

April Newsletter

Fredsville

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Prayer List

Rick & Lisa Dumler & Family - members in the passing of Rick's mother

Coletyn Stevenson - the young man who vandalized the cemetery

Dick Juhl - member healing from a stroke

Sharon Hemmen - member continuing to heal from surgery

Jeanne Knapp - member recovering from broken hip

Carol Watson - member with health problems

Jim & Jane Campbell - members dealing with Jim's on-going recovery from an accident

Please contact the church office to be added or deleted from this list.



Baptism of Dylan Joyce Miller

Occurred on March 20, 2022

Parents: Robert (Bo) and Lauren Miller

DOB: 12/9/21

Place of Birth: Fort Collins, CO

Sponsors: Mark and Marin Faust and Paul and Julie Box

Grandparents: Tom and Jennifer Verhulst & Stu Miller and Kathy Miller

Worship Services

April 3 - Worship Service - 9:30 am

April 10 - Palm Sunday - 9:30 am

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7 pm

April 15 - Good Friday Service - 7 pm

April 17 - Easter Service - 9:30 am

April 24 - Worship Service - 9:30 am

Mid-Week Services

Each Wednesday during Lent we will have a pre-recorded service sent out by email and placed on Facebook.

Confirmation

April 20 - 6:30 p.m.

April 27 - 6:30 p.m. - with Mentors

Cookie Baking

On Wednesday, April 13th from 6:00 -8:30 p.m.

All youth welcome - details on page 5.

Easter Breakfast

A breakfast is planned for 8:30 a.m. before the Easter Service. A sign-up sheet is available to bring breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit, milk or juice.

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter Service. If the weather is cooperative, the event will be held outside, otherwise it will be indoors.

A Perspective on Pastoral Transition Saying Good-Bye

Adapted from an article by Rev. Cynthia K. Lileman, Assistant to the Bishop,
Metropolitan Chicago Synod

The resignation of a pastor from his/her congregation is a difficult transition. It is challenging for both the pastor and the parishioners as the pastoral relationship ends and new relationships are established. For congregations, it can be a time of grief, anxiety and confusion. Saying good-bye is never easy.

A good pastoral relationship is a blessing. Congregations who have been served competently and compassionately by a pastor often want the continued pastoral leadership and presence of the former pastor at their family's wedding, funeral, or baptism. When a pastor resigns, he/she may be asked to do numerous "special occasions." This is a delicate area and painful for lay people and pastors alike.

While this desire to continue a good pastoral relationship is understandable, it is inappropriate and a matter of professional ethics for pastors. What is at stake is the integrity of the pastoral office. When a pastor leaves a parish, he/she is no longer the pastor of those parishioners; he/she may continue to be a friend (this is tricky) but the pastoral relationship is over.

Upon leaving a congregation, it is not appropriate for the former pastor to continue to function in that role by performing pastoral acts for former parishioners. This is most difficult for people to comprehend. It is sometimes fitting to do what other friends do - attend a wedding or funeral for example. The pastoral act of presiding at those services, however, belongs to the interim or newly called pastor.

Advice for Former Pastors: The responsibility of establishing new relationship boundaries is yours. When asked by former parishioners respond immediately, "It is simply not proper for me to do that. I am not your pastor anymore, but thanks for considering me. I would love to come as a guest, if able, as your other friends do."

Advice for parishioners: Don't ask. It is awkward for both the new and former pastor. Honor your former pastor by inviting him/her to come as a guest. Show respect and regard to the new pastor by allowing him/her to perform his/her pastoral duties.

Advice for New Pastors: Speak the good and positive word about your predecessor and the relationship the former pastor had with the congregation, but do not yield your pastoral role.

The transition for one pastor to another - while an exciting journey - is also one that is difficult to navigate. Yet, with God's help, we can discover the creative life-giving opportunity that is change. With the Spirit's power, we can let go of the old and reach out for the new.

