

New England Messenger

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MAY

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Birthdays

May 1	Paul Poeschl
May 2	Zak Hansen, Lynette Mandl,
May 4	Alex Wolf
May 8	Lois Kingsley
May 10	Donna Stuenkel
May 11	Teresa Chamberlain
May 15	Jackson Benson
May 16	Maci Schellpeper
May 19	Tim Benson
May 21	Candece Hansen, MacKenzie Poeschl, Robert Stuenkel
May 23	Frankie Hansen, Jeanette Davidson
May 30	Bob Chilcoat, Joel Scheidegger
May 31	Delores Geu

*Wishing you a very special day filled
with God's blessings!*

These are the birthdays that are part of the permanent records at church. If one has been missed, please let Pastor Linda know so that she can add the name to her list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



June Newsletter Deadline:
5 /25 /2021

Calendar May

Pastor Linda's office hours are generally
Mondays and Wednesdays **9 am to 1 pm**

The pantry is available during those
hours as well.

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| May 1 | 9:00 am Mobile Food Pantry at
Stanton Fair Grounds | |
| May 2 | 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting
9:30 am Senior Breakfast
10:30 am Worship w/communion | |
| May 5 | Blood Mobile
6:00 pm Confirmation | |
| May 9 | Mother's Day
9:30 am Trustee's Meeting
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship | |
| May 12 | 6:00 pm Confirmation | |
| May 16 | 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting
10:30 am Worship | |
| May 19 | 6:00 pm Confirmation | |
| May 23 | Pentecost Sunday
10:00 am Fellowship honoring
this year's Confirmands
10:30 am Worship with
confirmation service | |
| May 30 | 10:30 am Worship | |

Pastor Linda will be on vacation May 29
through June 7, 2021

**Thank you to the sponsor
for this month: Lois Kingsley**

The cost to sponsor a month's newsletter is \$55.00
The newsletter is in need of sponsors.
Thank-you for all your generous support.

Blessings on this new day of God's creation!

As I sat down to write this message, I put a sweater around my shoulders because there was a chill in the room. By the time you might read these thoughts, the weather might be absolutely beautiful. This is the season of weather extremes in Nebraska most years. Soon though, we'll be able to be outdoors, maybe doing some planting and definitely watching the beauty of the world unfold. Oh, what an amazing God to have created all things appropriate to their season of time.

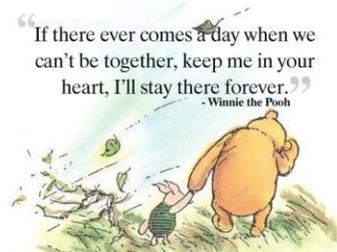
We are still in the Easter season on the church calendar and we are energizing and refueling our living, strengthened by and through the truth and hope of Jesus' resurrection. I'm reminded of a section of scripture from 2 Corinthians 5: 17 that says, "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" This passage could easily become our challenge in these days after Easter. We are challenged to become the people God has called us to be in the world. It's time to love ourselves, love each other and love God. It's time to celebrate spring and everything that brings Love and New Life to the world!

Yes, that's exactly what we're learning through recorded scripture right now. Disciples of all generations are to embrace the Risen Lord, knowing we are commissioned in his name to go out among others, living and loving as Jesus did. It doesn't sound like something incredibly difficult--but, in our world, in this time, the world is often a very scary place. The reality of ongoing violence is seemingly invading our lives almost daily. How can we make a difference? How can we be the people God created us to be, living by Jesus' examples?

As I'm writing these words, I've been listening to music. The last song to play is one of my favorites, Ancient Words by Michael W. Smith. Some of the lyrics speak to me in these difficult times in the world.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home



Scripture, the ancient words, have been recorded to help us live and cope with the ups and downs, joys and concerns and sorrows and happiness that are part of our daily lives. This is the season when we are reminded of the hope that defines our faith. In these trying world times, we are to allow ourselves time to be immersed in the word. As we strive to live as disciples, we cannot remain silent. As Jesus often did, we must offer our voices in prayer to God. When it's incredibly difficult to stand during these days, falling on our knees in prayer is the absolute right thing to do. We are to be strengthened through the recorded word and Jesus' presence in our everyday lives.

