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April

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Easter is that one event that implies, nothing can separate us from the love of God. There is no sin that we could ever commit, or even think about committing, that is more powerful than God's ability to overcome and forgive. To believe otherwise would be to limit God's capacity to love us completely and fully. And this is never made more apparent than in Jesus' own life, death, and resurrection – the Easter event.

The Easter event – *pesah* from the Hebrew meaning deliverance – provides the basis for a kind of hope and trust in a God of love who will neither abandon us in life or in death. We see this in Jesus' prayer in the garden (Mt 26:39; Mk 14:36; Lk 22:42; Jn 17:1-3), and also in his words from the cross (Mt 27:46 & Mk 15:34 quoting Psalm 22; Lk 23:46; Jn 19:30). When we live into the same hope and trust of God's ability to be with us no matter what we go through as Jesus did, we, like he did, experience a sense of freedom to do many marvelous things in showing God's love, grace, and forgiveness to others. This freedom, again as witnessed by Jesus' life and ministry, comprises a responsibility to use the talents and abilities we possess in great and wonderful ways helping the world understand that by living in this hope nothing can hold us down. And that is what the great fifty days of Easter is all about.

As we enter into the great fifty days (the time between Easter and Pentecost) it is a time to allow ourselves to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, as the disciples were, to bear an even greater witnesses to the resurrection power of God's hope living within us. In this world with its many uncertainties and ambiguities use those great fifty days of Easter to speak hope into such times as this.

Living into the resurrection power of Christ allows us the freedom to admit our emotions and feelings, whether they are anger or joy, sadness or fear, jealousy or bewilderment, knowing that they, in themselves, not the end. God is always up to something new, constructive and redemptive, working toward a world filled with God's love, hope, and grace.

As we move into the Easter season, may we know above all else we were created to be fully within God's abundant love and grace through the resurrection power of Christ Jesus trusting that God is with us no matter what.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Russ

April Worship Services

April Worship

April 7th: Fifth Sunday of Lent with Holy Communion.
Liturgical Color: Purple
Ephesians 4:26; John 12:1-8
"Anger" Seven Deadly Sins worship series.

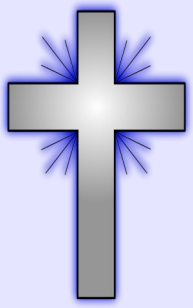
April 14th: Palm Sunday
Liturgical Color: Purple
Psalm 118:19-20; Luke 19:28-40
"Pride" Seven Deadly Sins worship series.

April 18th: Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion.
Liturgical Color: Purple
Exodus 12:1-14; John 13:1-7, 31b-35

April Worship

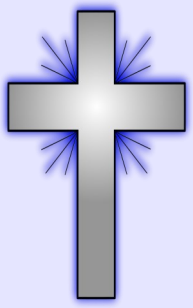
April 21st: Easter Sunday
Liturgical Color: White
6:45 am Sunrise service at Miletta Vista Winery
John 20:1-18
10:00 at the church. Luke 24:1-12
"Remembering"

April 28th: Second Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White
Guest preacher: Dave Brehm



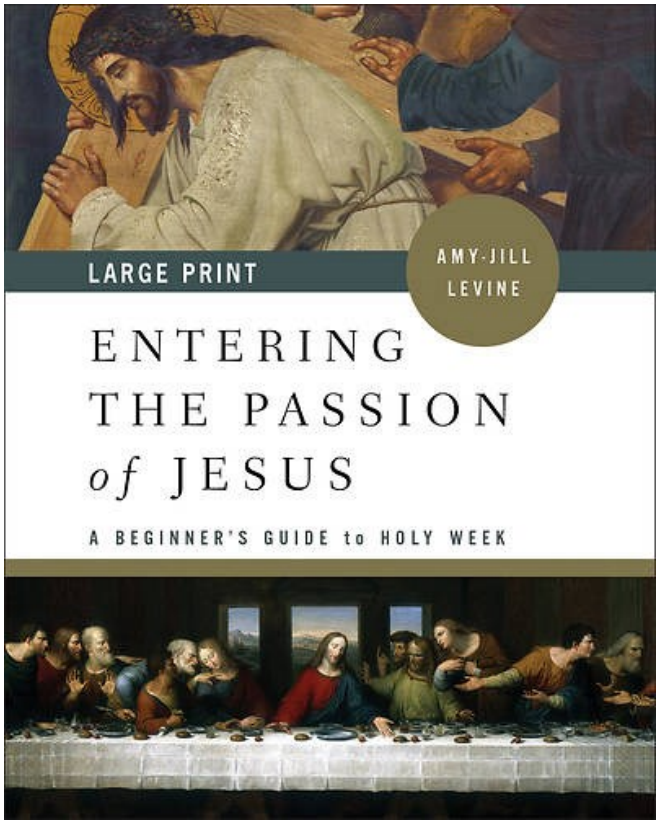
February Offerings and Attendance Totals

