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Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2018

Happenings!

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday Services, Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 8—Holy Humor Sunday

Monday, April 9—Bethany Lutheran Home Bake Sale

Thursday, April 12—North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting

Friday, April 13—Potluck & Movie Night: The Greatest Showman

Friday, April 20—Volunteers for Food Pantry Meet at Our Savior's

Sunday, April 22—Earth Day Celebration, Confirmation

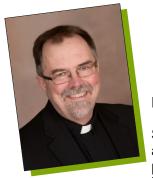
Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith

Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit



The table tennis tournament was great fun for all. There were categories for all ages! There were 23 participants this year.

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

By Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Dear friends in Christ,

Sunday, April 18th, will be the fifth annual Holy Humor Sunday here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. We carry on the ancient church tradition of "Risus Paschalis," a Greek phrase that means the "Easter Joke." Easter is described in this tradition as the great joke or trick that God has played on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead on Easter. In

the Eastern Orthodox tradition, Christians spend Easter Monday telling jokes as a way to celebrate Easter. We do that on the Sunday following Easter.

<u>Our theme for Holy Humor Sunday this year is "Pajama Worship."</u> You may recall the recent Sunday when we cancelled worship services due to a broken water pipe. I had an abbreviated service online that Sunday, and a number of you participated in that experience. Several of you noted that it was great fun to attend worship in your pajamas. Well, why should we limit ourselves to that experience?

I trust you to exercise discretion and good judgment. For example, those of you who are in some way "PJ-challenged" may choose to wear sweat pants or other comfortable attire. I'm inviting the choir to wear their bathrobes as their choir robes that day. This may encourage the "shower singers" among us to consider singing with the choir in the future. You should feel free to bring your favorite night caps, blankets, stuffed animals, pillows and slippers as part of the day.

After worship we will enjoy the magic of The Amazing Lindy. He entertained us on New Year's Eve, but the weather kept many people home that night. So we look forward to having him with us for some great fun. We'll receive an offering during our fellowship time that day to help offset his well-deserved fees. You will laugh until your cheeks ache!

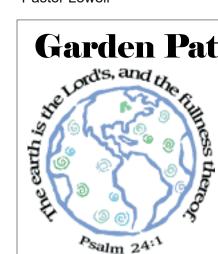
Why do we do this? We Christians have every reason to be the most joyful people on the planet. We know that death is defeated and that God is working to give abundant life to the whole universe. We don't share that joy often enough. We (particularly I) spend far too much time and energy worrying and fretting about all that's wrong in the world. We need more joyful practice, more habits of humor. So we devote a Sunday to that worthy cause.

I hope you'll give yourself fully to this experience. And I hope you might consider inviting friends, neighbors, co-workers, family and others to be with us that day. Bring them with you to see us at our best...or at least our most relaxed!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

Garden Patio Party to Celebrate Earth Day



April 22, 2018, 10:30-12:00

Out on the Patio, Emanuel Lutheran Church Bring your seedlings, plants, promises to share, and pots to share with others. Need not be new. Free will offering for items will go to the Youth Gathering.

Jan Husmann 328-8378 Darlene Jeppesen 322-6391

"The earth laughs in flowers" Emerson

Parsonage Wish List

By Deann Over

With the Hennigs moving to their new home and upcoming construction for Emanuel's day care, the empty parsonage provides opportunities for other Emanuel ministry areas.

Lutheran Lakeside counselors will again be conducting a day camp at Emanuel from June 11 – 14. The Children/Youth ministry team would like to provide them overnight housing during their stay and have compiled a wish list:

- Beds
- Mattresses
- Bedding
- Pillows
- Towels
- Dressers
- night stands
- · kitchen table and chairs
- Lamps
- Other Household items, etc.

If you have any of the above items, please contact the church office to make arrangements for drop off.

Please note: We know the generosity of our members, if we receive more items than can be used for parsonage guests, items will be sold at Emanuel's annual garage sale.



Emanuel Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Potluck 6:30 p.m. Movie:



The Greatest Showman

Free event for all ages! Bring friends, family and a dish to share!

