

This Week's Schedule

Today	8:30 a.m.	Praise band practice (sanctuary)
	9 a.m.	Sunday School for PK-8th & adults
	9 a.m.	Missions Committee (Feller Lounge)
	10 a.m.	Popcorn & M&M fundraiser (narthex)
	10:10 a.m.	Worship/Camp Sunday/Children's Choir/Noisy Offering (sanctuary)
	11:15 a.m.	Popcorn & M&M fundraiser (narthex)
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship (Schuldt Dining Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Lent study - Intro & Ch. 1 (Feller Lounge)
Mon., 2/23	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
	12 p.m.	Pastor Mike at Rotary
	7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
Tues., 2/24	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
	10 a.m.	Lent study - Intro & Ch. 1 (Feller Lounge)
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Accura
	1:30 p.m.	Mat weaving (Feller Lounge)
	7 p.m.	Lenten study with the Bishop (Online study hosted in Feller Lounge)
Wed., 2/25	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
	9 a.m.	Bulletin submissions due
	10:30 a.m.	Bible study at The Gardens
	12:05 p.m.	Sermons Ala Carte (Mem. Presby.) Pastor Mike preaches, & St. Paul's U.M.C. helps with the meal.
	5:45 p.m.	Bell Choir (sanctuary)
	—	No Teen Time
	7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
Thurs., 2/26	9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open	
Fri., 2/27	—	Office closed/Pastor Mike's day off
	—	Narthex glass will be reinstalled.
	9:30 a.m.	Pastor Mike at Chamber Coffee
Sun., 3/1	9 a.m.	Sunday School for PK-8th & adults
	9:15 a.m.	Praise band practice (sanctuary)
	10:10 a.m.	Worship/Communion (sanctuary)
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship (Schuldt Dining Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Lent study - Ch. 2 (Feller Lounge)



Camp Sunday
February 22, 2026



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Order of Worship

* Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand in praise of God.

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

People: **Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

Leader: When we confess our transgressions,
Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

People: **Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

Leader: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

People: **Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**



Opening Prayer

*Praise Song "Forever Reign" See screen.

*The Apostles' Creed No. 881

Special Music "Dusty Bibles" & "When I Look Up" Children's Choir

Children's Time

A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Hymn "Thy Word Is a Lamp" No. 601

Scripture Readings Colossians 3:16 & Psalm 78:1-7

Message and Youth Speakers

Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp Director: Eric Scheve
Youth: Sophie Scherbring, Ava Agnew, Luna Rai Crannell,
Kole Crannell, and Kathleen Mosbach

Offering and Noisy Offering for Children's Ministry

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn "Freely, Freely" No. 389

*Benediction and Postlude

Fellowship in Schuldt Dining Hall (downstairs) - All are welcome!

Staff and Today's Worship Assistants

Pastor: Mike Agnew

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Agnew

Financial Secretary: Sarah Cook

Custodian: Betty Harman

Nursery: Stephaine Rochleau

N. Greeters: Kenny & Melissa Schlenger

Ushers: The Knobens Family

Liturgist: Chuck Tolzin

Children's Time: Heidi Gerstandt

Organist/Pianist:

Chris Andersen

Bell Choir Director:

Dusty Basten

Chancel Choir Director:

Now Hiring!

Drummer: Kent Lundquist

Guitarist: Charlie Leissler



March 1st Worship Assistants

Organist/Pianist: Betty Point

North Greeters: Neil & Jodi Phipps

Ushers: The Parker Family

Flowers: Stan & Brenda DeRoo

Sermon: "Matthew, the Tax Collector" (Matthew 9:9-13)

Nursery: Open

Liturgist: Kristal Phillips

Children's Time: Open



Resources Available for Worship



Welcome! We are glad you're here. Assistive listening devices and children's activity bags are available in the narthex. Please inquire at the sound booth if you would like to try an assistive listening device. If your child needs a changing table, one is available in the bathroom under the west entrance staircase and in the nursery. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Nursery Available After Children's Choir



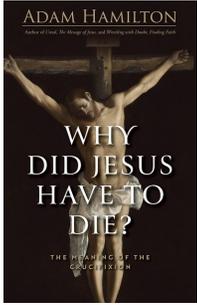
Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! After the children's choir performance today, we also have a staffed nursery available for birth through 2nd graders that is located on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary.

Last Week's Attendance

Worship: 99 Sunday School: 39* Ash Wednesday: 34

* includes adult leaders

Lent Studies & Devotionals



In-Person Studies: Pastor Mike will be leading two Lent studies over the book *Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion* by Adam Hamilton. One study will meet on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in Feller Lounge (2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29). The second group will meet on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in Feller Lounge (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31). The two groups cover the same material, and you are welcome to switch between the groups as your schedule allows. An online (Zoom) option can also be provided, if needed, by talking to Pastor Mike. If you would like to be a part of this study, please sign up in the narthex today, or call the church office during the week. The cost of the book is \$25, and financial assistance is available.

Online Study: Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai invites you to join her 6-week Lenten study based on her book *Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny*. Together, we will explore how to build beloved community in the face of division and hate. This is an online study via Zoom, and Pastor Mike will be hosting the study in Feller Lounge. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31). Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending, and also register online at <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/19573540>. The cost of the book is \$13, and financial assistance is available.



Lenten Devotionals: The second order of Lenten devotionals from The Society of St. Andrew has arrived. Free copies are available on the table in the narthex and on the table outside the office.

Tavern Lunch & Pie Auction



Save the date for Sunday, March 22nd. Teen Time, St. Paul's high school youth group, will be sponsoring a tavern lunch and pie auction. Ricky Swain is returning as the auctioneer, and the "Pie Angels" are already making plans for wonderful, homemade pies to auction. Proceeds will be used to help the less fortunate in our community.

Camp Sunday

Today is Camp Sunday! Eric Scheve, Camp Director at Lake Okoboji Camp and Retreat Center, spoke to the kids during Sunday School and will share with us during worship about Iowa United Methodist camp opportunities for kids, youth, and adults. Iowa has two remaining United Methodist Camps—Lake Okoboji in Spirit Lake and Wesley Woods near Indianola (south of Des Moines). In addition to the opportunity for kids, youth, and adults to attend camp, both Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods are looking for paid summer staff. For more information about Lake Okoboji, please visit <https://okobojicamp.com/>, or check out the display in the narthex.



For more information about Wesley Woods, please visit <https://wesleywoodsiowa.org/>. Remember, our Missions Committee will pay 75% of the registration fee for those attending from our congregation! **To help fund the registration fees, the Missions Committee is offering popcorn and M&M snack bags in the narthex before and after worship today for a donation.**



Help Needed for Sermons Ala Carte



Dish washers, ushers/money takers, and one salad are needed for Sermons Ala Carte on February 25th. To volunteer, please sign up in the narthex. **For salads, they are asking that the salads be enough to serve 10-15 people and also not be a pasta salad.** Salad bowls are available in our kitchen, so you won't have to worry about getting your dish back. **For dessert bars, please have them uncut and in a jelly roll or 9x13 pan.** The main dish will be ham and noodles.

Scholarships Available



Scholarships are available through the greater United Methodist Church for seniors and college students. Please see the flyer on the table in the narthex, as deadlines are approaching soon!