



# The Salt Shaker

June 2024

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Wednesday Bible study has met for years. First at the coffee shop in Ely, then at the manse, and currently on the lower level at church. Books studied include Genesis, Old Testament Prophecies realized in Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke, Acts, John, Revelation, Romans, 1,2,3 John, Women of the Bible, etc.

At the end of May, the group picked up the four-chapter book of Ruth. Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth are the two main characters in the story. Boaz comes into the picture in chapter two. Ruth, a young widow, foreigner, and impoverished immigrant will have her whole life turned over again, all because she follows Naomi, and she turns to the Almighty God in her faith and devotion. As the story ends, Ruth holds a son in her arms who will grow up to be the grandfather of King David.

It is an amazing account of God's providence and story-telling cliffhangers.

This summer is a great time to do some light reading (a.k.a. beach reading.) Let us not put aside our holy scriptures, though. Whether it be history, poetry, prophecy, moral tales, miracles, or parables, there is something for everyone's summer reading list.

In Christ,  
Pastor Julie

## FELLOWSHIP

### GRADUATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



Please join the Chadimas in celebrating Sarah Chadima's graduation from Prairie High School at their home on June 8th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. The address is 2003 Linn-Johnson Rd NW, Swisher. Sarah will be attending Central College in Pella, Iowa in the fall, and plans to pursue a science degree.

Please join the Bressler family in celebrating Anaka Bressler's graduation from Marion High School on Saturday, June 1st 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at 795 Alexis Lane, Marion, IA 52302.



The Tedrow's invite the congregation to celebrate Anna's graduation with a cake following worship on June 2.



The choir performs during Pentecost worship.

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## SESSION MEETING

April 18, 2024



1. Church membership: 177
2. Average Sunday attendance: 60
3. Multi-generational Sunday School events: April Scavenger Hunt and Springtime goodies. May 5: ice cream and board games.
4. Confirmation reception on April 28.
5. LIFE Center: Harger Acoustic bid accepted. Builders risk policy set up with Lee Insurance. Delay in permit work. Construction fundraising goal achieved in money in hand and in 2024 pledges of \$900,000.
6. 19 One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks collected weighing 30 pounds bringing in \$456.30.
7. The Session and Pastor Julie have applied for a sabbatical grant through the Lilly Foundation.
8. May Sunday special events: May 12 Mother's Day with guest worship leader Rev. Dr. Howard Chapman. May 19: Pentecost and graduating High School Senior recognition. May 26: Memorial Day Sunday and Music Ministries recognition.
9. Motion to receive confirmands into church membership: Silva Bressler, Tyler Holst, Alivia Meyer, Daniel Schuett and Rosalee Serbousek.

## 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 with 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

# WORSHIP & PROGRAM

## JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### June 2, Food Bank Sunday

Liturgist: Bill Serbousek  
Ushers: Hentges Family  
Greeters: Bonnie Fencil

### June 9

Liturgist: Jim Serbousek  
Ushers: Dave & Chris Faltis  
Greeters: Zacek Family

### June 16, Father's Day

Liturgist: TBD  
Ushers: Becky & Ted Grenis  
Greeters: Dorothy Ditch & Marj Nejdil

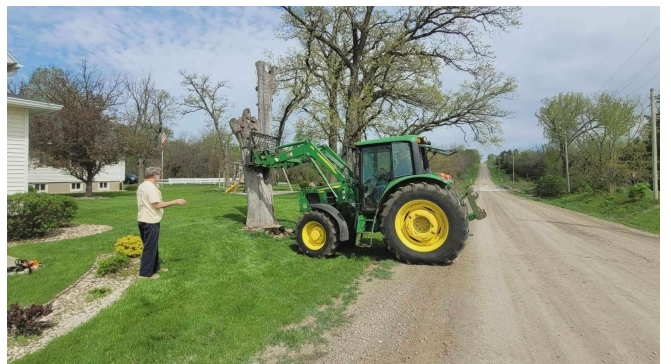
### June 23

Liturgist: Angie Ehle  
Ushers: Bill & Penny Serbousek  
Greeters: A Hasley & J Horak

### June 30, Noisy Can Offering

Liturgist: Misti Huedepohl  
Ushers: Larry & Theresa Harder  
Greeters: Markham Harris Family

## PHOTOS FROM TREE REMOVAL



## ARTHUR ELROY NASH OBITUARY



Arthur Elroy Nash, 92, of Fort Madison, Iowa, was called to his eternal home, slipping peacefully from this earthly one early Friday morning on February 23, 2024, with family present at home with him.

Arthur E. was born October

21, 1931, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin to Arthur J. and Doris (Stead) Nash who raised their son in the Christian faith, having him baptized by Rev. Hurbank in their home at Prosper, Minnesota on December 27, 1931. Growing up in Prosper, he was called by the name 'Elroy' by his family and relatives. Elroy graduated in the Class of 1949 from Canton High School before attending college at Iowa State University in Ames. College studies were interrupted by military service with the Air Force in Korea. Following three years of military service, he returned to his Agriculture Education, earning an Agriculture and Mechanics Arts Bachelor of Science, acquiring a teaching certificate in Winneshiek County in July 1957.

