



The Salt Shaker

May 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR

We are in the season of Eastertide at church. Eastertide starts on Easter and proceeds through the next fifty days until Pentecost. This year Pentecost will be May 19.

In the church, we seem to love seasons. A season gives us time in which we can focus on one theme and have enough time to thoroughly reflect and absorb the power of that theme. Eastertide is a brilliant reminder that Jesus' sacrifice and God's triumphant power over death was not just a one-time world changing event, but also an integral everyday reality. Everyday God reminds us of the success and victory. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter in which to celebrate and thank God.

Christ has risen. He has risen indeed!

In Christ,
Pastor Julie

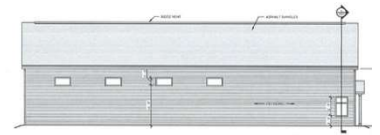
GROUND BREAKING OF LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY CENTER

April 7, 2024

At the conclusion of the Congregation meeting on April 7, a service of blessing was shared ending in an outdoor liturgy with available shovels to symbolically break ground for the construction of the LIFE Center.

The congregation sang "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" and "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less." Psalm 122:1-2, 6-9 and Ephesians 4:1b-7,

11-13 were read. Prayers were concluded with this litany:

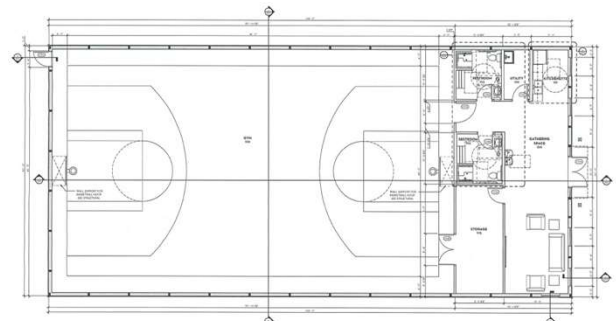


Leader: That we may meet here where children shall learn to love God and grow in grace and goodness and in favor with God and all people,
People: we break this ground today.

Leader: That our community may meet here where youth shall be inspired to pray and serve,
People: we break this ground today.

Leader: That we may meet here where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace, that the world can neither give nor take away and where spirits are refreshed and recreation is shared,
People: we break this ground today.

Leader: That the present and future church may meet here where the grace of God may train and transform for the building of the kingdom of God where Christ is Lord. And then we are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and peace to all peoples,
People: we break this ground today.



GROUNDBREAKING PHOTOS



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.



WORSHIP & PROGRAM

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 5

Liturgist: Jeff Reist

Ushers: Larry & Theresa Harder

Greeters: Bob Zvacek

May 12: Mother's Day. Guest worship leader

Rev. Dr. Howard Chapman

Liturgist: Stephanie Buonadonna

Ushers: Fred & Sarah Harris

Greeters: Harder Family

May 19: Pentecost. Holy Communion. High School Senior Recognition. Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist: Diane Reist

Ushers: Manders Family

Greeters: Kevin & Shirley Bailey

May 26: Memorial Day weekend. Music Ministry Recognition. Choir singing

Liturgist: Bob Zvacek

Ushers: TBD

Greeters: Buonadonna Family

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Registration is still open for Bear Creek Camp. The early registration discount window has closed, but you can still get a family discount of \$25 for multiple children. Also, if you bring three friends who have never attended before, you can receive a 50% discount. Finally, the church offers partial scholarships for students.

Summer is right around the corner, so get camp on your calendar!

FELLOWSHIP

GRADUATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Rachel Harder on obtaining her Masters of Chemical Engineering in Germany.



Please join the Chadimas to celebrate 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study will finish the Gospel of John, 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.



whether for the fall semester 2024, the spring semester 2025 or the summer session 2025. Questions and applications are available through Pat Kilberger at church, by phone at 319-846-2418, or by email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On May 5, the Multigenerational Sunday School will celebrate the beginning of summer with "School's Out Ice Cream & Board Game Social."

Through May and June attendees of Children's Sunday School will work on "God and Me" material for scouts. It is a four lesson unit.

CHURCH BUSINESS

SESSION MEETING

March 24, 2024



1. Average Sunday worship attendance: 65.
Membership 177.
2. Treasurer Report: Ending month balance for January is \$20,292.04. January expenses are \$13,123.94.
3. Discussion with builder Darin Foreman, Foreman Construction.
4. Motion approved to replace expired AED machine. Cost \$1145 (after rebate) through Mortensen Memorial.
5. Motion approved to call a Congregation Meeting, April 7.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship forms are now available for active members of the congregation seeking to continue their education.

We have 3 scholarship funds:

Pokorny Scholarship Fund, Motycka Scholarship Fund, and Wilhemina Anna Skalsky Carson Scholarship Fund. Be sure to read each application carefully as each fund has separate guidelines. All applications are due June 1st





Hello from Youth Group!

We are grateful for the Easter Season, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, and the blessing of new church members through Confirmation of Faith in April!

In April, youth met at Dan and Debbie's for fellowship and a treat one Sunday and went to lunch and bowling another week. We also celebrated with the confirmation class at the end of April. Congratulations to Alivia M, Rosalee S, Silva B, Daniel S, and Tyler H on their confirmation!

In May, we look forward to a fun Sunday School with Ice Cream and Board Games to start the month. The 12th is Mother's Day, and we will not meet as a youth group; instead, we celebrate our moms, grandmoms, aunts and other important women in our lives! Later in May, youth will host outdoor games and a campfire cookout to celebrate our Seniors - ALL Seniors and their families are invited!

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 you can 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: May 2024

Sunday May 5th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School with Ice Cream and games
6:00 p.m. Youth Group TBA

Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
No Evening Youth Group

Sunday, May 19th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Senior Celebration with campfire cookout and outdoor games

Sunday, May 26th:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Sunday, June 2nd:

9:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



Confirmation kids pose in front of their reception cake.



Pastor Julie confirms kids during confirmation Sunday.

First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar, May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 6:15 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	2 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	3 National Day of Prayer 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	4
5 Food Bank Sunday 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Multi-Gen Sunday School	6 10:00 Chair Yoga	7 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	8 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 6:15 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	9 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	10	11
12 Mother's Day Rev. Chapman Visit 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 6:00 Youth Group	13 10:00 Chair Yoga	14 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	15 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 6:15 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	16 9:00-12:00 Office Hours 6:30 Session Meeting	17 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	18 5:30 Potluck & Card Cub
19 Pentecost Graduation Rec. 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Confirmation	20 10:00 Chair Yoga	21 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	22 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Chair Yoga 6:15 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	23 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	24 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	25
26 Trinity Sunday Music Recognition 9:30 Worship with LS 10:30 Coffee Hour 6:00 Youth Group	27 Memorial Day 11:00 Service at Rogers' Grove	28 9:00-12:00 Office Hours 6:00 Ladies' Night Out	29 9:30 Bible Study 6:15 Handbell Choir	30 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	31 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	



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