

## The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

# Christ is Risen!

# He is Risen Indeed!

The empty tomb of Easter is culmination of our journey through Lent and Holy Week and the high point of our year.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

The promise **is** fulfilled!

New life for Jesus through resurrection and the promise of resurrection and new life for each of us provides hope as we continue to walk together through life.

Gathering regularly for Worship on Sunday we have a great time being reminded of the promise fulfilled, the promise of eternal life. It is a joyous experience to see the face of Jesus in the other worshipers and in turn being the face of Jesus for them.

Do your church family, and yourself, a favor by committing to regular Sunday Worship. Make it a habit. Remember we gather at Bethany **every** Sunday morning at 9:30.

See you Sunday.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John



## HELPERS FOR APRIL 2018

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 1 - Easter  
 (Servers) Council  
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey  
April 29  
 (Servers) Council  
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart  
May 6  
 (Servers) Council  
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

### WORSHIP HOSTS

April 1 - Easter  
 Arden & Patti Virnig & Judy Waytashek  
April 8  
 Andy & Norma Holen & Chuck Anderson  
April 15  
 Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Marian Veaaesen  
April 22  
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Norma Thompson  
April 29  
 Dwight & Bette Hagman & Dennis DeFrang  
May 6  
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veaaesen

### OFFERING COUNTERS

April 1 - Easter  
 Craig Hagman & Dixie Peterson  
April 8  
 Bruce Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren  
April 15  
 Ed Stukey & Sandy Kephart  
April 22  
 Judy Hagman & Marian Veaaesen  
April 29  
 Craig Hagman & Ed Stukey  
May 6  
 Bruce Peterson & Sandy Kephart

### LECTORS

April 1 - Easter  
 Judy Waytashek  
April 8  
 Patti Hook  
April 15  
 Dixie Peterson  
April 22  
 Colleen Kightlinger  
April 29  
 Sandy Kephart  
May 6  
 Judy Lundberg

### PIANISTS

April 1 - Easter Brienna K.  
April 8 Barb  
April 15 Barb  
April 22 Barb  
April 29 Barb  
May 5 Barb

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

April 1  
April 8  
April 15 Easter Brunch  
April 22  
April 29  
May 6

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list. **THANK YOU!**

**NEEDED:** We are in need of offering counters. If you can help with this on an occasional Sunday morning following worship, please let Darcy know. **THANK YOU!**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



APRIL  
 April 9th Gene McKenzie's Birthday  
 April 9th Wayne & Kim Kucera's Anniversary  
 April 13th Jack Hales Birthday  
 April 15th Aliste Anderson's Birthday  
 April 16th Gerald & Judy Vogtlin's Anniversary  
 April 24th Jim Jones' Birthday  
 April 24th Helen Vanderpoel's Birthday

### HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. **THANK YOU!!**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 9am-3pm**

Pastor John will be in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.  
 Pastor John's phone: 320-676-3130

**DEADLINE** for the May 2018 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, April 22nd.  
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

**March Council meeting**

3-17-2018

Members present: N. Holen, P. Hook ,V. Jones ,P. Olson,and D. Peterson .

Members absent: R. Kephart, Pastor John

Consent Agenda was approved.

**Old Business:** **A.** Basement Flooring/waxing and sealing-A contractor has been found to wax and seal the basement flooring. This includes the dining room, kitchen, Sunday School rooms, bathroom, and hallway. The council approved up to \$3,000 to have this work done even though we are expecting the costs to be closer to \$1,800-\$2,000. Hopefully all the flooring work should be done by early April. **B.** “Nuts and Bolts and a Few Loose Screws” workshop review and discussion. The council attended a session called “Creative Disarray-Models for Ministry in Changing Times.” After the session the council went through the suggested discussion questions. The council will be using the questions for the Annual Meeting in May. The questions will be printed in the bulletin for several Sundays before the Annual Meeting.

**New Business:** **A.** Easter Brunch (April 15) The breakfast will be held after church on April 15. A sign-up sheet will be posted so people can sign up to bring items and help with the breakfast. **B.** Parsonage walk-through- The annual parsonage walk through will take place in June at the regular council meeting. **C.** Professional spray job for insects- A quote for \$75 was given to the church to spray for insects.

**Project Updates:** **A.** The council is planning to continue visiting with area people about future ministry plans. **B.** There was discussion about purchasing some outdoor swoops with the message inviting people to come and worship at Bethany. **C.** Communion rails- There was a discussion about trying to use the communion rails as part of communion more often as part of prayer and reflection time. **D.** Ruby’s Pantry– Darcy is the new site leader of Ruby’s Pantry for Bethany. **E.** Teal’s Grocery receipts- The rebates from the receipts from Teal’s goes into Bethany’s general fund.

