



THE CHURCHMOUSE

Windsor Presbyterian Church

May 2021



To the Flock . . .

In the church we are in the season of Easter—a season of hope, new ways of thinking and transformed ways of living. Life has overcome death; love has overcome hate; light has overcome darkness; winter is done and spring has sprung.

We know we are not done fighting this ever-mutating virus and working for the common good. Yet, as local vaccination rates increase and infection, positivity, hospitalization and death rates decrease, we feel hopeful. That hopefulness may be mixed with some hesitancy. It is hard to feel hope when we see the devastation in India and hear the heart-wrenching stories of overrun hospitals and families searching vainly for care and supplies. Many of our brothers and sisters in many places are struggling mightily. Our hearts are still full of grief; and yet, we hope. We look to the future in sure and certain hope that God goes with us.

Right now, we have a **COVID Safety Team** making recommendations for our congregation's return to in-person events. It is an exciting time as we begin to transition into the next phase of our life together. We have lots of exciting things in the works for the upcoming weeks.

Always a highlight of the year, we will have the **Annual Talent Show** May 12 (see p.2). One of the great things about Zoom is we are able to take advantage of using audio and video in ways that are difficult in our sanctuary or fellowship hall. Since we are Zooming, you can do something live or have it recorded ahead of time, go solo or collaborate with others. Let's have some fun with this! Please let the office, Natalie or me know if you have something you are willing to share.

This month, we will also have a **Pentecost Festival** (May 23) at Colby Park (see p.4). I am so excited that we will be FINALLY taking our **confirmation class** into membership that day! The First Arabic and Ankeny congregations will be joining us to confirm these youth. The worship team is planning a great day of fellowship, crafts, and activities to celebrate the Spirit's presence in our congregation and our world! It would be a great day to invite a couple of friends. Bring your lunch and lawn chair.

During the season of Pentecost, we will be reading a book together, **The Sailboat Church** by Joan Gray (see p.2). Please let the office know by May 12 if you would like a copy. Beginning with the introduction on May 26, we will be discussing the book at WOW (Windsor on Wednesdays) at 6:00 p.m. through June 30. This is an inspiring book about how the Holy Spirit can be at work in and among and through us. As we move into the next season of our church's life, this is a fantastic reminder of how God works in our midst!

In all these wonderful transitions taking place, we are also nearing the end of the time when the offer on our land will be either finalized or canceled (mid-June). While we wait, we plan for the future. The session is moving forward with plans to build a parking lot next to the church while also really getting curious about God is calling us to love our neighbors and serve our neighborhood. Before deciding what to do and how to move forward, we are trying to ask really good questions (see session report on p. 4).

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Christian Formation - Angie King

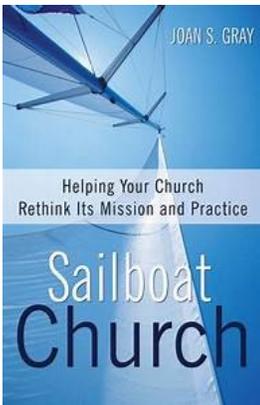
Planning for our **Presbyterian Women's group** is ongoing. The Christian Formation team (Laura and Beth Mogle) met with Ann McGowan, who gave us a great tutorial on PW. A letter will be sent to gauge interest and find a good day and time. The more I learn from Ann and Joan, Shamaine's mom, the more excited I get!

We dropped the ball on **STAR words** this year with all the craziness going on. But they have been mailed and you should have received yours by now. Our CF team slipped the words, sight unseen, into envelopes, so only you know what your word is! We have plenty of extras, so if you would like any additional ones for family, friends, or neighbors, let the church office know and they will be mailed to you.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

All Windsor Reads!



WOW wrapped up the enneagram study on April 28. Our next WOW program will begin on May 26. It will center around reading *The Sailboat Church* by Joan Gray. It's an outstanding book about the type of church we want to be: a sailboat church or a rowboat church. The session read the book last year and highly recommends it, even if you don't participate in WOW. Even the staff is planning to read it.