Attendance:	Offering:
Feb. 3rd : 69	$5,396.40
Feb. 10th : 85	$2,631.50
Feb 17th : 54	$628.72
Feb 24th : 54	$270.00



The Seven Deadly Sins

Lent Sermon Series, The Seven Deadly Sins began on March 10th. In this sermon series Pastor Russ will lead us in steps for finding happiness and a fulfilling life by examining the things that defeat our happiness – Gluttony, Lust, Greed, Anger, Sadness, Vanity and Pride. As Abbot Christopher Jamison once wrote, "If we are to find happiness, we need to go beyond the world of simply feeling good and avoiding harm to enter the world of knowing good and doing good."



Wednesday Night Lenten Study

Join Pastor Russ on Wednesday nights, beginning March 13th, for a six-week Lenten study. We will be looking at Jesus' final week, where every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Using author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine's book, Entering the Passion of Jesus: *A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week,* we will explore the biblical text surrounding the Passion story. Amy-Jill Lavine will show us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. Please contact the church office or Pastor Russ to sign-up for the class.

We are starting a new prayer request list. If you would like your name added to this list, please let the church office know.

Thank you

Note: *We can only publish prayer concerns with the permission of the people involved. Also, Pastor Russ often does not find out about hospitalizations. HIPPA regulations do not allow the hospital to call unless they are requested to do so. Please give him a call (Church 754-4247). if you or someone you know is in the hospital or desires a call. Thank you for your help.*

Sunday

Worship time 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study
Sunday morning 9:00 am.

Children's Education
Sunday School 9:15 am.

Youth Group
Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm during school year

Thursday
Come 'n Go Coffee 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Come, meet your church family.
You will like us!

MISSION STATEMENT

'Making and Nurturing Disciples'

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

CIRCLE MEETINGS
April 23rd

United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Martha 9:00 am
Mary 2:00 pm

Epworth Village Needs:

Monetary gifts
Gift Cards to Walmart, Walgreens
Bosselman's or Casey's gas purchase cards
Menard's gift cards for maintenance needs
Reams of plain white copy paper
Antibacterial soap, hand pump or refillables
Alcohol-free hand sanitizer
Hand lotion-unscented
Generic hygiene products-hair products, body wash, feminine hygiene products
Infant-toddler hygiene products
Infant-toddler baby wipes and disposable diapers
Paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins
Medium laundry baskets
Large duffle bags for foster care belongings
Basic cleaning supplies for a home
Letter/brochure folding machine
Manila folders and label stickers

Register by April 19th

GP Conference UMW Spiritual Retreat

May 3-5, 2019

Camp Comeca and Retreat Center

75670 RD 417, Cozad, NE 69130

This Conference retreat is open to all women and their friends in the Great Plains Conference. It will be led by retired Rev. Billie Blair from Pratt. KS, and is based on the book "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Garlough Brown. Register by sending completed form with $25.00 non-refundable fee to Rena Conner, PO Box 683, Alma, NE 68920. Remaining amount is due by April 19th, and amount depends upon your choice of accommodations (Overlook Lodge, Dormitory, or Commuter) plus option to use swimming pool on Saturday. We begin with 6:00 pm dinner Friday followed by opening worship at 7:00. Saturday sessions allow time to tour camp, walk a Labyrinth, visit indoor and outdoor chapels, and an evening of relaxing, games and more. Sunday morning worship and closing by noon. Registration includes 2 nights lodging, Friday dinner, 3 meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast, plus book. Registration form is found on the Great Plains United Methodist Women website at www.greatplainsumc.org/umw.

