



Lake City Union Church Newsletter

June/July
2017

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this last *Good News* letter, thinking of how grateful I am to have known and served here, I am inspired by a show I am currently watching that I have been so impressed with these last few months. *The Voice* is a show that on the surface is a competition that is about one person winning a singing contest for a \$100,000 and a recording contract.

I say 'on the surface' because it is clear to me that this program is about promoting and developing gifts of as many young singers as possible. Professionals and novices alike –even before the finalists are picked, each singer that auditions is given encouragement in some way, and each singer that moves forward is encouraged to do their very best. Constructive criticism is received well, as those that are most highly respected are the ones giving of their expertise in humble and caring ways.

No matter what genre that they will sing, no matter their background, all the coaches and all the other singers are encouraging each other, encouraging a different flavor, brand, style, or 'religion' in the 'One Song' [Uni Verse]. What a model of sharing gifts! This is the 12th season of this show and this show has learned this along the way. Often, it is the ones that don't win the show that have made it as popular vocalists in the singing business.

But I want to lift up again that all are encouraged to share their VOICE with feeling and faithful self identity (identify with the Christ.) It becomes clear pretty quickly that all the coaches and contestants are supportive and hoping that all are able to do their best. A Christian witness? I think so! Have you found your voice? I hope that each moment draws you closer to bringing the vibrations of your own soul forth to the beat of your own drum, whether it is singing praise for God's providence, speaking out about a social justice issue, or shouting for joy!

In this last show, they brought back many people who had been left behind in the contest. They sang wonderfully! This promotion of 'losers' is profound! Salute to the leaders of this program that has evolved its purpose to what is really wanted/ and needed for the audience to 'keep their attention'. That seems to be what most listeners are after anyway, right? They want to be relevant. They want to lead meaningful lives. They need to give something that is appreciated. By trial and error, the leaders, hosts, and coaches of this show have honed this philosophy of encouragement and grace, that all might be winners..... including the audience!!!

In the wake of the latest hateful acts in Manchester, England; in the tiredness of political frustration; in the fear of nuclear war in the back of our minds..... I have hope and belief that we are learning, too. I believe that hope and love will embrace fear and hate with reassurance and grace until they are healed and integrated into the Oneness of God's diverse acceptance.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

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I hear words to the song, (*Everybody Hurts Sometimes*) that the overall winner of this season sang in this final episode. It reminds me of how we took turns hurting, and bringing comfort to each other while I was here in your midst. Thank you for being part of my life and for inviting me into yours. As I am spending these last days, I feel I should remove my shoes for I know that this is sacred ground and that you are God's beloved.

In Christ, always,

Beth

Pastor Beth Harbaugh has been called to move to another parish. She has been a faithful leader at LCUC for four eventful years, and our congregation will miss her thoughtful visits, faithful example, encouragement, exuberance and warm smile. She will be serving the First United Methodist Church in Fairfield, Iowa. Her last Sunday preaching at LCUC will be June 18. She will also be involved in the ecumenical service uptown on June 25 during Western Days.

The Staff/Pastor/Parish/Relations Committee has met and is at work lining up individuals to fill the pulpit while we are without a pastor. The Administrative Session is meeting on June 1 to begin to discuss the mission and ministry of LCUC, in preparation for our pastoral search. The Administrative Session will discuss at the June 15 meeting whether to seek an interim pastor. The Rev. Randy Russom of First Presbyterian Church in Sac City is attending all LCUC Administrative Session meetings to guide us until we have chosen a permanent pastor. In the meantime, please contact the church office with any needs you may have.

There will be a reception in Beth's honor after church Sunday, June 4, from 11:00 am to noon. Please come and help give her a warm send off; she will be missed. Her official moving day is July 5.

Maurine Thieszen, S/P/P/R Committee Chair



RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

On May 14, 2017 the following Seniors were honored during the worship service: Cade Carstens, Dillon Davis, Justin Dick, Austin Dumdei, Ashten Halvorsen, Brianna Mellancamp and Jaden Nesbitt. The Christian Education Committee hosted a reception for the Seniors, immediately following the worship service.