Scripture Readings For the Month

- April 3 - Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126,
Philippians 3: 4b-14, John 12:1-8
April 10- Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-9a,
Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11,
Luke 22:14-23:56
April 17- Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,
1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12
April 24 - Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29,
Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

April Birthdays

Mallory Bakker - 1
Carol Andersen -3
Gary Borwig -3
Izzy Norton -6
Jace Petersen - 7
Valerie Hanson - 8
Erin Frahm - 11
Meridith Sandlin - 11
Jerrod Frahm - 14
Lora Koch - 18
Andrew Barker -19
Evan Dufel -20
Zoey Hankins - 20
Jeremy Lotts - 21
Angie Wibben - 23
Marcia Andersen- 24
Jeanne Guthrie - 24
Tanner Mikkelsen - 25
Jacque Bakker- 29
Rick Dumler - 29
Sawyer Wibben - 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Chuck & Jane Christensen - 5
Jerrod & Erin Frahm - 12
Lance & Melissa Loger - 26
Jim & Donna Bruhn - 27

75 Years Ago - 1947

This article was in the Grundy Register

In a fiery game from start to finish, the Flying Danes of Dike won their third consecutive county basketball tournament at Grundy Center defeating an inspired Wellsburg team in an overtime period by a score of 34 to 33.

Church Vandalism Update

The young man, Coletin Stevenson who vandalized the church cemetery last July was charged with a Class C Felony for Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree.

On March 13th, he received a Deferred Judgment. Mr. Stevenson was immediately taken into custody and placed in the Grundy County Jail. He will stay in the jail until such time as a bed is available at the State Residential Facility. He will reside at the residential facility for one year or until maximum benefits are reached and while there, he will have a substance abuse and mental health evaluation. Mr. Stevenson will also be supervised by the Department of Correctional Services for five years. He is responsible for paying all restitution, court fees and attorney fees. Mr. Stevenson must also finish his GED and maintain full-time employment.

What is a deferred judgment? It means that if Mr. Stevenson follows through with all of his punishment and does not get into any other trouble, this charge will be completely removed from his permanent record.

If you have any further questions regarding this case, I would encourage you to ask questions to Tom Verhulst. Please continue to pray for Mr. Stevenson.

Lutheran World Relief

Fredsville will be sending Personal Care Kits to the In-Gathering at Immanuel Lutheran in Independence on April 9th. These kits deliver hope to our neighbors in crisis around the world. Fredsville has been faithful throughout the years in contributing to this mission and once again we ask you to open your generous hearts to donate .

Each kit needs to include:

- a bath towel (lightweight between 20"x49" and 52"x26" – dark colors recommended)
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap
- one adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging
- one comb
- one nail-clipper

Kits need to be brought to church by Sunday, April 3rd.

Moving Day

An Allied van loaded Pastor Lisa & Scott's belongings on March 8th except for Penelope (the cat) who was not happy about all the commotion! Penelope rode to her new home with Pastor Lisa but safely "sedated" with the help of medication prescribed by the veterinarian.



Pastor Lisa & Scott's New Address

1507 West Lake Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61614



February's "Puppy Bowl" Fundraiser

February's "Puppy Bowl" fundraiser for the Cedar Bend Humane Society was a great success! Thanks to all who participated! Happy animals and happy people! Jean Loger, Angie Wibben, Aubrey Asche and Brynn Petersen took the donations to the shelter as a confirmation project.

**A
Word
From
Our
Council
President**

Hello Fredsville,

HAPPY Spring!!!

Spring time is a wonderful time of the year. We are all ready to end the cold and dreary weather of winter and begin anew. Spring time is for new beginnings and new adventures. At Fredsville, we are excited to begin anew and to resurrect some of the programs and good old hospitality that only Fredsville can give.

