

The Voyager



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The Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings:

Emmetsburg First UMC's mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ to transform the world. We seek to make disciples through our vision of Gathering as God's people, growing in faith, love, and spirit, so we can go into the world for Jesus Christ.

As you look through the pages of this newsletter, you will find many ways we are trying to live out our mission and vision. In the upcoming weeks and months you'll see a full calendar of worship, events and activities. We have a Holy Week full of meaningful worship services, as well as interactive stations of the cross and the 40-hour Prayer Vigil. We have Sunday and Wednesday worship services, Bible studies, small groups, an Emmaus reunion group and fellowship opportunities.

Our scholarship task force reviewed applications and will present recipients in the near future. The Easter Egg tree is up and donations are currently being accepted for Cherish House, CAA-SA and Upper Des Moines Opportunity. The church sponsored 56 people to watch "Jesus Revolution" at the Emmetsburg Riviera Theater one Sunday afternoon.

Each of these create opportunities for Gathering, Growing, and then Going out to share Christ. Additionally, we have a small group discussing new opportunities and possibilities for ministry within and outside the church walls, seeking ways to share Christ's love with those not currently involved in the church. You are welcome and invited to participate in any and all of these opportunities.

I believe, we are a vibrant Christian Community that has done much and has much to do! God is moving. God is at work. I invite you to pray for revival here at Emmetsburg First UMC and the community of Emmetsburg. I invite you to pray for how you can get involved and use the gifts God

has given you to share Christ within and outside the church.

As Holy Week approaches I invite you to come join us. If it's been awhile since you've been here - you are welcome!

Now is a great time to hear the story of victory over sin and death through Jesus' death and resurrection. The schedule for our special services and all that is going on can be found within the pages of this newsletter. Come Gather, Grow and Go with us...YOU are welcome here!

Blessings,
Pastor Lana Williams
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Kinship Radio presents the 14 Annual "A Day for Women" on Saturday, May 6" at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato.

This year's Special Guest is Angela Thomas-Pharr, author of Redeemed: Grace to live every day better than before.

She is a gifted teacher and storyteller speak-

ing to thousands each year. Angela teaches and transparently shares life experiences that draw her and others into a deeper passion for knowing God. We are also welcoming back Kirsten King as our special speaker! There will be music, ministry, lunch, and mini-sessions.

Space is limited so call 507-526-3233 or go online to KinshipRadio.org to register beginning Monday, March 27h at 8AM.



?’s and Answers about Lana’s Ordination Paperwork

Theology - Give examples of how the practice of ministry has affected your experience and understanding of the Need for Divine Grace.

As I shared above, all people are created in God’s image. However, I also see pain and brokenness in every person. As I listened to Jaime* I heard the pain of drug addiction and how it cost him his family and his freedom. I also hear the stories of pain and brokenness in disease, death,

poverty, addiction, division, and a million other ways every day. This is the reality of sin in our world. Creation was good, but the fall separated us from God and one another. Sin dominates this world, and I see that reality in every aspect of ministry. My heart breaks for the hurt and brokenness I and others feel, but I don’t stop there because I know redemption is found in Jesus Christ. I know this because I’ve known the pain of running from God, and I’ve felt and known God’s unconditional, unending divine grace in my own life.

The Good News for all people is Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. Through Jesus, all who call upon the name of Jesus are given amazing grace. The gift of grace is God’s ongoing redemption of humanity. I saw this when Jaime* called to say

God is working through the staff at the shelter. I have seen this in a mother, who’s attending Wednesday worship with her kids and is seeking a new life for her family. I see this sitting next to and holding the hand of people who are in hospice, nearing the end of their life. I see it in the laity’s excitement to get involved in ministry because they are seeing and feeling God’s new creation at work, in their midst. I’ve seen God’s divine grace in a man who said he didn’t believe in God. As we talked, he revealed church hurt, his issues with the church, and his pain with God. This man has begun attending church as God is working in and through him. Brokenness, pain, and sin are ever present but God’s love is greater.

Pastor Lana Williams

(* names changed)

Sunday Worship Schedule

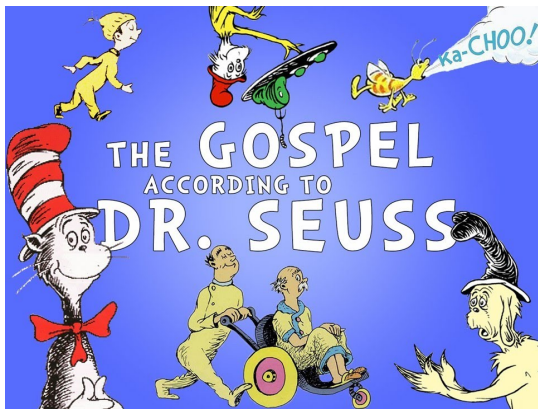
Lent Series - Follow Me: Returning to the Straight and Narrow



This six-week series explores what it means to follow Jesus. We use the language of “following Jesus” frequently in the church, but we rarely examine what it means and what causes us to go our own way instead. This Lenten series calls us to follow him in sacrifice, self-denial, and the hope of glory.