Lake City Union Church
Administrative Session
April 20 , 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Administrative Session of the Lake City Union Church was held in the Fireside Room-- 7:05pm. Before opening we went to the sanctuary for a preview of the web site that Julia Jacobs and Janelle Nesbitt have been working on. Meeting was called to order. **Attendance:** Jim Angove and Maria Bixenstine. Lisa Findley, Mike Jacobs, Nancy Jansen, Randy Kent, Austin Olberding, Paige Reiter, Brooke Schleisman , Karen Steig ,Maurine Thieszen Rev Beth and Kay Streeter. Excused: George Schaffer. Absent: Jon Myers. Rev Beth gave the opening devotion and prayer.

Session Minutes: March 16, 2017 meeting were read. A motion was made to approve both the regular meeting minutes and the special meeting of March 26, seconded and approved.

Clerk's Report: The April 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. There was a baptism at the April 19th service and next week the 26th will be the final gathering of the youth until fall. Vacation Bible School will be the last week of July at the Woodlawn Christian Church. Seniors will be recognized on Sunday May 5 during worship service.

Buildings and Grounds: There are on going projects - cement repairs in front of the church, and still working on the boilers and thermostats.

Staff Pastor Parish: The workshop Sunday, March 19 was in Rockwell, Iowa instead of Rockwell City and Maurine did make it in plenty of time. A meeting was held with Rev. Gillespie concerning the announcement that Rev Beth has been called to the Fairfield church as of July 1. He brought information for the committee to be able to start the process of getting Interims, committees and etc. for the procedure of a minister from the Presbytery. An on line vote to committee members was taken in order to approve the changing of the locks at the Parish House-- approved. Rev Russom was with us to explain the steps to get started.

Interpretation: Nancy Janssen as chairperson ask for carts for the food bank preparations that can support all the weight of the groceries. She also ask for the food bank jobs be officially listed on the Interpretation committee since it has been referred as theirs . A motion was made to put food bank on their committee jobs a second was made and all approved this motion.

Worship and Music: We were given a preview of the music that is intended to be used for the next two Sundays of April.

Memorial and Bequest: Has not met, but was suggested that maybe we should look at getting shorter candles and new candle lighter equipment - on going.

Parish Life: The.

Support: There is a problem with having Susan Nelson Coombs as our auditor for this year so we are looking for someone else to fulfill this job.

Nominating: On going with filling the other helper for the Financial Secretary.

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

Treasurer's Report: March 2017 report was reviewed we are over budget because of additional expenses for the boiler and thermostat repairs and a down payment that had to be made for the brick work. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Checking balance as of March 31 is \$615.77 Full financials are in the church office.

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Old Business: There is a Building Use policy from 2013 was brought in for looking at and some possible revisions. This should be done by a person from Staff Pastor Parish, Buildings and Grounds, Parish Life, Worship and Music, and a representative of the women's groups.

New Business:

Pastor's Report for April 20 was voted upon and approved

Official Acts Prepared Worship and led Worship Services 3/26 4/2, 4/9 , 4/13,4/14, 4/16

Moderated Administrative Session 3/16, Communion 3/26, 4/13, 4/16

Baptism 4/19 Trevor Lee Kent

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

Presbytery 4/1 Sac City with Darlene Nicholson, SPRC training Rockwell, IA with Maurine Thieszen 3/19

Meetings and online with worship team for Worship Preparation ; Food Bank order for distribution 4/27

Preparation for session 4/20; Calling and Caring 3/21, Worship and Music 3/21

Financial Peace University classes Tuesday evenings, help with Wednesday evening youth groups as needed. Pastor's meeting 3/20 Ames CE meeting 3/20, Food Bank training 3/ 21, continuing education 3/22-24 Ankeny. Taught workshop at IA UMC School for Ministry 4/18

Visitation, Email, Phone Home visits and Funeral Visitation, Hospital & Nursing Home visitation, counseling, Phone and Email Conversations with many in the Church and Community, Counseling, and Wedding counseling.

Community Activities Visitation with Stewart Memorial Hospice Patients and others Shady Oaks worship service 3/27, Teaching at World Religions at Iowa Central College Tuseday and Thursday.

