

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
May 12, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder

Elder: The word of God is truth.

People: Let us be sanctified in the truth.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN "To God Be the Glory"**

#66

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated)

Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Elder

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI #623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Pastor

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry." Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Lesson: John 17:6-19**

Elder

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 343). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition..

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 339). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** "In Christ There Is No East or West" #285

**SERMON** "The Ideal Family"

## **\*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** "Be Still My Soul" #347

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

College Graduates  
Areas hit by the storms  
Kevin King

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
Chanda Snow  
(Sue Diersen's Niece)  
Polly Jansen (Health)  
Carol Grundmeier  
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier  
Rich & Barb Jorgensen  
(Dementia)  
Richard Morgan  
Father of Cindy Myrice  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Steve Schaefer  
Velma Woodke  
Joe Van Buskirk  
Joyce Deloach  
Shelly Fenner  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family  
George & Darlene Franzkowiak  
Malia Meyer

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

**May 12, 2024**

Elliott Creek Presbyterian Church of Bronson & Rev. Ken Meissner

**May 19, 2024**

First, Rockwell City & Rev. Denise Berns

\*BENEDICTION SONG "Freely, Freely" (V. 1) #447

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

## 2024 PER CAPITA

2024 Per Capita amount is \$53.95. 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

### May 2024

12 Sunday (Mother's Day)

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

10:00 am

In-Person Worship Service in  
Sanctuary

19 Sunday (Graduation & Pentecost Sunday)

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

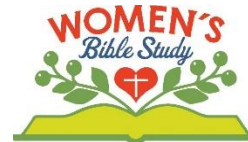
10:00 am

In-Person Worship Service in  
Sanctuary



Session  
Meeting

The next Session Meeting will be on Monday,  
May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will be meeting on  
Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will not  
be meeting during the summer.



## CHURCH FLOAT

The theme for this year's Schaller Popcorn Days:  
Popcorn Days "A BIG SCORE" in 2024.

### College Graduates

**Congratulations:** On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Sydney Cork graduated from USD with a Bachelor's Degree in Science in Education. She will be teaching in the Sioux Falls School District. Her parents are Aaron & Michele Cork and the grand-daughter of Florene Cork and the late Richard Cork.

**Congratulations:** On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Grothe graduated Summa Cum Laude from USD with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics! Her parents are Stephanie Wandrey and Chris Grothe.

### Early Community Food Pantry

We welcome your needed food, toiletries, and cash donations throughout the entire year. Please check the expiration of food donations before bringing them in. Please, no glass containers.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Marilyn King (May 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Dorothy Ploeger (May 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Dee Gosch (May 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Theresa Bailey (May 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Lauren Franken (May 29<sup>th</sup>)



**Camp  
Counselors,  
Lifeguards,  
Musicians, and  
Program Staff  
Needed**

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji is hiring staff for the 10 week summer camp season. Starting pay is \$300/week plus room and board. BVU students may be eligible for an additional \$2,000 in tuition grants! Internship credit may be possible, too. Call or text 712-320-3313 with questions, email Sara Sutter or apply online.

Jokes only a mother could love

Why is a computer so smart?  
*It listens to its motherboard.*

Why did you chop the joke book in half?  
*Mom said to cut the comedy.*

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?  
*Because their kids have to play inside!*

What did the mother rope say to her child?  
*"Don't be knotty."*

## LAKESHORE CENTER AT OKOBOJI SUMMER INFORMATION

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji is excited to invite children and youth to explore summer camp under the theme, "Linked by Love". There is something for everyone, even family camps! Lakeshore Center at Okoboji offers a variety of kid-approved activities. Located in a secluded setting of 55 acres on West Lake Okoboji, there are 600 feet of sand beach and a canopy of large oak trees that lend to hours and hours of camp fun!

Registration is available online at our website: [www.ilovelakeshore.org](http://www.ilovelakeshore.org) Ask Rev. Michael or anyone on Session about church scholarships to help pay for some of your camp registration fees.



**LAKESHORE CENTER**

**SUMMER CAMP 2024**

**JUNE**

- June 2-7 Work Groups (5-12 grade & adults) ~ \$250/youth & \$100/adult
- June 10-13 Day Camp (K-4 grade) ~ \$50/day
- June 16-20 Hike, Bike & Paddle (3-8 grade) ~\$500
- June 16-20 Make & Bake (3-8 grade) ~ \$500
- June 21-23 All Camp Reunion Weekend ~cost varies
- June 23-26 Blast Camp (2-5 grade) ~\$325
- June 27-30 Creative Camp (5-12 grade) ~\$375



**LAKESHORE CENTER**

**SUMMER CAMP 2024**

**JULY**

- July 3-6 Family Camp ~youth \$150 / adult \$200
- July 6 Fun Day Camp ~\$50
- July 7-9 Splash & Dash (1-4 grade) ~\$200
- July 14-17 Middle School Campference ~\$350
- July 20-21 Super Duper Sleepover ~\$100
- July 21-26 Team Challenge Camp (5-12 grade) ~\$500
- July 26-28 Sheep & Shepherd (grades K-4 w / adult) ~\$150/person
- July 28-31 Last Hurrah Family Camp ~youth \$150 / adult \$200



**Synod School 2024**

**More Than We Can Imagine**

July 21-26, 2024  
Buena Vista University  
Storm Lake, Iowa

## SYNOD SCHOOL 2024

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. 2024 is the 70th year of Synod School in Iowa. 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.

Registration has begun! We hope you can join us! There are Synod School books on the table in the entryway.

## Mother — and more

Though I've primarily known God as Father — along with metaphors such as rock, eagle, shepherd, potter — I also learned of Scripture passages portraying God as mother. For example (all NIV):

- "For a long time I have kept silent. ... But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant" (Isaiah 42:14).
- "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13).
- "Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them" (Hosea 13:8).
- In others, God is pictured doing traditional "women's work": making clothes (Genesis 3:21), sweeping (Isaiah 14:23), preparing and hosting a meal (Proverbs 9:1-6), baking bread (Luke 13:21).

One of my favorite images of God is tucked in Hosea. While many modern dads nurture their toddlers this way, the tender words surely call to mind a mama's care: "It was I who taught [Israel] to walk. ... To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them" (Hosea 11:3-4). Most importantly, God — however known — is loving and good.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## Final exams



A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."  
—Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*

## "Universal Praise"

See how nature now rejoices  
in this sunny month of May;  
Still to God from all its voices,  
giving praises day by day. ...

In the glad green woodland alleys,  
every bird its anthem trills!  
While flocks feeding in the valleys,  
herds upon a thousand hills.

Join with every creature living,  
here on land, in air, or sea,  
In one great worldwide thanksgiving,  
yielding praise, O God, to thee!

All around us swells the chorus,  
from this goodly world of ours,  
And earth's altar stands before us,  
sweet with incense from her flowers.

So with nature still confessing,  
his great goodness, let us pay  
Grateful homage for each blessing,  
of this sunny month of May.

—Anonymous