

Education Calendar of Events

- April 7th: “Senior Sunday” (recognize our seniors during church)
- April 21st: Easter Sunday (NO Sunday School)
- April 28th: Easter Cantata (children will NOT sing)
- May 5th: “Confirmation Sunday”
- May 12th: Children’s Choir sings at church service (last one for this school year)
LAST day of Sunday School for 2018-2019 year.
Happy Mother’s Day!!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) **“ROAR! Life is wild. God is good!”** **June 17-20, 2019**



Save the dates for this summer’s ‘mane’ event!

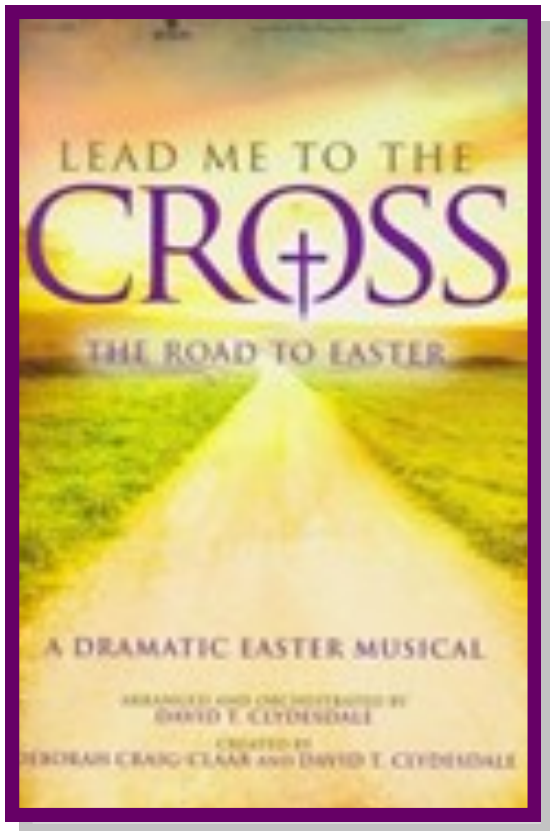
Planning has begun for our epic African adventure! At ROAR, kids will explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life!

COLLEGE-Congregation-Connection!

A huge "thank you" to everyone who signed up to connect with our college students. It is greatly appreciated by both the college students AND their parents. Students will be finishing up their classes soon and begin the dreaded FINALS WEEK (early May)! Continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. If you haven't sent a little note, card, or care package, please think about doing so before the end of the school year. Thanks again, your connection to our college kids is HUGE!



Special note to our SENIORS of Class of 2019: We are happy to recognize and honor you this month. As you move forward into your graduation and beyond, please think about signing up to be a part of our College-Congregation-Connection. When you get your college address and email, please send it our way. We will have a little info sheet for you to fill out. Congratulations!!!



*An Easter Cantata Presented by:
LPC St. Paul UMC, Dysart UMC
LPC American Lutheran Church
Zion Lutheran Church, Dysart*

*Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 7 pm
Dysart United Methodist Church
and*

*Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 10 am
St. Paul United Methodist Church
La Porte City*

Easter Flower Order

We will be ordering a variety of spring flowers for Easter Sunday.



Please include the following information so we may include it in our bulletin.

Given By _____

In Memory/Honor of

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Please select from the following:

- ◆ Easter Lily ~ \$15.00
- ◆ Blue Hyacinth ~ \$18.00
- ◆ Pink Tulips ~ \$18.00

(Colors may vary on availability)

***Deadline for ordering is
Tuesday, April 9***

Outreach Opportunities



Thank you

- ♦ for your continued giving of peanut butter for weekend bags for Kids in our elementary school
- ♦ for celebrating your birthday with a contribution to the Birthday Box. This fund is used for unexpected emergencies.
- ♦ for all the items for the local food pantry and the Men's Shelter of the Salvation Army in Waterloo. They appreciated those gifts.

In the days ahead:

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. We are again planning evenings of fellowship and worship. Supper will be at 6:00 with worship from 6:30-7:00.

