



Lake City Union Church

Newsletter

April
2017

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What a beautiful Spring! I have crocus in bloom and daffodils and tulips breaking through the soil as you read this! Even with this glory of Easter and new birth upon us, we have the daily decisions, sometimes difficult ones, before us as well.

Most people see their difficult decisions as between two seemingly opposable options, and this indecision might go on too long. There seems to be no other way, but in Christ there's always a third way. This third way is a creative solution unseen by most, and is not always a compromise but something completely new.

We as humans are always looking for simple answers to complex questions. When we are faced with creating a solution rather than just saying 'No', we need to make sure that our 'No' is not because we have been intellectually lazy or unwilling to do the necessary legwork to open a space for God to work in our lives. In Christ there is always something new that could happen for the best outcome.

Third-way people get more of what they want out of life. They seem more fulfilled. They're the people that others look at and ask, "How did you do that?" or "What did you do to deserve that?" What they did is to faithfully envision through the eyes of Christ, a creative solution rather than simply making a choice between the options presented.

Jesus was a third way creator. He also calls us into this way of being in the world. When we are willing to take the time and the effort to look for the new way to resolve conflict, we are following Christ. Isn't that what He did? He was unwilling for people to continue to be victims of the Roman Empire, and He was unwilling to fight back in some violent way. So He resisted in other ways in the oppressive society including resisting against some victims [the leaders of the Pharisees and Sadducees] who had compromised their own values in order to not be aligned with the most victimized.

Jesus' third way was to purposely and lovingly align himself beside the most victimized, even to the point of the purposeful Cross as a choice. Not only does the Cross provide hope for the oppressed, but it also gives grace and opportunity of redemption for the oppressor. All oppressors are also victims as they don't realize the communal blessings of all people in the family of humanity.

Let us take up the Cross of Christ, not as victims, but as the ones who love all people. We are the Easter People. Praise God!

Rev. Beth

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake City Union Church is to praise and uplift God in all that we do.

**Lake City Union Church
Administrative Session
February 16, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Administrative Session of the Lake City Union Church was held in the Fireside Room-- 7pm. Meeting was called to order. Attendance: Jim Angove, Maria Bixenstine, Lisa Findley, Nancy Jansen, Randy Kent, Jon Myers, Austin Olberding, Brooke Schleisman, Maurine Thieszen Rev Beth and Kay Streeter. Excused: George Schaffer and Paige Reiter. Absent: Mike Jacobs and Karen Steig

Jan Block presented the information again about the Living Last Supper. She needs to get us on their schedule in order to have them during Lent of 2018. After Jan presented and left, Rev Beth gave a devotion on the Velveteen Rabbit.

Session Minutes: January 26, 2017 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve, seconded and approved.

Clerk's Report: The February Clerk's report was read and a motion was made and seconded to approve. Approved

Christian Education: Janelle Nesbitt reported that the Wednesday evening youth groups are going well. Pillowcases and adult t-shirts are needed by the middle of March for a mission projects.

Worship and Music: At their meeting February 6, it was decided to get shorter candles for the communion table. A request is being made for a new projector for better quality and clarity of picture. At this time a motion was made to approve a projector with a max cost of \$3000. Also included in this motion was the need for a policy on how and what can be used with the projector. This policy needs to be brought to the Session for approval. The motion was seconded and approved. An assessment needs to be done for the need of a lap top also. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to look at this at this time also.

Buildings and Grounds:

Interpretation:

Memorial and Bequest:

Support:

Nominating:

Parish Life: Game day is this Sunday. February 26 at 2pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve all the committee reports. Seconded and approved

Treasurer's Report: January 2017 report was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Checking balance as of January 31 is \$80.79. Full financials are in the church office

Old Business: The web site is being worked on.

New Business: Addressing politics in our Sunday services and content of the service. After much discussion, it appears that everything is one's own perception. One called the video with the woman and the shovel "women's lib", another thought that the wording for the "prayer for confession " was not as we saw ourselves " We have benefited from systems that defraud many of living wage for their labors." It was said that this person does not knowingly defraud. This statement was from the book - not constructed by anyone from our church. It appears that we all have different viewpoints and agree to disagree.

Pastor's Report for February 16 was voted upon and approved

Official Acts Prepared Worship and led Worship Services 1/29 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

Moderated Administrative Session 1/26, Communion 1/29

Preparation, Attendance, and Follow Up for Meetings/Events/Classes

Meetings and online with worship team for Worship Preparation; Worship and Music 2/6; Food Bank order for distribution 2/1 and 2/23 Preparation for session 2/16; Calling and Caring 1/31

Financial Peace University classes Tuesday evenings, help with Wednesday evening youth groups as needed

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Visitation, Email, Phone Home visits and Visitation, Hospitals Nursing Home visitation, counseling, Phone and Email Conversations with many in the Church and Community, Counseling, Community Activities Visitation with Stewart Memorial Hospice Patients and others, Shady Oaks worship service, Teaching at World Religions at Iowa Central College.

