

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Holy Week services, especially our musicians and sound booth technicians.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with and everyone who attended the Easter brunch. We certainly thank God for the opportunity to plan this beautiful event after two years of being unable to fellowship in this way. Special thanks go to the parents and grandparents who helped by donating egg bakes, cinnamon rolls, and beverages. Thank you to our senior high and junior high youth for your service. We were proud of you and your willingness and dedication to serve. Thank you to Jeff Blum (our chief coffee maker and dishwasher). Thank you to Rodney Bainbridge for furnishing two of his famous egg bakes. Thank you to Linda Christensen for helping with junior high "kids" beverage donations. On behalf of senior high "Teen Time" and junior high Wednesday night "crew" we say THANK YOU to St. Paul's congregation for the freewill offering you gave toward the cause of youth missions in this community. We are making special plans for the \$570.00 received on Sunday. Last, but certainly not least, we thank Pastor Mike for his amazing messages offered to us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. God has blessed us richly through your teachings. You made Holy Week so very special. God bless and keep you all.

Sincerely,
Craig and Monica Schmidt



Easter Brunch 2022



Thank you to Al Henn and Stan DeRoo for their work on the church yard.

A huge thank you to your congregation and minister for all the help with Sermons Ala Carte this year. Have a blessed Easter!

Sermons Ala Carte Committee and
Cherokee County Ministerial Assoc.

Thank you to Marge Goodburn for donating the bunnies to the PK-2nd grade class.



Thank you to Charlie Leissler for his work finding and obtaining the new church van.

Hello!

I just wanted to reach out and say a big thank you to y'all for the care packages you've been sending me the past couple months now! They always come right when I need them! I usually get to chat with Meribeth when I'm home, but I don't know if she's told y'all what I'm doing over here in Lincoln. I'm less than two months away from getting two (count 'em TWO) bachelor's degrees in forensic science and anthropology. I will be back home for the summer working before going on to graduate school in Florida. I will be getting my master's in biological/physical anthropology at the University of Central Florida! Depending how that goes, I may end up pursuing a doctorate degree as well!

All of this is being done in the hopes of working for an organization like the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to someday identify human remains to return them to their families. Hope all is well at SPUMC!

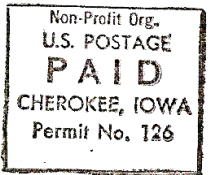
Best,
Jenn Barritt

Joyce Peterson would like to thank the congregation for the cards and prayers and says she has a wonderful church family.

Thank you to Jeff Fiedler for his work on the assistive listening devices.



May 2022

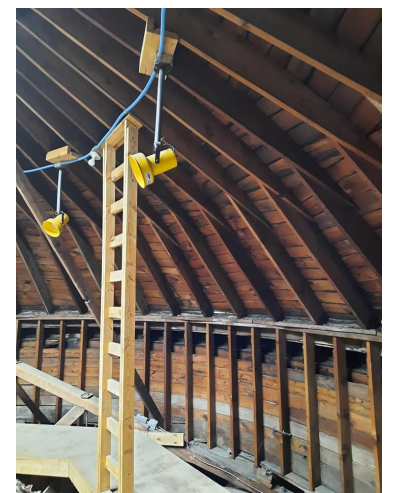
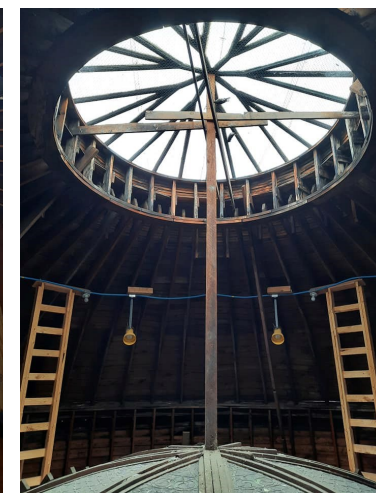
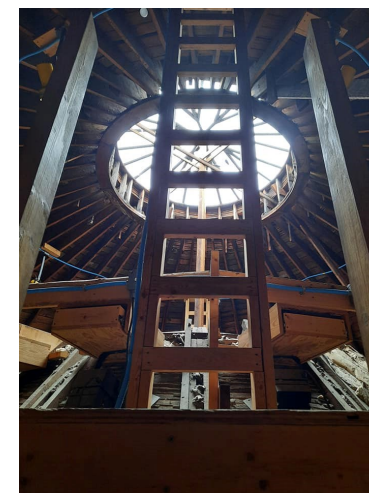


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A Tour of the Dome



Trustees Chairman Don Blackstone and Champion Electric were recently up in the dome to change light-bulbs. For those who haven't been up there, here are some behind the scenes photos. First, we climbed up a ladder to the bell tower. Next, we went onto the roof to get to the door to the dome. The picture on the upper right is the top of the dome that you see from below in the sanctuary. The bottom pictures show the area around and above the dome.





