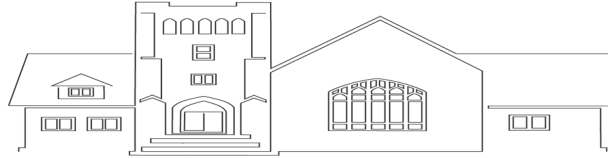


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"The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world."

THE MESSENGER



March/April 2018

Meghan's Musings Thank you!!

Thank you for stepping up and responding so generously to our second stewardship drive to close our budget deficit for 2018!

As you know, we had an anonymous \$10,000 matching challenge. I'm happy to report that we met and surpassed the challenge with a total of \$20,336.00 (as of March 7) in increased pledging not including the challenge. Additionally, we had another anonymous donation from someone not wishing to increase their pledge but giving a one time \$10,000 donation specifically earmarked for the general fund. So, we have closed the deficit in this year's budget!

"All things of true value grow when given." I recently read those words in a journal I'm using (*Rituals for Transformation: 108 Day Journey to Your Sacred Life*). The writer continues:

"If you give someone your sandwich, you won't have a sandwich anymore. But the kindness you offered, there's more of that now than there was before.

"In the mind's world of duality, when something is given it's lost. But in reality, offerings of value amplify that value for both the giver and the receiver. By *true value*, we mean that which promotes greater alignment with or awareness of [God]—such as love, acceptance, peace, light, presence, truth, beauty, forgiveness, wisdom and kindness. In truth, such an act of giving is more like God sharing God with God than it is a transfer of value.

"If you want more of these qualities in your life, give them to others."

Sisters and Brothers, in so many ways you have multiplied the true value of your financial contributions to your church family, to the future and sustainability of the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa. I hope you are as excited and enthusiastic about your response as the Session and I are!

Again, thank you, THANK YOU, **THANK YOU!**

Be Praying For ...

- † Linda Erickson who fell in the middle of February and cracked her kneecap. While it is a hairline fracture, she had to be immobile for two weeks. Linda is now out of the immobilizer and doing physical therapy.
- † Warren Jontz who suffered a stroke on February 26. After a stay in the hospital, he was moved back to his room at Park Centre and sadly on March 5 was put under hospice care. Prayers also for Macy and their family.
- † Gladys Sparks who had a stay in the hospital due to having the flu. Since then, she has been continuing her recovery at Nelson Manor.
- † Nyadeed Wol--(this is our new friend from South Sudan with the three daughters), who was admitted to Skiff, transferred to Mercy and is now recovering at home.
- † David Hammer, who remains about the same and is in assisted living at Park Centre.
- † Carol Soderblom Hammer, who was in the hospital with the flu. She is back at Park Centre now.
- † Larry Anderson, who underwent surgery on Tuesday, March 13 at Mercy Medical West in Des Moines. After an overnight stay, Larry is home and recuperating.

Safety Measures

For some time, the kitchen door on the East side of the building has been locked when the greeters go up to Worship. This has been done as a safety measure for those in the nursery. A suggestion was received from a member that perhaps the elevator door should also be locked during worship.

Session discussed this at the Leadership retreat and agreed this was a good idea. As of Sunday, January 21, the Host Elder or Deacon began locking the elevator door and turning off the toggle switch when they go up for worship.

The front door will remain unlocked during this time and needs to be used should you happen to run a little late and find the door you normally used locked.

Wedding bells will be ringing for two couples of our church.



March 24 Mallory Sturtz and Jack Shipley will be getting married at our church with Rev. Meghan Davis officiating. Mallory is a member of the church and daughter of Stan and Carma, and sister to Chandler and Garrett.



The second wedding to be held at our church will be for Rachel Peska and Bryce Skaggs on April 7. Rachel is a member of our church and the daughter of Kevin and Toni. She is sister to Tara Zehr and Taylor McGonegle. Wonder if a couple cute little nephews (Emmett and Garrett) might have a role to serve in the ceremony?

Christian Nurture

Karen Quinn, Chair

Sassy seniors enjoy meeting and just talking about whatever is on our minds. This is the group of members 65-up and when they meet, it is at 1 pm on Wednesday afternoon.

