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*“Peace United Church of Christ
is a multigenerational community
of faith.*

*We welcome people of all ages,
races, and life situations to join
us*

*in our calling to serve as the
hands and feet of Christ.”*

STEPHEN MINISTRY



One Morning

**My work was done... The pain was through ~
I finished what I needed to;
My tired, worn, and tortured flesh...
Was sealed up tight and put to rest.**

**The 'trial' My father asked of me ~
As I hung suffering on that tree....
was almost more than I could bare;
I cried out to My Father there.**

**So many people laughed at me ~
So many could not see....
The purpose for my suffering then...
And what I offered up for men.**

**But, I knew of a greater plan ~
And how My death would save all "man"...
And yet, for three long days I stayed ~
wrapped tight, and sealed up in that grave.**

**Most people thought my time was done ~
and that I would be gone.
But, on one early morning ~
they learned that they were wrong!**

**The stone was rolled back from my tomb ~
and when they entered in the room.....
They found an empty space instead ~
I was not gone... I was not dead!**

**My Father rose Me from the grave...
And blessings came from what I gave.
Now all your souls can now be free ~
Just ask for Faith.... and trust in Me.**

Diane Ranker Riesen

April 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>30 Happy Birthday, Sherri Lange! 9:00 am Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>31</p>			<p>* Coffee Fellowship after Worship Services on Sunday Mornings</p>	<p>Office Open Monday thru Fridays from 9am to noon</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2 9:00 am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>3 4:00pm: Stephen's Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>4 Happy Birthday, Holden Schutte!</p>	<p>5 9:00am: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study/ Confirmation 6:30-Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 Happy Birthday, Jonah Burns (4/5)! Happy Birthday, Eydie Seeland! 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>7 7pm: Good Friday Service</p>	<p>8 Happy Birthday, Deb Sylvester!</p>
<p>9 9:00 am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>10 5:30pm: Church Council</p>	<p>11 Happy Birthday, Harry Robins!</p>	<p>12 Happy Birthday, Joanne Gray! 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study/ Confirmation 6:30-Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 2pm: Peacemakers</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Happy Birthday, Barb Chandler & Jasmine Miller!</p>
<p>16 9:00 am Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Happy Birthday, Kyle Jacobson!</p>	<p>19 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:30-Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 1:30pm Care Center 5:00 -6:30pm Grace Café</p>	<p>21 Happy Birthday, David Dennler & Lanette Schutte!</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Happy Birthday, Kenny Leonard & Marlis Huinker! 9:00 am Worship</p>	<p>24 Happy Birthday, Kristina Miller!</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Happy Birthday, Delvin Tieden & Emily Jacobson!</p>

May Tidings Deadline

February Tidings newsletter deadline will be Friday, April 20th. Please submit updates and articles by this date. Please email: peaceucc@alpinecom.net or call 563-245 2126.

Thanks for all your time and involvement in Peace UCC!

Maundy Thursday Service

An informal communion service with bread and wine will mark Maundy Thursday at Peace Church. The service will focus on loss and recovery and stepping into the unknown.

Ken Seney, Barb Chandler and Jane Metcalf will be making the bread. There are rumors that it will be herb bread. Wine will come from our own Peace Church wine makers (we hope).

Reservations are requested (but not required) by Monday, April 3, so that the bread makers can have an idea as to how much to make. Please call the church office (245-2126) or Seney's house (245-2180) to make reservations. The service will be April 6 at 7 p.m. in Herbster Hall.

Grace Café

March Grace Café was a hit! We served around 44 people and had the help of St. Joes youth group with serving and clean up. Ann and Steve donated their delicious chili and deserts. The money donated (\$117) will be given to the Clayton County Food Shelf. This month Grace Café is Thursday, April 20, and it is time for a FISH FRY! The Gray Family will be hosting with their last summer catch of fish. The fish is variety of fish that is caught on their Minnesota fishing trip fried in beer batter. The fish includes sunnies, blue gills, bass, rock bass or whatever happened to take their bait and I am sure if you ask Jackson, he will tell you he caught the biggest fish! Hashbrown casseroles, coleslaw, cornbread, and apple crisp will round out the meal. We will be serving 5-7:00pm this month to allow a little extra time for serving. This is a free meal but should you decide to donate the proceeds above food costs all go towards our mission work at Peace UCC. This month the money will be donated to Turkey and Syria earthquake relief. This month we are going to ask for reservations to help us plan enough food. This is not required but would help us have enough food. If you could please call Peace UCC Church office before noon on the 20th. 563-245-2618. You can also email the church at peaceucc@alpinecom.net or dniggray@slpinecom.net. We will also do carry outs and deliveries within city limits.

EWALU Spring Work Weekend

Join volunteers, families, and church groups to help EWALU get ready for the summer season. Take time to explore camp and meet staff/volunteers. Come Friday evening to enjoy a campfire, and spend the night at Ewalu!

Friday, May 5: Come for the evening

Saturday, May 6: Volunteer Work Day—9am Start
3776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA

563/933-4700 ewalu.org/event/spring-work-day



HI-WAY 13
Vintage
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APRIL 28-29, 2023
FRIDAY: 3 PM-7 PM | SATURDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

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- LOCAL EATS

 **\$5 Market Admission**
Admission good for 2 days.

SAVE THE DATE: FALL MARKET
OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15, 2023

Peace UCC Spring Cleaning Day

Our beautiful church could use a little sprucing up. So with that in mind a spring cleaning morning has been set for Saturday, [April 15th, 9am](#). We will be concentrating on Herbster Hall and the kitchen. Windows need washing and a good wipe down everywhere. We are asking for help to make this a quick, easy and fun job. If we get a good crew we should be done in a couple hours.



