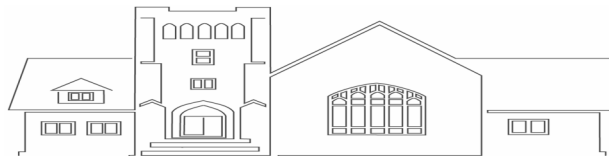


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THE MESSENGER



MARCH 2015

Meghan's Musings

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

I doubt anyone has ever re-written the lyrics to “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” for Lent. (Though now that I think about it, I just might...) There are probably not too many people other than a few odd clergy who would declare “I love Lent!” But I just realized this year that I actually do. (Of course, I am an odd clergy person.) It’s really true. I really do love Lent. Why?

I love Lent because it is a time for reflection, contemplation, self-examination. I love Lent because it’s an opportunity to identify a behavior, practice or habit in our lives that by doing (or not doing) creates a barrier between us and our true selves, the image of God in which we were created, a chance to identify that barrier and work to remove it. And whether we choose to give something up or take something on, the Lenten discipline should be more than a re-boot of our failed New Year’s resolutions. A meaningful Lenten discipline will be one with some theological significance, some way that you can explain to yourself—perhaps only yourself—that this will draw you closer to God.

I don’t subscribe to the notion that a Lenten discipline should be painful or that our giving up something in any way gives us a taste of Jesus’s suffering on the cross. Is going 40 days without M&Ms really going to give anyone a sense of Jesus’s suffering? I don’t think so. However, if you find that your affinity for M&Ms is somehow interfering with your journey with Christ—if you’re obsessed with M&M’s to the point that you can’t think about anything else until/unless you get your M&M fix, or if you’re eating enough M&Ms to negatively impact your health or if you find you value your time with your M&Ms more than relationships with loved ones—perhaps going without for a few weeks would be beneficial for you.

A few years ago I was watching a shameful amount of reality TV. If it was on Bravo, I was watching. I was not proud of this habit (it was a guilty pleasure with much more emphasis on the guilt than the pleasure) but it was just so hard to quit. (I mean, I *had* to find out how Bethenny was going put Jill in her place.) But I knew that reality TV was interfering with my reality. I knew that if I were to make a list of my priorities, reality TV would not be anywhere on that list. So, I gave up reality TV for Lent. I’m not going to lie. That first week or so was rough. I really wanted to know how the scandals of the previous week would be resolved, resumed or rehashed. I missed the opportunity to cheer for my favorites and jeer for the villains (or those who the producers of the show had manipulated footage to make appear as villains). But after a while, I began to appreciate all the extra time on my hands for my true priorities and for the real people in my life. I’m happy to say, by the time Easter rolled around, I had no desire to return to the Real Housewives of any city.

By the time you read this article, we’ll already be well into Lent and that might lead you to think, “Oh well, too late to start a Lenten discipline now!” Well guess what? It’s not too late! It’s never too late to hit the “reset” button, remove barriers, re-align ourselves with God and reap the spiritual benefits of doing so.

Be Praying For...

- ✚ Tom Weeks who has had his 16th surgical procedure at Mayo Clinic on February 11. Tom said while he still won't be able to eat like everyone else, he plans to be around a long time.
- ✚ Loretta Wendt who remains in Assisted Living at Park Centre.
- ✚ Barb Taylor who is still sporting a boot with her broken foot. She had carpal tunnel surgery on Thursday, February 9. We pray for her speedy recovery.
- ✚ George Wilkening, who had cataract surgery on Wednesday, February 25 and will have another on Wednesday, March 18.
- ✚ Jean Bloomquest, former member and long-time treasurer, fell on ice outside her office on Friday, February 20. Co-workers got her to the ER where X-rays determined she had broken the small bone on the outside of her leg and the tip off the large bone. She had surgery on Saturday and started physical therapy on Sunday, February 22. She was scheduled to go home on Monday, February 23.
- ✚ Our church members who are or will be in El Salvador, doing various tasks and representing our church family.



With Deepest Sympathy

Amy Ver Steegt, mother and mother-in-law of Vince and Linda Ver Steegt, died on Saturday, February 7. A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 14, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in rural Sully. In addition to Vince and Linda, those left to honor Amy's memory are her other son, Vaughn (Mary) Ver Steegt of Janesville; her six grandchildren, Sarah (Paul) Kirk, Melinda Ver Steegt, Evan (Allison) Ver Steegt, Branson Ver Steegt, Eric Ver Steegt, and Joel Ver Steegt; three great-grandsons; and her sister-in-law Lareatha Huyser of Newton.