April 2 - Palm Sunday - Follow Me: Returning to the Straight & Narrow - Suffering Precedes Glory

April 9 - Easter - Sunrise Service & 10 am



New series begins after Easter. In this series, we'll see what the Bible and Dr. Seuss have to say about how we encounter and engage our differences.

April 16 - Holy Humor Sunday - The Gospel According to Suess: Lorax

April 23 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - The Gospel According to Suess: 1 Fish, 2 Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

April 30 - 4th Sunday of Easter - The Gospel According to Suess: The Sneetches

Wednesday Worship:

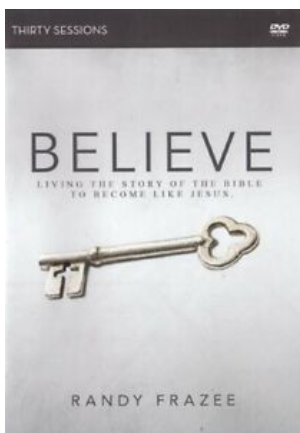
5:30 small groups, 6:30 dinner & 7:00 worship.

April 5 - Ch 20: Sharing My Faith

April 12 - Ch 21 & 22: Who Am I Becoming? Love & Joy

April 19 - Ch 23& 24: Peace & Self-Control

April 26 - Ch 25 & 26: Hope & Patience



Emmetsburg First UMC has created multiple ways for you to give:

Online
Emmetsburgumc.com
Mobile phone giving

- Vanco App - First United Methodist Church, Emmetsburg
- Venmo App - @Eburg-UMC
Code 2508

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Contact Terry



Thank you for your faithful support of the church!

Empowering EFUMC Ministry
Giving Report (February 19-March 19)

General Fund Offering/Tithing

-General Fund Total \$ 13,714.43

Needed Yearly for General Budget	\$ 217,681.00
Needed monthly	\$ 18,140.08
Needed Weekly	\$ 4,186.17
Last month's shortage	\$(-4,425.65)

Funds received from rental of the Family Life Center
\$ 125.00



Trustees

Just For Kix Rental	\$ 350.00
FLC Bldg. Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Trustees Fund Total	\$ 1,350.00

*Thank you for your
faithful support !*

First United Methodist Church
Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 08, 2023 at 8:00 P.M.

Attendance: Ted Ellis; Sarah Frederick; Sharon Hobart; Michelle Kogel; Shayne Kogel; Terry Luiken; Marje Merrill; Lois Stanley; Lana Williams

Call to Order: Ted Ellis at 8:00 PM

Devotions: Ted Ellis read devotions from *Live in Grace, Walk in Love* by Bob Goff based on the verses from Mark 1:40 – 41. Jesus spent his whole life engaging those people we try to avoid.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February 15, 2022. Moved to approve by Lois Stanley. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report for end of February: Balance of \$61,334.00. Moved to approve Lana Williams. Seconded and approved.

Committee reports:

Nurturing Ministries: Lana Williams: Vacation Bible School planned for June 26 – 30.. No Wednesday Worship March 15. School is on Spring Break.

Outreach Ministries: No Report

Administrative Committees

Chair of Trustees: Dave Fog/Dan Stokes: The locks have been changed on the church and Family Life Center. Security cameras have been installed.

Chair of SPRC: Michelle Kogel/Jodi Ward: New secretary has been hired, Terry Luiken.

Chair of Finance: Shayne Kogel: A new line was added to the budget for camp fund and \$3000 was included in the account.

Chair of Endowment: Brian Garrels: Sunday March 5 the scholarship committee reviewed 25 applications. There is \$122,050 available for distribution through the United Methodist Foundation. Awards ranged from \$2721 to \$6584 and the scholarship will be paid directly to the school of the applicant's choice. In 2024 the following will be added to the scholarship application: Scholarships are for Palo Alto County Methodist members. The Endowment Task Force will meet and determine the distributions for requests early in April. Deadline for requests for non-budget projects is the end of March.