Next month’s council meeting will be **Tuesday, May 1, 2018** at 7:00 PM.

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned,

Dixie Peterson, council secretary



**Join us for Potluck Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 15th!  
There is a sign-up sheet on the door.**

## GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, May 1st at 4pm**

**Quilting - April 17th from 9am-3pm.**

**SENIOR COMPANIONS Meet at Bethany on the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30am.**

Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 1st at 7pm.**

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

### EASTER BRUNCH

We will be having an Easter Brunch after worship on Sunday, April 15th.  
There is a sign-up sheet on the door in the Narthex. **PLEASE JOIN US!!**

### HARVEST OF THE EARTH DINNER

Bethany will be hosting the Harvest of the Earth Dinner at Holy Cross on **Wednesday, April 18th.**  
We need volunteers to prepare, serve and clean-up. We also need bars/ cookies.  
Sign-up sheet is on the door. **THANK YOU!!**

### LITTLE FREE PANTRY PROJECT!

BETHANY IS GETTING A LITTLE FREE PANTRY! IT WILL BE INSTALLED BESIDE THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. A LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS A PLACE (VERY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY) WHERE PEOPLE CAN TAKE FOOD IF THEY NEED IT, AND LEAVE FOOD IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH TO SHARE. LET'S COLLECT CANS OF FOOD TO PREPARE! WE WILL START OUR PROJECT ON APRIL 8, AND CONTINUE EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL MAY 27. BRING CANS OR OTHER WATER-TIGHT CONTAINERS OF FOOD WHENEVER YOU CAN DURING THE PROJECT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LITTLE FREE PANTRIES VISIT [LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG](http://LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG).

### **"Books for Bethany" for Bethany's Little Free Library!**

Donated books should be new or in gently used condition. Books can be for children, teens, or adults. Please look through your closets and shelves, and bring in your "Books for Bethany"! Spread the word.

### **COMMUNITY DIAPER PROGRAM**

The Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition is proud to announce that we have been accepted into the Community Diaper Program! That means that we will have FREE diapers available to community members in need. Diapers from size 1-6 are available at the Rolf Olsen Center. The Community Diaper Program is a joint effort of the White House, Jet, and Cuties Diapers. The Early Childhood Coalition can purchase diapers at a very low cost and pass them on FREE to families in need. No one should have to decide between buying food and buying diapers! Donations toward this project are welcome! Please talk to Susan B. or Darcy if you have questions or would like to help. Thank you for your support!

**ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 20th IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.  
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

### **RUBY'S PANTRY**

Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning **at 10:30 am the FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**  
**Next three dates will be and May 7th, June 4th and July 2nd.**

**THANK YOU... to those who are giving through Thrivent Dollars!! Much appreciation!**

## COUNCIL NEWS

**VOLUNTEERS  
DO NOT  
NECESSARILY  
HAVE THE TIME;  
THEY HAVE  
THE HEART**

ELIZABETH ANDREW

#Volunteer2014

**BETHANY WOULD LOVE TO ENGAGE YOUR TALENTS AND IDEAS ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL! PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A SMALL AMOUNT OF YOUR TIME TO SERVE BETHANY! ANNUAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 20TH.**

### Answer the following with YES, MAYBE, or NO

1. Our congregation conveys, in word and deed, a message that is “good news”. We are known and respected in our community for genuine strengths. Our community would be at loss without our presence.
2. We are outreach-oriented with a consistent focus on people who are not members - sharing the love of Christ with others.
3. We continue to welcome newcomers, who become actively involved in various congregational activities and leadership roles.
4. We know who we are and why we are here as a community of faith.
5. We are willing to listen to God, each other, and the surrounding community to discern the direction God is calling us to go.
6. We agree that the desire to know and do God’s will for the church is stronger than the desire to survive as a congregation.
7. We have and are willing to commit the energy and financial resources necessary to bring about a new sense of congregational vitality.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings.

# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>EASTER</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30am Word &amp; Prayer</p> <p>S. S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Word &amp; Prayer</p> <p>S. S. following the Gospel</p> <p>EASTER BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am-3pm - Quilting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6pm-Harvest of the Earth Dinner at Holy Cross</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Word &amp; Prayer</p> <p>S. S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S. S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>May 1</p> <p>7pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>May 2</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>			

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**Council Members:**

**President - Pam Olson  
Vice President - Velma Jones  
Secretary - Dixie Peterson  
Treasurer - Ray Kephart  
Norma Holen - Patti Hook**

**Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken  
Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer**

**RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

Address:

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - EASTER**

9:30am - Easter worship w/ Holy Communion

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

9:30am - Word & Prayer

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

9:30am - Word & Prayer

**EASTER BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

9:30am - Word & Prayer

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

9:30am - Holy Communion

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

9:30am - Holy Communion

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