The book is a good choice during the season of Pentecost because it inspires us to figure out what the church can be, how the church can do better, how the church can rethink its mission and practice. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact the church office by May 12 and orders will be placed so they arrive in time for the first WOW session.

Hope you'll join us!

Talent Show

Our annual **Talent Show** ("talent" loosely defined!) is scheduled for May 12 on Zoom. You have a little bit of time to polish up your dance, clown routine, comedy skit, baton twirling, poetry reading, musical selection, art display, juggling, magic show, **whatever you choose to share**. Let Shamaine or Natalie what you are planning. You can record it to be played on our show, or you can perform live at our Zoom gathering.

If you've got it, flaunt it. Your adoring fans are waiting!





Congregational Care & Fellowship - Sue Cooper



We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to the family of **Bob Snyder**, who entered eternal life on April 26. A private graveside service will be held in a couple of weeks. A few weeks later the family plans to have a memorial service and lunch to celebrate Bob's life. Bob was in charge of Dahl's bakeries for most of his career. He was an avid angler and loved to garden. Bob is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Lori and son-in-law Steve, and grandsons John and Ian. We pray that God give them comfort and strength at this time of great sorrow.

Confirmation on May 23

Our confirmation class of Michal King, Kaitlin Mogle, and Thia White started their journey in the fall of 2019, along with youth from First Arabic Presbyterian and Ankeny Presbyterian Churches. Leading the classes were Pastor Shamaine (WPC), Pastor Ekram (FAPC), and Sandy Wagener (APC). They were nearly finished with their year of confirmation classes when the pandemic hit us. At long last the class members from all three churches will be confirmed at our Pentecost Festival on May 23 at Colby Park. *(See page 8 for more details.)*



Women's Lunch

A lunch for all WPC women is being planned on Thursday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m., at Trostel's Greenbriar, 5810 Merle Hay Road in Johnston. Please email Ruth Hardin at ruth.crossroads@gmail.com by May 17 if you will be able to attend so she can make reservations.

New Monthly Dates

Our **EvenSong** worship service is moving to the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The **Ukulele Jam & Sing Along** is moving to the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. beginning in June. There will be no Uke Jam in May.

May

Birthdays

- 3 Makya Lobalu
- 12 Georgia Burnes
- 18 Amanda Enochs
- 20 Steve Pope
- 21 Jacob Enochs
- 24 Eric Lawlor
- 31 Randi Perez

Anniversaries

- 22 Jim & Linda Newsom
- 31 Josh & Joselynn McKenna
- 31 Rich & Judy Teig

(Let the office know if we are missing your birthday or anniversary.)



(To add or remove a name, contact the church office.)

Recent Prayers: Family of Bob Snyder, Barb Duff, Anna White, Dan & Michelle (friends of the Hunts), family of Angie Degenaar (sister of Jody Cox's friend Felicia Ostergaard)

Continuing Prayers: Nancy Baker, Brad Behrens, Phyllis Bryan, Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Dick Cox, Wanda Hill, Helen Jones, Eric Lawlor, Virginia Nichols, Steve Pope

Friends of the Church: Kayla and Marvin (Angie King), Bruce Baker (Gloria Ashby's brother-in-law), Nancy Jo Baker (Barb Pomeroy), Jean Bower, Vickie Brown, Chuck Bryan's brother and other family members, Gisma Butras (Esther Chol), Jody Cox's mother, Will Cox, Darrel Cox, Donna Eckham, Norma Grinstead (Linda Newsom), Helen Hickman (former member), Linda Hohertz (Dick Cox), Kathy King (Stephen's mother), Anna Krull (Jayne Owen & Dwight Tomes), Ken Lee (Laura Ward), David Leitch, Chris McDougal Family, Derek Mullennax (Ruth Hardin), the Ray Family, Ray Tackett (Shamaine's uncle), Don Yost (Pam Lawlor's father), Susie Anderson, Jasper & Quincy (Kings)



Mission & Stewardship - Rich Teig

Good News!! Windsor Presbyterian's donations to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** total \$1580 as of April 19. This special offering of the Presbyterian Church USA assists people in the USA and around the globe. Once again, WPC members and friends have generously donated to this offering. Thank you.