THE DOME

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2022

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A Moment with Mike

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Easter Sunday may be over, but the Easter season continues in our church calendar as we begin the month of May. May is a busy month in the life of the church with much that is happening during our worship services and our community. In addition to honoring mothers on Mother's Day, we will also be celebrating our graduates in worship on May 22nd. Our church continues to look forward to new ministry in the future as we make plans for Vacation Bible School in July, the Trustees plan for the new windows and window heat/air conditioning units in our educational building, and we seek to have more of a presence in our community through parades and outreach events.

You may have heard that we recently purchased a church van. This was something the Administrative Board had been discussing as a theoretical possibility for several months, and then a good deal on a good van became available. Our plans are to get our church information on the van and then to use it for various purposes. Possibilities include picking up people who wish to attend church but cannot drive, taking groups on trips, such as confirmation field trips, ski trips, and possibly picking up kids for Sunday School. If you wish to see the van, it is parked in our parking lot next to the education building.



2009 Tan Ford Econoline E350 Super Duty Van

It is hard to believe that we (the Agnews) have been here for almost a year. During this time, my goal has been to work together with you to achieve our missional priorities established by our Staff Parish Relations Committee before and shortly after I arrived. Our missional priorities include increasing pastoral care, including emergency care and various forms of connecting with church members, having a ministry of presence through community involvement to grow our mission and outreach, providing connections with young families and youth, and maintaining our administrative and financial areas, improving the financial stability of the church. During the month of May, we will share in worship some of the ways we have been working together as a congregation to accomplish these goals, and they are also in this newsletter on page three. As we end the school year and begin to enter the summer season of ministry, God bless you, and thank you for all you do to make a difference in our world for Jesus Christ.

God Bless,
Pastor Mike Agnew

A Note from Jennifer about *The Dome*

I am sorry for my delay in mailing the May newsletter. I was out of town for a few days during the last week of April to help my family. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and thank you for praying for and sending cards to my parents.



Other Upcoming Meetings

Mondays	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Wed., 5/4	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Sunday School mtg. (Feller) VBS Directors' mtg. (Feller)
Tues., 5/10	9:00 a.m.	Missions mtg. (S. Dining Hall)
Wed., 5/11	10:00 a.m.	The Gardens Bible study
Tues., 5/17	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
Thurs., 5/26	1:30 p.m.	Newsletter folding (Feller)

May UMW Buzz



UMW Executive Board
Monday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall

Ladies' Night Out
Thursday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall

Catered meal and a short program
RSVP is due to Patti or the church office by May 1.

Grace Circle
Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m.
Blooming House
Hostess: Peggy Rasch
Program: Judy Grienke-Miller

Joy Circle
Wednesday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall
Hostess: Barb Kratz
Program: Jeanne Blackstone

Charity Circle
Wednesday, May 18, at 1:30 p.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall

With Sympathy and Prayers

Gene Edward Bilney, 72, of Cherokee passed away on April 12th at his residence at The Beck following a lengthy illness. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Gene is the son of Betty Bilney.

Delores Elaine (Dutler) Parker, age 97, peacefully slipped the bonds of this earth in the early morning hours of April 16. A visitation was held on April 22 at the Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home of Holstein, and a funeral service was held on April 23 at the United Methodist Church of Holstein. Burial was at the Holstein Cemetery. Delores is the mother of Dr. Wesley (Suzanne) Parker.

Julia Meinking, 79, died on April 25 at her home in Cherokee. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment will be at the Oakland Cemetery in rural Peterson.

Missions Updates

Native American Ministries Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday is May 1st. On this day, we join other United Methodist Churches to take a special offering that "support[s] vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow[s] the UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans." For more information, please visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-ministry-article>. To give, mark the memo of your check for "Native American Ministries."

