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April 26, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

Coming Events

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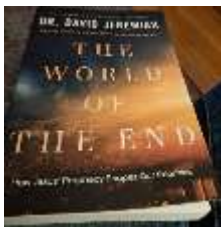
2026 PER CAPITA

2025 Per Capita amount is \$55.70. 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".

SAC COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY EVENT

Join us for a fun family friendly safety event on Thursday, May 7th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Sac County Public Health, 116 S. State St, Sac City, IA 50583!

FREE: Bike Helmets, Meal, Car Seat Check, Sign up for Well tests. There will also be a Scavenger Hunt and Raffles. ♻️



Ladies' Fellowship will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church. Our next gathering will be May 13th & May

27th. All are welcome. You don't need a book to participate. ♻️



SESSION

Reminder Session will meet on Monday, May 18th at 7:00 P.M. ♻️



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, June 7th. ♻️



Popcorn Days Church Float

Our Float in the Parade!

Please be thinking about the church float so that our church can be represented in the Popcorn Day Parade. This year's theme is "Still poppin' after 75 years". The celebration is July 10th & 11th.

Ideas and help are needed! Many helpers make a light load. ♻️

MOTHER'S DAY

"There are blessings all around us that are sent from God above, but none are more precious than the gift of a mother's love!"



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

- Beth Bailey Sly (May 4th)
- Marilyn King (May 12th)
- Dorothy Ploeger (May 15th)
- Dee Gosch (May 17th)
- Theresa Bailey (May 22nd)



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MAY-JUNE

- May 03 Jay Grogan
- May 10th Deb Loger (Odebolt)
- May 17th Lue Baker (Manning)
- May 24th Rev. Ken Fells
- May 31st Rev. Ken Fells

- June 7th Norman Prather (Communion)
- June 14th Jay Grogan
- June 21st Kristy May
- June 28th Lue Baker



To make a difference in this world, let Jesus make a difference in you!

Thank You's

Thanks to those who provided Easter Lillies for the Easter morning worship service. 🌸



The Easter Breakfast was hosted by Jim & Cathy McDonough and family. It was difficult to choose from the different delicious varieties of egg

bake. Thank you for your hard work. It was greatly appreciated.

The McDonough family wishes to thank those who donated the items needed for the breakfast. 🌸

Thanks to Adam & Melanie Pyle and Sunday School class for doing the bulletin board in the foyer every month and for doing Coffee Fellowship following the worship service on March 29th, and to Cathy McDonough for sharing flowers for the Sunday morning worship services. Also to Adam & Melanie and family for mowing the church yard and Cody Pyle and Henry Jacobson for lighting church candles.



In Our Prayers

Our Church, Our Session, Our School Kids, Mary Haight, Marge Bisenius, Joan Beebe, Rev. Ken Fells, Dexter Meseck, Bruce Mentzer, Randy Leask, Kirk Langner, Jeremy Plagman, Florene Cork, Patti Willer Snyder, Malia Meyers, Denny & LaRae Mauser, Shari Willer O'Bannon, Ken Fells Jr., The Military, The Family of LaMerle (Rydberg) Wilson

JOYS: Congratulations to Eli Franken who will be graduating on Sunday, May 17th.

--SEND A CARD—MAKE A PHONE CALL—SEND AN EMAIL—VISIT—SAY A PRAYER—

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call or text Denise King (712-749-9408) or (275-4516). 🌸

Prayer combined with love is a mighty force for change.



BIBLE PRESENTATION

Libby McDonough received a Bible from the Schaller First Presbyterian Church during the Worship Service on April 5th.

Senior Recognition Sunday



OUR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE

Eli Franken was recognized during the Easter Breakfast on April 5th and worship service following the breakfast. His family, special guests and

congregation enjoyed looking over tables decorated with many pictures and memorabilia from Eli sharing the highlights of his life. Jane Bisenius gave an impromptu, brief, but eloquent speech sharing her thoughts about and hopes for the honoree.

The laughter and happiness of the crowds demonstrated the wonderful time that the whole church family shared. The church showed its appreciation for Eli with gifts. ☸

A Graduation Blessing

Embarking on a journey which began some time ago, how could you have imagined all the things you'd come to know.

You learned to use each challenge as an opportunity, to overcome each problem, despite adversity.

It wasn't always easy keeping up with what was "cool," but you held on tight to your beliefs and carried them through school.

You found your voice and chose a path that honors who you are, and that, I think, may be your greatest lesson learned thus far.

For no one could be prouder of the person you've become, and that is why I'm confident that the best is yet to come.

May you never waste a moment "wishing" life was not unfair. Rather use the gifts God gave to you, to change the world around out there.

Your graduation signals us that you are on your way, so spread your wings and fly my dear, forever and a day! ☸

OUR GRADUATING SENIOR



Eli Sterling Franken is the son of John and Brenna Franken. He has 2 siblings, his sister Lauren who resides in Manhattan, KS, and his brother Jaxon who lives in Collins, IA with his wife, Skye, and their baby boy, Wells. His grandmother is Betty Franken of Schaller and grandfather is

Larry Sammons of New Hartford.

Eli has been actively involved in baseball and basketball for the past 4 years as well as being vice president for both his class and the National Honor Society. Eli is on the student council and represented his school by being the mascot during football season. In the community, he volunteers for VBS, coaching and officiating youth, and assisting the fire department with raising and lowering the flags in the cemetery. Eli is a member of the youth group at the Methodist Church in Early.

Eli is Ridge View High School's honoree receiving the 2026 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. This honor recognizes select high school seniors who demonstrate dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. He will also represent his class as the 2026 KCAU Best of Class top academic achiever.

Eli will be attending Iowa State University in the fall, majoring in Kinesiology/Pre-Physical Therapy. ☸

Graduation: Faith for the Road Ahead

Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. As we celebrate students stepping into new seasons, we give thanks for the growth, perseverance and calling God has placed in their lives. May we surround our graduates with prayer, reminding them that God goes before them and walks with them wherever the journey leads.

Have faith and keep trying, because it's often the last key on the ring that opens the door.



Newsletter Deadline
with **JUNE** information
is **Sunday, May 24th**. ☸

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This Memorial Day. . . .

We salute every soldier who's served this great nation.

And offer a hear of thanks and appreciation!

**We salute each member of our armed forces.
And are thankful for their efforts and resources!**

**We salute the many who protect our borders too.
We'd be in trouble...if not for people like you!**

**We salute every son and daughter lost in a war.
You are what serving this country is meant for!**

**We salute the officers who've guided our women
and men.**

Our prayers are with you and our love from within!

**We salute our veterans wherever they may be;
Those who served on land, air and sea!**

**Offering prayer to the Lord is our belief...
That he will guide our Commander in Chief!**

**As we observe Memorial Day this year...
Let's offer our soldiers love, hope and cheer...**

**May God bless them in all they endeavor
And his peace be with them today and forever!**

---Jim Pemberton ☸