Next meeting will be May 18, 2017

Maria Bixenstine gave the closing prayer.

A motion to adjourn, seconded and approved. 8:15 PM

Kay Streeter

Rev Beth Harbaugh



Sunday, July 23 – Thursday, July 27

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Preschool – 6th grades

Woodlawn Christian Church

LEADERS & HELPERS NEEDED: Contact Janet Daisy: 712-464-8077



June BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Kelan Richardson | 01 | Afton Daniel | 16 |
| Joyce Hiler | 02 | Janelle Nesbitt | 16 |
| Rev. Don Griffin | 03 | Nicki Loeck | 17 |
| Trenton Dick | 05 | Mallory Willett | 17 |
| Lee Henely | 05 | Wendy Spafford | 18 |
| Ada Marie Soyer | 05 | Bill Baker | 19 |
| Amber Mohr | 06 | Daniel Richardson | 20 |
| Erin Blair | 07 | Dawn Clark | 21 |
| Cody Dick | 07 | Hannah DeYounge | 21 |
| Jocelyn Davis | 08 | Doretta Tevepaugh | 22 |
| Ryann Batz | 10 | Kennadie Dowling | 23 |
| Haileigh Wise | 10 | Gavin Plagman | 23 |
| Elixis Kistler | 12 | Dawson Beidler | 24 |
| Pat Rose | 12 | Dennis Jorgensen | 25 |
| Conner Ludwig | 14 | Stacey Corey | 26 |
| Peggy Owen | 14 | Eileen McCuen | 28 |
| Logan Summers | 15 | Jessica Pickering | 29 |
| Olivia Blair | 16 | Joy Angove | 30 |
| Cade Carstens | 16 | Georgia Wiederin | 30 |



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



BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| Maurine Thieszen | 01 | Ace Magnani | 21 |
| Logan Fonken | 03 | David Willis | 22 |
| Jasmine Summers | 03 | Peysen Kent | 23 |
| Kiana Case | 07 | Tysin Olberding | 23 |
| Anastasia Hobbs | 14 | Brynn Potts | 23 |
| Bridget Hobbs | 14 | DeeAnn Blair | 25 |
| Catarina Hobbs | 14 | Clara Winter | 25 |
| Deb Sporleder | 14 | Nick Johnson | 27 |
| Brogan Daniel | 15 | Blake Fonken | 28 |
| Justin Dick | 15 | Mary Ellen Seufferlein | 29 |
| Kylie Carstens | 17 | Ramona Potts | 31 |
| Joan Brown | 19 | James Potts | 31 |
| Melanie Ludwig | 19 | | |
| Kylie Jo Kelso | 21 | | |

Lost and Found

LOST: One car coat.

Several months ago someone wore a car coat to Church and wore the wrong one home.

The missing car coat has every day gloves in the pocket and was handed down in the family, so is special. Please check, and if you find it, exchange it for yours, which is hanging in the Church coat rack.

Thank you!!



YOUTH GROUP

**REACH
AND
GATHERING
NEWS**

Dear Lake Union Church:

I want to take this time to thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting our youth program. The children that walk the halls of our church deserve to learn about God and learn about how faith can be their biggest tool to rely on in any situation that may occur in their lives – even after years of leaving our building. You are all giving them the hugest gift ever!! It does cost moneyYES it does!!.... to host this program and we earn no money back, but what we do earn is putting the love of Jesus, the leaders, and the staff in our children’s hearts, along with trust and security. After getting to know the lives of our children I am more reaffirmed that our program is just a miracle...what other church would take this on?!! OURS that’s who! Thank you so very much. I will be continuing my education starting this fall in youth ministry where in a year I will have a Paraprofessional Certificate in Youth Ministry. This education will cost me approximately \$1,500 when I am all done and I know if done for the right reasons God will direct a way to pay \$250 classes! Ha! I dearly love the children and many of whom are from very tough backgrounds who have grown so very much because God has been the driver in this youth group program. I am blessed with THE best people who make up this village and if you are reading this ... this means YOU too.

Thank you very much.

Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator

Janelle Nesbitt Youth Group Coordinator

Save the
DATETM

SEPTEMBER 6 - YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF
More Information to Follow



**OVER THE MOAT
DRAWBRIDGE TO THE KING!**

This summer VBS Students will experience medieval life, complete with a castle, knights, and royalty. Through the lessons, they'll see God's sovereignty, love, and faithfulness demonstrated in the life of David, and will learn to praise the King of the universe.

VBS will run Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27th. There will be a program on Thursday evening which you are all invited to.

We are always looking for helpers in many different areas. Please contact Janet Daisy or Jodi Frank if you are willing to help before or during VBS. Mark your calendars for this fun week at the Woodlawn Church.



UCW

Thanks to everyone who donated bread, rolls, pies, brownies and cookies for the May 7 Bake Sale. Our profit was \$242.00.

All women of the Union Church are invited to a Guest Night by Jolley UMW at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 14th. They are serving a salad supper and will have a guest speaker talk about her trip to Haiti. RSVP to Marilyn Willis. Carpool at the Church at 5:45pm.

Deborah Circle will have devotions at Shady Oaks on June 7. Esther Circle will have devotions at Shady Oaks on July 12.

Marilyn

Church Attendance



| | |
|--------|----|
| May 7 | 61 |
| May 14 | 66 |
| May 21 | 56 |
| May 28 | 37 |



June 4

Jim Angove
Jon Myers

June 11

George Schaffer
Randy Kent

June 18

Nancy Janssen
Karen Steig

June 25

Worship in the Park

July 2

Austin Olberding
George Schaffer

July 9

Maurine Thiesen
Brooke Schleisman

July 16

Paige Reiter
George Schaffer

July 23

Maria Bixenstine
Jon Myers

July 30

Mike Jacobs
Lisa Findley

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

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Offering— April 30 | \$1,109.90 |
| Offering - May 7 | \$1,871.00 |
| Offering - May 14 | \$ 934.25 |
| Offering— May 21 | \$1,169.00 |
| Offering—May 28 | N/A |
| 2017 Investment Income - 4/17/17 | \$39,000.00 |
| 2017 Contribution Income - 4/17/17 | \$31,755.91 |
| 2017 Total Income thru - 4/17/17 | \$70,755.91 |
| 2017 Expenses thru - 4/ 17/17 | \$69,799.72 |



The next Food Bank Day is June 22nd 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 \$1,000.00 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 you help!!

LAKE CITY UNION CHURCH STAFF

(Cut out and post for ease in communication)

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thank you!

To: Darlene Nicholson, Susan Steig, Susan True, JoAnn Samuelson, Jeanne Devine and Marilynn Collis for their help with the May 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 or sick. 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

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

Courtesy of Union Church Women

USHER schedule

June

Marilynn Collis

Kay Streeeter

July

JoAnn Samuelson

Daryl & Sally Winter

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 May

Diane Kneller
Zeta Bradley

Keaton Kent
Shirley Redenius



You are invited to a Come and Go Bridal Shower, honoring Mica Redenius Hickey, bride of Trevor Hickey, Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Lake City Union Church.



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Green, who passed away Monday, April 24, 2017 and whose funeral was held on April 29, 2017 at the United Methodist Church in Harcourt, Iowa.

Farewell

You are invited to a reception in Rev. Beth's honor after church Sunday, June 4, from 11:00 am to noon. Please come and help give her a warm send off; she will be missed. Her last service is June 18th and her moving date it July 5th.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

NURSING HOME

RESIDENTS

- Ruth Albright
- Bernard Holm
- Phyllis Morrow
- Richard Nesbitt
- Peggy Owen
- Dorothy Stotts
- Joyce Hiler

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME

Springfield, MN.

Margaret Lois Clark

GREEN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Jefferson, IA

Zeta Bradley

AT HOME

- Bob Brown
- Joan Brown
- Bev Maule
- Bonnie McChesney
- Mary Pratt

Western Days

Saturday, June 24



Cones & Floats



10:30 a.m. – after parade

IceCream Cones: \$1 Rootbeer Floats: \$2

**Front sidewalk of the
Lake City Union Church**

***If inclement weather event will be held
inside the church***

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