Bethany Annual Bake Sale

Monday, April 9, 2:00 p.m. Bethany Lutheran Home & Heights

Please contact Jan Stone (712-308-1216 or gbria@cox.net) if you are willing to provide baked goods for the annual bake sale. Proceeds from the bake sale are used by the auxiliary to purchase items for the residents and the activities department.

Suggested baked items: cakes, pies, breads (small and large loaves), cookies, sweet rolls, brownies etc. Please keep in mind that the residents look forward to the bake sale every year and appreciate items

packaged in smaller packages such as 4 cookies, 2 sweet rolls, 2 brownies/bars or 4 pieces of fudge, etc.

Items can be dropped off at Bethany before 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, or bring to church on Sunday, April 8, and Jan will take to Bethany.



Table Tennis Tournament

BY AL MARTENS & JOHN HUSMANN

The Table Tennis Tournament was held March 3 and 4 at Emanuel. Congratulation to all our winners and we hope everyone who participated had fun.

Men's Singles

1st Tyler Hansen 2nd Kevin Epperson

Women's Singles

1st Lauren Hansen 2nd Kylie Hansen

Children (age 7)

1st Tori Hansen 2nd Mason Lewis

Men's Doubles

1st Stephen Lewis & Tyler Hansen 2nd Mike Loos & John Spilde

We would like to thank Greg Steensland for MC'ing the event and Jan Husmann and her staff for the great lunch and all the work that goes with the excellent meal, and everyone who helped with the set up and clean up for the tournament. We are looking forward to next year!



Daphne Miller Harvey Coble Kaye Bird Jeff Smith Glen Fahrenkrug Mildred Rogers Paul Heath Lucille Weatherill
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April 10 Al & Linda Martens

April 13 Judy & Carl Wilson

April 14 Dennis & Connie Beckman Rick & Jackie Ogg

April 15 Dick & Donna Steensen

If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please let the church office know! Contact Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or emanuellutherancbia@msn.com

Worship Assistant Schedule

(if unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office of the change)

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April 1
Easter Breakfast
Hosted by Youth

April 8

April 15
Fresh Start Team

April 22 Wider Ministries

April 29

The coffee hour signup chart is in the kitchen. Duties include picking up donuts, starting coffee, pouring juice and clean-up.



April 1Easter Lilies

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April 22

April 29

The flower sign-up is on the bulletin board above the usher stand.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Easter Sunday 1 7 a.m. Easter Worship & Holy Communion 7:45 a.m.—9 a.m. Breakfast 9 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt Put & Holy Communion Communion | 11 am Tai Chi | 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center | 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp & Adult Study 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall | 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal | Office Closed | |
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Registrations Open!

By Michaela Lewis

As we look forward to the end of the cold, snow and ice, we are only a few months away from our summer events!

A week after school gets out we welcome staff from Lutheran Lakeside for Day Camp. This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun during the day, build their faith and experience camp without the trip to Spirit Lake. Early registration is needed for this so we know

how many staff they need to send. You can register on our website or there are registration forms on the children's ministry bulletin board. You can also find the registration form on page 11 of this newsletter. The cost is \$40 for all four days and is due by the first day of camp. There are scholarships available for those who may have difficulty with the cost, especially if they have more than one child attending. If you would like to help out during the week, please talk to Deann Over or email her at 2cbovers@gmail.com.

For those interested in attending a week at Lutheran Lakeside, they do offer a wide variety of camps. These camps are for all ages! They even offer family

camp and grandparent camp! Emanuel does help with a portion of the cost for members. There are brochures in the fellowship hall with more information about Lakeside, or you can visit their website at www.lutheranlakeside.com/

At the end of July we will be having Vacation Bible School at Emanuel. The theme is Shipwrecked. This will be a fun event for kids and adults. We need a few people to take the lead on snacks, groups, games and other activities. It would be especially helpful if we could have some high school and junior high students to help lead songs! If you are able to help, please talk to me at church or email me at emanuellutherancbia@msn.com. We do have VBS registration and volunteer registrations on the website as





April 25, 2018 | 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn | 2702 Mid America Dr. | Council Bluffs, IA



Mosaic in Western Iowa 715 N. 2nd Ave. | Logan, IA 51546 | 712.644.2234 | www.mosaicinwesterniowa.org

If you have any questions about this event please contact Pastor Hennigs.