Be encouraged in your living! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Because he lives, we live!
Abundant blessings be with you!

Pastor Linda

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

If you know someone in the hospital, or the nursing visit, please let us know by phone or e-mail - fraumohr@frontier.com

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--A candle loses nothing of it's light by lighting another candle.--

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK & FOOD PANTRY The last food distribution was held on April 10, 2021 at the Stanton Fairgrounds. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Stanton Fairgrounds. With the continued Foodbank of the Heartland COVID restrictions, the distribution will continue to be a drive-through model with recipients receiving pre-boxed items, both perishable and non-perishable. Thank you to those who support and volunteer time and helping hands to distribute the boxes.

The Food Pantry housed at New England Congregational UCC is also being used each month by those who are in need. Because of the abundant donations from the Boy Scout Food Drive, the pantry shelves are full. Thank you for your generosity during the last months when the needs have been greater.

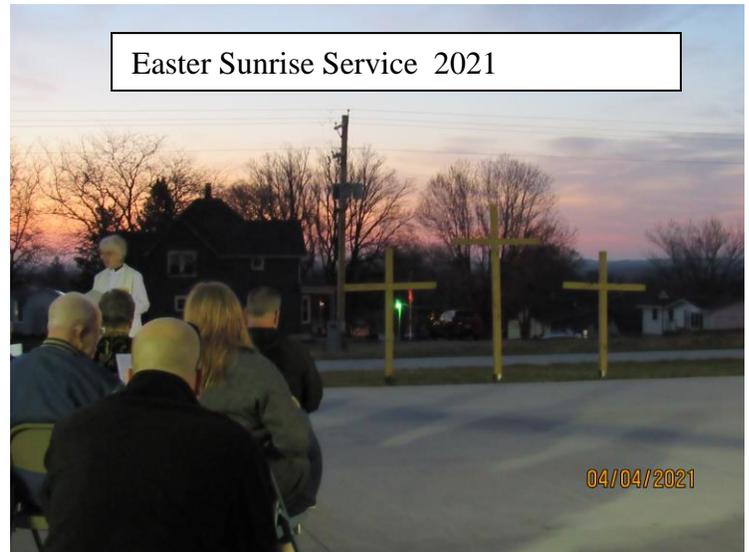


Grace's Closet

OPEN HOUSE

For Businesses &
Community Leaders

April 26 9 am -11 am



The Diaconate Meeting Minutes –
There was no meeting this month.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION – ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Offerings to our Church: When you cannot attend, it may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at **402-649-8993**. Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	Attendance	Collections
March 28	53	\$1078.00
April 4	80	\$2289.50
April 11	42	\$583.00
April 18	40	\$1069.00

Celebrating our College Graduate

LeAnn Mandl



We're very proud of your accomplishments!
God's blessings and peace be with you wherever
the path of life takes you!

LITURGISTS

May 2 John Mandl
May 9 Delores Geu
May 16 Lois Kingsley

May 23 Confirmation Sunday—none needed
May 30 Marcelene Tejkl

TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustees Meeting April 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 am. Attending were Howard Schuetz, John Ma Chilcoat, Bob Schellpeper, Mark Chambe Davidson, Barb Hansen, Jim Dorsey, Janet Roenfeldt, and Pastor Linda. Pastor led the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes were printed in the newsletter and a copy given at this meeting. A motion to accept the minutes and a second. Motion carried.

Pastor is studying for a test to proceed with her ordination. Treasurer, Janet Roenfelt, filed her report. A motion was made by Howard to resume the once a month voucher to the Luedeke Oil Station in lieu of a raise for the pastor to use at her discretion. (Tires, gas, or other items.) Scott seconded the motion, motion carried. **Lights in the parking lot:** The light close to the church is working and still have to fix the parking lot light. **Gutters:** Got a bid for gutter guard of \$8300.00 which regularly is \$13,000.00 which the board thought was too much to spend so will possibly hire someone to clean the gutters once or twice a year. Bill Locke finished refurbishing the communion table. Computers in the church have been having problems. Stanton Telecom technician worked on fixing the problems and recommends purchasing a new computer to run the power point used every Sunday morning.