April 3 ~ Maidrites with Extras - "The Joy of My Heart"- meditations by Anne Graham Lotz

April 10 ~Tacos - "Truth for Today" - wisdom of John Mac Arthur

Also, during the Lenten season, we have a special offering. This year our projects are:

- ♦ Iowa Disaster Fund - Help is available immediately when disaster strikes our lowan communities.
- ♦ The Salvation Army - Known for being good stewards of their donations, the Salvation Army helps people in dire times to start to rise above their situations.
- ♦ Feed My Starving Children—This group moves tons of food throughout the world where children are literally starving to death. The nutritious meals are distributed by missionary groups to very thankful orphanages, schools, and parents. We wonder why God allows difficulties in people's lives. We can be His hands in sharing love to people who need to know that someone cares.

We hope you are being encouraged by the daily readings in The Upper Room.



The garden and flower seeds have sprouted for our Spring Plant Sale, which will be held on May 3 from 12-7 and May 4 from 8-12, during City Wide Garage Sales. If you have perennials that you can contribute, please let Colleen know and bring them that Friday morning. Also baked goods are popular items. Proceeds will go to Hunger projects.

Plans are being made for our summer food projects for local Kids.



May God bless you as you bless others.

Thoughts from your Lay Leader:

As we continue through the 40 days of Lent, how can we find our own spiritual path? There is no one prescribed way, we are encouraged to find our own method, confronting our own sinfulness, and giving thanks for the gift of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Fasting: one of the more common practices to give something up for lent, we fast. Read the Bible and or daily devotionals, prayer, service and rest, find a few moments during the day to still be in God's presence.

During this Lenten season may you find peace and hope on your spiritual path.

Cindy Morse



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Spring is here and Easter is just around the corner. During this Season of Lent we are preparing for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Morning. Our Wednesday Night

Lenten Services are being held March 27, April 3rd, and April 10th. Supper is at 6:00 P.M. and service is at 6:30 PM. Next comes Palm Sunday, April 14, when we join Jesus as He enters into Jerusalem. During Holy Week we will have church service Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 P.M. Easter Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. April 21st. Bring your family and friends and join us as we prepare our hearts during this Lenten Season to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Risen Christ!

April 4th our ladies will be going to the La Porte Nursing and Rehab Center to help the residents celebrate their April birthdays. We will be taking cakes to serve with ice cream and birthday gifts for the residents. If you would like to help please call Charlene Heiar.

April 7th we will be honoring our High School Seniors at our worship service. Our United Methodist Women will be presenting our Scholarship at that time.

Our April Bible Verse is found in 1 John 5:1.

“If you believe that Jesus is the Christ-that He is God’s Son and your Savior-then you are a Child of God. And all who love the Father love His Children.”

God’s Blessings to you and your loved ones as we journey together through this Season of Lent and celebrate “Holy Week and Easter Morning.”

Pat and Charlene



Handchimes

*Chimes will play at LPC Nursing & Rehab
Wednesday, April 17 at 1:30 pm.*

MARCH REVIEW

Date	General Budget
March 3	\$4,766.25
March 10	\$3,350.11
March 17	\$2,446.50
March 24	\$2,379.00

Needed monthly: \$13,352.00

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to our church programs.

Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 14 @ 10 am

Cantata @ Dysart UMC

Sunday, April 14 @ 7 pm

Holy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 18 @ 7 pm

Easter Sunday Service

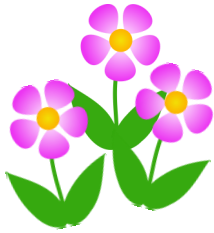
Sunday, April 21 @ 10 am

Cantata @ St. Paul UMC

Sunday, April 28 @ 10 am



Easter Services



April



Sunday Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	2 Trustees 7 pm	3 Chimes 4:15 Choir 5 pm Lenten Supper 6 pm Education 7 pm Finance 7 pm	4 Fitness @ 6 pm	5	6 Fitness @ 8 am
7 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship 10 am Senior Sunday 7 pm	8 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	9 Council 6:30 pm	10 Chimes 4:15 pm Jubilation! 5 pm Lenten Supper 6 pm	11 Fitness @ 6 pm	12	13 Fitness @ 8 am
14 Palm Sunday Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 10 am Cantata-Dysart	15 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	16	17 Peace Circle 9 am Prayer 9:30 Chimes 4:15 pm Choir 5 pm	18 Fitness @ 6 pm Holy Thursday Service 7 pm	19 Office Closed Good Friday	20 Fitness @ 8 am
21 Easter!! No Sunday School Worship Service 10 am	22 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	23	24 Prayer 9:30 am Chimes 4:15 pm Choir 5 pm	25 Fitness @ 6 pm	26	27 Fitness @ 8 am
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