



The Chamberlain View

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UCC at Chamberlain Church Staff and Leadership:

MaKaela Randall, Associate Pastor
Kelli Palmer, Administrative Assistant
Patty Juhnke, Treasurer
Chantell Kriel, Financial Secretary
Doris Dominiack, Diaconate
Bob Augspurger III, Trustee
Dee Handel, Moderator

Nancy McDonald, Pastoral Relations
Brooke McDonald, Religious Education
Cheryl Caruthers, Memorial Committee
Steve Dominiack, Captain of Ushers
Melissa Chmela, Missions Committee
Sara Klein & Sheena Larsen, HS Youth Group
Chantell Kriel & Destiney Storms, MS Youth

If you are able to donate financially (or with your time) towards updates for the church parsonage please reach out to a Trustee member.

Sunday school room doors should be left open during the week to let heat in. When you come back on Sunday for class, they will be warmer for you and the students!

Pastor's Column

Happy April!

This month starts with a whirlwind of services. We will be concluding our Lent Season with the Maundy Thursday Service on April 2nd and then celebrate Easter on April 5th with a 7am Sunrise Service at North Park as well as our Worship Service at the church at 10:30am that same day. By the time this letter arrives, we will be saying Happy Easter!

I am also happy to announce that the Trustees have officially accepted Kelli Palmer as our new church administrative assistant! Kelli has been an active member of our church for several years and became a member in 2025. Kelli has four children and lives in Chamberlain with her husband, Jacob. I am excited to have Kelli working with us and I am looking forward to the energy and enthusiasm she brings to the church!

Our youth group and leaders also bring so much energy to the church, although the leaders had less energy perhaps following the overnight lock-in that they did with the high school students in March! Our fearless leaders, lead 16 high school students in praise, music, and games and the youth even cooked breakfast at the church the next morning! Sheena Larsen and Sara Klein are doing a great job of leading our high school youth group! I would be remiss not to mention our middle school youth group, because a strong middle school youth group is what leads to high school participation. Chantell Kriel and Destiney Storms (who lead middle school youth group) are teaming up with the high school youth group to begin fundraising for a future mission trip. Please be on the lookout for future opportunities to support our youth group as they seek to raise funds for a Mission Trip in 2027!

I have to say a big thank you to the Search and Call Committee. After a year of hard work and endless hours of dedication, they have completed and submitted the church profile. The church profile will now go "live" and Pastors throughout the United Church of Christ will be able to view our profile and if they feel called, they can reach out about the Lead Pastor position available here! This has been such a big undertaking, and I appreciate each and every member of the Search and Call Committee, so thank you to Cheri Williamson, Ryan Schaub, Sheena Larsen, Brynn Schaub, Beth Simonsen, and Jack and Jo Dooley.

In March we celebrated the Confirmation of six students. It was my deep honor to learn with them the past five months about their faith journeys and how our church functions and why everyone is important in the church family. I have learned just as much as they have along the way. I am looking forward to where their faith leads them and watching them grow even more in Christ.

As always, thank you, to all of you. Your participation in our church is so important, without you, we are just a building, but with all of you, we are the hands and feet of Christ in the world and that is a beautiful way to serve God. Thank you all. Amen.

With love,
Pastor MaKaela

April & May 2026

Birthdays and Anniversaries of Members

Birthdays

April 1: Scout Stone
April 3: Dale Schoenfelder, Hadley Tichy, Brinlee Lockwood
April 4: Rick Moore, Trisha Burke, Grace Phillips
April 5: Ty Rose
April 6: Parker Evans, Sami Schwartz
April 7: Eric Storms
April 9: Caleb Swanson
April 10: Waylon Geidel
April 11: Katelyn Moore
April 13: Sholi Glaus, Roy Knippling
April 14: Annie Thompson
April 17: Jay Blum
April 18: Jayna Handel, Eli Donaldson
April 19: Jessica Betts-Sanger
April 20: Teresa Selland
April 22: Boon Estes
April 24: Amy Magnuson
April 25: Garry Allen, Renee Roland, Kit Talich
April 28: Doris Dominiack
April 29: Harley Cable, Vic Twamley, Bristol Moeller
April 30: Randy Dominiack, Dayle Chilson