On April 1, WPC volunteers prepared 100 meals for the **CFUM** mission. In addition, cases of bottled water were purchased to go with the meals. The food and water were transported and then distributed to persons living in the Trinity United Methodist area, 8th and College, Des Moines. The next date for preparing CFUM meals is May 6. Contact Jim or Linda Newsom if you would like to donate food or cash or help prepare the meals.



WPC is a member of the Des Moines Area Religious Council, which works to meet basic human needs and foster interfaith dialogue in the community. They manage a network of food pantries in the metro area. The **DMARC Food Pantry** provides a three-day emergency food supply to Des Moines Metro residents who run out of grocery money. Recipients must meet financial criteria and make their request monthly. The Food Pantry has 14 locations, including one in Urbandale and one in Clive. Besides the physical sites, there is a mobile truck that stops at various locations in the metro area. Recently, the federal government announced that the Farmers to Families Food Box program will end in May. This program was started during the pandemic. Without this program and with school age children being home during the summer, there likely will be a demand for more Food Pantry assistance. Please include Food Pantry donations in your regular offerings to WPC.

This month **Local Mission** contributions from our WPC General Fund will be directed to pay our DMARC dues and to the Calvin Good Samaritan Fund. This Good Samaritan Fund helps residents of Calvin Community who need financial assistance.



Session Highlights - Angie King

The Session met on April 8 and started with a debriefing of the March Training Retreat for Elders and Deacons. One of the many topics that was covered is the challenge of defining our community. Who are our neighbors? Who is our community? How can we reach out to our neighbors? How can we expand our ministry into our community? The Session will be tackling these questions this year. Any input or thoughts are welcome.

We have several task forces working right now on specific projects: AV, Sound System and Technology - Dwight; Property Sale and Development - Ron; Bylaws Review - Dwight; COVID Safety - Sue; Website Upgrading - Jody. Reports on the activities of these groups will be in the *Churchmouse*.

The newest addition to the list is particularly exciting. It's the 100 Year Anniversary Task Force. Don has agreed to head up this endeavor, which we will all joyously celebrate in many ways during 2022!

At the end of the meeting, we each expressed our appreciation for Ron as he transitions off the Session. Ron is a pillar of Windsor Church and has been for decades. His quiet leadership and outstanding service have earned the trust, respect, and admiration of our Windsor family, as well as the whole Presbytery. His calm words of wisdom will be greatly missed on the Session. But Ron's not going anywhere! He continues as our treasurer and chair of the Property Task Force. *Thank you for your incredible work, Ron!*

Choir Tone Up - Natalie Steenson



Choir Tone Up has met throughout the pandemic weekly on Zoom Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. We have exercised our voices, improved our breathing, learned more about tonal production, have sung inspiring music and have enjoyed fellowshiping together. It has been a gift to continue to meet virtually and to get to know several new choir members during this time.

The Choir Tone Up will continue to meet throughout May and early summer. If anyone is interested, it's not too late to join in the fun. Find the link on our website calendar or the Windsor Weekly email. Remember, you are muted while we sing, so "when the Spirit says sing, you can obey the Spirit of the Lord," as loud or soft as you want!



Hope - Cindy Ray

Does it feel sometimes as if there is absolutely no hope at all? There is. We have been in this weird circumstance for about fourteen months now, and it seems to have no end. It didn't seem so hard at first, because everything was shut down, but then things started opening up and one had to make decisions. If you made the decision to remain isolated for safety's sake, then life became frustrating. What can I safely do? How long will it be before I can do everything without thinking about whether it is OK? We don't know the answers to these questions, but there is hope.

