

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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May 4, 2022

SUNDAY'S LUNCHEON...

Thank you, Kyle Lindaman, for preparing a very delicious meal for your church last Sunday! The smoked pork sandwiches were delicious, and the "fixings" were just right! A special thank you to your family—Kari, Natalie, Emily and the Prescott family—Paul, Hannah, Lucy, Arlo, Crosby and Debbie, for all the behind the scenes work you did. Thank you also, to those that provided desserts. It



was such a fun time to be together—to share a meal after church and to fellowship together. We loved welcoming our visitors who joined us for the day, and hope to see them again soon.



Thank you to all donated for the much-needed lawn mower/snow blower. You provided nearly \$1000 that has already been put to good use, helping to replace the old one that broke down last week. It takes a village to run a church—thanks for being part of that village!

~ Anne Hoekstra

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Prayers for Michelle Holt and her family, as she continues to recover from heart surgery last Thursday. She was moved on Sunday to a regular room, and continues to gain strength.

~ Prayers for Russell Towsley, as he continues at home under hospice care.

~ Prayers for Diana Blankenfeld Paige, as she convalesces from brain surgery a couple of weeks ago.



RESOURCES FOR LAY PREACHERS

Thank you to all our congregants who have volunteered to serve as our preachers in the coming weeks ahead. For those who are interested, we have 2 new books that you may find helpful in your sermon preparation: [A Lay Preacher's Guide](#) (How to Craft a Faithful Sermon) by Karoline M. Lewes, and [Ways of the Word](#) (Learning to Preach for Your Time and Place) by Sally A. Brown & Luke A. Powery. Please let Michelle Wolfe or Anne Hoekstra know if you would like to borrow them.

TRUSTEE MEETING

Just a reminder that the Trustee Meeting will be held next **Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00pm.** All Trustees and committee/board chairs please make every effort to attend.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC NEED

Special Music is needed for the upcoming summer months! If you sing, play an instrument, or have a way to enhance our summer worship services with your talents, please contact Michelle in the office via phone, email, or stop by to be added to our worship schedule!



SPOTLIGHT ON A PREVIOUS FCC SECTION LEADER:

We wanted to congratulate our previous Section Lead, Aaron DeSantiago on his brilliant performance as Simeon in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at UNI's Gallagher Bluedorn the end of April!

Hildegard Larsen is turning 97 on the 15th of this month! If you would like to visit, call or send a card she would love it.
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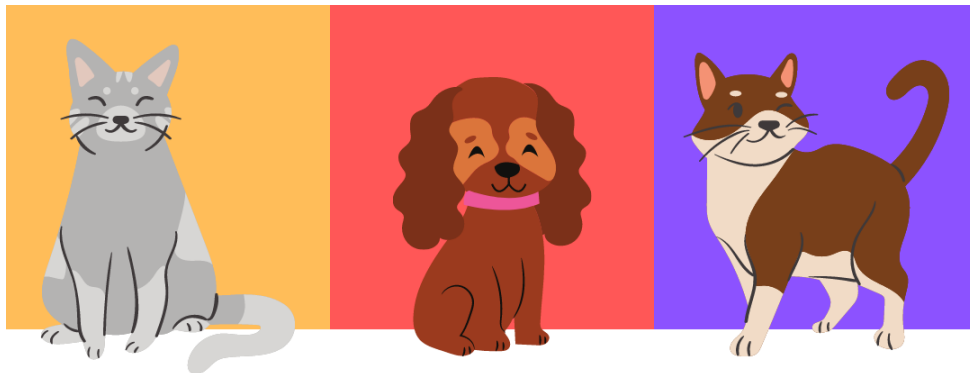
Youth News

Youth Director Continuing Education: Abbie just got back from Orange Conference in Atlanta! Look for a summarizing write-up next week in Tidings!

Youth Director Office Hours: Abbie will have office hours May 5, 9, 10, 12 from 1pm-5pm. Come and say hi! She has treats to share 😊

Youth Group: will occur Wednesday, May 4th from 6pm-7pm. We will be doing some prep for Youth Sunday!

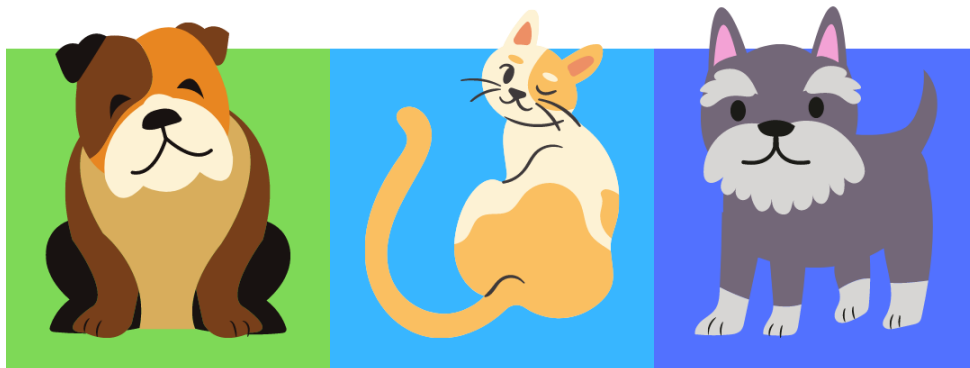
Intergenerational Event: Attention ALL! We will be making cat and dog toys to be donated to the local humane society on May 11th from 5:30pm-7pm in the Chapel. Food and supplies provided. Come for the mission and for fellowship!



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MOMENT FOR MISSIONS:



Each month LoveINC highlight goods to serve our neighbors in need. **In May**, they are asking for paper towels, all-purpose cleaner, and garbage bags. We can help keep our partner churches' pantries stocked so they can continue generously serving our community with supplemental supplies.

All donations can be brought to church on Sunday and left in the Crossroads, or delivered to the Love INC Office - 2603 Rainbow Dr. Suite 2 in Cedar Falls. You can also give a financial gift to purchase items if you prefer.

If you are heading to the store or placing an online order, consider adding a few extra items to your cart that can serve our neighbors in need! Here are future months spotlights:

May - Paper Towels, All - Purpose Cleaner, Garbage Bags

June - Laundry Soap, Deodorant, Body Wash

September - Water Bills

July - Box Fans

October - Dishes, Pots/Pans, Silverware

August - Bedding

November & December - Christmas Store Gifts

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

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