Anniversaries

April 1: Dan Goodman and Diane Philen
April 1: David and Rebecca Swanson
April 25: Jim and Sholi Glaus
April 25: Dale and Sandi Knippling
April 26: Harley and Dawn Cable

Birthdays

May 2: Jason Sorensen
May 3: Judy Schaefer, Keli Winter
May 4: AnnaRose Goodman, Michael Priebe, MaKenzy Mutziger
May 6: Karol Jo Hendrickson, Paul Miller
May 7: Amy Schoenfelder
May 8: Doug Moeller
May 10: David Meyer III, Taylee Edler
May 11: Lacey Feltman, Jack Augspurger
May 12: Ryan Randall
May 13: Jeff Burke, Alyssa Rohrbach
May 14: Karen Andera
May 15: Hilary Carruthers, Nash Hutmacher, Kenneth Selland
May 16: Chris Fees, Ashley Mayer
May 18: Michael Schoenfelder, Jessie Fees
May 19: Julie Mertz, Mike Stckelberg
May 21: Scott Simonsen
May 23: Joe Hutmacher
May 24: Lacey Rohrbach, Abbey Kenobbie, Curt Swanson
May 25: Ashton Burke
May 29: MaKaela Randall, Brooke McDonald, Allayna Brown

Anniversaries

May 5: Roger and Gerry Steckelberg

Helping in April . . .

Coffee Fellowship

Mary Circle

Ushers

Sherry Hansen, Roger Steckelberg, Gerri
Steckelberg

Chancel Arrangement

Debbie Swanson

Stewardship Report

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Attendance:</i>
<i>March 1</i>	<i>90</i>
<i>March 8</i>	<i>81</i>
<i>March 15</i>	<i>Cancelled-snow</i>
<i>March 22</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>March 29</i>	<i>175</i>

Please reach out to the church with any prayer updates, prayer joys and any Congregation Outreach changes. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, do home visits and send out prayers whenever needed!

If you are a new member, please let us know family names, birthday's, address etc., so we can update your information!

March 8th, 2026-- Trustee Meeting Notes

Minutes by Nancy McDonald

Present: Bobby Augspurger, Nancy McDonald, Cheri Williamson, MaKaela Randall, Patty Juhnke, Gary Dominiack.

Absent: Sheena Larsen, Michelle Willrodt, Scott Simonsen

The Trustee Board approved the prior meeting minutes, financial reports, and bills, and reviewed account balances across multiple funds. The group discussed several ongoing items, including a memorial plaque design, website calendar updates, and decisions regarding account transitions. Additional action items included disposing of unused furniture and office improvements.

A major focus was the parsonage, where a walkthrough informed planned updates such as lighting replacement, appliance installation, window and flooring replacement quotes, and electrical work, alongside defining rent readiness and rental criteria. The board also finalized the administrative assistant role, including interviews, responsibilities, and prioritization of record organization and system updates.

Facilities and maintenance needs were reviewed, including parking lot safety concerns, propane system inspection, painting projects, elevator issues, and snow removal vendor options. The group also addressed broader organizational matters such as church fee structure review, lawn care services, and regional association funding and participation. Finally, additional updates included volunteer contributions, potential equipment donations, and planning for future ministry support needs.

Next meeting will be April 12.

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			1 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm CCC	2 Maundy Thursday 6pm With communion	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 North Park Worship Service 10:30 Communion	6	7	8 Communion Regency 1pm Sanford 2pm Youth Group 6:30pm	9	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20 Diaconate/Trustees 11:20	13	14	15 Youth Group 6:30pm (no MS)	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20	20	21	22 Youth Group 6:30pm	23	24	25 Judy Schofield Funeral 10:30
26 Sunday School 9:30 MS/HS Instrumental 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20						