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes for 03/19/2018

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

<u>Present</u>: Rosie Spangenberg, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, John Spilde, Joel Hauschild, Patty Maxwell, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Stephen Lewis, Valerie Weelborg, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Peggy Jarrell

Council Agenda:

- Dan and Judy Heithoff gave a report to the council concerning Bethany Lutheran Home. They recently completed an audit and everything was okay; however, they have needed to cut expenses to repay a 1.2 million dollar bond. They used this money to purchase land and it is reported that they cannot sell this property to repay the bond. They have sufficient reserves in the foundation account to cover this bond, but do not want to deplete 50% of the foundation funds. Bethany wants to expand services in the home health field to increase income. At the present time, they have no chaplain on staff. They want to start a fundraising project through the foundation. Currently there are only 15-20% of the current occupants that are Lutherans.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the secretary minutes for January 15, 2018. Approved.
- Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Valerie Weelborg to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs gave a 16 point report. We are finalizing the paperwork for loan approval with Availa Bank concerning the daycare. There was some delay due to the need to determine whether or not the loan underwriters would require flood insurance. It has been determined that flood insurance is required. We have received the second of two payments of \$6,000 from

ELCA Congregational Renewal Office for our 2018 grant. The Special Needs Fund has a balance of \$1,358.21 as of February 28. Pastor requested \$300 for a family in need in early March so the current balance is \$1,058.21. The fourth annual "Partners and Possibilities" fundraising event for Mosaic in western Iowa will be held on April 25, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Council Bluffs. Pastor encourages attendance. The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held from June 8 through June 10, 2018 at the Convention Center in Sioux Center. Pastor encourages all to consider being one of the voting members. Registration and lodging costs are paid by Emanuel Lutheran Church. Early registration is due May 1.

- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to accept and approve the transfer from Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha to Emanuel for Alex and Deanne Skovgaard and that our next new member reception will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Approved.
- Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Bob Vergamini based upon the recommendations from the Faith Team and the Stewardship and Finance Committee to approve the establishment of a Spiritual Gifts Team here at Emanuel. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve allowing the North Broadway Neighborhood Association to use Emanuel's tax ID number to accept grant money from the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation to be used for completion of the Gerald Dixon Memorial Pavilion at Kimball Park. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to transfer \$934.39 from the Library Fund to the General Fund. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Joel Hauschild to increase from \$450 to \$700 per month beginning March 2018 the contribution to our Capital Fund due to the cost of the frozen pipes. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Judi Malloy to allow the council secretary to send a letter to the church's insurance company for a claim regarding the cost of repairing the frozen pipeline. Approved.
- Stephen Lewis gave the report for Youth and Children's Ministries and announced that the Seder Dinner will be held Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 5 p.m. Included in his four page report was

that 15 youths have signed up for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Over \$10,000 has been raised to cover the cost, but they need an additional \$5,000 to reach their goal.

- Bob Vergamini filed a Property Committee report indicating that the final cost for repairing the frozen waterline was \$10,550. Spring work day is scheduled for May 26, 2018 and the fall work day is tentatively scheduled for September 29, 2018, although that may fall on Labor Day weekend and may need to be changed.
- Peggy Jarrell gave the Wider Ministries report and indicated that steps are being taken to increase the recycling efforts of Emanuel. Earth Day is set for April 22, 2018 and the Joyful Noise in April will be for Table Grace.
- Rosie Spangenberg gave the Worship and Music report and reported that new banners were purchased from the same company that made the paraments at a cost of \$1,500 a pair. A new cart was ordered to move sound equipment around. A discussion was held concerning the purchase and placement of additional video screens/ displays in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

- Mike Hipnar is looking into that cost. The FAITH Team is building a faith/prayer path above the upper parking lot. Rosie Spangenberg reported that there are not enough hymnals available. There is a need for approximately 30 more hymnals at a cost of \$22.50 per hymnal or a total cost with shipping of \$719.18. A discussion was held concerning the use of Memorial Fund money for this purchase.
- Elaine Sasso reported that initial bids for the outdoor sign came in at \$90,000 - \$100,000, but there was no interest in spending that much money. They are waiting for another bid.
- Connie Solon reported that an application has been made to Availa Bank for a credit card.
- John Spilde volunteered to arrange for council members to serve coffee hour.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Patty Maxwell to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Approved.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.