There is a task force figuring out when we can open up the church to in-person activities, so there is hope that we will soon be opening up to in-person activities.

Spring is here, providing new hope And beauty. The days are beautiful. The birds are jubilant in their song. Flowers are blooming. There are often comments on the purple flowers at the front of our house. How can we not feel hope when the earth is being transformed from a cold, bleak winter into the beauty of spring with the warmth of late spring and summer to come?

People are working on the grounds at the church to robe them in majestic beauty. I know it is hard. Jerusalem was in the throws of being captured by invaders, and each day they lost more and more. They must have thought it was crazy for Isaiah to say "Awake! Awake! Put on your strength O Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, O holy city Jerusalem! Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem. Loose the bonds from your neck, o captive daughter Zion. (Isaiah 53:1-2 NRSV)



Sometimes it takes a little time to see that we are making progress, but in the end, if we just hang on a little longer, our hope will be fulfilled. As we are able to come together again, we may see that things are not quite the way we remembered them, and some of them will feel a little sad perhaps. But we are a people that lives in community, and we will begin to do so again. Of course, with the help of technology we have been living in community all along, but we will be able to see each other, to touch each other once again. Hang on to hope, and soon again we will be together.



Personnel & Finance - Ron Grohe

March is a month we have been waiting for. Some of our members came through with a little bit extra and we ended up with Net Income of \$8,200 in excess of budget.

For the Operating Account, Total Income (\$20,690) was \$7,300 over budget as General Contributions exceeded budget by \$7,500, Mission Offerings were \$400 over budget while Miscellaneous Income was \$600 under budget. Total Expenses (12,460) were \$900 under budget with Personnel Expenses \$500 under budget, Worship Expenses \$200 below budget and Office Expenses \$200 less than budget. There was no activity in the Capital Account.

Unfortunately, our Memorial Funds have increased by over \$8,600 in the past few months as five of our stal-

wart members have passed away in that short length of time. Some of the Memorial money will be used to rejuvenate our sound and audio-visual systems in the near future.

As of Friday, April 16, 2021, we were notified by the buyer that they will be exercising their right to request a second 30-day extension of the closing date of the contract which will advance it to May 18, 2021. I might remind everyone that the buyer does have the right to request three, 30-day extensions to the original closing date which was March 19, 2021. The terms of the contract are being adhered to by both parties and we will continue to apprise you, the congregation, of new developments, as they occur.

Financial Report 2021	March 2021	1-Month Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
General Contributions	18,725.00	11,208.33	27,630.00	33,625.00
Operating Income	1,965.00	2,166.67	5,700.00	6,500.00
Operating Expenses	12,460.24	13,375.00	37,160.65	40,125.00
Net Gain (Loss)	8,229.76	—	(3,830.65)	—
Capital Income	—	—	—	—
Capital Expenses	31.80	—	95.40	—
Net Gain (Loss)	(31.80)	—	(95.40)	—

Building & Grounds - Richard Ankeney



The spring clean-up and maintenance tasks will be completed during the next few weeks. A single day event isn't advisable as some members of the Committee aren't vaccinated. Kayla Angerstein has been hired to mow the church properties. She is being paid an additional \$25 per month over last year due to higher gasoline prices.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>May 2021</h1>							
Weekly Sunday Schedule: 10:00 AM Virtual Fellowship 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	Weekly Monday Schedule: 9:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	Weekly Tuesday Schedule: 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hour	Weekly Wednesday Schedule: WOW resumes on May 26 7:00 Choir Tone-Up	Monthly Events: First Thursday—CFUM <i>[No Uke Jam this month]</i> Third Sunday—EvenSong			
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2 Virtual Fellowship & Worship with Communion 	3 Bible Study Staff Meeting	4 Pastor's Office Hour	5 Choir Tone-Up	6 12:00 CFUM Meal Prep 3:30 CFUM Meal Delivery	7	8	
9 Virtual Fellowship & Worship	10 Bible Study Staff Meeting	11 Pastor's Office Hour	12 7:00 p.m.  Talent Show	13 Ascension of the Lord 4:30 Session Meeting	14	15	
16 Virtual Fellowship & Worship 7:00 EvenSong	17 Bible Study Staff Meeting	18 Pastor's Office Hour	19 Choir Tone-Up	20 12:30 Women's Lunch	21	22	
23 Virtual Fellowship & Worship with Communion  Pentecost Festival & Confirmation	24 Bible Study Staff Meeting Newsletter Articles Due	25 Pastor's Office Hour	26 WOW resumes Choir Tone-Up	27	28	29	
30 Virtual Fellowship & Worship/Communion  Trinity Sunday	31 			Coming in June: 6/3 Thur. CFUM Dinner 6/3 Thur. Uke Jam (New Day)			

