

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
April 30, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #468

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

We yearn to belong to a community but evade commitment to it. We don't want people to know too much about us, so they won't judge us. Yet you called your disciples to live in close communities, sharing food, breaking bread, and caring for the needs of everyone. Forgive us for our reluctance to commit to a stronger and deeper community. Help us experience the love of others so that we might trust each other more and become the beloved community that you created us to be. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Pastor

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-10

Elder

"Very truly I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 334). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #286

SERMON “The Beloved Community”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN “God Be with You” #602**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447**

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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Synod School will take place July 23-28, 2023 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. School seeks to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy as well as individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children. 2023 is the 69th year of Synod School in Iowa. People will come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play, and life together. It is an opportunity to learn something new, to continue conversations begun by keynote speakers with others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service, and to enjoy not having to cook for a week.

2023 Synod School Theme: Our Family Story

...All Jesus did that day was tell stories—a long storytelling afternoon. His storytelling fulfilled the prophecy: I will open my mouth and tell stories; I will bring out into the open things hidden since the world's first day. Matthew 13:34-35-34-35 MSG

The theme for Synod School 2023 is “Our Family Story.” As living and breathing entities of Christ, we are each natural storytellers—whether we believe so or not. Each experience we carry is sewn into the tapestry that our ancestors created, and these experiences carry us forward toward relationships and connection with others. Stories from the Bible connect us as children of God. We will share time together learning about the differences between historical, literary, and theological “chairs” and why, to fully understand stories from the Bible, we must take time in all three chairs to better know the rich characters and lessons that we have been given. In a time when biblical stories are picked apart to suit a particular message, we will gather and study familiar stories in new ways in hopes of gaining a new closeness with God, and each other.

Contact Rev. Michael Sydnor for more information.

2023 PER CAPITA

2023 Per Capita amount is \$48.35. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check “Per Capita”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2023

30 Sunday

9:00 am

Confirmation Class

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

10:00 am

In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

VACATION

Rev. Michael Sydnor will be on vacation May 1st thru May 7th.

May 2023

07 Sunday

(Rev. Duane Queen will be filling the pulpit.)

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

10:00 am

In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

ELDER FOR MAY:

Jane Bisenius

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Beth Bailey (May 4th)

Marilyn King (May 12th)

Dorothy Ploeger (May 15th)

Dee Gosch (May 17th)

Theresa Bailey (May 22nd)

Lauren Franken (May 29th)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Joyce Anderson

(Janice Rydberg's Friend)

George Franzkowiak

(prostrate Cancer and other health issues)

Darlene Franzkowiak (health issues)

Carol Wendel

(Waiting to see if the steroid injection done on her fractured vertebrae last week works and having a scan test done on her liver in May to see if just scar tissue or something else)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)

Florene Cork & Families

Randy Leask

Tom McDonough & Family (Cancer)

Ryan McDonough & Family (Cancer)

Mark Siebrecht & Family (Cancer)

Craig Pyle (health issues)

Bruce Mentzer (rotator cuff)

Jon Snyder

Hazel Snyder

Doug O'Bannon

Shari O'Bannon

Dexter Meseck

Brenda Segebart

School

Mark Diersen

Malia Meyer

Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)

Donnie Skou (Cancer)

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

April 30

Churches Searching for Pastors

May 7, 2023

First, Ringsted – Rev. Suzanne Wobig