The next meeting with be Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7 p.m.



Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With ten mowers, we have a nice rotation where we are not mowing all the time. We ask that you mow the lawn sometime during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the parsonage lawn. If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office which is open from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. -3 pm Tues.-Thurs. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.

April 15 Ken Kemmish

April 22 Phil Meyer

April 29 Al Marten

Summer Mentors & Bible Study Leaders Needed

By Lisa Milbrath



Please contact Lisa Milbrath at 712.325.5869 or lmilbrath@childrenssquare.org for more information.

over a month.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,892 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2016. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health treatment.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2017, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 15,000 in-home visits to families.

LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the Iove of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.



Care Packages

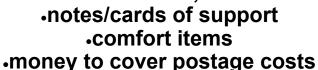


The Children's & Youth Team will be sending 12 care packages to Emanuel's young adults* attending college by April 30.



Donations are greatly appreciated.
Some suggested items are:
•Treats

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* Alexis Gress, Haley Holland, Porter McSorley, Brett Egner, Amy Epperson, Sean Larson, Abaigh Plummer, Will Schademann, Alyson Sorensen, John Scheffler, Baylee Snyder, Jessica Hipnar





Return Completed Form to Emanuel Lutheran Church

Health History Form for Short-Term Campers (Day Camp)

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| Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499 Due by May 31st | Pirst Name | e □ Boy □ Girl | Aiddle Initial | Last Name |
| Questions? (712) 323-9665 | * | | | |
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| Signature of parent/guardian | of camper | | Date | |

Bethany News

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



Volunteer and Spiritual Life Tea

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead. We are proud of our Volunteers, Sponsoring Congregations, Pastors and Secretaries. We want to say thank you to you. Whether you've served as a Key Lady; led worship; helped out with Bingo, a Birthday Party or the Auxiliary; baked a pie, cake or have helped out at the Ice Cream Social; whether you've contributed or helped at the Salad Luncheon; whether you have provided volunteer time visiting Residents and Tenants or helping with an Activity; or whether you have supported us through contributions or prayers or anything else; we want to recognize and thank you. Please join us as we recognize our volunteers on Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street. Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment as we say thank you for what you have done for Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. We look forward to seeing you on April 15th.

Auxiliary Meeting and Bake Sale

Please note that the April meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on April 9th at 2:00 p.m. This will be the quarterly meeting and bake sale. This year the bake sale will be held at both Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. Individuals are encouraged to donate baked good items for the sale. (Items packaged in smaller quantities are always appreciated by the Residents and Tenants). Please do not price your items. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Omaha Gives! (and Council Bluffs too)

Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights will once again be participating in the Omaha Gives program this year. Omaha/Pottawattamie County's 6th annual 24-hour charitable challenge is set for May 23, 2018. The on-line giving begins at midnight with a minimum \$10 donation and hourly drawings and prizes to make your donations go further. In 2017, nearly 19,000 individuals came together to support nonprofits with gifts of \$10 or more through omahagives.org. Last year this generosity resulted in 923 nonprofits in Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie counties receiving more than \$7.8 million in donations and prizes during the event. Bethany Lutheran Home was a recipient of giving dollars as well as additional challenge dollar support. More information will be coming. Please mark your calendar and consider supporting Bethany through this giving challenge May 23rd. Thank you.