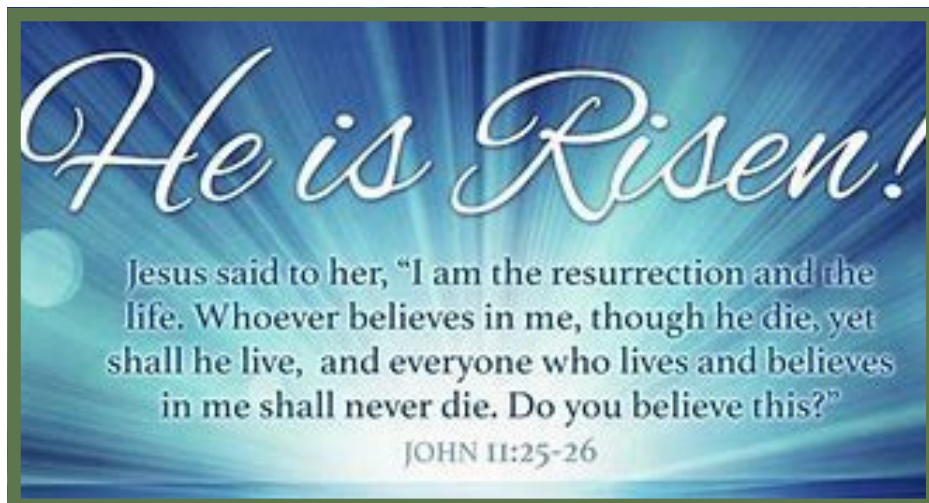
Psalm 42:1-2 " 1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."

My hope for Fredsville is that we like the deer will become very thirsty for the word of God. We will come home again. I hope that we are thirsty to learn and to share our faith with one another. I look forward to resuming social gatherings, potlucks, and spiritual outings. I am looking forward to having fun, to laugh, and to congregate. It is time! It is time to begin anew. Take a chance to do those things you have been hesitant to do. Step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Be thirsty my friends, be thirsty!

Just as Easter reminds us of the love God has for us and for the sacrifices he has made; it is a time to reflect. A time to appreciate the past, count our blessings, and to reaffirm our Christian beliefs. The miracle at Easter time is not exclusive to that morn when Jesus rose from the grave. We are surrounded by miracles, but we need to have our eyes open to see them both great and small. I encourage you to take some time this Spring to really become absorbed in the world around you and be rejuvenated by the beauty in the things that God has made. I encourage you to take those few extra moments to say hello, give a hug, listen to others, and watch with eyes open. Great things are about to happen here!

May you find peace in new beginnings and joy in Spring time.

God Bless,
Brenda Cooper, Council President



NOTIFICATIONS

It is important to let the church office know of any committee meetings, scheduled maintenance appointments, births, hospitalizations, deaths, wedding or baptism plans, or any other activities that need to be brought to the attention of the Church Council and/or placed on the church calendar.

The church secretary's hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. If you call after those hours the church has an answering machine where you can leave a message.

For emergencies contact the Council President, Brenda Cooper at 319-415-1625.

Youth Easter Cookie Baking Event Wednesday - April 13 6:00-8:30 pm



Who- All Children-Both Sunday School and Confirmation
What- They will work together to bake sugar cookies for the shut-ins of Fredsville with adult assistance.

Agenda-

6:00-6:15 Arrival, Opening Prayer, Directions given
6:15-7:00-Roll and cut cookies out to bake
7:00-Bake Cookies
7:00-7:30 Eat Pizza and Play a Game
7:30-8:30 Decorate Cookies, Bag Cookies, and Assign who will deliver the cookies. Also make cards to go along with the cookies.

Various sign-ups are available for those participating, assisting, and donating supplies.

Church Cookbooks & Note Cards

Fredsville has reprinted its cookbook for the 150th Anniversary and the books are available for \$23 each. There are also note cards and envelopes (a packet of ten) for \$5.00. These make great gifts!

Tulip Sign-Up Time

Please sign-up if you would like to order a plant for Easter in honor or memory of someone or something. Each plant is \$11.50 and there is an envelope with the sign-up sheet to put your payment in. The last day to sign-up is Sunday, April 3rd.

Summer Camp Youth Signup & Youth Counselor Positions

There are several Lutheran summer camps available to Fredsville's youth. Scholarships are available through Fredsville and/or the camps. Information is available near the bulletinboard in the fellowship hall or contact the church office. Also Lutheran Lakeside at Okoboji is seeking staff 16+ and counselors 18 years and older. Their website to apply is www.lutheranlakeside.com.

Update on the Sterilizer Machine

The machine only takes 3 minutes to sterilize a room and anything with DNA is destroyed (ex: flies, plants, germs). The machine is used on the following schedule:

Monday - Sanctuary
Tuesday - Bathrooms
Thursday- Fellowship Hall and entry way
Friday- Gathering Space, Conference Room and offices

Invitation to Join a Committee/s

Fredsville welcomes all who are interested in being active on the various committees. Contact the chair to let them know of your interest.

