly. But I am so grateful to have gotten that call, and to have been elected by the congregation to serve as your pastor.

One of the many things that impressed me about the First Presbyterian family is your mission statement: "The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world." I look forward to doing that and I look forward to seeing where our merging journeys of faith take us--where God leads us together.

Thanks, again to the PNC for all your long hours and hard work. Thank you to all for inviting me to be your pastor. I'm excited to meet you all in June, again or for the first time. (Full disclosure: I'm a little challenged when it comes to names but I will learn you all as quickly as possible.) And most importantly, I look forward to serving you and serving with you!

Thank you, again, for the privilege of being your pastor.

In Christ, Meghan

## Worship & Music Committee

Linda Kirchhoff, Chairperson

At our January meeting, the Worship and Music committee reviewed the services held during December and early January. We learned that we nearly did not have use of our organ for Christmas Eve due to a malfunction in one of the stops. The assistance of Chris Simbro and Harold Manley, who helped alleviate the problem, is greatly appreciated. We wish to thank ALL those who helped with the Christmas Eve service and those who took down and stored the decorations and candles. New pew candles will be purchased in the future since some have definitely seen better days. Plans for Pastor Meghan Davis' candidate sermon were presented. The committee also discussed the possibility of offering a gluten free wafer or bread for communion. It was suggested that Mary Jane Tripp be asked to coordinate the Lenten breakfasts. (The day following our request, Mary Jane had secured cooks and worship leaders, see page 5.) Pastor Linda began plans for Maundy Thursday.

## Budget and Finance Corner

Terry Rickers, Chairperson

Pledges for the month of December were \$15,525. This was \$3,775 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving for the month was \$880, which was above budget for the month. We recorded income of \$1,619.21 from our investment account at Edward Jones. \$305.85 was paid in pastor nominating committee expenses and an additional \$5000 for future moving and recruitment expenses was reserved. In total, expenses were \$1,983 below budget for the month.

For the year-to-date through December, 2013 pledges were \$2,256 below budget and expenses are \$20,068 under budget.

The Foundation received a contribution from the Joyce Nicholson memorial. The Memorial Fund received contributions in memory of Helen Kreager, Dorothy Eaton and Maxine Swanger. We also received a bequest from the Powers estate.



## Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Voted to renew the Muñoces Covenant
- Approved an upgrade of our website
- Assigned management of our website to the Membership Committee
- Heard of follow-up work to be done by the PNC
- Welcomed new Elders and confirmed committee assignments

The Membership Committee organized a trip to a Grinnell College men's basketball game on Saturday January.25. Twelve people joined us and we saw a really good exciting game. Grinnell was playing Ripon College who is in second place in the conference with Grinnell in third place. Ripon defeated Grinnell 126-99 three weeks ago so it was a very important game for both teams and the emotion was evident. The game was a very close game until about the mid point of the second half when Grinnell started to pull away and eventually won 110-102.

Patrick Maher, who is on the Grinnell team, set a new NCAA record for all divisions in assists per game earlier in January, and we were able to see him become the 22<sup>nd</sup> Grinnell player in history to score 1000 points in their college career. After the game we returned to Newton and had dinner and fellowship together. We will try to do it again next year. We hope you can join us.

In addition to the committees we have functioning all the time, we have goals this year of updating the Membership Directory and starting a new "Transition Theme" project before our new pastor, Rev. Meghan Davis, arrives in June. We will also be working on finalizing a guide for website material.

Gary Parsons, chair

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

## Church Life Activities

Randy Camp, Chair

It's time to mark your calendars for some of the 2014 happenings at First Presbyterian Church!

In February, you'll need to listen to the announcements in worship and watch Church Happenings for a possible movie night. We're working on getting this ironed out and don't have it quite ready for this month's Messenger deadline.

These are the other events. Since we list the whole year, there might be a few changes in times as we get closer to an event.

- \*March 16, after worship: Potato Bar with all the fixings (fundraiser for the Church Life Committee)
- \*April 20, at 9:00 a.m. before worship: Easter Breakfast
- \*May 25, before worship: Graduate Breakfast (jointly with the Christian Nurture Committee)
- \*June 20, at 5:30 from church: I-Cubs vs. El Paso at Principal Park in Des Moines, followed by fireworks
- \*August (date being finalized): Worship at Woodland followed by grilling and picnic (jointly with the Worship & Music Committee)
- \*September 21, at 4:00 p.m. from church: Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritter Farm
- \*October 12, at 4:00 p.m.: Progressive Dinner
- \*November 23, after worship: Thanksgiving Feast Potluck and Communion
- \*December 21, at 4:00 p.m. from church: Christmas Caroling followed by chili, cinnamon rolls, cocoa, and cookies at the church

We think we have an exciting slate of events in 2014. If you have ideas on other activities, please let us know.