Next meeting will be March, 16/2017

Randy Kent gave the closing prayer.

A motion to adjourn, seconded and approved. 8:20 PM

Kay Streeter
Clerk of Session

Rev Beth Harbaugh
Moderator

Cabin Fever Game Days!!

We have had fun with the Cabin Fever Game Days again this year. We had church members of all ages attend, many different kinds of games were played and we ate a lot of pizza. Our thanks to those of you who attended! We would appreciate feedback from each of you so we can know if you would like to have these events held again next year. Please contact any of the following committee members with comments or suggestions: Maurine Thieszen, Al Hight, Miriam Hight, Mia Davis, Kris Jacobs, Mike Jacobs and Erin



UNION CHURCH WOMEN

Bake Sale April 9



Union Church Women will hold a Bake Sale on Sunday, April 9. Mark your Calendars! We are asking for donations for the sale. Bread, rolls, and pies are popular. Brownies and cookies are another suggestion. Bring your baked goods to the Church on April 9 by 9:30 am for pricing.

Please note the following change: Deborah Circle will meet on Thursday, April 6 at the home of JoAnn Samuelson.

Marilyn

p.s. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with the Lenten Luncheon. We served 63. Shady Oaks will hold a breakfast to honor volunteers on Tuesday, April 18, 7-9am.



BIRTHDAYS

Jan Block	1	Arlene Blair	14
Mary Nelson	2	Dorothy Stotts	14
John Ourensma	3	Kay Streeter	14
Anne Reiter	3	Marcie Lee Hull	16
Linda Lauver	4	Doreen Mohr	16
Bella May Summers	4	Kyler Case	17
Donald Devine	5	Merle Stauter III	17
Phyllis Morrow	5	Mitchell Clark	19
Dane Batz	6	Daniel Scalf	19
Paul Bixenstine	6	Melanie Farley	20
Brock Nesbitt	6	Cora Richardson	21
Dominik Kistler	8	R. J. Schneider	22
Patrice Claiborne	9	Jacob O'Tool	23
Randy Kent	9	Trever Kent	28
James Williams	9	Steve Stauter	29
Dwight Dial	10	Mikayla Schultz	30
Carole VanHorn	10		
Jan Baker	11		
Dick Lamberty	11		
Kamdin Olberding	14		



Church Office Hours

Mon. 8-12

Tue. 8-12

Wed. 8-12

Thur. 9-12

Fri. Closed

Rev. Beth Harbaugh

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

Tuesday & Thursday

mornings

Call for an appointment



The next Food Bank Day is April 27th from 2:30—4:30 p.m.
By helping people with this basic need, time and resources open
up for rising above higher issues that might need to be addressed.
In 2016 we have given away about 25,000 pounds of food to families in need.

Also, with the grant from Farm Credit Services, we work together
as Christ taught us.

Helpers are always needed and appreciated!

Sign up for a time that works for you

Between 1:30 and 4:30p.m.

Thank you for your help!!



Are you missing an earring? If so, check at the office.

Also, please remember to pick up your dishes in the kitchen. Thank you!!



YOUTH GROUP

REACH AND GATHERING NEWS

The Gathering has been very busy with approximately 60 children. MaeLaan Magnani has been leading music per week for the K through 2nd grade classes with traditional children's Christian songs being learned! The kids really get into all the dance moves too!

Kids from Sunday School and Gathering will be singing a couple songs during the Palm Sunday service – one includes singing with the choir! Kids will also participate in the Parade of Palms that morning! MaeLaan and Janelle had special invitations for this worship service printed and will be mailed the last week in March to each of the K through 2nd grade households.

MaeLaan and Janelle will be playing host to a slotted board design fun night in the dining room for a fundraiser for youth group on April 20 at 6 p.m. (This will be completed before the 7 p.m. Session meeting that night) The cost is \$25 in the hopes of having at least 10 people sign up before the end of March. Information also was sent out to parents.

The 3rd through 6th grades will be visited Shady Oaks on Wednesday, March 15 to hand out St. Patrick's beads, napkins, and decorated cookies along with visiting with residents. The limo transported the kids and leaders to Shady Oaks and back to the church. The limo also stopped at the church and gave a ride to the K through 2nd grades just around town just for enjoyment!

On Friday, March 17 the Youth Group program played host to a Fun Night at Opportunity Living 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pizza, drinks, swimming, and the gym were all included! All youth were invited along with friends and family.

REACH would like to express a huge "thank-you" to the Catholic CCD students and leaders for the invitation to the delicious rib dinner, popcorn, and movie night with fun and fellowship! Special thank you to Bob, Nick, and Ben Block for cooking the delicious ribs! It is a joy to co-op the two youth organizations together on such a great evening!