Attendance & Worship Offerings

March 5, 2023	42	\$4,435.00
March 12, 2023	52	\$2,085.00
March 19, 2023	55	\$1,492.00
March 26, 2023	52	\$1,101.00

Prayer Requests



Greg Anderson	Dorothy Buckner	Linda Cranston
Tom Gifford	Karen & Linda Glesne	Tim Kuehl
Ruth & Jenny Olson	Floyd Possehl	Sharon Reichert

May Women's Breakfast

Peace United Church of Christ will be hosting the Women's Ecumenical Breakfast and program on Saturday, May 6th from 9am-11am. With a program following: "Bad Girls of the Bible."

Please RSVP to reserve your spot by calling the church office at 563/245-2126 or emailing peaceucc@alpinecom.net by Friday, April 21st. Thank you!

Care Center/Assisted Living Residents

Inge Baumgartner, Karen Glesne, Connie Koehn, Marlene Marmann, Vi Sadewasser, Eydie Seeland, Elvera Palas

APRIL 2023

Bread for the Journey

Readings for 4/2-4/8

Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa 50:4-9a

Matt 21:1-11; Ps. 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11

Matt 26:14-27:66

Readings for 4/9-4/15

Acts 10:34-43; Jer 31:1-6

Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

Col 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18; Matt 28:1-10

Readings for 4/16-4/22

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Ps 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Readings for 4/23-4/29

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Readings for 4/30-5/6

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Acolyte		Usher/Greeter	
	NAME		NAME
4/2	Kendall Wagner	4/2	Donna Buckman
4/9	*Volunteer Needed*	4/9	Sue Stott
4/16	Cooper & Maddie Burns	4/16	Dean & Joanne Gray
4/23	Carter Miller	4/23	Nancy McClure
4/30	Millie & Jonah Burns	4/30	Jay & Kay Moser
Reader		Opening/Closing	
	NAME		NAME
4/2	Sharon Seney	4/2	Bruce Landis
4/9	Fran Derhammer	4/9	*Volunteer Needed*
4/16	Laura Moser	4/16	Sue Stott
4/23	Arlene Reimer	4/23	Nancy McClure
4/30	*Volunteer Needed*	4/30	Carl & Laura Moser
Fellowship		Food Shelf Donation Driver (1x per month)	
	NAME		NAME
4/2	Ken & Sharon Seney		Ann McCorkindale
4/9	Sue Stott		
4/16	Dean & Joanne Gray		
4/23	Gerry & Sandy Kramer		
4/30	Marlis Huinker		
Communion Prep & Clean Up		Grace Café Meal Prep	
	NAME		NAME
	Bruce Landis	4/20	Dean & Joanne Gray

Sign up for Weekly Volunteer

Opportunities by visiting our link at SignUP.com: <https://signup.com/go/GvtgeeP>

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2023



Consider Becoming a Host Family for International Guests

We are expecting up to 30 participants from around the world during the weekend of April 16-18 for the Rural Ministry Conference at Wartburg Seminary. Part of the experience is to visit rural areas in the host country to see and discuss similarities in rural life and ministry. This requires host families to share hospitality and offer educational sightseeing events to local farms and industries. Congregations may wish to see if they could provide more than one host family so there could be shared activities. Even if you do not attend the conference, please feel free to host a family. If you know of others who may be interested in hosting a family, please send them this information.

Host family responsibilities:

Picking up their guest(s) from Dubuque IA by 1 pm on Saturday April 15

Returning them to Dubuque by 3 pm on Sunday April 16

Provide three meals: Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, Sunday lunch.

Provide opportunities for sightseeing to local farms, agritourism spots and local attractions as well a meeting and visiting with farmers, church members and local pastors.

Provide housing for one night. Take guest(s) to weekend worship.

Interested in or have questions about serving as a host family? Contact Rev. Mark Yackel-Juleen at m4698@hotmail.com or call 563-329-1367.

CLOTHING CENTER UPDATES

WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!!

Mark your calendars! Saturday, APRIL 1, 2023 will be our OPEN HOUSE CLEARANCE SALE. This is your opportunity to see what we have in the store and changes we have made. Mostly everything will be half off. That means shirts, jeans, shoes, houseware etc... will only be \$.50 each. Cash sales **only** from 9 am till 4pm. (This is NOT an April Fools joke)
Spring is in the air so after April 1, we will no longer accept winter items.
Donations need to be scheduled as I do not have much room for storage space.

Clayton County Food Shelf Items for the Month:

Baking Mixes, Frosting, Flour, Sugar, Salt, Baking Soda, Baking Powder

Items Needed Every Month:

Canned food, paper goods, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, dish detergent, powdered laundry detergent, baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, baby powder, tuna, peanut butter, mac & cheese.

Shepherd Conference News:

Congratulations to Pastor Lynn J. Noel from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville on his celebration of his ordination. (4-11-2013) Little Flock Cluster B Spring Gathering will be held at the Elgin Lutheran Church April 22 @ 9:00 am. Lunch \$5.00 at NOON. RSVP Cindy at torkel5@alpinecom.net or (563)880-2859 by April 14th, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES:

*Ascension Day Service
May 18th, 2023 @ 5:30 pm - Potluck to follow at St. Peter in Garnavillo. Bring a dish to pass.*

Synod Assembly- June 9-10, 2023 @ Luther College

Any event may be subject to change

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Easter Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 9am**
- **Maundy Thursday Communion, April 6th at 7pm**
- **Good Friday Service, April 7th at 7pm**
- **Easter Sunday Service - April 9th at 9am**



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