



The Salt Shaker

July & August 2024

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Thanks to all who donate the redeemable cans and bottles (and the proceeds from taking them) to Youth Group! We will continue to collect these throughout the summer. Donations can be brought to church and left in the Youth Room, or call Angie for pick up or delivery.

Please let me know if there are any questions about youth programming, and thank you for your continued support!

Blessings~

Angie Zahradnik Ehle



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FROM THE PASTOR

Life sometimes is a series of hurry-and-wait pairs. Our L.I.F.E. Center building project at church certainly fits that model. Currently we are waiting for the Iowa Title Company to finish paperwork to submit to the county and then we will be ready for the footings and foundation to be started. The finish date is set for the end of November. And the ever-present question—will we be fully funded with construction donations by the end of construction? Based on giving and 2024 pledges, if all follow through, we should make it.

A big thanks in June to lawyer J.K. Robison who worked diligently to complete abstract work and donated her time and skills to the project without invoice.

Also to Joe Foreman at Foreman Construction. He has been onsite working through logistics of driveways, tool trailer, and prep work for the build.

After construction, we will have to fund basketball hoops and equipment, volleyball net and equipment, pickle ball net and equipment, fridge and microwave, meeting area furniture, and sports flooring for multi-purpose space.

May God continue to guide us into the days ahead.

In Christ,
Pastor Julie

REMEMBER OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2024

At our Annual Meeting there was an enthusiastic “YES” vote to hold our Chicken Noodle Soup and Kolach event along with our Country Store. Please mark your calendars for October 4 and 5 as a reminder to help. It is our only church-wide fundraiser. It greatly supports our General Fund, Youth Programs, and Mission. As you know, one can never know what the future may hold. A few of our faithful bakers, and soup makers, and Country Store contributors have had some challenges lately. We need to plan carefully to make sure we have enough helpers available. It will take everyone to sign up to help for this to still be a fun time to work together.

Some considerations: making many quarts of soup during September; we will need helpers and ingredients. Sign-ups for workers must be promised in advance. We need to count on many, many bakers for the days of the pick-up. We will need many to make dough to bring. And then many for the actual pick-up times.

This seems a long way off, but we need to be sure to have the help needed.

Thanks so much for this consideration. It is a great way to work together for the good of all.

Thank you, Joanne Chadima

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday morning Bible study continues in the summer, 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays on

the lower level. (We are taking three Wednesdays off: July 24 and August 14 and 21.) After finishing the Gospel of John, the group decided to study Ruth and then Mary Magdalene. Now on to a new study TBD!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

What do you think of Adult Sunday School at church? Please consider your past and future involvement in Adult Sunday School and complete the survey insert included in this edition of the Salt Shaker. Return it to the church office by August 1. Thank you very much!

CHURCH BUSINESS

SESSION NOTES,

MAY 16, 2024



1. Membership: 182
2. April Sunday attendance average: 58 in person / 8 livestreaming
3. Motion approved to purchase mower for cemetery out of cemetery fund.
4. Ice cream social multigenerational Sunday school was a hit. No summer activities planned.
5. Survey will be sent out to gauge interest in Adult Sunday School in fall.
6. Fellowship Reception for Confirmation kids on April 28 was successful.
7. Vavra Endowment Taskforce reported proposal to Session. Decision tabled until June.
8. L.I.F.E. Center: Linn County officials reviewed plans and required either adding 400 square feet to keep showers, or revising plans without showers. Decision to remove showers. Also required a second emergency exit door in multi-purpose space. With these

changes, capacity increases from 99 to 299. Roofing subcontractor TBD due to cost range of bidding. Additional solar panels installed to accommodate new building.