Altar Guild- (Co-Chairs) Audrey Stefan 319-404-7991 or
Angie Wibben 319-939-2109

Cemetery - Art Lupkes 319-290-5850

Education/Youth - Kim Farley 319-239-5583

Endowment - Trish Weichers 319-939-7224

Farm - Kevin Pruisner 319-415-8637

Property/Landscape - Dan Crotty 319-231-2932,
Eric Andersen 319-240-0848,
Art Lupkes 319-290-5850

Social Ministry - Audrey Stefan 319-404-7991

Technology - Meridith Sandlin 319-464-6411

Worship & Music - Jean Loger 319-269-3236

Anniversary/Historical - Jean Loger 319-269-3236

Meet one of our Guest Pastors Victoria Shepherd



Pastor Victoria Shepherd was born and raised in Waterloo, Iowa where she was nurtured in the faith at St. Ansgar Lutheran Church and was active in WELCA. She worked for several years as a Radiologic Technologist and as a teacher associate for AEA7 when her children were in school. It was through the voices of the women with whom she served at St. Ansgar Lutheran that she heard God's call to ministry most clearly and was encouraged and supported as she followed that call to ordained ministry. Victoria graduated as a non-traditional student from the University of Northern Iowa in 1993 and Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1996. St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hudson, Iowa, was her internship site. Pastor Shepherd was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1998 at the age of 51. Victoria has a passion for global mission and has participated in three mission trips to Guatemala and one to Haiti.

Her first call to ministry was to Wiota Lutheran Church in Wiota, Wisconsin and her second call was to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Denver, Iowa. After fourteen years of congregational ministry, Reverend Victoria L. Shepherd responded to God's call to serve in the specialized ministry of Chaplaincy. Following a twelve-month Clinical Pastoral Education Residency program at Health East Care System in St. Paul, Minnesota, Pastor Shepherd accepted a position as an interfaith chaplain at UIHC in December of 2012. She "officially" retired, in August of 2020 after doing a part-time contract ministry with St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wellsburg, Iowa.

Victoria has two grown children and three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Victoria enjoys traveling, photography and spending time with her family.



Lent is a time of solemnity and preparation.

- Some Lenten practices include decorating the church in violet, the color of royalty and repentance.

- This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from our sin and turning toward Christ for mercy and forgiveness.

- Ash Wednesday begins the observance of Lent. Ashes on the forehead is a sign of penitence. It also serves as a reminder of our mortality.

- During Lent, we forgo using the alleluia, which is a joyous expression of faith in God

- Fasting is giving up eating at a particular meal or time to devote that time to prayer and meditation.

- Many churches observe Lent by gathering for midweek services. These additional times of worship and gathering around God's Word help us prepare to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter.

- Easter invites us into the story of Jesus' sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus gives proof that our salvation has been completed and that our hope for eternal life with God is secure.

Future Events

May 8 - High School Seniors' Recognition
during the 9:30 Worship Service

May 11 - High School Baccalaureate @ NH
Methodist Church at 6:00 pm

June 10 & 11 - NE IA Synod Conference -
Waverly

June 18 - Women of ELCA NE IA Synodical
Conference - St. John Lutheran
Church, Nashua

Spring Time - Get ready for bike riding?



A Parable.....

(author unknown)

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die.

He was out there, sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him.

But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike; and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal.

I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places and at breakneck speeds - it was all I could do to hang on!!! Even though it looked like madness, He said 'pedal!'

I was worried and anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, so I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to people with gifts that I needed; gifts of healing, acceptance, and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, our journey, my Lord's and mine.

And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight!" So I did - to the people we met, and I found that in giving, I received and our burden was light.

I did not trust Him at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jumps to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages.

And I am learning to be quiet and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful, constant companion, Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do anymore, He just smiles and says "pedal!"

Christ in Our Home Daily Worship Subscription & Living Lutheran Magazine

We have discontinued ordering these two subscriptions due to a lack of interest. If you are one of a few who has been taking the publication, you can subscribe on your own through their websites at www.augsburgfortress.org and www.livinglutheran.org or there is an order form in the church office that you can use.

