

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
April 14, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Beloved, we are God's children now;

People: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#233

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated)

Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Elder

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Pastor

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-48

Elder

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 333).  
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 58).  
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #350**

**SERMON "Ghostbusters: The Divine Prequel"**

## **\*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 of Grace and God of Glory" #292**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

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

## **\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

## **\*POSTLUDE**

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Butch Blum  
Cetha Henrich family  
Karla Hustedt family  
Velma Woodke  
Joe Van Buskirk  
(doing both chemo and radiation 5 more weeks to go)  
Darlene Wright

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
Purple Gang  
Richard Morgan  
Father of Cindy Myrice  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Steve Schaefer  
Shari O'Bannon  
Doug O'Bannon & Family  
Joyce Deloach  
Shelly Fenner  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family  
George & Darlene Franzkowiak  
Malia Meyer

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
Wheatland, Breda

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
Buena Vista University, Chaplain Dr. Melanie Hauser

## 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

### April 2024

14	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary
16	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
17	Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
21	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary
24	Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Last Day of Purple Gang
		5:30 pm	Purple Gang Program and meal

NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> will be Senior Recognition Sunday following the morning worship service with a special Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Christian Growth Committee. Hope all can attend to recognize and congratulate our outgoing Senior, Courtney Pyle.



## PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesday's from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades K-5th.

We are thrilled to give your children an opportunity to talk, eat, and play with their friends outside of a school setting.

### SERVERS FOR APRIL

- 17<sup>th</sup> Rosemary Blum & Judy Wall
- 24<sup>th</sup> Purple Gang Program & Meal

## 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:

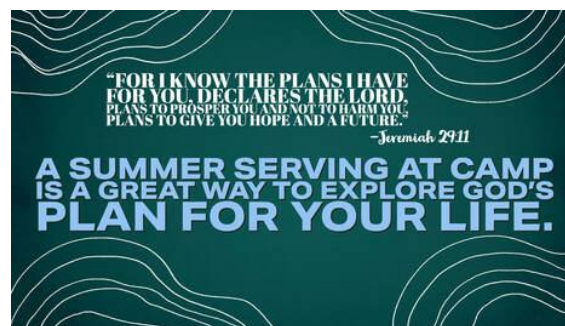
- Daniel Langner (April 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Anna Jacobson (April 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Susan Diersen (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27<sup>th</sup>)

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

- Philip & Susan Diersen (April 18<sup>th</sup>)



Lakeshore Center at Okoboji has scheduled their Spring Cleanup Event for the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us that Friday and/or Saturday to help get cabins and the grounds ready for summer, let us know.



## YOU COULD LIVE AT THE LAKES THIS SUMMER!

We are looking for camp counselors, lifeguards, musicians, program staff, and support staff. We run a 10 week summer

camp season and 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 ([director@ilovelakeshore.org](mailto:director@ilovelakeshore.org)) or apply online under the summer camp tab at [www.ilovelakeshore.org](http://www.ilovelakeshore.org)

# LAKESHORE CENTER



SUMMER

2024

CAMP

## 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

2024

CAMP

## 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

## LAKESHORE CENTER AT OKOBOJI!

Welcome to the Summer of 2024! We are excited to explore our theme, "Linked by Love." We see God's love in close friends and family. As we seek to create and strengthen life-giving relationships, we remember that such love flows from God, links us all together, and for that we give thanks. We hope you can join the 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.

## By faith

'Tis by the faith of joys to come  
We walk through deserts dark as night,  
Till we arrive at heaven our home.  
Faith is our guide, and faith our light. ...

Cheerful we tread the desert through,  
While faith inspires a heavenly ray,  
Though lions roar and tempests blow  
And rocks and dangers fill the way.

So Abraham, by divine command,  
Left his own house to walk with God;  
His faith beheld the promised land,  
And fired his zeal along the road.

—Early American hymn

## **Receive His Pardon**

*Max Lucado - Daily Devotional*

Acts 2:38 records the sermon of the apostle Peter. In it, he says, "Turn back to God! Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven."

We cherish pardon, don't we? And God offers it. He does not give us what we deserve. He has drenched this world in grace. It has no end. It knows no limits. It empowers this life and enables us to live the next. God offers second chances, like a soup kitchen offers meals to everyone who asks. And that includes you. Make sure you receive his pardon. And once you do, pass it on. We all need it.

## A wakeup call

God — let me be aware.  
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,  
Just getting somehow safely through the days,  
Not even groping for another hand,  
Not even wondering why it all was planned,  
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light,  
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight,  
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.  
God — let me be aware.

God — let me be aware.  
Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,  
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.  
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.  
Give me the heart that divines, understands.  
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight.  
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.  
Please — keep me eager just to do my share.  
God — let me be aware.

—Miriam Teichner