

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
May 19, 2024

10:00 A. M.
Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

People: Bless the name of the Lord!¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Come Thou Almighty King"

#267

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pastor

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and

¹Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 344). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 347-348). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

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

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Elder

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” #249

SERMON “A Constant Companion”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

High School Graduates
Carol Wendel
Kelli & Dave Sanders (Health Issues)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Areas hit by the storms
Kevin King
Chanda Snow
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 19, 2024

First, Rockwell City & Rev. Denise Berns

May 26th 2024

First, Paullina

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 "The Church's One Foundation" #277

*BENEDICTION

*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".

CHURCH FLOAT

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2024

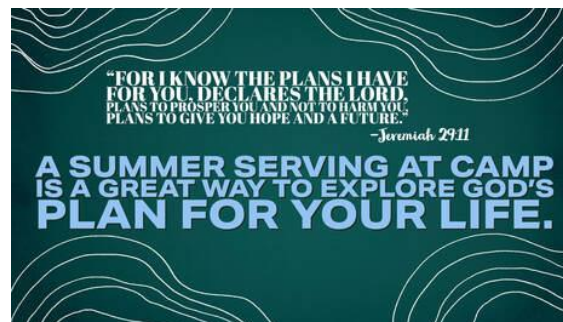
19 Sunday	(Graduation & Pentecost Sunday)
9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
10:00 am	In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Graduation
20 Monday	
7:00 pm	Session Meeting
22 Wednesday	
6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study (We will not be meeting during the summer)
29 Sunday	
10:00 am	Worship

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Congratulations to Courtney Pyle who will be graduating on Sunday, May 19th.

College Graduate

Congratulations: On Saturday, May 4th, Jordan Grothe officially graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Mathematics and an honors thesis looking at the heat caused by electro-osmotic flow computationally. In a few weeks, I'll be starting an internship with the South Dakota Investment Council in Sioux Falls!



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](mailto:Sara.Sutter@lakeshorecenter.com) or apply [online](#).

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Theresa Bailey (May 22nd)
Lauren Franken (May 29th)

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.

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 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.

Always with us

Forty days after Easter, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. This occurred 10 days before Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, as he had promised.

Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere, we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples — and to us — contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, ESV).

A word for graduates

Congratulations to the young members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