Usher-Greeter Monthly list

Starting on February 24th, 2019, a new Usher and Greeter list has begun. These have been assigned to those who have shown interest in volunteering to do these things. If you would, at any time, be interested in being added to this list, please let Carrie in the office know and she can add you! You can either be added in the regular monthly calendar as an Usher or Greeter, or you may choose to be added to the Alternates list. Remember, it is your responsibility to find a replacement from the alternates list if you are unable to help at the times listed below. We truly appreciate all the hard work that our volunteers are willing to do!

Don't forget, the clipboards to sign up for Fellowship, Candle lighters and Scripture are still located in the Narthex. Please continue to volunteer, we need your help. There are opportunities to usher, greet, and light candles as well as host fellowship. Also pastor could use your help in reading scripture, and if you are musically blessed, we have a sign up sheet for that too!

There is money available to help purchase food items for fellowship. Please contact the church office.

Month	Greeters	Ushers
February 24th	Martha Voigt/Diane Johnson	Doug and Darla Voigt
March 2019	Charlene Craig/Connie Snow March 31st– Youth Sunday	Mary Ann Rickertsen/Carol Phillips
April 2019	Diane Johnson/Lefty and Jolene Wolfe(7th and 14th)	Larry and Deidre Hurlburt
May 2019	Karen Killion/Darla Voigt	Charlene Craig/ Mary Ann Rickertsen
June 2019	Lefty and Jolene Wolfe	Connie Snow/ Diane Johnson
July 2019	Mary Ann Rickertsen/Martha Voigt	Doug and Darla Voigt
August 2019	Bob and Francine Rasmussen	Connie Snow/Carol Phillips

Note: The United Methodist Men will be ushers and greeters every 3rd Sunday of every month.

See next page for list of Alternates for Ushers and Greeters.

Alternates list: (for Ushers and Greeters)

Greeters Only:

Martha Voigt	754-4666	mevoigt@hotmail.com
Karen Killion	754-2070	
Lefty and Jolene Wolfe-	308-687-6175	jolene.killinger@gmail.com
Harold Rickertsen	754-4038	rick@hamilton.net
Susie Wolfert	754-4235	
Gary Craig (Feb-May only)	754-5503	ccflowers.craig8@gmail.com

Greeters or Ushers:

Charlene Craig (Feb-May only)	754-5503	ccflowers.craig8@gmail.com
Connie Snow	754-4023	dpclsnow@charter.net
Diane Johnson	308-379-8716	djohnson27@msn.com
Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038	hrick@hamilton.net
Larry and Deidre Hurlburt-	750-0995	titanic.hurlburt@yahoo.com
Doug and Darla Voigt	750-3973	dvoigt00@gmail.com(Darla) dvoigt332@gmail.com(Doug)
Carol and Mike Phillips	308-380-9127	cjmphillips4@gmail.com
Bob and Francine Rasmussen	750-2594	rasfamily2011@hotmail.com
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	

April

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

April 1	Nancy Harrington	April 13	Nick Pedersen
	Lyle Thomsen	April 17	Daylene Fox
April 3	Russell Schwenk	April 18	Harold Rickertsen
April 4	Brock Nielsen	April 22	Darlene Hansen
	Jami Wemhoff		Heather Pearson
April 10	Hunter Gravatt	April 24	Marilyn Wall
April 12	Jackson Ohde	April 25	Andrew Thomsen

Happy Anniversary!

April 1	Lonny and Janet Thomsen
April 2	Udell and Marlene Kremlacek
April 3	Don and Lynda Berggren
April 4	Ryan and Erica Krauss
April 21	Tracie and Don Dearmont

Food Pantry hours

Saturday	**Tuesday**
9:00-11:00 am	**4:00-6:00 pm**

Beginning in 2018, February will be the month for United Methodist Church to donate to the Food Pantry.

