

News & Views from Rollo Pews

MAY/JUNE 2021

Faithful Journey during Eastertide

Easter is over, time to go back to living our ordinary lives, right? Not so fast!

After Easter Sunday, we are continually celebrating Easter well into the Month of May. As a matter of fact, Easter has just started- known as Eastertide. This is a good time to reflect on all that has already happened and more. A good way to do that is through daily prayers and devotions. Here are some prayers that we can reflect on for the next several weeks:

I keep remembering where the angel spoke to the women at the tomb. And I reflect my thoughts around His words from **Matthew 28** as six prayers emerge...

- *"Do not be afraid,"* - God, I hand over to You those things that make me so afraid. Resurrect the parts of my faith squelched by fear.
- *"I know that you are looking for Jesus,"* - God, when my soul is searching, help me know the answer to every longing can be found in You.
- *"He has risen,"* - God, the fact that Jesus is risen should lift my head, my heart and my attitude. Help me to live today as if I really believe this with every part of my life.
- *"just as he said,"* - Jesus, You keep Your promises. Help me live as though I believe that with every part of me. Help me trust You more, obey You more and resemble You more.
- *"Come and see,"* - Jesus, You had the angels invite the women in to see for themselves that You had risen. You invite me into these personal revelations every day. Forgive me for sometimes rushing about and forgetting to come and see for myself ... You, Your Word, Your insights.
- *"Then go quickly and tell his disciples,"* - Jesus, I don't want to be a secret keeper with my faith. I want to be a bold and gracious truth proclaimer. For You. With You. Because of You. Me, the unwanted person whom You loved, redeemed and wanted.

Through this Easter journey, be mindful of the paths that we follow into the world. May they be the paths of devotion and encouragement of faith.

Never forget how much God loves you!

God Bless!

Brian Eide



Moderator Report - Beth Prestegaard

Thank you to all the committee members as our church work continues! I greatly appreciated the hard work our Sunday School Teachers, parents, Diaconate and Music Committee did along with Brian to make for a lovely Easter Service. Council will continue to monitor our compliance with Covid guidelines. Our hope for our church family is continued safety and those that choose, vaccination. There will be a new normal and our goal is to continue to make our church family feel loved, safe and inspired in faith. Again, please reach out to me with any thoughts or suggestions. My belief is a phone call is more effective than texting, but am open to either. I continue to learn in my role.

Moderator: Beth Prestegaard 815-739-6687 bwhite12@frontier.com

Trustees Report - Ron Wald

Darryl Kupecz is the new member of the Trustees. Ron Wald is chairman. We are waiting for work to be done on north windows above the choir loft. Half of the repair has been taken out of the checking account. Zach Kasper will take care of church mowing. Zach will also be working on door and doing brick work. Cement work will be done, a gap is developed and needs filling in

Christian Ed Report - Joetta Delay

In Sunday School the children have been eagerly learning about the Lent season by learning to follow Jesus through prayer, in which they received stickers each week by reciting their prayers. To learn about fasting they put a toy or something special in the closet or on a shelf for the 40 days! Fasting is difficult enough for adults just imagine being a kid and learning to fast! They did awesome! Next came the task of almsgiving, this is where they tried to be extra kind in giving to others, helping around their home, and showing lots of love! Easy task for this great group of kids! The children focused hard on the emphasis that Jesus wants us to “Remember me”. The children made resurrection eggs & resurrection rolls. They entered Jerusalem on a donkey (broom) and had palm “sundaes”. What a fun, exciting time of learning about the death and resurrection of Jesus! HE HAS RISEN!

There will be 3 more Sundays of Sunday School before summer break are left 4/18, 5/2 & 5/16. It has gone by so fast with so much learning of God and all that he has given us!

God Bless

Diaconate Report - Laura Fassig

The committee has been busy with the following things:

- Lenten season activities – Ash Wednesday service was cancelled per church council request; Soup/Sandwich Bible Study was cancelled due to COVID restrictions; however, we did have a Maundy Thursday service with a prayer vigil that followed and an Easter service (with no breakfast). We were invited to the Good Friday services at the Methodist church and Lutheran Church both in Earlville.
- The Sunday School kids put on a short skit on Easter Sunday as well as Susan Foster did a prerecorded beautiful solo.
- Palms and Easter Lilies were purchased for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday
- Usher, Reader, and Cookie Fellowship lists were made. If you have a conflict on a date you were signed up for, please find someone to replace you.
- Sam Ritter has agreed to help Carol Bend keep up with the maintaining of the church website.
- Shut-ins were sent cards signed by the congregation. We really miss their presence at church.
- Communion is still being held on the first Sunday of each month with an individual juice/wafer package to handle COVID concerns

Thank you again to our Bridge Pastor Brian Eide for stepping in during our search for a new pastor.