Lois Campbell Cox of Phoenix, AZ, sister-in-law of Linda Campbell, died Sunday, February 8. Memorial services were held on Sunday, February 14, following a private interment. Survivors in addition to Linda are her two sons, Tom (wife Jean) and Doug Cox and one grandson, Kevin Corrier-Cox. -

Mary Ann Woodburn, of Iowa City and sister-in-law of Janie Moles, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Visitation was held Monday, February 16, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City with a Memorial Service directly following. Mary Ann is survived by her husband Bob; one son; one daughter in law; four step children; four grandchildren; fifteen step-grand children and many other relatives, including Janie and her family.

Yoga Class Update

When are the classes?

Monday 6:15 pm: Flow
Tuesday 11:00 am: Gentle
Wednesday 6:00 am: Flow*
Thursday 3:00 pm: Chair
Saturday 10:00 am: Flow

*Due to lack of participation, Wed. 6 a.m. class is on indefinite hiatus.

We will re-assess interest in the class after Lent, so please let us know if you would like to



Athena Jo Phanphasy, daughter of Mercedes Wathan and Thomas Phanphasy, was born February 2, 2015 in Des Moines. Athena weighted 6 lbs, 11 ozs and was 20 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Karen Wathan, niece of Blake Wathan and great-granddaughter of Dick and Shirley Meilke.

Emergency Closure of the Church

In the event of severe weather or other situations that dictate changes to scheduled activities at the church, that information will be posted on our Website (<http://newton1stpresbyterian.org>), our Face Book page (Newton First Presbyterian Church, Newton, IA) and communicated to KCOB Radio (1280 AM, 95.9 FM and KRTI 106.7 FM which covers Newton, Grinnell, Marshalltown, parts of Des Moines, etc.), WHO Radio (1040 AM), and KCCI TV (Channel 8).

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!

NOTE: Small groups such as the choir, men's groups, et. al., will be responsible for communicating their schedule changes to their members.



The Session

Buildings and Grounds

Norm Grimm, Chair

The biggest obstacle facing our committee was having a sewer back-up in the kitchen again on Sunday, February 15. Roger Harmelink worked with Warnick-Reeves to try and determine where the problem might lie. This time the sewer would back-up if you flushed the toilet in the nursery or the toilet on the first floor. Luckily, the blueprints of the sewer system were finally found, which was very helpful. After several attempts by Warnick-Reeves to open up the clog and finding none, the culprit was found when they checked between our building and the street. Paper towels had been flushed down a toilet, thus causing the problem.

It goes without saying that nothing other than toilet paper and human waste should be flushed down any of the toilets. We are wanting to put new flooring in the kitchen, but we do not feel we can do this until we are sure this problem has been resolved once and for all.

Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of January were \$32,333.60. This was \$334 above budget for the month. Of this amount, \$16,569 had been prepaid in 2014, but transferred into 2015 as pledge income. We did not have any donations in this category this month.

Both the General Assembly mission payment (\$4,894) and the per capita payment (\$9,240) were remitted to Presbytery in January. In total for the month, expenses were \$572 under budget.

The Muñozes committee received donations of \$1,980 for future work in Berlin. During December, we collected an additional \$500 for the Christmas Joy offering and an additional \$500 for the Rural Harvest Offerings. These special offerings were remitted to Presbytery in January.



Bread Ministry

By Barb Taylor

In a continued effort to make sure the Membership Committee knows when we have visitors at church, who receive the bread, the members of the committee are looking at revamping the process. Therefore, we will not be doing the bread ministry during the month of March. The goal is to have it operational by Easter.

We are still looking for another bread baker. This would be a person who would be willing to bake a loaf of bread about once every two months. The bread is left in the kitchenette off the parlor on your assigned Sunday morning. The "taker" then puts the bread in a bag along with a packet of information about our church and the most current Messenger. This gift is then given to someone visiting the church, or to a church member who has been in the hospital or sick, or has a birthday, or perhaps they have helped during the worship service in some special way.

If you feel God calling you to help with this ministry, please let Barb Taylor know at 792-6990 or barbjohn@pcpartner.net.

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
March 22, 2015, 11:30 a.m.	Potato Bar
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.

On February 22, eighteen people braved the cold temperatures and enjoyed tacos, popcorn, cookies, and cupcakes, followed by a showing of "When the Game Stands Tall (2014)". The movie was about the true - story of a California high school football team with the record winning streak of 151 games, but that was the back story – the movie began with the team losing the 152nd game and proceeded from that point. It was actually about motivation, loss, encouragement, commitment, struggle, and love. An enjoyable evening!