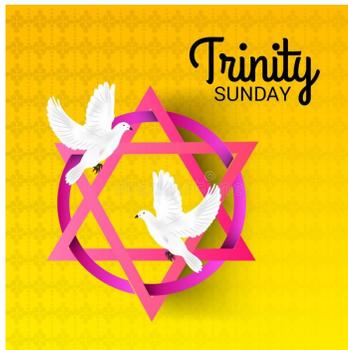


Worship & Media - Jody Cox

The Worship Committee is planning a **day of celebration** on May 23 for Pentecost. We will worship as usual on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. Then we will move to the Pavilion in Windsor Heights Colby Park for our **Pentecost Festival**. We will begin at noon with a BYOBB (Bring Your Own Brown Bag) lunch and fellowship. At 1:00 p.m. we will have a short worship service, which will include confirming our newest members to WPC, as well as the confirmation classes of First Arabic and Ankeny Presbyterian Churches. At 1:30 our Pentecost Festival will have several crafts, including pinwheels and kites, as well as games. More information will be coming soon.



Although masks are not needed at all times outdoors, please maintain best practices by wearing one when you are near others who are not in your household.



Communion in May

We will celebrate the sacrament of communion three times in May:

- ◆ May 2, first Sunday in May
- ◆ May 23, Day of Pentecost
- ◆ May 30, Trinity Sunday

Please have your own elements ready (wine or juice, bread or cracker, whatever you have) as we worship on Zoom.

- 5/2** **Earth Day**
Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 93
Celebrating God's Creation
- 5/9** **6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**
Acts 1:6-14 and Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Ascension and Disciples in Jerusalem
- 5/16** **7th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 1:15-26, Psalm 1
Matthias Replaces Judas
- 5/23** **Pentecost**
Acts 2:1-47, Psalm 100
The Day of Pentecost
- 5/30** **Trinity Sunday**
Acts 5:1-11
Sapphira

*Worship
in May*



COVID Safety Team - Dwight Tomes



We believe that the CDC guidelines, Iowa information including COVID dashboard positivity, and updates to Iowa vaccination adoption, are useful for Windsor's guidance. Groups smaller in size, such as session and deacon meetings, Drop-In (no food or drink), and committee meetings, would be acceptable with precautions such as facemask use and social distancing. Outside gatherings are also appropriate and safe. Larger groups and higher risk activities (choir practice) require more careful consideration.

At this time large groups, such as worship, are not recommended by CDC. The proportion of vaccinated individuals is relatively low (vaccination of people over 16 is just starting), and new variants, which are more transmissible, are present.

We believe it is prudent to wait until the CDC issues updated guidelines. Similarly, the opening strategy can be reevaluated based on the experience of other Presbyterian churches in our area.

Dwight Tomes; Sue Cooper; Donna Dickerson
COVID Safety Team

When you are in the church for any reason when others are present, we ask that you please wear a facemask for the health of our church family. During outside activities, please wear one when you are near those outside your family.



Thank you!

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As we move forward, many things have changed and the church we return to will not be the same church it was in March 2020.