Concert in the Great Hall at Gallagher Bluedorn Friday, April 29th - 7:30 pm

One of our own, Nancy Stage will be playing her oboe at this free event for the public. The New Horizons Band features musicians 55 yrs & older who travel all over Iowa.

Volunteer/s Needed

Secretary Becky will be out of the office on the following dates and a **volunteer is needed** to open & close the church, bring the mail in, and answer the phone and physically be at the church from 9 am - 1 pm on these dates: May 3-6 & June 7. Please contact the church office, if you are able to cover the office any or all of these dates. Thank you.



April 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the most recent Iowa Department of Human Services data, 10,539 Iowa children were subject to abuse or neglect. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs or dangerous substance, and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health care.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2021, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 11,000 of these in-home visits to families.

LSI Family Centered Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center serves many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Creating Bright Futures

When Makenzey found out she was pregnant, she felt nervous and overwhelmed at the thought of being a first-time mom. She didn't know what to expect, but she wanted to create the best life for her child. While she was pregnant, Makenzey enrolled in a local service that provides free housing to expecting moms. Through the organization, she learned about LSI Early Childhood Services. With support and guidance from her LSI Parent Educator, Hannah, Makenzey prepared for a healthy birth and transition into motherhood.

"Being a new mom was really scary for me. I had no idea what I was doing," Makenzey says. "I needed to learn the basics."

Since Makenzey welcomed her daughter, Maleigha, she has since found a job she loves and saved enough money to find a home for her new family. Through it all, Hannah provided check-ins with Makenzey, introducing her to important resources, educational materials, and age-appropriate toys and activities to ensure Maleigha hit all her developmental milestones.

"Especially when you're a first-time mom, you'll have a lot of questions. I don't have a ton of support right now, but Hannah helped me and answered every question I had about being a mom," Makenzey says. "LSI has been a really helpful service."



Minutes Joint Council & Transition Team Meeting March 13, 2022

(the minutes have been approved electronically)

Council Members Present: President - Brenda Cooper, Vice-President - Art Lupkes, Secretary - Sue Green, Treasurer - Linda Nielsen, Kathi Heide, Sharon Hemmen, Jana Hermann, Kelley Knutson, & Meridith Sandlin. Absent: Erin Frahm

Transition Committee Members Present: Brenda Cooper (Church Concerns, including the Shut-ins), Becky Diani (Church Secretary), Jean Loger (Music & Worship), Meridith Sandlin (Music & Worship & Technology), Kim Farley (Youth) and Art Lupkes (Property & Cemetery)

Northeastern Iowa Synod Representative: Pastor Liz Albertson

After church, the Church Council and the Transition Team met with Pastor Liz Albertson from the Northeastern Iowa Synod to begin the process of "Calling a New Pastor".

Pastor Liz led us in devotions, using Bread for the Day. The lesson for today was "God has his own time". Applying this lesson to Fredsville was easy: the Call Process will happen in God's own time. We need to be "present" and to know that "we are loved and cared for".

Pastor Liz led us in an activity where we shared our feelings about how we felt concerning Pastor Lisa leaving us.

With the completion of the paperwork and the hosting of a farewell potluck, Pastor Liz compliments us on the positive ending to Pastor Lisa's employment at Fredsville.

Pastor Liz reviewed the steps of the Call Process with us. She emphasized that "Communication is Key!" Pastor Liz also emphasized that this will be a long process - that we should plan on being without a pastor for a year or so.

Pastor Liz led us in a closing activity where we shared how we felt concerning the Call Process..

The meeting concluded with initial plans being made for the confirmation students and their mentors to bake cookies and to deliver them to those in retirement facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Green, Secretary



Minutes Church Council Meeting March 13, 2022

(Held after the Joint Council & Transition Team Meeting & approved electronically)

Attendance: Council Members Present: President - Brenda Cooper, Vice-President - Art Lupkes, Secretary - Sue Green, Treasurer - Linda Nielsen, Kathi Heide, Sharon Hemmen, Jana Hermann, Kelley Knutson, & Meridith Sandlin. Absent: Erin Frahm

Call to Order: Brenda Cooper, Council President

New Business:

Brenda and Art shared what was discussed with Pastor Lisa on her Exit Interview. This included Fredsville's strengths, weaknesses, and goals to consider in the future.