April at a Glance

1	UMM 8:00 am Sweet Shoppe
2	Lay Leadership team Meeting 7:00 pm
3	Lenten Study with Pastor Russ 6:30, Youth Group 6:30 pm, NO choir
7	Adult Bible Study 9:00 am, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:00 am
8	Hospital Auxiliary Spring Luncheon 11am –1 pm
9	UMW meeting 1:30 pm, Finance meeting 7:00 pm
10	Lenten Study with Pastor Russ 6:30, Youth Group 6:30 pm, NO Choir
14	Palm Sunday, Adult Bible Study 9:00 am, Sunday School 9:15 am, (last day of Sunday School), Worship 10:00 am
16	Adm Council meeting 7:00 pm
17	Lenten Study with Pastor Russ 6:30, Youth Group 6:30 pm, NO Choir
18	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
20	UMC help with Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 am
21	Easter Sunrise service 6:45 am, Regular Easter-Worship Service 10 am , NO Adult Bible Study or Sunday School
23	Circles, Martha 9:00 am, Mary 2:00 pm
24	No Adult Study with Pastor Russ, Youth Group 6:30 pm, NO Choir
28	Adult Bible Study 9:00 am, Worship 10:00 am

Food Pantry

The United Methodist Church is responsible for operating the Food Pantry every third Saturday from 9-11 am. If you could volunteer to help any one of these Saturdays, it would be greatly appreciated. April 20th is our next work date.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met March 12,2019. Preseident Carol Tjernagel opened the meeting with prayer and called the meeting to order. Everyone recited the Purpose.

The devotions were given by Rae Lee. She gave us Faith Steps to share and take home.

The February minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Beginning balance of $1,190.90, total income $225.00, expenses of $555.00, leaving a balance $869.90. (Memorial money $798.33) leaving a balance of $71.57.

Stand and be counted Mary 3, Martha 7, General 1, and 1guest.

Old business: March 23rd is the birthday of United Methodist Women. UMW served the lunch after church. It was decided to have cupcakes, sausage, cheese, crackers, and fruit. The District Meeting was March 30th.

New Business: Great Plains Conference Spring Retreat is May 3-5 at Camp Comeca, Cozad. Carol had plant sticks for the Big Garden and people took some and put the plant names on them. We discussed the Memorial money and we are to come next month with ideas for spending it. May 31st is the Sunday we will do Special Recognition for Dorothy Brehm, Euveda Wilson, Jan Swigart and Carol Phillips.

Mary Ann Rickertsen made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Marlene Kremlacek. Carried.

Mary Circle gave the lesson on the history of UMW's 125 years.

Mary Circle served lunch.

Mary Ann Rickertsen,

Co-secretary

This and That…..

We still have a couple jackets, coats and sweaters that have been with us here for awhile. If you are missing one, please check to see if one of these is yours. We also have a Lost and Found in the office. Please ask Carrie to see the items we have located around the church.

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Box Tops for Education

Even though we are no longer collecting these for Epworth Village, please continue to bring these coupons to church. We will donate them to the school.

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'Unafraid and Unashamed-Facing the Future of United Methodism" is the book some of us have discussed on Wednesday evening in our Way Forward Study with Pastor Russ. If someone would like to borrow this book to read, Martha Voigt is willing to lend out her copy. If interested, please get ahold of her at 308-754-4666.

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Sts. Peter and Paul Church in St. Paul will be having their Fish Fry events starting every Friday, March 8th going through April 12th. These are from 5-7 pm at the Parish Life Center. It is $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for ages 6-12 and ages 5 and under are free. They would love to see you there!

We will be having a Senior Breakfast for our church family's graduating Seniors on April 28th at 9:00am in our Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this for this special occasion!

School Children Milk Money

Our church is committed to the St. Paul Public Schools for those children who otherwise would not have it available.
Please keep this mission in your prayers and consider donating to this wonderful cause. Make sure and note it on your check. Thank you!

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The Food Pantry here in St. Paul is always looking for food donations. Please help us stock the shelves. Any food or paper item is accepted but these items are in high demand this month.