So we have take a good look at our church, our programs, our worship, our building, our neighborhood and ask lots of questions and try lots of new things. Right now, I am pondering

- What is essential about who we are as a church? What do we want hold on to?
- What is it time to let go of? (ministries, events, things, ways of operating, structures....)
- How is the Holy Spirit guiding us?
- What new things might we be called to do and be? And how do we play and experiment our way into what God is doing?

Are you curious about what God is up to with WPC? I sure am. What questions are you asking? I would love to ponder with you as we make plans for the future of God's church at the corner of 63rd and University!

Shamaine



Honoring . . .

Anthia (Thia) Lauren White

Thia White, daughter of Krysta Tomes and granddaughter of Dwight Tomes and Jayne Owen, will graduate from Valley High School on Sunday, May 30.



At Valley, Thia went through the scholar of fine arts-visual arts curriculum track and achieved an Academic Excellence letter the past two years. She also participated in Archery. She is a member of WPC's confirmation class.

Thia plans to attend Iowa State University's School of Design in the fall, with a focus on Interior Design.

Good luck at ISU, Thia!

Elaina Steenson



Elaina Steenson, daughter of David and Natalie Steenson, is graduating with a Juris Doctor degree from Drake Law School on Friday, May 14.

Elaina is graduating with highest honors, a certificate in public service, was inducted into the Order of the

Barristers, and received the Robert J. Kromminga Outstanding Criminal Defense Clinic Student Award and the SBA President's Student Service Award.

Congratulations, Elaina!

Michal King

Michal King, daughter of Stephen and Shamaine Chambers King, will graduate from Roosevelt High School on Saturday, May 29.



Michal is a member of WPC's confirmation class. She will be serving as a counselor at John Knox Ranch Presbyterian Camp this summer. Then she will be enjoying a gap year in the Austin area before deciding about college.

Members and friends of WPC are invited to her reception on Friday, May 21, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the shelter house at Walnut Woods State Park.

Best wishes, Michal!

Kaitlin Mogle

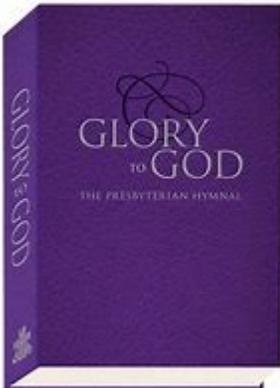
Kaitlin Mogle, daughter of Beth and Chris Mogle, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Urbandale H.S. on Sunday, April 11.



Kaitlin is a junior at UHS and a member of WPC's confirmation class.

Way to go, Kaitlin!

My Favorite Hymn - Dwight Tomes



Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to share with the congregation? If so, please email the church office and tell us why it is special to you. You can write it yourself or talk to Ann McGowan and she will write it. This month Dwight Tomes shares one of his favorite hymns with us.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

This is my favorite for this season just after Easter, because it speaks of the spirit (as in the Holy Spirit) and also of the wind, which is also seasonal.

In the coming weeks we will consider how Jesus made known his resurrection to his special friends—to the women who first discovered and proclaimed that “He is Risen.” The apostles, first Simon Peter and then the remaining ten, saw and were given understanding of the ministry of Jesus.

Lastly, this time prepares us for the coming of Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. And we, too, can receive the Holy Spirit!

~ Dwight Tomes

Composer: Robert Jackson

After receiving his musical training at the Royal Academy of Music, Robert Jackson (b. Oldham, Lancashire, England, 1840; d. Oldham, 1914) worked briefly as organist at St. Mark's Church, Grosvenor Square, in London. But he spent most of his life as organist at St. Peter's Church in Oldham (1868-1914), where his father had previously been organist for forty-eight years. A composer of hymn tunes, Jackson was also the conductor of the Oldham Music Society and Werneth Vocal Society.

~ taken from *Hymnary.com*



Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot* (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost (“50th day”) by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit. (See Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3)

~ taken from the PC(USA) website

Glory to God #286

- 1 *Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*
- 2 *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.*
- 3 *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*
- 4 *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*





Summer Fun for All

Synod School



**Synod of
Lakes & Prairies**

Summer is just around the corner and many folks are already planning family vacations, extended childcare, summer camps, and continuing education. And Synod School is back after last year's absence. It will be held from July 25-30 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake.