Next event: **Potato Bar on March 22nd**

The annual Potato Bar will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2015, immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. Come and have a big, piping hot, baked potato and load it up with your favorite toppings: chili, broccoli, tomatoes, cheese, butter, green onions, sour cream, and onions. Dessert bars and beverages will also be served and a free-will offering will be taken. The funds raised are used by the Church Life Committee for other events during the year.

From your Church Life Committee:

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





Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

Work Week Update by Mickey Van Baale

The decision has been made and our 2015 Work Week trip will be to Kemmerer Village in Assumption, Ill. We will be leaving early the morning of July 5 so we arrive at our location in time to attend their church service, which begins at 2 pm. We will return on Saturday, July 11 and conduct the worship service on Sunday, July 12. Kemmerer Village is a private, non-profit human service agency established in 1914. Guided by the vision of their founder, Philip B. Kemmerer, their mission is to support families and children who face stress and turmoil in their lives. The primary program is residential treatment for adolescents.

Tasks that have been done by work groups in the past and would be a possibility for us are painting in cottages, trimming bushes, scraping pasture fence, trimming pasture fence, window washing, weeding flower beds, putting siding on cottages, putting roofing on cottages, replacing fence as needed around campus, hanging new gutters and putting up drywall. They also have an equestrian program as part of the therapy for the residents. Normally work groups are not allowed to work with the horses, but we may be the exception.

We held our informational meeting following worship on Sunday, February 15.

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

Follow The Way of the Cross on Good Friday by Linda Curtis-Stolper

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 by Barb Taylor

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 by John Taylor

The next event is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at Trinity Lutheran in Newton. Rev Meghan reported that the youth group has been talking about participating.

International:

Katherine Pater was in Newton for two speaking engagements. The first was Thursday, February 19, at First Presbyterian Church sponsored by the 9:00 am Men's Group and was open to the public. The second was on Tuesday, February 24, noon at DMACC sponsored by Rotary.

Linda Erickson reported that First Presbyterian received a nice thank-you note for the donation of \$4,000.00 sent late December, 2014. The funds were designated with \$3,000.00 to the General Fund, \$400.00 to the Health Account, \$400.00 to the Scholarship Fund and \$200.00 to the Pastoral House Health Fund.

See page 8 for information on church members going to El Salvador.

Deacon's Report

Dana Hashman, Moderator

Held our February meeting on Sunday, February 8. The following actions took place:

- ◇ Added Fran Hoffman to visiting list.
- ◇ Gave cash donation to the El Salvador mission trip.
- ◇ Jeanette Shannon will be in charge of meals if we find a need.



Lent



Bill Calhoun, our former pastor, has written a book, entitled *Notes in the Margin*.

"Going deeper is a call to be vulnerable to how this dynamic and deeper word and truth might confront us and shape us and lead us. These reflections honor and deepen the notes that I have written in the margins of my Bible and devotional books throughout my life. To gather and complete these notes completes me. I share these insights that have caught my attention through years of reading and reflection. God's Word is finally more than we can grasp or completely handle. We simply seek to live into its truth, enjoying our smallness before God's largeness."

The book is available from www.tatteredcover.com, which is a book store with 3 locations in Denver. The cost of the book is \$12.00 plus \$8.00 shipping. When you get to the website, put in either the book title or Bill Calhoun to bring up the book for purchase.

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

As of this writing the directory update should be on the way to the printer. The second draft was placed in the church office from Monday, February 16 to Thursday, February 26 and was in the Fellowship Hall after church on February 22 to enable people to check their listing to make sure the information is accurate. Thanks to Cathy Rickers for a huge amount of work on this project.

We would like to call attention to several people that are not "officially" on the Membership Committee but do a lot of work and often do not get enough credit. Joan Rusk does the volunteer calling, Barb Taylor oversees the Bread Ministry (Bake and Take), and Mary Jane Tripp coordinates the Member Care Committee. Thanks to you for all the time and work you have put into these committees. It is very much appreciated.

Last month I mentioned that Val McKee will be our committee chair when she returns from down south toward the end of March. I neglected to mention that Bev Rossow, since becoming a session member again, is on the Budget & Finance Committee and is not on the Membership Committee now. Bev had been on Membership since its inception about 6 or 7 years ago. She was a very effective member and we hate to lose her but know that she will do a great job on B & F. Thanks Bev, for your contributions while on Membership!

Please remember the suggestion box which is maintained outside the church office for the purpose of giving you a voice in our church life. Please use it.

Gary Parsons, chair pro tem



February Presbytery Report

By Linda Kirchhoff

The 499th meeting of Des Moines Presbytery was held at the Winterset First United Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 14, 2015. In attendance from First Presbyterian, Newton, were Linda Anderson, Mickey Van Baale (non-voting members), Rev. Meghan Davis and Commissioner Linda Kirchhoff (voting members.) The session began with a worship service which was followed by a business meeting.