Cake or Brownie Mixes
Puddings
Jello
Fruit
Pie Fillings
Toilet Tissue
Ketchup
Mustard
Cereal
Dish Soap
Laundry Soap

Early Response Team (ERT) Training

May 18, 2019 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Aurora UMC, 1104 A Street,

Aurora, NE.

The task of the ERT is make the home as safe and secure as possible from further damage. Trained and badged ERT's respond to disasters in their own hometown when it is okay to do so and called for by Emergency Management. They may also be asked to assist with disasters throughout the Great Plains Conference. Training includes team training and safety, hands on experience on how to tarp a roof, debris clean-up, and how to muck out a home after a flood.

The cost of the class is $25.00. You must be 18 years of age or older. The Safe Gatherings Training (www.safegatherings.com) must be completed before attending the ERT Training. Please bring a laptop or smart phone to the class to register on UMCOR's Verified Volunteer web page. Register for the class online at https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/ERTAuroraNE2019.

United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

The purpose of the prayer chain is to offer special prayers for individuals in critical need. The chain cannot be activated without the permission of the family in need. Call prayer requests to the church office 754-4247. The prayer request will be called to the first person on these lists. Each caller then calls the next person on the list. If that person is unavailable, a call should be placed to the following name and contact made with the first party later in the day. Last name on list does not call anyone. We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. Praying for each other is an important ministry that we can do for our church family. If you would be interested in becoming part of this mission, please contact the church office.

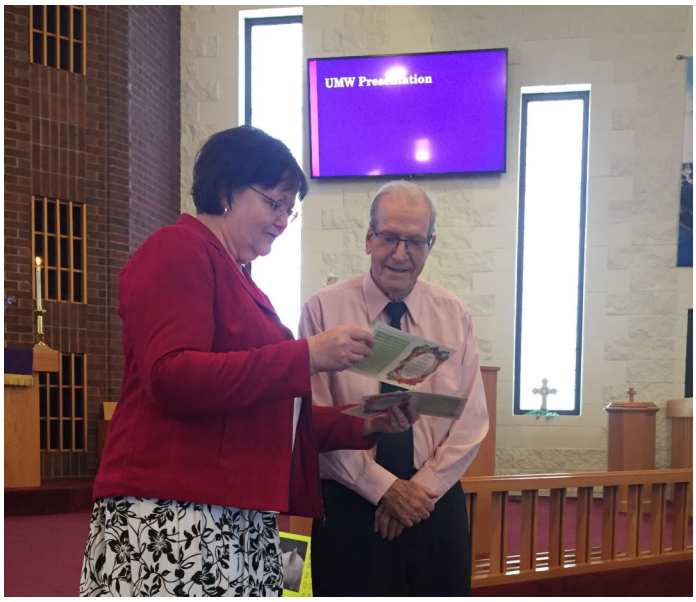
Marilyn Wall	754-5100	**Rae Lee**	**754-5209**	**Jackie Cook**	**754-9115**
Deb Wells	754-5620	Vanice Bahensky	754-7873	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	754-5136	Marlene Kremlacek	754-4876	Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Martha Voigt	754-4666	DeEtte Lukasiewicz	750-0246
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Rose Ross	754-4993	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Elaine McClellan	754-5177	Lory Thomsen	754-4286	LuAnn Todd	308-380-5022
Ashley Meyer	308-627-2808	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-863-2281	Carol Tjernagel	750-2830
				Dorothy Jorgensen	754-4126

Special Worship Services

We will once again have a Sunrise Worship service at Miletta Vista Winery just north of St. Paul on Easter Sunday, April 21st. This will start at 6:45 am. A breakfast will be served after this service at the church by the United Methodist men and before the regular Easter worship service at 10:00 am.

And don't forget our Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion on April 18th at 7:00 pm.

On March 31st, the United Methodist Women had a special recognition for several ladies during the worship service. UMW honored, in memory, Dorothy Brehm, Jan Swigart, and Euveda Wilson, with a dedicated light certificate. They are loved and missed.



Carol Phillips was also honored and given a special mission recognition. We thank her for all of her work and dedication to our church family.