REACH has been learning interpretation of scriptures which include history, culture, author, location, and meaning of those scriptures for better understanding. Characteristics of Jesus were also studied to better understand New Testament readings.

REACH has also been very busy with Mission Nights in March. Sewing baby diapers and pillowcase dresses, hand made beaded bracelets, and hats were part of our production line to be shipped to Haiti and an Iowa hospital through the ministry organization of IOWAY.. a ministry that REACH has partnered with last youth group year. The whole education wing was packed with sewing machines, cutting tables, and a lot of finished projects hanging! These nights were very meaningful to the kids!

April 19 REACH will host a worship night at 6:30 p.m. for the public and parents to attend to pray in a send off to all of our students for the summer. Senior REACH students will be recognized.

Thank you to ALL the leaders and kitchen staff volunteers for all the work they do to make this program so wonderful! This program would not be possible without them!

Thank you to Kents Auto for the limo service!

Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator

(See photo, page 8, REACH Youth Group class of 2017)

Church Attendance

March 5 62
 March 12 51
 March 19 64
 March 26 69

**April 2**

Paige Reiter
 Brooke Schleisman

April 9

Maria Bixenstine
 Mike Jacobs

April 16 (Easter)

Lisa Findley
 Jim Angove

April 23

Jon Myers
 Nancy Janssen

April 30

Randy Kent
 Karen Steig

**April**

Al & Miriam Hight
 Jan Block

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL NEWS \$\$\$

Offering— March 5	\$1,864.00
Offering - March 12	\$1,277.00
Offering - March 19	\$1,008.00
Offering— March 26	\$3,083.00
2016 Investment Income - 2/28/17	\$10,400.00
2016 Contribution Income - 2/28/17	\$6986.39
2016 Total Income thru - 2/28/17	\$17,386.39
2016 Expenses thru - 2/28/17	\$16,750.56

Calling and Caring Committee

The Calling and Caring Committee meets monthly and prepares to reach out to members of the congregation dealing with illness, loss, loneliness, and stress. We also reach out to members celebrating uplifting events such as a recent wedding, a move to a new home, or the birth of a new baby. There are 8 active members on the committee. Anyone may request a visit for themselves, or someone they are concerned about, by contacting Marilyn Willis or Rev. Harbaugh. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, contact Marilyn Willis.

Marilyn

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To Jean Fahan, Miriam Hight, Darlene Nicholson, Pam Dial, Diane Kneller, and Jeanne Devine for their help with the March Newsletter.

The new privacy laws make it very difficult to know when members or friends of our congregation are in the hospital. Please be sure to notify the Church Office or Rev. Beth when you or one of your family members are hospitalized. The card below may help you when an emergency occurs.

HOSPITAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

I request that you please notify the following church and minister upon my admission to the hospital.

Lake City	Union Church
	712-464-3221
Rev. Beth Harbaugh	319-540-1644



Food Bank dates for 2017

April 27

May 25

June 22

As always, help is always appreciated !

50¢ each

Greeting Cards

Card display in dining room

Cookbooks—\$5.00

Note Cards—\$1.00 Post Cards—10¢

Expiration Date: 00/00/00



COME JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

CLASSES ARE HELD FROM 9:00—9:45 AM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 AND 7-12.

Brooke Schleisman

Courtesy of Union Church Women

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

MOVING, CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

We have an address service with the post office whereby they let us know each address change of our Newsletter recipients, for a fee. We would appreciate it if you would let the Church Office know if you move or otherwise have an address change, so you can continue to receive the Newsletter. Also, we would appreciate receiving any telephone or e-mail changes that may occur.



Lake City Union Church Bulletin Board



Hospitalized in March

Sara Redenius
Mary Nelson
Clayton Corey

Ashley Thiesen
Zeta Bradley



LENTEN SCHEDULE

APRIL 2ND, 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 9TH, PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13TH, 6:00 P.M. SOUP SUPPER
MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 14TH, 6:30 P.M. SERVICE
GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 16TH
EASTER SUNDAY



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

NURSING HOME

RESIDENTS

Ruth Albright
Zeta Bradley
Bernard Holm
Phyllis Morrow
Richard Nesbitt
Peggy Owen
Dorothy Stotts
Joyce Hiler
Helen Green

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME

Springfield, MN.
Margaret Lois Clark

AT HOME

Bob Brown
Joan Brown
Bev Maule
Bonnie McChesney
Mary Pratt

REACH Youth Group CLASS OF 2017



Youth Group Worship Service and Senior Recognition
6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2017
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April

*If God cares so wonderfully for flowers
that are here today, and gone tomorrow,
won't he more surely care for you?*

Matthew 6:30



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