There will be an Easter Egg hunt this year. Toni Peska is coloring Easter eggs and Kevin will help hide eggs Easter morning.

Graduates are being contacted right now about the graduation breakfast, which will be on May 27. We will be celebrating with graduates Natalie Camp and Garrett Sturtz and their families.

Erick Zehr is becoming a member of the Christian Nurture committee and we will have our first meeting Saturday, March 17. Watch for more news from our committee..

Order your Easter Lily

As is our church's tradition, the Deacons will be putting together the Lily Cross for display on Easter Sunday. You may order a lily or additional ones to honor or in memory of loved ones. An order form has been in the bulletin and are also available in the church office.

The last day to order is Sunday, March 25. The lilies will be delivered from Hy-Vee on Thursday, March 29.

The cost this year will be \$10. Be sure to indicate on the form if you will be taking yours home or leaving it to be shared.



During their March meeting deacons:

- Heard opening and closing devotions from Kevin Peska.
- Approved the minutes of the February meeting.
- During the reports of February visits, learned that some who normally are visited were not seen due to the flu season. Other deacons reported long, satisfying visits.
- Were reminded by Meghan that the church has new pew cards for visit requests. The cards will allow members of the congregation to suggest people who may want or need visits. from the pastor.
- Heard updates from Meghan and from others on members of the church family who have had, or soon will have, surgeries, plus other possibilities for visits.
- Learned the deacons fund balance was \$301.39 at the end of February and that 17 cards were sent to the church family during February.
- Took volunteers to help set up the Easter lily cross following the annual Cross Walk on March 30.

Diane Moles, Moderator
Dave Stolper, Secretary

Thank you to Warren Erickson for taking the helm of directing the choir during Larry Anderson's recuperation from surgery. This will be during the remaining Lenten Season and Easter.





The **One Great Hour of Sharing** donation will be collected on Palm Sunday. In preparation for this annual collection to help the mission projects of Christian churches, the mission committee has been reminding you this Lenten season of the needs this program addresses and our participation in serving. The Mission bulletin board in Fellowship Hall contains more information.

A special thank-you goes out to Barb and John Taylor, who took this project on for our church and provided information about the program, lessons from Isaiah 58 and provided food during Fellowship time about the weekly lesson.

Below is a copy of a letter our church, along with 10 other churches in our Presbytery, received from Nancy Lister-Sittle, regarding our past participation

Dear friends,

Here we are in the season of Lent and One Great Hour of Sharing, and I want to thank, congratulate and challenge your congregation.

First, a big thank you. Your church's giving to One Great Hour of Sharing has been faithful and generous. Thanks to congregations like yours, three life-giving ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) continue to serve God's people and creation: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

*Second, congratulations! Not only have you been loyal and dependable supporters of these vital ministries, **you increased your giving** last year! In the face of membership decline and uncertain economic times, you have demonstrated that a charitable spirit can prevail. I am so proud of your witness!*

And finally, I challenge you to introduce at least one new way to promote the offering this year. It has been my experience that giving will go up along with the excitement a new approach can bring. I can help you with this—just give me a call or contact me by email and I can offer suggestions and resources. Check out the Special Offerings resources at www.pcusa.org/oghs.

The 2018 theme – “You shall be called repairers of the breach” from Isaiah 58 – urges us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. You have demonstrated God's love and I thank, congratulate and call on you to keep up your good efforts!

Gratefully,

*Nancy Lister-Settle
Hunger Action Advocate
Presbytery of Des Moines*

Church Life

Tara Zehr, Chair

We served approximately 55 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 members. Our next event, Saturday, March 10, was a lasagna dinner and attending the high school play. This event was done jointly with Membership Committee. Dinner started at 5:00 pm and consisted of various types of lasagna, tossed salad with plenty of toppings and cherry or blueberry individual cheesecakes. Nineteen attended the dinner and sixteen then went to the play.