Administrative Council Meeting
March 19th, 2019

The regular meeting of the Administrative Council was led by Joe Swanson. The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Joe Swanson. In attendance were Ashley Meyer, Tom Powell, Carol Tjernagel, Marlene Kremlacek, Theda Van Horn , Buzz Todd, Joe Swanson and Carrie Hancock. The February minutes were approved by Theda Van Horn, seconded by Carol Tjernagel.

Treasurer: Tom Powell reported our Operating Checking account (3,843), Resources Available $44,966 , Income Giving $8,654,Total Income $9,831,Total Expenditures $13,155, Current Month Gain/(Loss) ($3,324), and Year to date Gain/(Loss) ($4,512) . The Treasurer's report was approved by Buzz Todd, and seconded by Marlene Kremlacek.

Finance: Since not many members from the Finance Committee were present, not much was discussed. Many of the topics were reviewed when the other committees came up.

SPPRC: No report, next meeting will be March 26th at 7:00 pm.

Education: Ashley reported that they are planning on having the kids sing in church on Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday. This will also be their last day of Sunday School. They are planning on sending the Sunday School kids to a Timberlake Day Camp on June 13th,2019. This will be to replace VBS. Someone has donated some money to help send a couple kids on that day. They are looking for a new Sunday School teacher starting in the fall as Jami Wemhoff will resign from this position.

Outreach: No report

Worship: No report, just that Maundy Thursday will be on April 18th. Not sure if there will be a Good Friday service as of yet or where it might be at.

Memorial: No report

Trustees: Buzz brought to the meeting several quotes he has received on replacing the two heaters in the wings of the church. The best priced quote goes to Advanced Climate. Joe said that since it hasn't quite been a year that the Trustees Maintenance account (this is where the parsonage money goes) has accrued monies that we will need to wait until that year is up and then re-visit the issue. At that time it could be brought to the Admin Council.

UMW: UMW met on March 12th with 10 members and 1 guest in attendance. Carol T reported that plans are being made for celebrating the 150th birthday of the UMW. On March 24th will be the first of these celebrations with the serving of snacks and birthday cupcakes at Fellowship after worship service. On March 31st there will be special recognition to several women during the morning service. The District Meeting is on March 30th in Aurora, registrations due by March 22nd. Several of the ladies are helping make plant tags for The Big Garden in Omaha. It was also discussed the different ways to use memorial monies to honor past members. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th.

They also brought up how they would like to start thinking about replacing the stool in the kitchen bathroom with a high rise stool as it is too low for most that use it. They just wanted to bring up the topic to think about in the future.

UMM: No report. Mentioned that the District Meeting for the UMM was the night before, and was a good meal and had a good speaker.

Healthy Congregations: Carol reported that they had their first planning meeting on March 19th. Carol Tjernagel, Mary Ann Rickertsen and Diane Johnson were in attendance. The agenda consisted of two main topics: 1) Information was distributed about the upcoming Retreat for training and workshops to provide additional information for churches to use in this ministry. This will be held in Rock Springs, KS, April 25-27th (Thurs, Fri, Sat). ALL expenses are paid by the Healthy Congregations Foundation, food and lodging included. Mileage expenses will be paid from our local grant. We are looking for folks who would like to attend this Retreat and learn more about this ministry….please contact Carol Tjernagel, Mary Ann Rickertsen, or Diane Johnson.

2) Mary Ann and Diane recently went to a training workshop on church safety. They shared ideas about what to do when someone needs medical attention for severe bleeding and also how to keep our congregation safe in the event of a shooting incident. Carol shared these ideas with the Admin Council and additional ideas were brainstormed. We will be sharing this information with our church family in the upcoming months.

Office: No report

Open Discussion: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Joe Swanson moved to close, Carol Tjernagel seconded.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00pm

Recording Secretary, Carrie Hancock

Look what's happening!

Our Youth Group took over the service on March 31st, from leading the service, to being ushers and greeters.

Great job!

New Members

We had some new members join this last month.

Arianne Prentice joined on March 24th(No picture available) and also Tjade and Demi Rodocker joined on March 31st.

(See picture on the right) Welcome to our Church family!

open hearts
open minds
open doors
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