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

## LENTEN BREAKFAST/DEVOTIONS

**MARCH 5**  
 Breakfast: Jane & Carl Repp  
 Devotion: Linda Curtis-Stolper

**MARCH 12**  
 Breakfast: Linda Anderson  
 Devotion: Larry Anderson

**MARCH 19**  
 Breakfast: Sharon Black  
 Devotion: Don Black

**MARCH 26**  
 Breakfast: Kay & Gary Parsons  
 Devotion: George Wilkening

**APRIL 2**  
 Breakfast: Shari & Larry DeCook  
 Devotion: Kim DeGraff

**APRIL 9**  
 Breakfast: Nancy Mott  
 Devotion: Mickey Van Baale

**APRIL 16**  
 Breakfast: Linda & Warren Erickson  
 Devotion: Terry Rickers

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 6:45a.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.



**Breakfast  
and Devotion**

## Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

⇒ Kids Action Hour: The study of The Lord's Prayer was the topic for the month of January. This unit was taught by Jen Norvell and Kelly Koenen with assistance from Linda C-S and Stephanie and Marshall Critchfield. The committee discussed the possibility of featuring the story of Ruth and Naomi from the Old Testament of the Bible for the month of February. This would be taught by Stephanie and Virginia. During our discussion of curriculum, Linda C-S showed us an interesting pattern designed by Cat Rickers which could serve as the foundation of a mosaic of The Good Shepherd. The committee members agreed that it is a lovely picture and would lend itself very well to activities with the children.

⇒ WOW: At this time, it has been necessary to postpone the start of WOW, but it will be happening. Watch Church Happenings and bulletins for an announcement for the date of the start of WOW.

## Wednesday Night Free Meals

First Presbyterian is participating with a group of churches that strive to provide a free meal to the community every Wednesday night. During the school year the meals are served at the First Methodist Church. We are partnered with First Lutheran Church to prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The Salvation Army and individual donations provide the financing so all we need to provide are some volunteers. Check the bulletin board on the south side of fellowship hall to see the dates and times when volunteers are needed and consider helping with this project. The menu for the following week is published in Church Happenings and the bulletin.

Thanks!

Barb Taylor, Coordinator from First Presbyterian

## Mission Committee

By Linda Erickson, Chair

### News from El Salvador:

As the Messenger goes to press the delegation of Larry Anderson, Brian Anderson, Anders Hopkins, and Isaac Mathison-Bowie is returning from El Salvador after a week of visiting in our partner community of Muñoces, conferring with the Pastoral Team in Berlin, and seeing some of the historical sites of the country. They report warm greetings from our friends in Muñoces and expressions of friendship and gratitude in all their encounters. They brought gifts to each family from our congregation of a sack of staple foods. Watch for an opportunity in the next months to hear a full report from our delegation as well as stories from Kimberly Schnell who plans a month of teaching in El Salvador and Tom Mott who will join a medical delegation in the spring.

The school year has begun in El Salvador and we are sponsoring four high school scholarship students this year. We will report more about our students in a future Messenger. Money for fertilizer has been sent and it will be purchased in time for planting later this spring. The health care fund has also been replenished so it will be available to Muñoces residents as the need arises. Thanks to all our generous donors who have made these gifts possible.

I will close this report with a couple more Christmas letters from our partner community:

“Hello. I hope that you are well beside all your family and friends. After this short but sincere greeting I move to the following.

We thank all of you for the help of the water tank and the fertilizer for it is a great help and also we thank the pastoral organization because also thanks to them we have the help that you offer to us and again thanks for the effort that all of you make. Thanks to all of you we now have clean water.

Again thanks and I ask God in order that he pours out many blessings over you and that it be him that helps you in all of your work. These are my words of thanks.”

Sincerely, Juan Carlos Gonzales. And I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Pictured left to right:  
 Son - Omar Alexander Gonzales – just graduated 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Wife – Maria Orbelina Amaya  
 Husband - Juan Carlos Gonzales

“We send you an affectionate greeting this Christmas wishing you much success in your daily work to all of you as brothers and sisters from everyone in our family.

After this short greeting. We wish you for everything that you all help with in our community and for every one of our families. Thanks from our whole hearts and we hope that you have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. And that very soon we will have you in our community. We will be waiting for you with open arms.”

Jose Maria Dominguez and his wife Maria Anabel Cruz de Dominguez and our daughter Rosa Anabel Dominguez Cruz. Merry Christmas.