Ukraine Special Offering Update

Our special offerings for Ukrainian refugees throughout March and April raised \$2,130. Thank you for your generosity! To find out how your money will be used to help, please visit <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/faq-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>.

UMCOR Sunday Special Offering Update

UMCOR Sunday was March 27th, and \$500 was raised in our special offering! With this offering, we partner with other UMC congregations to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis in the United States or around the world. This special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," which means that 100% of any gifts given for specific UMCOR projects (hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, Ukrainian refugees, etc.) can go directly towards that project instead of administrative costs.

Your Apportionment Dollars at Work

As United Methodists, a portion of our local financial giving goes towards the greater denomination for missions, ministries, and administrative costs. Although St. Paul's haven't been able to meet our apportionment responsibilities in recent years, our goal is to pay 75% of them this year. The following information from umcgiving.org explains how some of our apportionment money is used. "Teaching churches and communities to prepare for disasters, providing immediate humanitarian relief and aiding long-term recovery are important jobs of Global Ministries and UMCOR. This work, said top executive Roland Fernandes, is 'accomplished through disaster relief and recovery, risk-reduction programming, addressing the needs and rights of migrants worldwide, improving livelihoods, increasing food security, and promoting environmental sustainability to reduce the impact of climate change.'"

Thank you for the ways you help make the world a better place!



Announcements & Updates

Book Clearance



The Library Committee has been sorting and organizing the church library. Beginning Sunday, May 1st, we will have books available for a freewill offering in Schuldt Dining Hall.

RSVP Needed for High School Senior Breakfast

High school seniors from our congregation are invited to a graduate breakfast with Pastor Mike and Craig and Monica Schmidt at Family Table on Sunday, May 22nd, at 8:45 a.m. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the office by May 10th.**



High School Graduates to be Honored on May 22nd



We will be honoring graduating high school and college students during our 10:10 a.m. worship service on May 22nd. High school graduates are invited to wear their cap and gowns during the service and to sit together. We will have them share their future plans with the congregation, give them a small gift, and play a Power-Point presentation that highlights each senior. Parents, if you would like your student to be included, please email the office a baby picture, a senior picture, and one or two other pictures of your choosing. In addition, please share with us your student's name, where he/she is graduating from, his/her future plans, and any other information about your student that you want included in the June newsletter. **Please have this information submitted to the office by May 10th (earlier is even better).**

College Graduate Information Needed

We will also be recognizing graduating college students from our congregation during our worship service on May 22nd by including their information in the bulletin. If you would like yourself or your young adult included, please share with us your student's name, where he/she is graduating from, his/her future plans, and any other information about your student that you want included in a bulletin insert. You may also submit a picture. **Please have this information submitted to the office by May 10th (earlier is even better).**



Communion Update

Communion at Viola's and Accura that was scheduled for May 31st will need to be rescheduled. Stay tuned to the bulletins for an update.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast group met for donuts on April 23rd. The next breakfast is scheduled for May 14th at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. All men are welcome!



Chancel Choir and Bell Choir

Chancel Choir's final Sunday singing for the spring semester will be May 1st, and Bell Choir's final Sunday performing will be May 8th. A big "thank you" goes to our directors, Becky Lickiss and Dusty Wright, as well as the dedicated members of both choirs. We appreciate your hard work and have enjoyed your beautiful music!

Helping Hands Ministry Resuming



In the past, St. Paul's UMC had a Helping Hands program that matched volunteers' skills and interests with those in the church who could use some assistance with general home repairs, basic transportation services, or general living assistance. We have been in the process of gathering names of volunteers who would like to help reestablish this program. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marlene Kelly at 229-3311 or the church office. **If you could use assistance with home repairs, transportation, or general living, please contact Marlene Kelly, and she can match you with a volunteer.**

Feedback Needed on Van Opportunities

With the recent purchase of a church van, we are inquiring to see if there is any interest in having a van route for Sunday worship services. If you are willing to be a driver or if you would like to be picked up on Sundays, please contact the church office. If we have enough interest, we can move forward with this idea. If you are interested in riding but are unsure if you can get up into the van, you are welcome to stop by the church office sometime for a practice attempt.



Update on Our Missional Priorities



Pastor Mike shared St. Paul's missional priorities for 2022 on Commitment Sunday (November 21, 2021) and in the December 2021 newsletter. The bullet points below indicate actions taken by our congregation since December 2021 that align with each priority. Please note that some items fit under several priorities.

