

Congregational Tidings

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*



A weekly newsletter



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MODERATOR'S MUSINGS ... EASTER JOY



It was such a joy to celebrate Easter Sunday together! I was reminded of the psalmist who said, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" It was truly a joy to worship Christ's risen power, His love for all, AND being in the Lord's house on Easter Sunday! Who would've guessed when we celebrated Easter in 2019 that 3 years would lapse before we were together in person for Easter worship again? What a joy to sing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" in person, with organ, trumpet and voice! Thank you to all who made Holy Week and Easter such a special meaningful experience.



~ Anne Hoekstra

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for Diana Blankenfeld Paige who is undergoing neurosurgery on April 20.
- ~ Prayers for Michelle Holt who is undergoing open heart surgery at Mayo on April 27.
- ~ Prayers for Russ Towsley who is in hospice care.
- ~ Prayers for Colleen Peirce for her health concerns.



It's a
girl

Emily Stevenson Still and her husband David of Parker, CO, welcomed a daughter Lucille Jane (Lucy) on April 11th.

Lucy weighed 8.5 lbs.

Proud grandparents are Nancy and Jim Stevenson.



thank  you

Thank you for the prayers for my father-in-law in Ohio who had blood clots in his lungs. The doctors were able to successfully treat them and he was able to go home last week! He is feeling better each day.

~ Michelle Wolfe



“SEED” FOR UPGRADED LAWN MOWER / SNOW BLOWER...

Our custodian, Kyle Lindaman, will be preparing a tasty smoked pork luncheon on May 1st for our congregation and friends. The meal is free to all, but for those who would like to contribute, they may do so. Folks are invited to donate to a “seed” fund to upgrade the church’s lawn mower/snow blower--equipment that will be needed in the future.



STUDENT RECITAL

Graduate music student Brandon Whitish will present a voice recital on Friday, April 22nd at 8pm with faculty artist Korey Barrett, piano. Repertoire will include sections by

Nadia Boulanger (Chanson, Doute, J’ai frappé, and Le Couteau), selections from Carlisle Floyd’s *The Pilgrimage*, and Vier Ernste Gesänge by Johannes Brahms. This event is free and open to the public.



EASTER LILIES...

Thank you to all who celebrated and remembered with an Easter Lily. The sanctuary was beautiful. Some of the lilies were unable to be picked up so if you are visiting someone that might enjoy a lift from a lily- please come by and pick one up and share it with a friend.

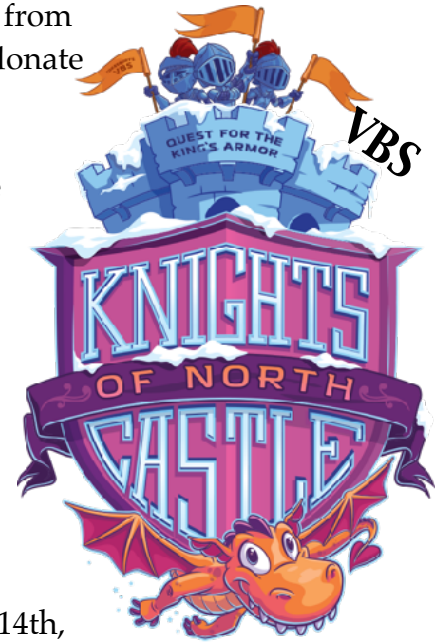


Youth Group: will meet this Wednesday, April 20th from 6pm-7pm. We will be making toys and blankets to donate to the humane society!

Youth Director Office Hours: Abbie will hold office hours this week on April 21 from 1pm-5pm. Next week, she's off to Atlanta! When she was at a continuing education conference back in March, she won a ticket to another conference for next week. And through the wonderful blessings of others involved with the conference, she gets to attend with no cost to the church or herself! How incredible!

Youth Sunday: Mark your Calendars... Youth Sunday will be **May 22nd**. More info to come.

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars! VBS is happening July 11th-14th, from 5pm-7:30pm! More information is coming soon!



MOMENT FOR MISSIONS:

"Update from Liz Thorpe on Shoeboxes!"

I just got home from working in the warehouse with some of the Nicaragua materials.

This morning I sent 375 shoeboxes in the flat state to a Rotary club in Westlake, Ohio. That club is using them to pack hygiene articles in them to give to the homeless in their community.

In addition to that club, the Cedar Falls Police Department and St. Patrick's Parish have a joint project. They are packing layette bags with needed hygiene items and the police will travel with the bags in their cars and hand them out to the needy of their community. The Salvatorian Mission in Wisconsin will be receiving several hundred layette blankets and several hundred diapers to have ready for different mission projects. Haiti has now been opened up for goods from the US so some will be sent in the future.

A semi load of 300 filled shoeboxes and several pallets of school supplies, shampoo, soap, and clothing was sent the middle of March to Phoenix, Arizona. From there the goods will be sent to the incoming Afghan refugees and the Indian Reservation near Phoenix. I am currently working at getting the second semi load ready. It will have diapers, blankets, school supplies, children's clothing, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and flip flops. In addition a dozen computer tables will be sent.

As of today, I do not have a date for the semi. All of this has been made possible by the generous donations of this congregation. FCC was the first church in the Cedar Valley to step up and provide a hand up to the people of Nicaragua. Look at all of the different areas that are being helped by your generous support for the last 20 years. The power of prayer is certainly visible here. Thank you so much on behalf of all the persons receiving the goods. 4/12/22"



MAY DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MAY 1

Music Appreciation Sunday

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Special Music featuring

Hudson Lourenço, Organist and

FCUCC's Choirs

(Luke Overton, Director of Music)

Lunch to follow Worship

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

smoked and prepared by Kyle Lindaman, Custodian and Pitmaster

(Donations accepted for Church "Seed Fund" for Lawn Mower/Snow Blower)



Please come, bring your family and friends, and celebrate spring with us!

Create an endowment of love. Please consider including our church in your estate planning.

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