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Treasurers Report - Wayne Davey

From the Money Counter

BUDGET \$77,690.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	March 31, 2021	\$19,422.51	\$19,497.00	\$74.49
EXPENDITURES	March 31, 2021	\$19,422.51	\$6,929.26	(\$12,493.25)

Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$58,623.57
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$28,574.83
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 1,179.75
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,736.72
Memorial Account:	\$17,147.97
Undesignated:	\$ 6,594.45



Current CD Balance as of 3/22/2021:	\$ 4,466.62
Memorial Fund:	\$ 20,572.81

* Memorial Funds are currently located within the CD Investment
And savings account

Happy Birthday!!

May 05 – James Ritter
 May 09 – Rachel Foster
 & Judy Martin
 May 18 – Jessica Olson
 May 21 – Paxton Maple
 May 23 – Jamie Gibson
 May 25 – Jack Gletty
 & Sara Schilling
 May 29 – Harold Svendsen
 May 31 - Ellen Sue Kupecz
 & Kelsie Jordal



June 02 – Jane Buland
 June 04 – Stacy Richardson
 & Brian Eide
 June 09 – Emily Schilling
 June 13 – Laura Fassig
 & Junia Epperson
 June 19 – Hannah Koks

Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

All our Service men & women
'Shut-Ins'

'those isolated by COVID'

Pastoral Search Committee

Steve Headon (*Wayne & Stacy*)

Judy Martin

Helen Algieri

Chuck Foster

Sarah Luce (*Betty Goble*)

Ruth & Ray McInerney

Annie Sanderson

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

Pastor David Marquardt

Pat Unzicker (*Becky Stevens sister*)

Duane Fassig

Erik Tarr

Announcements

May 2 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

May 16 - Trustees Mtg after worship

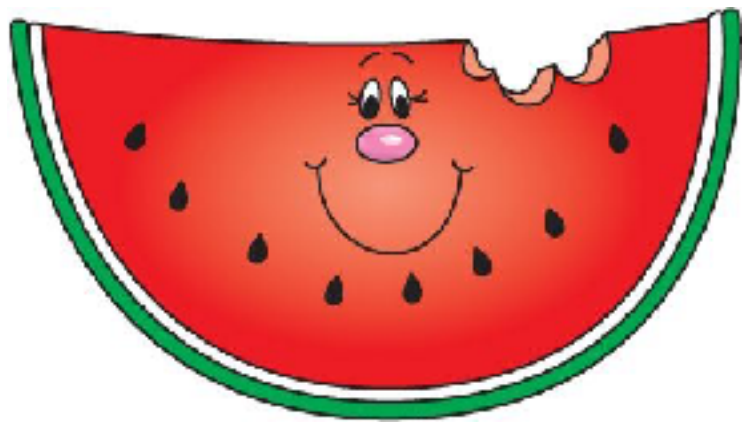
May 30 - Graduation

June 6 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

June 13 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Council Mtg to follow

Newsletter Due!



Lay Reader List

May 2 - Bob Gilmore

May 9 - Gloria Foster

May 16 - Ellen Sue Kupecz

May 30 - Stacy Richardson

June 6 - Maegan Gletty

June 13 - Barb Bend

June 20 - Bob Stevens

June 27 - Jeff Svendsen

July 4 - Tami Johnson

July 11 - Jon Ritter

July 25 - Ron Wald

Aug. 1 - Susan Foster

Aug. 8 - Maegan Gletty

Aug. 15 - Jon Ritter

Aug. 22 - Tami Johnson

Aug. 29 - Gloria Foster

Usher List

Please see that altar lights are lit

May - Zach Kasper & Jon Ritter

June - Bob Gilmore & Keith Fassig

July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster

Cookie Fellowship List

(Only if in Phase 5 of Covid-19)

May 30 - (Graduation)

Deb Davey, Ruth McInerney, Sherrie McInerney, &
Camilla Boston

June 27 - Gloria Foster & Tami Johnson

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