Chair of Nominations: Bonnie Whitney – **NO REPORT**

Chair of Witnessing/Mission Trip: Sarah Frederick: Due to students being on Spring Break there will be no St. Pats Potato Bar being held.

Chair of History: Rosemary Matthews – **NO REPORT**

Pastor's Report: Lana Williams

Spring ahead is March 12, 2023. Palm Branches have been ordered for Palm Sunday and Holy Week plans are in process. Easter Sunrise Service and 10:00 Easter Service will be held.

Pastor Lana will be ordained June 4 at the Annual Conference.

Old Business:

Greeters are needed for services and volunteers to help with Swallowship.

New Business:

Discussion on ideas for community involvement and 2024 General Conference.

Next meeting: April 12, 2023

Closing: Ted Ellis closed with prayer

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 P.M.

Recording Secretary Pro tem: Sharon Hobart

<p>PALM SUNDAY</p> 	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> 	<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> 	<p>PRAYER VIGIL</p> 	<p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> 
<p>APRIL 2 10 AM</p>	<p>APRIL 6 6 PM—FLC POTLUCK</p>	<p>APRIL 7 7 PM</p>	<p>APRIL 7-9 3PM-6:30am</p>	<p>SUNRISE 6AM Bonfire w/ 6:30 AM Service REGULAR 10 AM</p>

40 Hour PRAYER VIGIL

Begins: 3 pm Friday, April 7 —

Ends: 6:30 am Sunday, April 9

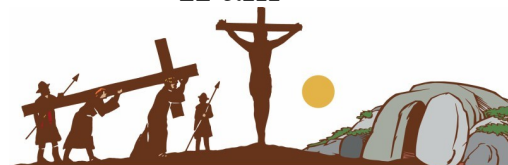


The ANNUAL KIDS' EASTER
EGG HUNT will be held during
the regular (10 am) service on
Easter Sunday.



Interactive Prayer Stations

Begin Wednesday,
April 5 - 9am-9pm &
runs through Easter Sunday,
11 am



STATIONS of the CROSS

"How do you eat a whale?"

Dear First UMC Family -

5 years ago our church embarked on a significant growth project with the construction of the Family Life Center. Call it a leap of faith or prayerful long-range foresight in our future, we went forward with the help of God, the commitment of our membership's pledges, and the liquidation of our Endowment Fund. Through faithful fulfillment of pledges and continued dedication in support of the project, we have chipped away and are reaching a point where the building loan balance end



is in sight, and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We have paid down a significant portion of the sizable construction loan, and have less than \$40,000 remaining, all while maintaining the daily operating needs of the church. While that is still a considerable amount, it's significantly less than we borrowed, and we have reached this level much sooner than the building committee anticipated. When we started this daunting project, the question towards financing to be asked was "How do you eat a whale?" Now we can answer "by taking one bite at a time."

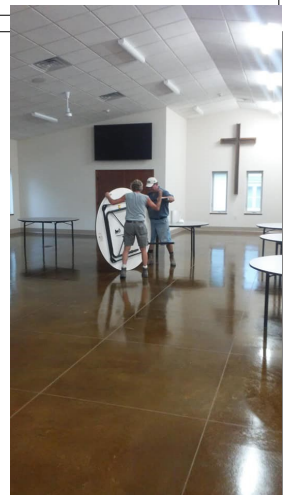
No one can argue that building the FLC was not needed, and the new programs and ministries resulting have been an immeasurable benefit to our church and community. Therefore, we would ask that each member of our church consider making a new commitment, payment, or pledge toward the goal of having the loan paid off by the end of this year. With this financial obligation behind us, the Trustees will be able to concentrate on the next major concern of updating or replacing the heating system in the church, for which another loan may be required. Please give these needs your prayerful consideration and do your part to continue the support, growth, and service of our First UMC.

Thank you.

The Finance Committee, et al.

I would like to say thank you to everyone for your contributions and dedication to the church. We see doing an amazing job of paying off the new Family Life Center and should all be very proud of the progress that is being made. We started at a total cost of \$821,304 with a bank loan at \$311,487, and have paid it down to \$36,835. A special thank you to the many people who have stepped forward and made extra contributions for this purpose, it is greatly appreciated. With the help of your contributions, we were able to get ahead with our payments and should be able to finish this project in the next year if this rate is maintained. Once the Family Life Center is paid off, it will free up resources for other services that are much needed around the church

Thank you,
-Gregory Hoyman



Worship Service Volunteers

April Acolytes

4/2

Sophia Manz

Cammi Manz

4/7 (Good Friday)

Kysen Kogel

Staussi Luiken

4/9 (Easter Worship)

Axton Curry

Steven Horsman

4/16

Maddi Burns

Kenna Burns

4/23

Jameson Fehr

Hank Rouse

4/30

Kysen Kogel

Calen Manz



Holy Week

April Computer Worship Helpers

4/2

Duhn Family

4/9

Ditch Family

4/16

Hudson Family

4/23

Kogel Family

4/30

Anderson Family

Communion

Stewards

April

Sarah Strohman

Jamie Christensen

Sarah Frederick

Video & Livestreaming

Keaton Duhn

April Liturgists

4/2

Jodi Ward

4/6 (Maundy Thur.)