9. Property: Janice Horak and Andy Hasley donated red oak trees for north side of driveway. Two dead trees and one live tree (east of new build project) removed.
10. Soup Supper is scheduled for October 4-5, 2024.
11. Application to CRP was approved, but unfunded, waiting for farm bill resolution in Washington.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your ongoing 2024 donations to the church for programming, worship, mission, staff, utilities, and more. Our faith budget this year is challenging, but the Session and Pastor Julie are conscientious of the tight plans in meeting the budget square on through careful expenditures and faithful giving.

Personnel expenses were not increased for 2024 and other areas of the church budget are being held at same 2023 levels. Thank you.

We began 2024 with \$5798.06 in the General Fund and on May 31, 2024, we were at -\$7839.92. At the June Session meeting, the motion was approved to transfer the 2023 Soup and Kolach event proceeds and the 2023 Endowment Earnings. Usually these transfers happen in late summer or fall; this year it is necessary to transfer them early.

Thank you for all donations, services, talents, and gifts that work together to keep the church family fiscally sound.

Finally, 2024 per capita is \$42.17 per member.

Thank you very much.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Session received the Scholarship Committee recommendations and approved the following scholarships:

- Makenna Eadie, Pokorny Scholarship & Motycka Scholarship
- Faith Scaglione, Wilma Carson Scholarship & Motycka Scholarship
- Sophia Chadima, Motycka Scholarship
- Ian Klemm, Motycka Scholarship
- Jack Manders, Motycka Scholarship
- Hannah Zacek, Motycka Scholarship

We wish these students all the best.

Following is Faith Scaglione's essay for the Wilma Carson Scholarship. The essay topic was **How will you take your faith with you and keep it alive while you are at college?**

In my educational pursuits, I have gained a wide-variety of skills that can be effectively utilized in my church community to foster growth, engagement, and a deeper sense of unity. These skills encompass communication, leadership, organizational abilities, technology proficiency, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Each of these skills plays a vital role in enhancing the church's mission and supporting its various activities.

One of the most essential skills I have honed is effective communication, including both verbal and written communication. Through various presentations, essays, and group projects, I have learned how to articulate ideas clearly and persuasively. In a church setting, these skills are invaluable for delivering sermons, teaching Bible studies to all ages, and engaging in meaningful conversations with other members of the congregations. Quality communication fosters understanding and helps in conveying the church's message effectively, whether during service, in newsletters, or through social media.

My education has also provided me with significant leadership and teamwork experience. Leading group projects and participating in various extracurricular activities have taught me how to motivate and guide others towards a common goal. In our church,

these skills are crucial for organizing events like the Soup Supper, leading committees, and mentoring younger members. Functional leadership ensures that the church's activities run smoothly and that everyone feels valued and included.

Another important skill set pertains to organization and project management. Balancing coursework, extracurricular activities, a job, and personal commitments has taught me how to manage time effectively and keep track of multiple responsibilities. Our church runs many schedules and coordinates multiple events, these skills are essential in ensuring that all aspects of the church's operations run seamlessly. This can range from planning Easter Sunday to organizing volunteers for Ely Fall Fest. Being organized helps in anticipating potential challenges and addressing them proactively.

In the modern age, technological proficiency is becoming increasingly important, even in church communities. My education has provided me with a strong foundation in using various digital tools and platforms, including creating presentations, managing social media, designing websites, and using software for event planning and communication. Utilizing these technological skills can significantly enhance the church's outreach efforts, making it easier to connect with a broader audience. For example, maintaining an updated church website, streaming services online, and using social media to engage with the community can help in attracting new members and keeping current member informed and involved.

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WORSHIP & PROGRAM

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Ushers: Kevin & Shirley Bailey

Greeters: Blake & Victoria Kilberger

July 21

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Greeters: Sarah Williams Family

July 28

Liturgist: Theresa Harder

Ushers: Jeff & Diane Reist

Greeters: TBD

August 4

Liturgist: TBD

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Greeters: Hentges Family

August 11

Liturgist: Rene Tedrow

Ushers: Dave & Chris Faltis

Greeters: Betty Buresh

August 18

Liturgist: Misti Huedepohl

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