Potential members for the (nine member) Call Committee were discussed. An intentional effort is being made to make the committee half male and half female, along with representing a wide variety of ages, including parents with young children. Sue Green moved that we accept the Call Committee Candidates and Kathi Heide seconded. Motion carried.

Meridith Sandlin moved, and Kathi Heide seconded that Roy Stefan replace Scott Dietrich on the Cemetery Committee. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: The Council members said the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 27 after church.

Respectfully Submitted: Sue Green, Secretary

Minutes Transition Team Meeting March 20, 2022

(The minutes have been electronically approved)

Members Present: Brenda Cooper, Jean Loger, Meridith Sandlin, Kim Farley, and Becky Diani. Absent: Art Lupkes

Call to Order: Brenda Cooper

New Business:

Roles were discussed

- Brenda will be the chair of the transition team
- Becky will record the minutes.

Upcoming worship services were discussed:

- Guest Pastors have been assigned for all service through the end of June
- Potential worship leaders identified to assist with the services
- The Maundy Worship Service will be held on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday's Service will be held on April 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- Volunteers will be asked to decorate the fellowship hall and sanctuary for Easter Sunday on April 16th
- An Easter breakfast is planned for Easter morning at 8:30 am. There will be a sign-up for casseroles, fruit, muffins, milk, and juice
- An Easter Egg Hunt is planned to follow the Easter Worship Service
- On May 8th's Worship Service, the graduating high school students will be recognized



Committee chairs will need to contact their members to schedule meetings. An invitation to all church members will be extended to join on a committee that will interest them. This invitation will be put in the upcoming newsletter.

A minister will need to be arranged for Stephen Thuesen's memorial service on June 3rd.

A youth cookie bake activity was planned to include all ages of children with adult volunteers. This will occur on Wednesday, April 13th. The cookies will be delivered to shut-in members.

A signup sheet will ask for donations for the needed supplies along with a signup sheet for those attending.

The NE Iowa Synod Conference will be held in Waverly on June 10th & 11th. This event will be put in the bulletin and newsletter with registration materials available through the church office.

A request was made to put the Sterilizer schedule in the newsletter and post it on the bulletin board for those interested. Because the sterilizer destroys all DNA, the church is not able to have live plants on a regular basis. The tulips for Easter will be removed from the room when the sterilizer is used and then put back in the room.

It was requested that Becky fulfill the following:

- Shine the silver platters and tea sets in the display case before Easter.
- Dispose of any aebleskiver ingredients that are expired.
- Send a sympathy card to the Dumler family for their recent loss of Rick's mother.
- Post on the bulletin board in the gathering space, the list of guest speakers & dates, council members, and a welcome to our guest pastors.
- Find a volunteer for days that she might need to be gone to cover the office phones
- Put a few pre-packaged communion wafer/wine cups in the pews for those who forget to get one when they enter the sanctuary

Next Meeting: April 3, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Becky Diani, Committee Secretary



Minutes Church Council Meeting March 27, 2022

(The Minutes have been approved electronically)

Attendance: Linda Nielsen, Brenda Cooper, Art Lupkes, Sue Green, Jana Hermann, Erin Frahm, Kelley Knutson, Meridith Sandlin. Absent : Kathi Heide, Sharon Hemmen

Call to Order: Brenda Cooper

Devotions: President Brenda Cooper

Psalm 42: 1-2 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Right now, we are thirsting for life at church to return to normal and to get a new Pastor.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Nielsen

As of Date:

- General Fund: \$34,560.88
- Building Fund: \$20,550.76
- Memorial Fund: \$29,458.29

Secretary's Report: Sue Green - The March 13, 2022 Minutes were approved electronically.

Old Business Discussed: The Call Committee continues to be selected. (This process takes time as people need to have time to make their decision whether to commit themselves or not.)

