

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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PULPIT SUPPLY

A big thank you to Rev. Clark Kilgard, for preaching Sunday, to Laurie Allbaugh for serving as worship leader, and Abbie Chronister for providing the mini-message. Thank you to Karen Jensen and Grin & Grow for their message about their mission and the support our church provides.



Our pastor for this Sunday is Rev. Janice Springer, who brought us the message on October 16. She will be assisted by Evie Waack, and Keith Jorgensen will be giving the mini message. This will be our Stewardship Sunday when we celebrate the completion of our 2023 campaign.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for Ginni Casteel who is having shoulder replacement surgery on November 9th.
- ~ Prayers for Abbie Chronister's cousin, who had multiple injuries from a suicide attempt.
- ~ Prayers for Bonnie Rickert, who continues in rehab at NorthCrest Specialty Care in Waterloo.
- ~ Prayers for Teri Graham, who continues dealing with debilitating sciatica pain.
- ~ Prayers for Rick Kiefer, for chronic health issues.
- ~ Prayers for Aaron Peterson, and the Peterson family--Rocky, Mary Kay, and Christian, as Aaron goes through another brain surgery and recovery.
- ~ Our condolences to Cody Koch and his sons, Jack & Sam, who lost his mother and their grandmother.
- ~ Prayers for Kay Leary's husband's aunt, who has entered hospice care.
- ~ Prayers for Kay Leary's oldest brother who is battling colon and liver cancer and currently has COVID.
- ~ Prayers for Cindy Thompson's friend who recently experience a brain trauma from a fall.
- ~ Prayers for Diane Highnam's sister who is having knee surgery.
- ~ Prayers for our church and the Search and Call committee as we continue our search for a new pastor.



COMMON MEETING

The Common Meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.
All boards will meet this evening unless yours has made other arrangements.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH



As we are thinking about Stewardship these past few weeks, we've been thinking how we use the resources we've been given. The pledges we make have sustained

this church and its work for many years. For over 20 years, the resources of this building and our members have been used to house and support Grin and Grow Childcare. Hundreds of children and families have come here Monday through Friday to have a safe, caring place to be. In addition, there have been many people who found employment here with Grin and Grow. Without the resources of the church, this non-profit would not be in the great position they currently enjoy.

~ Karen Jensen

Stewardship Sunday is this Sunday, November 13th. You can bring your pledge card up during service or there is a box in the library to place your card. You can also mail it to Michelle in the office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

YOUTH & SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Youth Group: November 9th 6pm-7pm for middle / high school students.

Sunday School/Faith Formation classes continue! Join us on Sundays from 9:15am-10:15am for snacks, fellowship, and learning...the FUN kind of learning, that is ;)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Embracing a Life of Meaning", featuring Kathleen Norris, continues this week at 9:15 am in the Friendship Room, the 1st part of Chapter 5, "We Matter". Newcomers are welcome — there are books for sharing and the conversation is easy to join.

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

On November 13th the purpose of our potluck will be to enjoy fellowship and food with our church family and to honor the veterans in our group. It would be wonderful to see tables filled with vets and their families. If you'd like, please bring a dish to share and your own table service.



Please consider making a donation to help families with children at our partner school, Bunker Middle School in Evansdale. You can mail your offering in or put an envelope or check in the offering plate on Sundays with "Adopt-a-Family" in the memo.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join us in decorating for Advent/Christmas on Sunday, November 20th right after the service.

ORGAN CONCERT

You are invited to join Bethlehem Lutheran in celebrating their 125th anniversary with a special organ concert by Hudson Lourenço-Feld at 3:00pm. Their address is 4000 Hudson Rd., Cedar Falls, IA.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up in the library to provide Altar Flowers through Sunday, December 11th.

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED

If you are willing to be a worship leader one Sunday, please contact Laurie Allbaugh at 319-504-3212. Thanks!

Please Note:

No Tidings the week of November 28th.



...MOMENT FOR MISSIONS



Junior Achievement (JA) of Eastern Iowa is looking for volunteers! JA is a nationwide, volunteer led, school based program. The goal of JA is to provide opportunities for educators and students to experience real-world, interactive lessons from the volunteer's perspective. Whether you are a stay at home parent or a CEO, your experiences, coupled with the JA curriculum, opens a student's eyes to see themselves beyond school.