Many reports were given. Most are in printed form, and church members are welcome to view them. Mickey Van Baale reported on the Reconciliation Task Force, of which she is a member. Participants applauded after she announced that Wendell and Loretta Wendt, who had been Faithful Through the Years Honorees, were celebrating their 100th birthdays that day. Katherine Pater also gave an oral report on her work in El Salvador.

The major business items of the meeting concerned the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center and sale of the Presbytery office, six changes to the Book of Order by omnibus motion, the Belhar Confession, and Amendment 14-F on marriage.

The Budget and Finance Committee asked that \$100,000 (the projected amount from the sale of the Presbytery office which will be moved to Cottage Grove Mission Center) be changed to unrestricted funds from the Knox Knolls Camping Fund. This money would be used as a cash advance and returned to the Presbytery operating fund. After discussion and amendments, a motion was passed to return the money to the Knox Knolls Camping Fund instead.

There was also a presentation regarding the architect's plan for the center. It features a worship space, office space (for Presbytery, Cross Ministries, and non-profit rentals,) bathrooms, and a 3 story elevator. Estimated cost was \$2 million. The presenter felt confident the money could be raised through grants and donations, plus the sale of the office.

FYI

Amendments to the Book of Order and Book of Confessions. Amendments passed by members of the General Assembly are sent to presbyteries for approval or disapproval. Presbyteries transmit their votes no later than one year following adjournment of the GA. If the Stated Clerk receives written notice that the affirmative votes of a majority all the presbyteries has been received, the amendment becomes effective one year following adjournment of the assembly.

Following Roberts Rules of Order, at Presbytery meetings speakers can orally voice comments, alternating pro and con on the issue before a vote is taken. The vote can be voice or paper ballot. Proxy votes are not allowed.

Amendment 14-1: Confession of Belhar.

*The Bills and Overtures Task Force recommended that the Confession of Belhar be accepted in the Book of Confession. Following much discussion on both sides of the issue, the motion passed on a voice vote. (This is the first Confession sent to Presbyteries that was written by persons from the Southern Hemisphere.)

Amendment 14-F: Amending W-4.9000 wording on Marriage. Proposed Amendment to the PCUSA Book of Order by 2014 GA. {Background: The 2014 General Assembly agreed to grant pastors discretion in determining whether or not to conduct same-gender marriages in civil jurisdictions where such marriages are legal. The action effectively removed the ban on Presbyterian pastors marrying same-gender couples in those jurisdictions.}

The Bills and Overtures Task Force recommended that Amendment 14-F be accepted in the Book of Order. In brief, if a couple - traditionally a man and a woman- meets the requirements of the civil jurisdiction in which

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Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Approved use of a gift to refurbish the Sunday School room immediately behind the balcony
- Heard an impromptu report on the most recent drain problem & the on-going work to correct it.
- Heard a report from the Mission Committee that the Ice Cream Social in support of Work Week will be June 2
- Received a report from the most recent meeting of the Presbytery that changes to the Book of Order were approved by the Presbytery of Des Moines



Community Meals

By Barb Taylor

The March meal we will be helping prepare and serve will be on March 25. The menu will be ham loaf, coleslaw, garlic bread and pudding.

When looking at the calendar in the Messenger, the week we have is always highlighted in red to make it easier to identify and remember that week. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board just inside the door of Fellowship Hall. Help is always welcomed.



Community Meal

El Salvador...Here we come!

By Linda Erickson, Mission Committee

Several First Presbyterians will be traveling to El Salvador in the coming five weeks. Warren and Linda Erickson were the first to leave on February 21 to work as international election observers for the El Salvador election on March 1. Kimberly Schnell will travel the day after the election and will meet Linda and Warren to travel together to Berlin to visit Muñoces for three days (March 5,6, and 7) on behalf of our congregation. Linda and Warren will fly home on March 10, leaving Kimberly in Berlin to teach English at Centro Escolar Amigos de Iowa. Doug Smith and his daughter, Jessie, will join Kimberly in Berlin on March 13 to help with her teaching. They also hope to visit the home of a new friend from Pella, Jose Carballo, who grew up in Las Delicias...one of the many cantons around Berlin, as well as the physical therapy clinic where Kimberly once volunteered. They will return together March 21 but may run into Tom Mott before they leave because he will be in Berlin March 15 - 22 fitting glasses with the medical delegation which began years ago at our own First Presbyterian and is now continued by the Catholics. All those traveling to El Salvador this spring were commissioned at the church service on Sunday, February 15.