Wife - Maria Al Cruz de Dominguez  
 Husband - Jose Maria Dominguez

### **Don Justo Coffee - Not just a cup of coffee; a JUST cup of coffee**

Thirty seven years ago when Larry was president of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at UNI, we attended their Missions conference at Urbana, IL. Our first child was 6 months old and this was our first time away from her. We started each day singing four part harmony with 15,000 college students who were there because they were Christians and wanted to know more about Missions.

One morning, the message on the big screen was a question, "Can Christian coffee save?" I guess the idea was that you can't share the message of Christ's saving grace by just drinking coffee with someone, you would normally need to use words or actions to tell how the Lord had changed your life.

As many of you know, Our Sister Parish, the El Salvador Mission project of the Des Moines Presbytery, has a coffee project that sells delicious, justly-traded coffee. Most of the proceeds from that coffee go to help the Pastoral Team encourage, educate, and empower the people of Berlin, El Salvador as they seek to lift themselves out of poverty.

The Pastoral Team does many things with the funds they obtain from the coffee project. They provide transportation to hospitals and medicine for sick members of Berlin's impoverished communities. They help provide food to families who have nothing to eat.

But, sometimes, they like to use those funds for something a little different.

Last week, they went to visit Canton Las Delicias. A relatively large community, Las Delicias has a fair number of families that have not been included in any development/empowerment projects sponsored by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or the government. There are a few people that do have family in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere, but there are many more that do not receive help in that way, either. Knowing this, the Pastoral Team asked the leaders of this community to give us a list of about 20 families who were managing to survive on nothing but their own efforts and the kindness of their neighbors. Many of these families are large, headed by single mothers, or consist of single widows who are too elderly to farm and have no one to support them. One widow, a woman in her 80s, is also struggling to care for her son, who has a debilitating long-term illness.

The Team decided that these families were in need of some love and encouragement, so using some of the proceeds we have earned through the coffee project, we delivered to each family a small gift basket containing a bit of food, cooking oil, and a towel...things that every person needs, but these families cannot afford to buy.

The families, particularly the elderly widows, were quite thankful for the gift. They proceeded to stand up, one by one, and offer their thanks. Blanca, a member of the Pastoral Team, thanked them for their words and said, "These gifts were purchased with the help of the proceeds from a coffee project. So, if you are thankful for them, pray that people in the United States buy more coffee."

So, now you have it straight from El Salvador, Christian coffee does save, all you have to do is go down to Fellowship Hall, buy it, brew it, and drink it.

Submitted by Linda Anderson, coffee czar

## Sermon Schedule for February, 2014

February 2 "Blessed Are..." Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 "Until All is Accomplished" Matthew 5:13-20, Isaiah 58:1-9a

February 16 "But I Tell You" Matthew 5:12-37, Deuteronomy 30:15-20

February 23 "Children of Your Father in Heaven" Matthew 5:38-48, Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

## Kids Against Hunger Event

**John Taylor, Board Member**

What is "Kids Against Hunger?" Their mission statement will give you a pretty good idea. "Our mission at Kids Against Hunger is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. We ship meals to starving children and their families in over 60 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide. We need your help to end world hunger."

Several food packing events have been held throughout Jasper County over the past few years at various locations. The next event, which is February 15, will be held in Fellowship Hall of our church. This will run from 9:00 am until noon.

The event will consist of people packaging the proprietary Kids Against Hunger formulated food for the malnourished and starving children of the world. There is a cost of \$30 per person to participate in this.

Our hope is to have several people from our church be a part of this. If you cannot help with the packaging of the food, perhaps you can sponsor someone by paying all or part of the \$30.

## Annual Meeting

The date for the Annual Meeting was Sunday, January 27, following our church service. Prior to starting the potluck luncheon, the group enjoyed seeing and visiting with Larry and Brian Anderson, Anders Hopkins and Isaac Mathison-Bowie, our delegation in El Salvador. Though we had some technical difficulties in displaying this on the large screen, several were able to figure out how to get the skype done on a phone and a microphone was used to hear them. It worked great and it was wonderful to see and talk with them.

43 people then enjoyed a bounty of food at the potluck. We never have to be concerned that we will have a lack of food. Letters received from the people of Muñoces at Christmas were put on the tables so they could be read while people were eating.

Pastor Linda Curtis-Stolper opened the annual congregational meeting. During this meeting, the group honored those members who had died in the past year. Those in attendance also were able to read the reports of the various church committees.

Dave Boyd gave the report of the Clerk of Session. He pointed out that some errors were found in the roll books, that when corrected, resulted in a reduction of 8 to the number of our members. Some people were being counted, when they were affiliate members and some were double counted. Our membership count went from 239 to 231.