Update from Bethany Spiritual Life/ Chaplain Discussion

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who attended the "Coffee and Conversations" on March 11th as well as those unable to attend, but shared their thoughts. We had representation from 8 of our 14 sponsoring congregations, including Congregation Members, Delegates, Bethany Auxiliary, Pastors and Board Members. We had a great discussion and will be sharing the information in more detail with the Bethany Board and our sponsoring congregations in the coming few weeks. If you have any thoughts you would like to share, please feel free to contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451 or you can email her at <u>carlon@blhs.care</u>. Due to the length of the material shared and the discussion information, we are unable to include it all in the newsletter. Please be watching for more information in your church or feel free to contact us. **Our thanks to Emanuel Lutheran for allowing us to host the gathering at their church. We greatly appreciate it.

Respite Care Now Available

We are pleased to announce the addition of Respite Care at Bethany Heights. Respite Care offers care-givers/family members a short-term break while their senior loved one is cared for in a safe, secure, senior community setting. For more information about the program or to set up a visit, please contact Paula Fandry at 712-328-8228.

Bethany Heights Apartments Available

Bethany Heights Senior Living Community has several apartments available for seniors. Do you know someone or perhaps even you, who would enjoy the benefits of living in a senior community? Maybe someone interested in living independently or having the benefits of an assisted living community? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in apartments ranging in sizes from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. We'd love for you to schedule a visit and enjoy lunch on us. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies are eligible for use at Bethany Heights. For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.

Employment Opportunities at Bethany

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit www.indeed.com or contact our HR Director, Debbie Butcher at 712-328-9500.

Ramblings from the Back Corner

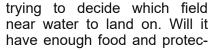
BY CINDY RICHARDS

It may seem ironic, but this musician loves quiet time. Often there is so much music going on in my head that any additional sound makes my mind split up, trying to handle the music, the other sounds that are grabbing for my attention-like tv people demanding their pillows will change my world, garbage truck hy-

draulics singing boy band refrains, trains, planes, and automobiles. The cacophony really makes me feel overwhelmed. Maybe my filters aren't working well.

To hear what God is saying to me, I need silence. And that is so hard to come by. Technology plays a huge part of this. So often I will turn it all off. No tv. No iPod. No CDs. Just me and God. Then a song pops into my head. I try to keep my mind empty. (I know what you're thinking!!) But you know how it is-something comes in there to fill up the space.

Spring has it's own unique sounds. Geese overhead



tion for a layover? Robins announcing they are happily here and bursting with joy at sunrise. Snowmelt water rushing over creek bed rocks. But of all the

sounds out there, all vying for my attention, these are the sounds that remind me of the new life that Easter brings to us. The signs and sounds are all over the place.

What was dead is now alive. He is Rison en!

As we move further into spring with all the outdoor sounds entering in, let's remember the ultimate Easter sounds of new life. He is Risen! And He did that for you

and me. With every bird chirp, every raindrop on the car, sidewalk, or roof, every clap of thunder, with every bee buzzing by, every woodpecker tapping on the tree-we can thank God. He is Risen!! He is Risen indeed!!



"A couple of times a day Mom likes us to have silent prayer and meditation ... not to mention peace and quiet."

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| Attendance & Offering |

| Week of: | Attendance: | Offerings: |
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| March 4 | 136 | \$4,160.00 |
| March 11 | 144 | \$2,672.00 |
| March 18 | 148 | \$1,644.50 |
| March 25 | n/a | n/a |

Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

| February Income: | \$12,258.97 |
|-------------------|-------------|
| February Expense: | |
| February Balance | |

| YTD Income: | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| YTD Expense: | \$27,760.0 <u>5</u> |
| YTD Balance | \$8,897.76 |
| Plus Carryover | \$11,223.27 |
| General Budget Fund | \$20,121.03 |



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day

Thursday, April 5th, 1:00 pm *Fellowship Hall*

R.O.M.E.O.'S

(Retired Old Men Eating Out) Tuesday, April 10th, 8:30 am *Village Inn East*

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, April 11th 11:30 am *Pizza Ranch*

Blessings & Brunch

Friday, April 20th, 9:30 am. Fellowship Hall All women are welcome!

Mission Action Committee

(Quilters) Wednesdays, 9:30 am Fellowship Hall Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship Wednesday meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp and Adullt Study at 6:45 pm and worship at 7:30 pm

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