April 1, 2018, 9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
May 27, 2018, 9:00 a.m.	Graduation Breakfast jointly with Christian Nurture Committee. Natalie Camp and Garrett Sturtz - graduates.
July 15, 2018, 10:00 a.m.	Worship at Woodland, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
August 26, 2018, 10:00 a.m.	Rally Day ecumenical worship service
September 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m.	Hayride and weenie roast at the Ritter Camp
October 14, 2018, 4:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
November 18, 2018, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas caroling followed by chili 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 1st, 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.

MEMBERSHIP**MOMENT**

We encouraged people to attend the Pacesetter Winter Program on Feb 3. We probably had around 10 people from our church there. It was a fun evening. It was a 2 hour program with the Pacesetters presenting quite a few routines. Also there was the Grinnell equivalent to the Pacesetters, and both dance schools from Newton. Routines were also presented by Pacesetter dads, Newton High boys and the boys and girls together presented one routine. Allie Norvell is in the Pacesetters, her father, Chris, was in the dad's routine and Garrett Sturtz was in the boys routine as well as the boys/Pacesetter routine.

Our committee helped Church Life present a lasagna dinner at the church on March 10 before going to the high school play "Lucky Hudson and the 12th St. Gang". The dinner was delicious and the play was delightful. Natalie Camp had a large part in the play. Nineteen people attended the dinner and 16 went to the play.

We are getting closer to starting the finishing touches on the new church brochure. According to plans, a group from the high school will help us with a new church "app" which will allow people to access our church information via their cell phones or computers. We are waiting until this is completed to finish the brochure so that the info to access the "app" can be included in the brochure. It is our intent to have quite a few pictures in the brochure so we are in the process of taking a lot of pictures around the church.

Around March 18 be sure to look at the narthex bulletin board. We will be featuring for at least a couple of weeks "The Yellowed Pages"- articles from times past about members, relatives of members, past members, etc. Should be fun and interesting.

At our last meeting we discussed at length ways we can better keep track of people who are in crises and could use some help or support through Member Care. We felt monitoring their attendance might help and are working on ways to do that.

We are working on a couple of Sundays At 4 programs. More on this later.

Taylor McGonagle and Rachel Peska have volunteered to be Greeting Ministry alternates. We appreciate their willingness to help.

We will be having a P.E.W. (Pray,Eat,Work) event on Monday March 19 starting at 5:00. We will be doing some touch up cleaning of the church before Easter. This also involves a light dinner and short devotion. We are usually there about 1 1/2 hour total. Hope you can join us. More information will be in the bulletin and Church Happenings.

We welcome Helyn Wohlwend to our committee as our session liaison . Welcome Helyn! Great to have you with us!

Gary Parsons, moderator pro tem

2018 Lenten Breakfasts and Devotions

A wonderful tradition that continues in our church is the Lenten breakfasts and devotions. These start on Ash Wednesday and continue 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. We hope to see many of you there.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Devotions</u>
3/21	Don & Sharon Black	Don Black
3/28	Larry & Shari DeCook	Mickey Van Baale



Fill your fish banks and bring them to services on Palm Sunday, March 25. This is our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. If you aren't able to bring your bank to church on the 25th, you can leave it at the church office during the following week.



Services on Maundy Thursday, March 29, 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, March 30. It will start at 12 noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and will progress to other downtown churches. 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 5 to get the details of what is needed. They appreciate your contributions.



Our service on Easter Sunday, April 1 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.

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.

** The One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected on **Palm Sunday**. In preparation for this annual collection to help the mission projects of Christian churches, the mission committee will be reminding you this Lenten season of the needs this program provides and your participation in serving. The basis for this season will be the 58th chapter of Isaiah. Each Sunday we will have a symbol of the week's emphasis, the verses that relate to the day, and some international food at coffee time. We hope these ideas will help you understand the OGH, its mission and emphases.