Cheryl Ritter than gave the report of the Treasurer. After going over the 2013 financial statement, we looked at the budget for 2014 and went over the compensation package for Pastor Linda for the first 5 months of 2014 and then the compensation package for Rev. Davis, which was part of her terms of call. Pastor Linda was asked to leave the room and a vote of approval was received for both compensation packages.

Upon her return, she turned the meeting over to Terry Rickers, Vice-President of the Corporation, for our annual Corporation meeting. The only business was the approval of updates to the By-laws, which was unanimously approved.

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the church.



## Emergency Closure of the Church

With winter weather approaching, 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, then 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

## Work Week 2014

Our initial fund raiser was a pork loin lunch after church on January 12. We served 57 people and raised \$600. Thank you to those who helped us out.

At the writing of this edition, we know that we are going on Work Week from July 5 to 12. The destination remains the question mark. We are working on going to either Duluth, MN or somewhere in IN. Watch church happenings and upcoming bulletins for the final destination. We will also be announcing when our informational meeting will be.

The Steering Committee -- Larry & Linda Anderson, Julie Fisher, Dana Hashman, Mickey Van Baale and George Wilkening

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**Pastor Linda's Schedule:**

**Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday: Out of Office**

**Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Friday: as needed**

**Saturday: as needed**

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

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# 2014 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 am Adult S. S. 9:15 am Kid's Action Hour 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Announcements 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship						1  9:00 am Spanish Plus
2  8:30 am Deacons	3  4:45 pm Personnel 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	4 <i>Jen Norvell</i>	5 <i>Isabelle Berry</i>  9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	6  6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 4:30 pm Missions	7 <i>Joan Rusk</i> <i>Krystal Rusk</i>	8  9:00 am Spanish Plus
9	10 <i>Carl Repp</i>  6:00 pm Worship & Music	11	12 <i>Marie</i> <i>Achtemeier</i>  9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals Membership 6:00 pm B & F Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	13 <i>Dylan Camp</i>  10:15 am Park Centre Nursing Worship 10:45 am Park Centre Library Worship	14 <i>Susan</i> <i>Weeks</i>  	15 <i>Elaine</i> <i>Mattingly</i>  9:00 am Spanish Plus
16	17  	18  7:00 p.m. Session	19 <i>Spencer</i> <i>Bebout</i>  9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	20  6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group	21 <i>Jeffrey</i> <i>Fitzgerald</i>	22  9:00 am Spanish Plus
23	24 <i>Sandra</i> <i>Cheney</i>	25	26  9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	27	28	



# February



# Volunteers

February	2	9	16	23	March 2
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Kathy Ventling	Youth	Terry Rickers	Gary Haynes	Bev Rossow
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Randy Camp</i>	Terry Rickers	Nancy Mott	Virginia Bennett	Dixie Zegers	Randy Camp
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Wilma Manning	Janet Shields Pat Mitchell	Valerie Barney Cole Doerring	
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Don & Sharon Black	Miller Family	Tom & Nancy Mott	Bill & Nancy Shields	Mary Jane Tripp Sandy Cheney Suzie Funk
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Natalie Camp	Garrett Sturtz	Jordan Norvell	Joshua Ventling	Megan Ritter
Counters <i>Bill Shields</i>	Jonnie Carpenter Gary Haynes	Kelly Koenen Marshall Critchfield	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Pat Mitchell	Diane Moles	Jane Repp	Dixie Zegers	Pat Mitchell
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Barb Gallaher	Linda Campbell	Carol Russell	Joan Rusk	Barb Gallaher
Communion Set up <i>Kim DeGraff</i>	Virginia Bennett Diane Moles				

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## Lectionary —

### February, 2014

#### **February 2 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Micah 6:1-8; *Ps. 15*; 1 Cor. 1:18-31  
Matt. 5:1-12

#### **February 9 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany**

Isa. 58:1-9 (9b-12); *Ps. 112:1-9 (10)*  
1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt. 5:13-20

#### **February 16 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany**

Deut. 30:15-20; *Ps. 119:1-8*; 1 Cor. 3:1-9  
Matt. 5:21-37

#### **February 23 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany**

Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; *Ps. 119:33-40*  
1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5:38-48

### March, 2014

#### **March 2 - Transfiguration of the Lord**

Exod. 24:12-18; *Ps. 2* or *Ps. 99*  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9

#### **March 9 - 1st Sunday in Lent**

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7; *Ps. 32*  
Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

#### **March 16 - 2nd Sunday in Lent**

Gen. 12:1-4a; *Ps. 121*  
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

#### **March 23 - 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Exod. 17:1-7; *Ps. 95*; Rom. 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

#### **March 30 - 4th Sunday in Lent**

1 Sam. 16:1-13; *Ps. 23*; Eph. 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41