1) Increase the level of pastoral care and connection with church members.

- Christmas cards were sent to homebound members and friends.
- A weekly *HomeTouch* mailing for homebound members and friends began January 2022.
- Large print bulletins are available in worship beginning in February 2022.
- Valentine's Day cards made by the Sunday School classes were sent to homebound members and friends.
- A monthly men's breakfast and devotions began March 2022.
- A Spring Clean-up and Service Day was planned to assist the congregation.
- A College Care Team was created to remain connected to college-age members and friends.
- Assistive listening devices are available for worship services beginning April 2022.
- We are restarting the Helping Hands ministry.
- Pastor Mike is taking CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) for his continuing education this year, which focuses on pastoral care.
- Pastor Mike continues to make pastoral calls and visits.
- The Visitation Team continues their ministry.

2) Be more present and visible in the community.

- A new Outreach and Connections Team has been formed to brainstorm and plan events.
- Pastor Mike is in Rotary.
- The church rejoined the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce. Pastor Mike attends Chamber Coffees, when available, and we have magnets with St. Paul's information in the welcome bags for new Cherokee residents.
- We are looking into the costs of lettering with the church's information being adhered to the church van.
- We are planning to have an entry in the rodeo parade.

3) Build connections with young families and youth.

- Glow sticks were offered in addition to candles at Christmas Eve services to include younger children.
- A new Outreach and Connections Team has been formed to brainstorm and plan events.
- A staffed nursery was reinstated during worship services.
- Children's bulletins are offered during Sunday services.
- Pastor Mike led the confirmation class and visited Sunday School classes and Teen Time as able.
- The ski trip for 7th-12th graders resumed.
- A College Care Team was created to remain connected to college-age members and friends.
- We are paying for 75% of church camp expense for five children/youth.
- We will be hosting our own Vacation Bible School this summer instead of sharing with another church.
- The Trustees are going to replace windows and install heating/cooling units in the education wing to make classrooms more comfortable.
- We purchased a van and are brainstorming uses.
- The praise band continues and has added a drummer.

4) Improve the financial health of the church.

- We ended 2021 in the black.
- We have the goal of paying 75% of apportionments in 2022.
- Pastor Mike's newsletter article in February 2022 explained apportionments.
- We are focusing on telling the story of what financial gifts do for the church and beyond.

5) Develop a discipleship pathway.

- Pastor Mike has led three small group studies and is planning more adult spiritual growth opportunities.

Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations, Confirmands!

Our 2022 confirmation class was confirmed on April 24! Roman Thill was baptized, and nine students were received into membership at St. Paul's UMC. The congregation and guests were invited to join us for a reception in the confirmands' honor in Schuldt Dining Hall following the service. Thank you to the students for their work and dedication, to Pastor Mike and Linda Christensen for leading the confirmation class, and to Linda Appleby, Linda Burkhart, and Linda Christensen for planning the rehearsal meal and the confirmation reception. Stay tuned for information about our new confirmation class that will begin in the fall.



Back row:

Brody Cowan, Roman Thill, & Brock Kannegieter

Middle row:

Kyle Waldner, Bryce Robinson, & Logan Robinson

Front row:

Brooklyn Stubbe, Lola Christensen, & Sophie Scherbring



Christian Education

Children's Sunday School Out for the Summer

April 24th was the last day of children's Sunday School and the last day of Children's Choir (see below) for the spring semester. The adult class will continue meeting at 9 a.m. Thank you to the following Sunday School teachers and substitutes: Nicole Hoskinson, Mandy Christensen, Whitney Robinson, Kim Wych, Laura Benson, Jessica Knippel, Tasha Timmerman, Matt Hoskinson, Kristi Kannegieter, Melissa Schlenger, Amy Stief, Korrie Coombs, and John and Jan Cook.



Teen Time Off for the Summer

Teen Time met for the final time this semester on April 27th. Thank you to Craig and Monica Schmidt for hosting, providing food, and teaching and to Brenda and Stan DeRoo for providing food and hosting.