** Neighbors Helping Neighbors has committed to providing a "Laundry Night" on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month, providing all the supplies needed so those who may not have laundry facilities at home can come to the laundromat and do their laundry. Volunteers are on hand to help as needed - finding empty machines, feeding quarters into washers or dryers, and most importantly serving as friends to those doing their wash. This is an opportunity to share supper (provided) and conversation with folks who may not have many caring persons in their lives. Thank you to those who generously add their quarters or currency to the laundry detergent jug in the narthex on most Sunday mornings! In order to sustain this ministry, more volunteers are needed. First Presbyterian Church has volunteered to fill this need for the month of June. Laundry nights will be Monday, June 11 and Monday, June 25 at the Newton Laundromat behind Domino's on E. 17th St. N. We need 4-5 volunteers for the "early" shift (probably 5-7 pm) and 2-3 volunteers for the "late" shift (probably 7-9 pm). Please consider joining in this effort to support those in our community who are searching for some dignity. To volunteer or if you have questions, call Linda Curtis-Stolper at 641-840-2417.

** BorderLinks provides educational programs in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands, helping participants deepen their understanding of border, immigration, and social justice. Rev. Meghan Davis will be sharing about her continuing educational experience with BorderLinks on **Sunday, March 18** directly after the worship service. A light lunch will be served. Plan to attend.

** Days for Girls – Another productive workshop was held on Thursday, February 22 with twelve participants along with a delicious and abundant lunch. Emphasis was on preparing fabric and making kit parts. Our next DfG Workshop is scheduled for **Thursday, March 22**, 9 am-2 pm, in fellowship hall. All are welcome!

** SHARE – Pick up date for the March 9 food orders is Saturday, **March 24** at the United Methodist Church. Food package information can be found on the Mission bulletin board in fellowship hall or on-line at www.shareiowa.org. If you have questions, contact Linda Anderson.

** Take Away Hunger will be having a packaging event Saturday morning, **March 24** at the Lynnville Friends Church. To become a part of a team of 12 people, register at jaspercountytakeawayhunger@gmail.com. Mark your calendars for the next two packaging events – July 7 at St Luke United Methodist Church and October 13 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The Food Bank in Des Moines has food packaging opportunities nearly every day – call 515-564-0330 to see what is available. Meals from the Heartland is currently enlisting Sweet \$16 donations in the basketball tournament theme. Donations on-line may be made at their website.

** Mariners In Mission – The first work week will be at Bethelwoods Camp in York, South Carolina from March 25-31. We plan to offer special occasions at the camp for Holy Week so the workers won't miss out on pre-Easter worship. The other work weeks set up for 2018 are a week at Stronghold camp near Oregon, Illinois and Calvin Crest camp in Fremont, Nebraska.

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The PCUSA statistics committee has evaluated the value of camping program and has determined that camp experiences are vital to the religious education of youth. Anyone interested in serving Presbyterian camps utilizing their work skills, or learning new skills is welcome to join the work weeks. Let the Taylors know of your interest!

**** Way of the Cross Walk**, Join members of our larger community on Good Friday, March 30, as we come together for the annual Stations of the Cross walk. The seven downtown churches will each host one stop on the walk, remembering important points in Jesus' final journey to the cross. Prayers, singing, and silence will be shared. This event is organized by the Mission Coalition. The walk will end about 1 pm.

**** Presbyterian Women Spring Connection** – The Presbyterian Women’s unit of the Des Moines Presbytery will be meeting at the United Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, April 7**. Sue Ingle, who participated in a Global Exchange, will share her experiences on the mistreatment of humans. Linda Campbell and her gang of good cooks will be preparing lunch. Linda Curtis-Stolper, member of Neighbors helping Neighbors, will be sharing their mission. The ladies present will be making fleece blankets for Linda to take back to the homeless who are in need of blankets. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and should be over by 2 p.m. Please register with Barb Taylor so there will be enough lunch for all. Cost will be \$7 for the lunch.

Budget and Finance Corner

Jen Norvell, Chair

Operating Revenue and Expenses for the month:

- ◇ Pledges for the month of January were \$29,325. This was \$285 above budget for the month. As a reminder, this month’s pledges include \$13,048 in 2018 prepaid pledges that were made in 2017.
- ◇ Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$1,200 for the month, which was \$800 above budget.

Other Income for the month:

- ◇ We recorded a \$4,632.52 change in our investment value during the month.
- ◇ We had \$445.04 in per capita donations.

Expenses for the month:

- ◇ Building & Grounds expense was \$196.89 above budget due to anticipated repairs/maintenance expenses, including snow removal and piano tuning.
- ◇ The International Mission fund paid \$476 for supplies related to the Days for Girls project.
- ◇ The Undesignated Mission fund paid \$55.32 in ramp building supplies.