Elroy had met and married Linda Kephart in March of 1956, while still in college. Linda preferred calling him El, which was accepted and thereafter used by family as well. By the time El became father of two daughters, he changed his course from Vocational Ag teaching and followed a calling in his heart which would not subside, one that was supported and mentored by Canton Presbyterian Church's Rev. James D. Bruton, to enter into Christian Ministry. Upon graduating (Class of 1963) with a Bachelor of Divinity Cum Laude, which he earned from The Theological Seminary of the University of Dubuque, Iowa, El embarked on a six-week Chaplain Internship for the Mental Health Institute at Independence, Iowa during the summer of 1963. By that time, a third daughter and set of twins had been born. In December that year his sixth child completed his family unit.

El served at Steamboat Rock, Iowa Presbyterian Church as a ministry student; and his first call after ordination was to **First Presbyterian Church near Ely, Iowa (1964-1971)**. While there, he attended a Summer Session at Mansfield College, Oxford, England which was a highly memorable and prized experience for both him and Linda.

Later, he answered a call to Union Presbyterian Church in Fort Madison; and began his Doctor of Ministry which was not finished due to the unexpected loss of their firstborn twin son to a motorcycle accident that occurred during the fall of 1980. Shortly after, El and Linda left Fort Madison for a ministry call to West Park United Presbyterian Church in Davenport (1982-1991); then to First Presbyterian Church of LeRoy, Minnesota (1991-1996); and finally retiring in 2001 from Grace Presbyterian Church in Spring Hill, FL, where he served as their Parish Associate (1996-2001). During his professional years, El was a member of Cedar Rapids' Geneva Tower building project, served as summer church camp counselor where he was known as "Uncle Art." He was Fort Madison Publicity Chair for Blood Donations; hosted (with Linda) two foreign exchange students, taking them on sightseeing tours around the Midwest; he also counseled and administered baptisms inside the Iowa State Penitentiary. El's past time interests included fishing and camping, amateur photography and genealogy which resulted in the discovery of ancestry connections to the American Revolution, and a detailed written family history book. He was 'gardener and arborist,' political advocate concerned about gun use and the loss of the social security net for the next generations. He was a quiet man and is dearly remembered--loved and respected.

A Christian Memorial Service, officiated by Rev. Brandon Weddle, was held at Union Presbyterian Church in Fort Madison, Iowa, on Saturday, March 2, 2024.



Hello from Youth Group!

Hello, Summer! We are thankful for wonderful sunny days, and School's Out!

In May, we attended a fun Sunday School with Ice Cream and Board Games and later in the month hosted a campfire cookout to celebrate our High School Seniors: Anaka B, Ann T, Ashlyn K, Jenna P, Sarah C, and Ian K. Congrats to all these students and their families on this great accomplishment!

In June, we will get refreshed with a Dan & Debbie's ice cream treat on the 9th, and go see a Kernels Game on the 23rd. We will also celebrate with some Seniors at their Grad parties! We will meet at church during Youth Group time the other Sundays, except Father's Day - we take that day off to celebrate the great Dad's, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and other important men in our lives!

We continue to collect redeemable cans and bottles and we are grateful for all of you who choose to donate them to Youth Group! Donations can be brought to church, left in the Youth Room, or call Angie for pick up or delivery.

Coming later in the Summer will be our Mission and Learning trip to Branson, MO. Youth and families, **please mark your calendars for August 2nd-4th, 2024.** More information is coming soon in emails to Youth and parents!

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

Blessings~  
Angie Zahradnik Ehle

**Youth Schedule: June 2024**

Saturday, June 1st:  
1:00-3:00 p.m. Anaka's Grad Party

Sunday June 2nd:  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Saturday, June 8th:  
4:00-8:00 p.m. Sarah C's Grad Party

Sunday, June 9th:  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group to Dan and Debbie's

Sunday, June 16th: Father's Day  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
NO Youth Group

Sunday, June 23th:  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
Ballpark Lunch and CR Kernels Game (1:05pm start time)

Sunday, June 30th:  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Sunday, July 7th:  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group - TBD



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## First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar, June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 Food Bank Sunday</b> 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 6:00 Youth Group	3 10:00 Chair Yoga	4 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	5 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga	6 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	7 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	8
9 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 6:00 Youth Group to Dan and Debbie's	10 10:00 Chair Yoga	11 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	12 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga	13 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	14 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	15 5:30 Potluck & Card Cub
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour	17 10:00 Chair Yoga	18 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	19 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga	20 9:00-12:00 Office Hours  6:30 Session Meeting	21 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	22
<b>23</b> 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 1:05 YG to Kernels	24 10:00 Chair Yoga	25 9:00-12:00 Office Hours 6:00 Ladies' and Men's Night Out	26 9:30 Bible Study	27 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	28 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	29
<b>30 Noisy Can Offering</b> 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 6:00 Youth Group						



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# Summer Holidays



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August	canoeing	holidays	pool	sprinkler
barbecue	cottage	ice cream	popsicles	strawberries
beach	family	July	puzzles	summer camp
biking	friends	lake	reading	swimming
bonfires	games	lemonade	relax	traveling
books	hammock	memories	road trips	vacation
camping	hiking	picnics	sports	watermelon