Scholarships: Barb Hansen reported the High School seniors this year which included Ashley Mandl, Jordan Gartner, and Gunner Davidson. Motion made by Howard, second the Jim to extend the scholarship to Alexia Barth, grand-daughter of Bonnie Barth who is attending school in Stanton.

Lawn care this year will be by the Larson group. (same as last year)

Building usage: A motion was made by Jim and second by Howard for use of the fellowship hall on July 25, 2021. Approved by all. Next meeting will be May 9, 2021 at 9:30 am. Church Council meeting will be April 25, 9:00 am. May 2, 2021 is the senior recognition and breakfast. May 23 is Pentecost Sunday with Confirmation during the worship service. Bob Schellpeper, secretary



Some people make the world more special just by being in it!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING		DATE_April, 2021
BALANCE ON HAND	LAST MONTH	\$14,831.18
EXPENSES	LAST MONTH	\$ 4,877.17
RECEIPTS LAST MONTH		\$ 5,796.00
	Church Use	\$ 100.00
INTEREST EARNED ON ACCOUNT		\$ 1.31
BALANCE ON HAND THIS MONTH'S		\$15,851.32
EXPENSES	Minister salary, etc	\$ 1975.26
	Stanton Telecom	\$ 118.45
	Public Power bill	\$ 153.15
	Water & sewer	\$ 38.25
	Black Hills & constellation	\$ 82.37
OTHER BILLS	Luedeke Oil	\$ 200.00
	Secretary-Lynn	\$ 400.00
	Janitor-Mark	\$ 300.00
	Treasurer-Janet	\$ 100.00
	Linda M. mileage	\$ 626.08
	Linda M. health & medical	\$ 224.20
	Lois Kingsley-devotionals	\$ 238.80
TOTAL BILLS		\$ 4,456.56
EST BALANCE ON HAND		\$ 11,394.76
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Confirmation

Confirmation classes have been meeting every Wednesday evening during the past year and will be coming to a close during this upcoming month, with the Confirmation Service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. The service begins at 10:30 am. Please plan to come to church early and join in the fellowship that begins at 10:00 am when we welcome and congratulate this year's confirmands. McKenzie Daniel, Gaitlin Davidson, Grace Hansen and Cara Sovereign, have completed the requirements for

confirmation and will become members of our congregation. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during their journey and a special thank-you to all who have volunteered their time to be present with us on Wednesday evenings.

Celebrating our High School Graduates



Alexia Barth
Gunnar Davidson
Jordan Gartner
Ashley Mandl



Mother's Prayer

Help me give my children the best-not of toys but of myself, cherishing them on good days and bad, theirs and mine. Teach me to accept them for who they are, not for what they do; to listen to what they say, if only so they will listen to me; to encourage their goals, not mine; and please, let me laugh with them and be silly. Let me give them a home where respect is the cornerstone, integrity the foundation and there is enough happiness to raise the roof. May I give them the courage to be true to themselves; the independence to take care of themselves and the faith to believe in a power much greater than their own. See that I discipline my children without forgetting my own and let them know they have limitless love, no matter what they do. Let me feed them properly, clothe them adequately and have enough to give them small allowances-not for the work they do but the pleasure they bring-and let me be moderate in all these things, so the joy of getting will help them discover the joy of giving. See that their responsibilities are real but not burdensome, that my expectations are high but not overwhelming and that my thanks and praise are thoughtful and given when they're due. Help me teach them that excellence is work's real reward, and not the glory it brings. But when it comes—and it will—let me revel in each honor, however small, without once pretending that it's mine: my children are glories enough. Above all let me ground these children so well that I can dare to let them go. And may they be so blessed.