In total for the month, expenses were \$92 above budget.



MARCH 2018 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>9 00 a Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 a Worship</p> <p>11:30 a Fellowship</p>				<p>1</p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group</p> <p>9a Men's Group</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p>	<p>2Katelyn Camp</p> <p>3</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:45 Personnel</p>	<p>6 Jennifer Ventling</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:45a Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>8 Barb Gallaher</p>	<p>9 Kevin Peska</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5p Dinner at Church and play at NHS</p>
<p>11 Linda Curtis- Stolper</p> <p>Day Light Savings begin</p> <p>9a Deacons</p> <p>3p Arias Concert</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5p Personnel</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga</p> <p>3:30p Mission</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:45a Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:15p Membership</p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group</p> <p>9a Men's Group</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11a Christian Nurture</p>
<p>18</p> <p>11:30a Lunch and Presentation on Borderlinks</p>	<p>19 Vickie Carson</p> <p>5p PEW</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga</p> <p>6:30p Session</p>	<p>21 Julie Fisher</p> <p>6:45a Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>22 Elsie Nelson</p> <p>9a-2p Days for Girls</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p>	<p>23 Dan Skokan</p> <p>Sturtz/Shiple Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4p Sturtz/ Shiple Wedding</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>26 Don Black Les Gause</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:45a Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p> <p>7p Maudy Thursday Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12p Cross Walk</p> <p>1p Set-up of Lily Cross</p>	<p>31</p>

**SCHEDULE
OF**



VOLUNTEERS

March	4	11	18	25
Worship Leader <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Joan Tyler	George Wilkening	Terry Rickers	Mickey Van Baale
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Church Life</i>	George Wilkening	Kay Parsons	Linda Erickson	Janet Shields
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Randy & Carol Camp	Gary & Kay Parsons	Kevin & Toni Peska	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow
Ushers <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Tom & Nancy Mott	Randy & Carol Camp	Kathy Ventling	Mary Jane Tripp Suzy Funk
Audio <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Shirley Stevens	Kyle Doerring		Dan Ritter
Counters <i>Budget & Finance</i>	Dan Ritter Don Black	Dave Stolper Kathy Ventling	Tara Zehr Bret Doerring	Jonnie Carpenter Sandy Cheney
Bread Ministry Baker	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook	Sandy Simbro
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Nancy Mott	Barb Gallaher	Mickey Van Baale	Barb Gallaher
Communion Set up <i>Worship & Music`</i>	Jen Norvell Mary Roskilly			



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

**SCHEDULE
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VOLUNTEERS

April	1	8	15	22	29
Worship Leader <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Dave Stolper	Kathy Ventling	Linda Curtis-Stolper	Val McKee	Karen Quinn
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Church Life</i>	Karen Quinn	Larry Anderson	Tara Zehr	Kevin Peska	Elsie Nelson
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Cole Doerring Carroll Brodersen	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Janet Shields Kim or Kert Schnell	Dick & Shirley Mielke	Randy & Carol Camp
Ushers <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Kathy Ventling	Kevin & Toni Peska	Don & Sharon Black	Gary & Kay Parsons	Bonnie Rasmussen Shirley Stevens
Audio <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Shirley Stevens	Kyle Doerring	Dan Ritter		Les Gause
Counters <i>Budget & Finance</i>	Jen Norvell Janet Shields	Terry Rickers Peggy/Chris Lickiss	Mary Roskilly Bev Rossow	Dave Stolper Kathy Ventling	Dan Ritter Don Black
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Jane Repp	Val McKee	Sharon Black
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Communion Set up <i>Worship & Music</i>	Kay Parsons Mickey Van Baale				

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Lectionary —

March, 2018

March 4 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Ex. 20:1-17; *Ps. 19*; 1 Cor. 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22

March 11 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Num.21:4-9; *Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22*;
Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 18 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Jer. 31:31-34; *Ps. 51:1-12* or
Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 25 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16;
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; *Ps. 31:9-16*;
Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

April, 2018

April 1 - 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 8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter

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

April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter

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