JA is working with Bunger Middle (to which we are a Partner in Education with) to provide their program, and needs volunteers in some 7th grade classrooms. The commitment is about an hour a week over the span of six weeks. Youth Director Abbie is getting involved, and so should you! Email abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com for questions and to sign up! Below are listed the open time slots:

Period 6

11:13 - 11:53 Mondays

Period 9

1:22 - 2:02 Mondays

Period 10

2:05 - 2:45 Mondays

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EVENT

There will be a Church Row Neighborhood Christmas Craft activity held at our church on Saturday, November 26, 1:00-4:00 p.m. for those living in the Church Row neighborhood. Each church is asked to provide some volunteers to join volunteers from other Church Row churches. Let Michelle know if you would be willing to help.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY

Church Row Coalition has organized a work day, Tuesday, November 15, here in the neighborhood with Habitat for Humanity.

If you would like to work with our ecumenical friends please sign up using the link below:

iowaheartlandhabitatforhumanity.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=67993

HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WIN!

Habitat is asking you to vote for them as your favorite nonprofit organization. Each nonprofit organization will receive at least \$500. The top three nonprofit organizations will be awarded \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000, respectively.

Veridian's Spark the Spirit campaign will award \$38,000 to nonprofits across Iowa and eastern Nebraska. From Tuesday, November 1 at 8:00am through Friday, November 11. Winners will be announced on November 29, Giving Tuesday.

For more information and to vote, click here: <https://www.veridiancu.org/sparkthespirit/NER.html>

PILGRIM HEIGHTS OPEN HOUSE

It's never too soon to start your Holiday gift shopping! Pilgrim Heights is offering an open house on Friday, November 11th from 12-5pm & Saturday, November 12th from 10am to 4pm. Many items are available for purchase: jewelry, handmade soaps, home decor, handprinted signs, refurbished furniture & antiques, candles, personalized mugs, wedding accessories, baked goods, journaling accessories and much more!

Pilgrim Heights is a short drive away located at 3005 E. Avenue in Montour, IA.

Enjoy some shopping while helping to support our UCC youth's camp!



Veteran's Day is Friday and we would like to honor those in our congregation who are in active duty or who have served in the armed services:



Army:

Ed Dams

Henry Doepke

Cliff Highnam

Jim Johnston

Roger Lane

(September 1957 to September 1961)

His active duty was at White Sands Missile Base in New Mexico.

Brian Lynch

Steve Mauer (Korean Conflict)

*Andrew J. Meyers & Peter C. Meyers
(Grandsons of Steve & Liz Thorpe)*

Bob Tefft

(End of and after the Korean War - July 1953 to June 1955) He was an instructor in the automotive division of the Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen, MD.

Stephen A. Thorpe (Lieutenant Colonel)

Stephen W. Thorpe (First Lieutenant)

Gary Waldon (Viet Nam)

(1967 to 1969)

6th Battalion/9th Field Artillery in Giessen, Germany, NATO Forces.

Dennis Hubrig (Jayne Slaughter's brother)

Leonard Hubrig (Jayne Slaughter's father)

Roy Allbaugh (WWI)

Air Force:

David Allbaugh

(1972 to 1975)

He was a pilot during the Viet Nam war based out of Dover AFB, Delaware and Charleston AFB, SC.

Keith Jorgensen

(1969 to 1973)

Jim Stevenson (Viet Nam)

Richard Cook

(April 1973 to April 1979)

Richard Sheridan

Marines:

David Greene (WWII Iwo Jima)

Russ (Butch) Franke

Ken Allbaugh (WWII)

Navy:

Brad Casteel

Brandon Casteel

Bill Rickert (Navy, Marines, Air Force)

Whether your name is listed or not, we thank all those in our congregation and friends of the congregation for their service to our country.



The Cedar Valley Interfaith Council (CVIC) is hosting an afternoon event on *November 20 from 2-4pm*. There will be displays from a variety of faith communities with info about their response to climate change. At 2:30, Dr. Kamyar Enshayan will speak on The Status of Environmental Challenges and Practices in Iowa. At 3:15 there

will be a panel discussion from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities about their group's religious grounding concerning caring for the earth. All are welcome!

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