

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Elder

Elder: When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

People: our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. ² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 Elder

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 333). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 20-21). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

“He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Just As I Am” #342

SERMON “How to Belong”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Tom McDonough & Family (Cancer)
Ryan McDonough & Family (Cancer)
Mark Siebrecht & Family (Cancer)
George & Darlene Franzkowiak (health issues)
Craig Pyle (health issues)
Bruce Mentzer (rotator cuff)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)
Carol Wendel
(waiting to hear what treatment will be needed for her fractured vertebrae and having a scan test done on her liver to see if just scar tissue or something else)
Florene Cork & Family
Randy Leask
Hazel Snyder
Doug O’Bannon
Shari O’Bannon
Dexter Meseck
Brenda Segebart
School
Mark Diersen
Malia Meyer
Jon Snyder
Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)
Donnie Skou (Cancer)

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 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” #280

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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”.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

April 23

Buena Vista University – Chaplain Dr. Melanie Hauser

April 30

Churches Searching for Pastors

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2023

23 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes
 10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
 (Masks are optional)

26 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang
 5:45 pm Purple Gang Program & meal
 (Free Will Offering)

30 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
 9:00 am Sunday School Classes
 10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
 (Masks are optional)

May 2023

07 Sunday

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

VACATION

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



PURPLE GANG

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

SERVERS FOR PURPLE GANG

April 26th

End of Year Purple Gang Program & Meal

TREASURER'S REPORT – MARCH

		YTD
INCOME:	\$4,220.51	\$21,346.51
EXPENSE:	<u>\$6,328.74</u>	<u>\$18,785.42</u>
NET INCOME:	(2,108.23)	2,561.09

SYMPATHY

May the love of the Lord flow gently and freely into our heart, giving peace and strength.

With Sympathy to the Richard Cork Family.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Thank you for sharing the beautiful flower arrangements with us.

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.