God is great! Psalm 70:4



WORK GROUP FOR

April-May 2021 GROUP 4

Kinglsey, Lois CoChair
Johnson, Bill & Darlene CoChair
Barth, Inez
Chilcoat, Bob & Chris
Benson, Mary
Dopson, Wilma
Drott, Mary
Gartner, Matt & Leslie
Hansen, Eric & Cheryl
Hansen, Ryan & Candece
Hasebrook, Chris & Bethany
Hekrdle, Terri
Hetzler, Nan & Curtis
Miller, Dallas & Precy
Reese, Kevin
Reese, Jan
Schellpeper, Steve & Krissy

WORK GROUP FOR

June-July 2021 Group 1

Barth, Tami Co-Chair
Hansen, Howard & Barbara CoChair
Best, Donna
Barth, Bonnie
Benson, Lonnie
Burtwistle, Scott & Sue
Chamberlain, Mark & Theresa
Drott, Russ & Sally
Eberly, Don & Louise
Geu, Jimmy & Dee
Mandl, John & Lynette
Mandl, Justin
Mandl, Nancy
Scheidegger, Joel & Becky
Simon, Norma
Stender, Nick & Amanda
Tejkl, Loren & Carey

HONORARY

Denney, Ruth Ann
Voelker, Ella

Blood Mobile
May 12 from 12:00 am to 6:00 pm at the
Congregational Church. Call Wendy Benson
at 402-640-7902 to make an appointment.
Masks are required.



The **Strengthen the Church** offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC renew its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local congregations and communities. May 23, 2021 offering.

Introducing the New Tri-Conference
Associate Ministers



Rev. Rentzel Jones started with us on April 6th and has joined our team as a Search and Call specialist with ACM Rev. Samantha Houser. She currently resides in Hawaii, but will be moving with her family to Nebraska. In

speaking of Rev. Rentzel Jones, ECM Rev. Brigit Stevens shares, "She is particularly skilled in the area of adaptive leadership, listening closely for opportunities to lean in and affect change in systems not just technical fixes. She has a passion for social justice in a way that honors the beauty of God's varied diversity and invites others to join in the celebration of it. She is grounded and faithful and we believe will be a delight to work with!"



Rev. Miller currently resides in Urbandale, IA and serves as Pastor at First Congregational UCC in Iowa Falls, IA. She will be joining our staff at the end of June I'm excited to see your church buildings and hear your stories and help guide and nurture congregations and pastors in whatever their next faithful steps of ministry and mission might be in the name of Christ."

WORK GROUPS BOARD APRIL 1, 2021

The Board met on April 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm in the social hall with Barb Hansen presiding. Present were Lois Kingsley, Barb Hansen, Lorena Bernbeck, Darlene Johnson, Donna Best, Phyllis Dahlkoetter and Pastor Linda Mohr. All groups were represented. Pastor Linda opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were not read as they were in the newsletter. Treasurer's report was given by Lorena as follows:

Jan-Mar, 2021 Bal brt forward from Sept 30	\$149.19
Disbursements	
Organist	165.00
Courtesy	19.00
Emmetts	64.63
Flowers	9.63
Agape dinner: Emmetts	122.20
Total disbursements	\$380.46
Receipts:	
Roll Sunday	92.00
Donation-Thanksgiving supper	50.00
From savings	300.00
Checkbook bal 3-31-21	\$442.00
Passbook Savings	
Balance Dec 31, 2020	17,791.45
Withdrawal	300.00
Interest	8.25
Balance March 31, 2021	\$17,499.80

Motion was made by Lorena and seconded by Darlene and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Bills: Courtesy \$12.00. Phyllis reported sending 12 cards. Motion was made by Donna and seconded by Darlene and passed to pay the bill. Breakfast will be

served after the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

The quarterly Church Council meeting will be on April 25 at 9:00 am.

Pastor Linda will be performing a baptism on May 1.

The Senior breakfast will be served on May 2 for the families of our graduates. Graduating this year will be Ashley, Mandl, Gunnar Davidson, Jordan Gartner, and Alexia Barth.

McKenzie Daniel, Gatlin Davidson, Grace Hansen, and Cara Sovereign will be confirmed on May 23.

Starting June 13 we will be having two services on Sunday morning. 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

The next Groups meeting will be July 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm in the social hall.

Phyllis Dahlkoetter, Secretary