2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the first delegation from this church to El Salvador. That delegation was charged with learning about the needs of the people who live in the cantons that surround Berlin, El Salvador and to work with a group of Salvadorans who were already working to improve the lives of the poor in that area. Twenty years later the ministry continues. The work has grown and changed through the years but the fundamental goals remain the same. Many of you have visited this area of El Salvador during the last 20 years and many more of you have shared your resources to make this ministry possible. Thank you to all! We will create an opportunity for all of you to hear more about our travels after everyone has returned.

The components of the latrines have arrived in Muñoces and pictures are on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Also, on the last afternoon that Ericksons and Kimberly Schnell are in Muñoces, they will hold a fiesta, which has become a yearly tradition. This normally consists of having a piñata and light snacks.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the El Salvador fund in January. The amount donated was \$2000.

Report from Presbytery

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they reside, a teaching elder may - but is not required to - perform a marriage ceremony. The teaching elder may seek the counsel of session, which has the authority to permit or deny the use of church property for such a ceremony.

Following a great, great deal of discussion and debate, the motion passed by a paper ballot vote.

The date for the next Presbytery meeting will be changed to June 6, 2015. The meeting will be a joint meeting with the Presbytery of North Central Iowa and will be held at Collegiate Presbyterian Church in Ames. This will be the first time the two presbyteries have met together for worship and will be the 500th meeting of the Des Moines Presbytery. They will separate to conduct business.

The meeting closed with singing and prayer.

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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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LENTEN BREAKFAST/DEVOTIONS

MARCH 4

Breakfast Linda Curtis-Stolper & Dave Stolper
Devotion Linda Curtis-Stolper

MARCH 11

Breakfast Kay & Gary Parsons
Devotion Don Black

MARCH 18

Breakfast Dana Hashman & George Wilkening
Devotion George Wilkening

MARCH 25

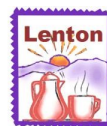
Breakfast Larry & Shari DeCook
Devotion Terry Rickers

APRIL 1

Breakfast Nancy & Tom Mott
Devotion Mickey Van Baale

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




**Breakfast
and Devotion**





2015 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Katelyn Camp</i> 4:45 pm Personnel 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	3 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:00 pm Worship & Music	4 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	5 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	6 <i>Jennifer Ventling</i>	7 Kids Against Hunger 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
8 <i>Barb Gallaher</i> 9:00 am Deacons 10:30 am Kids Action Hour 3-5 pm Youth Bowling Daylight Savings Starts	9 <i>Kevin Peska</i> 6:15 pm Yoga Flow 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	10 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 5:30 pm Membership	11 <i>Linda Curtis-Stolper</i> 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm B & F Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	12 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Missions	13 <i>Mary Ann Ringgenberg</i>	14 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
15	16 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	17  11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 p.m. Session	18 <i>Virginia Bennett</i> 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	19 <i>Vickie Carson</i> 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	20	21 <i>Julie Fisher</i> 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
22 <i>Elsie Nelson</i> 10:30 am Kids Action Hour 11:30 am Potato Bar	23 <i>Dan Skokan</i> 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	24 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	25 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	26 <i>Don Black Elizabeth Mount</i> 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	27	28 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
29 <i>Loretta Wendt Les Gause</i> 	30	31 <i>Landon Ferguson</i>			9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	

March



Volunteers

March	1	8	15	22	29	April 5
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Jane Repp	Tara Zehr	Kathy Ventling	Terry Rickers	Linda Campbell	Dave Stolper
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Linda Kirchhoff	Sandy Smit	Nancy Mott	Shari DeCook	Sharon Black	Karen Quinn
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Valerie Barney	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Don & Sharon Black	Mary Jane Tripp Suzie Funk Sandy Cheney	Tom & Nancy Mott	Pat & Pete Koppin	The Camp Family	Bill & Nancy Shields
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Jay Koenen	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Brad Ritter	Brad Ritter
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Jordan Norvell	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp	Emily Miller	Cody Barney	Garrett Sturtz
Counters <i>Terry Rickers</i>	Jonnie Carpenter	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Jonnie Carpenter Tara Zehr	Dan Ritter Bill Shields
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Linda Kirchhoff Tom Mott					Linda Erickson Bev Rossow



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Lectioary —

March 2015

March 1 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; *Ps. 22:23-31*

Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

March 8 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exod. 20:1-17; *Ps. 19*; 1 Cor. 1:18 -25

John 2:13 -22

March 15 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Num. 21:4-9; *Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22*

Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14 -21

March 22 - 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 29 - Passion/Palm 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, 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