Sarah Frederick

4/7 (Good Friday)

Michelle Kogel

4/9 (Sunrise)

Danielle Ditch

4/9 (10am Service)

Sarah Strohman

4/16

Jodi Ward

4/23

Sarah Frederick

4/30

Michelle Kogel

Sunday Offering Counters

4/2

Shayne Kogel

Karen Sargent

4/9 (Easter)

Greg Hoyman

Robin Jamison

4/16

Steve Hoyman

Ted Ellis

4/23

Michelle Kogel

Karen Sargent

4/30

Dean Ver Mulm

Jodi Ward

Ministering to our seniors

*Below are the addresses of our members, who are in area
nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
Please send a card to brighten their day.
They would love to hear from you.*

Emmetsburg Care Center

2405 21st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4266

Ted Strohmman
Jackie Donavan

Emerald Oaks Assisted Living

2603 17th Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-8408

Darlene Harris

St. Luke's (Spencer)

1301 St. Luke's Dr,
Spencer, IA 50501

Marjorie(Marj) Solberg
Room D9

Lakeside Senior Care

301 N Lawler St
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

**No one at this time*

Lakeside Assisted Living

401 N Lawler St
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

Virginia Place

PARC Hall

3201 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5520

Joyce Muller
Helen Merrill #203

Willow Ridge

3203 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5480

Pat Anderson #103
Jan Bare #206
Anne Carney #216

If you are or know of someone who is home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and would like a visit; please let Pastor Lana know, contact the church office at 852-2154 or email at umcsecretary@iowatelecom.net



*If you or a loved one is hospitalized,
please call the church to inform us.
The hospital does not and will not call us.*

Prayer Requests:

Arlene Aldrich
Darlene Moser
Curtis Boekeneier
Deb Wickman
Tannya Strohmman
Missy Hall
Josh Hobart
Samantha Graham
Ted Strohmman
Lincoln Coakley
-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

*Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities.

*Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.

*Students of all ages and staff at schools and colleges. Students away at college as well as those at home.

*Families who have lost loved ones and are grieving.

*People in countries at war around

the world

*All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, please contact the church office at 712-852-2154. Thank You!





Chapters in Our Life Together



3 Greg Hoyman
Rosemary Matthews
7 Nathan Adams
9 Marje Merrill
10 Kort Freeman
James Hobart, Jr.
11 Sarah Strohman
13 Jane Stevens
14 Don Larsen
17 Kaye Curran
19 Myram Tunnicliff

20 Deb Opheim
Brian Culver
21 Darlene Moser
22 Cal Christensen
24 Judy Lentz
Cammi Manz
Sophia Manz
26 Rosie Argabright
27 Shellee Wright
29 Monica Hansen
30 Dr. Dennis Schneider



Happy Anniversary

4/20 Mike & Sarah Frederick
4/23 Brian & Cheryl Garrels

Attendance March 1-22, 2023

Sunday 3/5 ~ 94
Sunday 3/12 ~ 64
Sunday 3/19 ~ 55

Sympathies to the family of:
Mary King who passed away on March 4, 2023. Services were held on March 11, 2023.



**Church Choir Practice
and Performances
will be announced in April**

Practice is 9AM in Sanctuary on the day of Performances

April 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Palm Sunday - Worship Service (S) 10am Boy Scouts (Basement) 6:30pm	Card Club (FLC-RMS) 12-4pm Horizons (FLC) 1-3pm Just For Kix (B) 4:30-8pm	Card Club (FLC-RMS) 12-4pm Bible Study Group(FLC) 1:30pm Just For Kix (B) 4:30-8pm	Wednesday Worship Activities (FLC) 5:30-7:30pm 3PM Coffee (Narthex)	Horizons (FLC) 1-3pm Bells Practice 5:30-6:30pm AA Meeting (FLC) 7:30pm	Good Friday—(S) 7pm		
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**6:00AM ~ Bonfire on the front
lawn of the Church, with Sun-
rise Service to follow at
6:30AM**



 **He is
RISEN**