Teen Time Wrap-Up from the Schmidts

We were so fortunate to be able to attend "Worship Night 2022," hosted by the Alta-Aurelia Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Storm Lake at the Real Life Center last evening (Wednesday, April 27th). It was a great way to close out our Teen Time season. Amelia Brown, Aurora Christensen, and Natalie Harman were able to attend from our group, along with many others from area churches and schools. It was a pleasure to see nearly 100 teens praising God and sharing their faith through scriptures, song and witnessing. Thank you to Bruce Dagele and Adam Timmerman for getting the word out about this event and for bringing this fellowship to our communities. We have had a great year with Teen Time. May our senior high youth have a safe and productive summer. We pray that God will be a part of everything you do.

Craig and Monica Schmidt
Teen Time Leaders



FCA Worship Night 2022

Announcements & Updates

Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's UMC? Join us for our membership class on Tuesday, May 17th, at 6:30 p.m. in Feller Lounge. We will go over our church's history, learn what makes us distinct as United Methodists, and learn what our membership vows mean. Whether you are a new visitor or have been attending for years, you are welcome to attend if you are interested in joining. Attending the class does not obligate you to join, but it may help you to make the decision clear. If you wish to join but aren't available on May 17th, please contact Pastor Mike for an alternative.



Sharing Personal Updates



Have you wondered why some personal updates, such as medical situations, moves, or birthdays, are announced from the pulpit, bulletin, or newsletter, while others aren't? For people's privacy, we err on the side of caution when it comes announcements, especially since our publications and worship services are available online. If you would like a personal update shared with the congregation, we are happy to do so with your express permission.

Office Closed May 31st

Pastor Mike and Jennifer will be out of town for an appointment on Tuesday, May 31st, so the office will be closed. In case of an emergency, you may call Pastor Mike's cell, which is (563) 506-7412.

New Nursery Attendants



Jen Gaydo and Bailey Gaydo are joining our great group of nursery attendants. Welcome!

Outreach and Connections Team Update

The Outreach and Connections Team has been hard at work planning events for our congregation and community. In addition to the Spring Clean-up and Service Day, the team is also planning to have an entry that represents St. Paul's in the rodeo parade on June 4th as well as an outdoor worship service and cookout at Gillette Park on August 14th at 11:00 a.m. Stay tuned for more information on these projects and more!



The Upper Room Devotional

The Upper Room devotionals for May/June arrived, and all 55 copies have been spoken for at this time. We are thrilled that so many members and friends of St. Paul's are reading a daily devotion! We have placed an additional order for five more copies and will let you know via the bulletin when they arrive.

Flower Bed Maintenance & Mowing Update

You may have seen in the April newsletter that we were going to have sign-ups for mowing and flower bed maintenance. Instead, Rodney Bainbridge has volunteered to mow the church's extra lot and the area to the southwest of the church, Al Henn and Jeff Blum have volunteered to coordinate the mowing of the church yard in front of the education building, and Glenda Parrish will be helping us determine our landscaping needs. A big "thank you" goes to each of them for stepping up, and we'll keep you informed if volunteer opportunities arise in the future.

Donations Welcome for Landscaping Fund



As warmer weather approaches, we need to maintain the landscape outside St. Paul's. If you would like to donate funds for mulch and other landscaping expenses, please mark your check's memo for "landscape." Thank you!

Education Wing Fund Update

We are replacing windows and installing heat and air conditioning units in the Sunday School classrooms in the education wing. The balance we needed to raise for this project was \$27,556. As of April 29th, \$18,844 has been raised. We're over two-thirds of the way to our goal! It has been amazing to see your generosity. On behalf of St. Paul's children and youth, "Thank you!"

St. Paul's UMC to Help with Camp Costs



If your children or youth are interested in attending church camp, books are available in the narthex and on the table outside the office. St. Paul's UMC will pay 75% of the cost, and additional camperships are available, if needed.

Spring Clean-up and Service Day Postponed



Due to the forecasted rain, our Spring Clean-up and Service Day was moved from April 30th to May 7th. Volunteers will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. on May 7th to get project assignments.

Vacation Bible School



July 10-14, 2022

5-8 p.m.

PK-6th grade
(completed)

Free supper provided!

Group Leaders and Doorkeepers/Security Needed

We are looking for four people to serve as group leaders at Vacation Bible School. This job consists of chaperoning a group of kids from one activity to the next. We also need two people to serve as doorkeepers/security. This job consists of sitting or standing near the exits to make sure kids remain with their group. If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions, please sign up in the narthex.