Synod School, sponsored by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. They seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. This week is designed for laity and clergy, and individuals and families, with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.

Come...

- To participate on a unique experience of Christian community as we worship, study, play, and live together;
- To grow in faith through action, relationships, and a centering of the spirit;
- For continuing education, for a special family experience, or for individual growth;
- To take it all in, then return home to share and serve.

This year's theme is "Called Out!" Just as God called Lazarus out of the tomb, God calls us out of our slumber, out of our sleep, out of our complacency, out of our grief, out of our past, out of our comfort, out of our quarantines and more. God has plans for us and never stops calling us. A booklet which includes much more information, including classes that are available, is on the table in East Hall. For additional information, call **800-328-1880, ext. 207**, visit www.lakesandprairies.org, or check out Facebook at **Synod School: Is this heaven? No, it's Iowa!**



Summer Camp



The Lakeshore Center at Okoboji is hosting summer camps for all ages from June 17 through July 30. The Center is located at 1864 Highway 86 in Milford, IA 51351.

Lakeshore has always been an amazing place, where each day is filled with fun, friends, and faith. In every camp program, campers and staff work together to build communities reflecting the King of God, where every person is treated like the fantastic creation they are, where every day is awesome, and where you can always be yourself.



This year's theme is "Sea Change." The focus will be on how God is changing the world, how we can help, and how to surf the waves of an ever-changing world.

Lakeshore is located in a secluded setting of 55 acres on the west shore of West Lake Okoboji, with 600 feet of sand beach, complete with a canopy of large oak trees. It is located away from the centers of activity in the Lakes Area, resulting in a tranquil setting.



There are a few flyers on the table in East Hall if you would like to take a look.

For full descriptions of all summer programs, frequently asked questions, scholarship applications, forms, and registration, call **712-337-3313** or visit their website:

www.LakeshoreCenterAtOkoboji.org

Camp scholarships are available from WPC and from the Presbytery. Contact Pastor Shamaine if interested.

Miscellaneous



Presbyterian Scholarship to UNI

The Dorothy Horn Scholarship provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Dorothy Horn attended the University of Northern Iowa and her estate established this scholarship endowment, which is administered by First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls.



Those interested in more information or an application packet should contact First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. Materials can be requested by calling 319-277-3930 or by email: office@firstprescf.org. All applications must be returned by June 1, 2021.

Volunteers Needed

Hello,

I am the Department Secretary for two volunteer programs at Methodist Hospital: Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) and Patient and Family Support Team (PFST). We are currently looking to build back our volunteer team as the hospital is opening back up to volunteers.

I have attached flyers about both of these volunteer opportunities if you think you would have anyone at your church who would be interested.* This opportunity is a lifechanging experience, especially for those who like to work with the elderly and those who are ill.



Please let me know if you have any questions or if there's anything more I can do for you.

Thanks so much.

Lauren McDowell

(515) 241-3245

Lauren.Mcdowell@unitypoint.org

**If interested, contact the church office.*

New Adult Day Care



Hello,

I wanted to let you know about a new program that will be opening in May called Grace Adult Day Center. We will be serving adults with dementia, a population that is very underserved in the metro area.

We will be offering 2, 3, 5 day a week options. This will provide a much needed respite for caregivers, as well as a safe environment for clients. We will provide 2 meals a day, an on-sight nurse and plenty of activities! Our goal is to provide a safe and nurturing environment, with the goal of keeping the client in their home for as long as possible...a win/win! Is there anyone in your church family who would benefit from this service?

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have, or to discuss our program and services in more detail. I've attached some information to this email,* and I'd invite you to check out our website and Facebook page also. If you feel so inclined, we would appreciate any "likes" as we are building our social media presence.

I very much appreciate your time and consideration, and look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,

Shelly Charter

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