



Eagle Grove United Methodist Church

Love God, Love Others, Change the World

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

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Markers and Milestones

During the Lenten season, we explored our spiritual journey, pondering some spiritual practices as ways to move from where we are as disciples to where we'd like to be. And there are events - some planned, some just “happen” – markers and milestones of our faith.

Some are specific days - on **April 24**, we'll welcome Ambie Timmerman as she *MARKS* a point on her faith journey, joining our congregation. **May 7**, we'll celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home, and honor :Cadence Stephens, Emma Johnston, and Collin Spangler as they celebrate the *MILESTONE* of graduation from high school. Baskets will be out for cards you'd like to bring.

Wednesdays afterschool have been not only fun and fellowship for about 30 kids, K-gr 6, but also a time to learn what being a disciple is all about. We've been in service, heard and told stories, laughed with friends in escape rooms, tried new art projects, added to a prayer chain weekly....and lots more! We're going to *MARK* our last gathering this school year **May 4** with several 5-ft banana splits!

For many reading this, a week at church camp definitely *MARKED* a point in our faith journey. It's exciting to see these kids excited about Jesus, and many want to go to church camp. As their church family, can we offer some financial assistance (a week is \$500/camper!)? We can do that!

May 1 will be Camp Sunday. Kali Tomlinson, camp program director at Lake Okoboji UMC camp, is sharing the morning message. After worship, lunch will be served (pulled pork with sauces on the side, and lots more). Your extra financial gifts that day will really make camp possible for our kids! Plan to come, and to stay. You'll leave energized (or maybe tired!).

The day before, **Saturday, April 30**, we're going to let the whole community not only support our campers, but also get to enjoy the culinary gifts of this congregation! We're setting up a Bake Sale, 10a-3p, at the Senior Center. It's the Chamber's ShopHop, but the Bake Sale is open to anyone!

The sale needs any treats and goodies you would like to give- you can drop off at the center 5-6:30p on Friday, or bring in about 8:30 on Saturday. Bring your treats wrapped and ready to sell so we don't have to deal with pans and spatulas. Let your neighbors know about the sale – we have quite a reputation as great bakers, so let's not let the community down, and our kids will benefit. What a way to give and witness, doing something you love to do, for the kids you want to see grow in faith! Email or call the church if you can donate, or come and work for an hour. We need you. The kids need you!

Our faith journey has milestones and markers, but perhaps it's more than those moments. What happens day by day, those insignificant moments we often take for granted, or miss altogether? About a dozen youth will be receiving personal Bibles April 24 and May 1. What difference will that make for them? What difference will it make if you add a bit more to your usual offering? Pick up a few things for the refugees? Stay for fellowship time? Invite a friend church?

You may not have heard it, but a small 5-year old's voice asked an interesting question on Easter. “Wait a minute...Jesus is alive? Where is he? I don't see him.” How's that going to happen? We're ALL called to give him milestones and markers on his journey. We're all on this path together (and I'm really glad for that!) ---Pastor Alaire

Pastor: Alaire Willits

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Custodian: Amy Hunt

Ministers: ALL MEMBERS

Prayer Garden update:

- Phase 1 – the sidewalk was poured last fall
 - Phase 2 – the structure and benches are set.
 - Phase 3 – planting plan is “in process”
- Questions? See Melody.



We have discovered a way to be hands-on giving assistance to those who are living with or fleeing from the war in Ukraine. New socks and undies for women and children, as well as nearly-new, freshly-laundered basic clothing, including for infant and toddlers is being collected through MAY 1 here at church. Then we'll pack our gifts, and get them to those in need, via an agency in Chicago that's covering shipping. Bring your donations in the needs are infinite! Thank you.

Church World Service Blankets

Our early Lenten mission giving has been enough to purchase over 100 of the \$10 blankets. THANKS!

Thanks to:

Nicole Nicoletti for sharing her talents and creating our Lenten and Easter artwork.

Wednesday afterschool volunteers – Yalonda Amonson, Angie Anderson, Nicole Nicoletti, Carol Porter, Donna Chambers, and Amanda Poncin. Great job!

StoryWalk help – Ambie Timmerman; Dave Poncin, Kris Ralston Ron Bliss; Alana, Adalie, and Jevan Alt, Tracy Crail, Denise Helmick, Pay Manues, Daphne Willwerth, Melody Amonson, and Cheryl Jacobsen. Warm hearts on a cold day.



Dial-a-Devotion

Tuesdays

May 3—Marilyn Sill

May 10—Joe Stein

May 17—Bev McVicker

May 24—Paul Wilde

May 31— Sharon Seibert

The weekly Sunday sermon is now available by phone— just call 515-212-2802. The newest one will be up by about 7am on Sundays (before actual worship!), and remain all week. The phone number for access will always be the same.

Call 1-515-212-2802
to hear our latest sermon



Calendar

- Sunday, April 24 ... Bibles presented in worship
- Tuesday, April 26 ... SPRC meets @ 2pm, EGAMA Closet team meets @4:45
- Wednesday, April 27 ...afterschool K-gr 8 meets. Kali Tomlinson here to talk about camp
- Friday, April 29 ...drop off Bake Sale donations @ Senior Center for Camp Bake Sale, 5-6:30p
- Saturday, April 30 ... drop off Bake Sale donations @Senior Center, 8:30-9:30am. Bake Sale for Campers, @ Senior Center, 10a-3p
- Sunday, May 1 ... Worship with communion, Camp Sunday. Special offering for campers. Lunch for camperships following worship. Pulled pork and more.
- Wednesday, May 4 ... LAST Afterschool program. Banana splits and fun.
- Thursday, May 5 ... United Women of Faith meet, 9:30a, Fireside Room
- May 5-7 Pastor Alaire at Midwest Mission Distribution Center for Board Meeting
- Sunday, May 8 ... Celebration of Christian Home in worship, Honor graduating seniors: Cadence Stephens, Emma Johnston, and Collin Spangler
- Sunday, May 15 ... Worship
- Wednesday, May 18 ... Baccalaureate at the school
- Saturday, May 21 ... Methodist Men meet 7 am @Family Table
- Sunday, May 20 ... Eagle Grove High School graduation
 - May 23 – newsletter deadline.