

New England Messenger
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This Month: April 2025

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Birthdays

April 2 Alyssa Sovereign
April 3 Wendy Benson,
Bryden Rolf
April 10 Sarah (Scheidegger) Webb,
April 11 Chris Chilcoat
April 15 Ashley Reese
April 18 Kolter Van Pelt
April 21 Ryan Hansen
April 23 Lisa Scheidegger
April 27 Mark Chamberlain,
Beckett Poeschl
April 29 Jan Reese

*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 ME(402-860-0896) know so that I can add the name to the list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



May Newsletter Deadline:
4/23/25

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Office hours are generally Wednesdays
9 am to 12 pm

April 2 9:00-12 Office Hrs

April 6 9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship w\Communion

April 10 9:00-12 Office Hrs

April 10 1:30 pm Work Group Meeting

April 13 9:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Elder's Meeting

10:00 Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

April 16 9:00-12 Office Hrs

April 20 EASTER

7:30 am Service with breakfast and
Fellowship to follow. Also
Easter Egg hunt for the young at heart!

April 23 9:00-12 Office Hrs

April 27 9:15 am Sunday School
9:30 am Church Council Mtg
10:30 am Worship

April 30 9:00-12 Office Hrs

**Thank you to the sponsors for
this month: Wilma Dopson**

The cost of a roll of stamps is
\$73.00. This is enough for 2
months newsletters.

Thank-you for all your generous
support.

Liturgists and Technologists

**Thank you to those who donate
Their time and talents.**

Grace's Closet

Help the Community by supporting

Grace's Closet is a non-profit Mission/Recycling Business featuring clothing and shoes for the entire family, toys, household items and much more. Donations are encouraged, and may be dropped off during business hours. Proceeds from sales, after expenses are returned to the community. Hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9am to 5 pm and Saturday from 9am-1pm. We welcome your prayers and support as we do our best to help the Stanton community. Volunteers are Welcome!!!



*To handle yourself use
your head. To handle
others use your heart.*

**Oh, what a beautiful day of God's
creation!**

Sunday School News

St. Lukes asked we let you all know that the last Sunday for Sunday School this spring is May 4. We want to thank them for graciously adding our children to their Sunday School this year. We are forever thankful!! We also want to thank Cheryl Hansen and Paul Poeschl for subbing at St. Lukes as needed this year.

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 2	31	\$1386.00
March 9	29	\$765.00
March 16	29	\$1071.00
March 23	35	\$580.00

WORK GROUP April and May GROUP 4

Johnson, Bill & Darlene CoChair
Donna Barr & Hetzler, Nan CoChair
Barth, Inez
Benson, Mary
Chilcoat, Bob & Chris
Dopson, Wilma
Gartner, Matt & Leslie
Hansen, Eric & Cheryl
Hansen, Ryan & Candace

Hasebrook, Chris & Bethany
Hekrdle, Terri
Hetzler, Curtis
Miller, Dallas
Reese, Kevin
Reese, Jan
Schellpeper, Steve & Krissy
HONORARY Drott, Mary



----- BE THE FIRST TO FORGIVE. -----

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

- 402-439-2175, [Barb Hansen 402-640-0096](mailto:Barb.Hansen@stantonucc.org) or Rev Frederickson 701-471-6997

Church website at stantonucc.org. congregationalchurch@stanton.net



Purposes of the Pastoral Committee:

The Pastoral Committee members are Karen Beyke, (402-649-8993), Louise Eberly (402-649-6798), and Donna Barr (402-679-1958). If there are any concerns about Rev. Scott and/or his services, please contact one of the committee members. Any discussions will be kept confidential. Positive feedback is welcome as well!

**Thank you,
The Pastoral Committee**

FROM the Conference Minister; Even as we aspire to hope for new life, if we are honest, new life scares us. New life is annoying. Change is hard. We just get stuff figured out and something happens (Blizzards in March, best made plans, graduations, getting older, you know- life!) and everything is influx again. New life is complex. As faithful followers of Jesus, Easter is our apex. In Christ's compassion and wisdom, Jesus knows that faithfully following a path to new life is daunting. So Jesus shows us examples that we can imitate. We may need to see it before we can be it. New life does not have to be invented, it percolates and emerges from rich examples all around us. We just have to recognize the opportunity and copy from the best.



As it happens, incarnations of Christ can be encountered every day. We don't have to be creative; we just have to recognize Christ and then be more like that. We, too, can be incarnations of Christ in our daily activity. In our time, we have witnessed what it looks like to be less than who we should be. Our allegiances to impermanent things thwarts our ability to recognize who and how we need to be faithful. However we may have sidetracked ourselves away from new life, we need to be reminded that the world needs more charity, gratitude, compassion, courage and faith in God. The good news is that we have an example to imitate and the opportunity to be an example for others who need to know the presence of Christ in our world. Keep alert for great examples to copy and so that we all can become our best version of the manifestation of Christ's activity in our time.

Rev. Jeff Hagaman
Associate Conference Minister
Designated Search and Call
Tri Conference UCC
402 826 1187

God's Love is strong
PSALM 117:2



Prayer of the Christian Farmer and Gardener

O God, Source and Giver of all things, Who does manifest Thy infinite majesty, power and goodness in the earth about us, we give You honor and glory. For the sun and the rain, for the fruits of our fields, for the increase of our herds and flocks, we thank You. For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace, we are grateful in union with Christ, Your Son, as atonement for our sins, for the growth of Your Church, for peace and charity in our homes, for salvation to all.
AMEN.



ELDERS

March 9, 2025

Attendance: Bob S., Rod B., Jim D., Howard S., Dallas M., Jerett R., Michael E., Barbara H., Pastor Scott.

Pastor Scott opened meeting with prayer. Vice-president Michael Eberly called meeting to order at 9:30. Secretary minutes of February 9, 2025, were approved as presented. (Bob S./Howard) carried.

Treasurer's report: Report filed for audit. (Howard/BobS.) moved to accept treasurer's report. Carried. Reviewed all bills to be paid with discussion concerning Insurance Board and Workman's Comp insurance. (Howard/BobS.) moved the bills be paid and reports be filed for audit.

CD to be renewed – motion was made and carried at February meeting—Jim will do – not rolled over, but at best rate, including interest.

Old Business: Linda Kuester will not be using the church March 15.

Palm Sunday: Palms will be distributed by the children present We do have enough? Sunrise service: time will probably be 7:30 outside, if possible, followed by breakfast and **Easter egg hunt** for the children? April Alder will take care of the Easter egg hunt.

Diaconate duties: Tabled to April meeting.

Searching for someone who wants to take over filling the take home bags for kids for after the Children's message: So far, Barb has donated everything but has Sunday School pay for the crayons. Once in a while someone donates some candy. She usually uses fruit snacks, color/puzzle sheets, and small toy.

New Business: Fix bell now that weather is getting better. Jerett and Rod looked at it. The bell works but problem is at control box.

Someone to train if Barb cannot be here for the service? Bill Johnson can do the technology and Barb is training Clayton Roff.

Someone to sew the frontal cloth for the Altar. Names were discussed and Barbara will contact someone to do it.

Our Church's turn to host Bible School this summer. We will need many people to help.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next meeting: April 13 at 9:30

Upcoming dates: April 20 Easter. Sunrise at 7:30 and regular church at 10:30

April 27 Jan Reese family for her 90th birthday.