Updates:

1.Upcoming Events:

- a) Honoring the Seniors (Sawyer Wibben, Jered Lotts, & Ryanne Shoemaker) – Sunday, May 8
- b) Mother's Day – Sunday, May 8
- c) Father's Day – Sunday, June 19
- d) Vacation Bible School – Date to be determined
- e) Cookie Bake – Wednesday, April 13. The Confirmation and Sunday School children will be baking/decorating/ delivering sugar cookies for the shut-ins.

2.Holy Week services will be held in person with Pastor Sherer

- a) Maundy Thursday @ 7 p.m.
- b) Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m.
- c) Easter Breakfast Brunch @ 8:30
- d) Easter Church Service @ 9:30
- e) Easter egg hunt after Church

3.Transition Team (Brenda Cooper, Secretary Becky Diani, Jean Loger, Meridith Sandlin & Kim Farley)

- a) Met Sunday, March 20th after Church.
- b) Decided to make a bulletin board with the Supply Pastors on it.
- c) Will be meeting Sunday, April 3 after church.

4.Confirmation

- a) Kim Farley is leading the Confirmation Class now that Pastor Lisa has left.
- b) Confirmation was held this past Wednesday – March 23 and will be held again on March 30th (movie and popcorn night). The Confirmation Students will also be meeting on April 13th.

New Business Discussed:

Council Goals: Kelley Knutson moved and Jana Hermann seconded that the two goals for Community Outreach that Church Council is going to work on for this next year are:

- #1 - Re-starting of the JAM – Jesus and Me (grades K-2) and WinGS – Walking in God's Service (grades 3-5) the Wednesday after school church programs
- #2 – Promoting the use of the Clothing Closet.

Communion: Erin Frahm moved and Jana Hermann seconded that starting on Easter Sunday, Communion will be served the “traditional way” – individual wafers and cups (no intinction). “Communion Packs” will be placed in the pews for those that cannot or choose not to go up to the altar.

The importance of keeping all of the committees at Fredsville “transparent” was stressed. A reminder was made that if you are in charge of a committee meeting, the meeting needs to be put on the church calendar and in the weekly bulletin.

Committee Reports:

- Cemetery - Art Lupkes
 - A) A wind storm in February has broken a fence railing. It will be getting fixed soon.
 - B) A donation has been given by Merlyn and Catherine Petersen to purchase a permanent information sign to be placed in the Cemetery that will give the Fredsville Church History. The details are being worked out with the Cemetery Committee. Once the sign has been erected, a dedication will be held.
- 150th Committee – Sue Green
 - The last deadline for turning in your memory for the Fredsville Memory book is this Thursday – March 31

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer was said in unison.

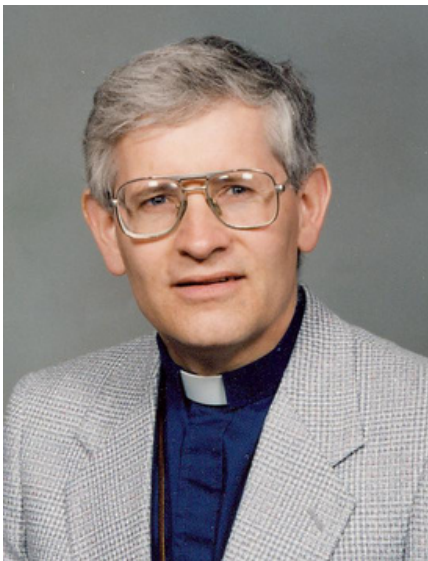
Next Meeting: Monday, April 25th @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sue Green, Secretary



Meet Another Guest Pastor

Rev. Michael Sherer



Rev. Michael Sherer's Bio

The Rev. Michael Sherer is a theologian, historian and journalist. He graduated from Wartburg College and Wartburg Seminary.

Pastor Michael served Lutheran congregations in Luana, Maquoketa and Washburn, all in Iowa. (In Maquoketa, Barb Jones was in one of his confirmation classes. Barb served her seminary internship at Fredsville.)

Pastor Sherer is a frequently-published author, former editor of Metro Lutheran newspaper in Minneapolis, and a freelance writer.

He is retired and lives in Waverly with his wife, Kathe, a Waverly native. (They met at Wartburg College.)