View From the Pew



Left:
Palm Sunday
(Photo credit
to Jeanne
Blackstone)

Below:
Confirmation
Sunday



Worship Notes



Pastor Mike’s sermons are broadcast on KCHE 92.1 on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. and are also available via your favorite podcast app. Our full worship services are available live at 10:10 a.m. on Sundays via YouTube and via a link from our website, which can be found at chero-keemethodist.com. Once YouTube has published the service (usually Sunday evening or Monday), we also share the recorded version on our Facebook page. Please stop by the church office if you would like in-person assistance accessing the services.

Upcoming Standalone Sermons

May 1	“The Fruit of the Spirit” Galatians 5:22-23	
May 8	“A Different Kind of Hero” 1 Kings 3:16-27 and Philippians 2:5-11	

Upcoming Sermon Series

Reading Other People’s Mail: Exploring St. Paul’s Letters

Paul is considered to be one of the most influential people in the Christian faith, second only to Jesus. His letters, the earliest surviving Christian documents we have, make up the majority of the New Testament and have greatly influenced Christian thought for centuries, for better or for worse. Join us as we look at the letters attributed to him to see what he was trying to communicate to the original recipients in their ancient world and what he may be trying to communicate to us today.

May 15	“Who is Paul?” Acts 22:6-16 and Philippians 3:4b-11
May 22	“Press On” Philippians 3:7-4:1
May 29	“Romans – The Majesty of Grace” Romans 2:1-5 and 11:33-36

New Easter Paraments

The beautiful new Easter paraments were purchased with undesignated memorial funds.



Worship Notes

Greeters

5/1	Chuck & Julie Tolzin
5/8	Don & Jeanne Blackstone
5/15	Jerri Hunt and Tony Hunt
5/22	Dean & Glenda Parrish
5/29	Dan & Barb Kratz



Liturgists

5/1	Dave Appleby
5/8	Sally Knoben
5/15	John O’Connor
5/22	Kent Lundquist
5/29	Jerri Hunt



Ushers

5/8	Dave & Linda Appleby, Bob Simonsen, and Chuck & Julie Tolzin
5/15	Kim & Karen Aduddell, Peggy Rasch, and Jeff & Patty Brown
5/22	Lowell & Sharon Bennink, Jerri Hunt, and Craig & Monica Schmidt
5/29	Gene & Jean Anderson, Shelley Lenz, Lynn Meikle, and Darlene Woltman

Children’s Time

5/1	Linda Burkhart
5/8	Ervina Scott
5/15	Amy Stief
5/22	Bruce Dage
5/29	Peggy Corrington



Altar Flowers

5/1	The Wych family
5/8	Dick & Betty Point
5/15	Needed
5/22	The Agnew family
5/29	Joyce Peterson



Nursery Attendants

5/1	Miranda Cook
5/8	Nicole Hoskinson
5/15	Needed
5/22	Whitney Robinson
5/29	Nicole Hoskinson



Happy Mother’s Day!



Children’s Activities Bags Available During Worship

Your children are a valued part of our congregation. We’re excited to announce that the children’s activity bags are once again available for use during our worship services. You may pick them up in the narthex on Sundays. A big “thank you” goes to Sheree Hausmann for stocking them with books and cleaning the toys and to Louie Hausmann for repairing the stand.



Upcoming Change to Offering



Beginning Sunday, May 8th, we will resume passing the offering plates during worship instead of having the plates available in the narthex and at the balcony entrances. Thank you for your patience and flexibility throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistive Listening Devices Available

We now have five assistive listening devices available, thanks to an anonymous donor. We have heard positive comments from those who have tried one. If you would like to see them, they are on the table in the back of the narthex. To try one, please talk to Jeff Fiedler or another member of the Technology Team.



Attendance

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Wed.	Confir- mation	Teen Time
3/27 (Children's Choir)	153	43	3/30	11	7
4/3	110	39	4/6	11	12
4/10 (Palm Sunday)	161	34	4/13	10	9
4/14 (Maundy Thurs.)	66				
4/15 (Good Friday)	58				
4/17 (8 a.m. Easter)	92	N/A			
4/17 (10:10 a.m. Easter)	156	N/A	4/20		10
4/24 (Confirmation)	185	40	4/27		5

Sunday School, Confirmation, and Teen Time numbers include the teachers/leaders.