

# MAY 2019



## **First Day**

Do you remember your first day at kindergarten? Or first day at elementary school, first day at high school, first day at college or your first day at your first job? What emotions did you experience at each of those unique moments in your life? Was it a little fearful, nervous, excited, apprehensive? You arrive and it seems everyone seems to know what to do, where to go, they know the ropes. Perhaps like me sometimes you are like a fish out water gasping for air. In childhood we can be teased and sometimes tormented for being the new kid on the block so to speak.

Thus, it will be like that for you and me as I come to take up my new appointment with you. There will be nervous expectations between us. Maybe some of your questions will be; does he have a sense of humor, is he long winded in the sermon, can I understand him as he is "foreign?" For myself I will strive to live out God's purpose for me in my joy at coming to serve St. Paul. Yes, there will be those moments when I forget the routine of doing things in church. How communion will work, what are your names, (thank goodness for name tags). It is my hope that between us we can make God's house a place of fun, of study, of fellowship and above all one filled with the boundless gift of love for one another.

The journey we will travel together will be filled with moments of magic in how God is using us. Our journey will have some ups and downs as we learn about each other. Our journey will be made in God's radiant love for all of us.

Blessings and God's peace with each of us.

Pastor Paul

## Education Calendar of Events

**Congratulations, Union High School Seniors!**

*Class of 2019*



Richie Arteaga, son of Gary & Colleen Schultz; Bryce Parker, son of Todd & Sherry Parker; Dylan Felderman, son of Kathy Hart & Rich Felderman; Clayton Sparks, son of Dennis and Lisa Sparks.

Blessing to each of you boys!



**VBS 2019**  
**“ROAR! Life is wild. God is good!”**  
**June 17-20, 2019**



Come ROAR with us!!! Registration forms will be available SOON...at the church office, from Sunday School teachers, or at the back of the church! All children from age of 4 (as of last September) through this year's fifth grade are encouraged to come and join the fun. Vacation Bible School will involve everyone in discovering a “wildly” refreshing understanding of how God is good...touching lives, changing hearts, and drawing kids and adults closer to our God who loves them!

### **Sunday School's May Calendar**

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Sunday”

May 12<sup>th</sup>: 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!!



## *Outreach Opportunities*

We hope you had a very blessed Easter.

Thank you -

- ◆ for your generosity towards the special Easter offering. The total of \$1,870.33 will be divided among the Salvation Army, Iowa Disaster Fund, and Feed My Starving Children.
- ◆ for celebrating your birthday with a gift to the Birthday Box.
- ◆ for donating peanut butter for local school kids and items for the Food Pantry



*Note—We had discussed having a plant sale but will not be doing that.*

Plans are underway for the Summer Food for local kids.

Be sure to pick up your new Upper Room.

### **Thoughts from your Lay Leader: Simple Truths to repeat when you're in a Spiritual Battle in Him Ministries, Non-Profit, Georgetown, DE.**

God's got this.  
The Lord fights for me  
Jesus loves me, this I know  
Not today Satan  
I am a child of God (and all of us here)  
He is able  
It is finished  
His Grace is sufficient  
Joy comes in the morning  
I am not alone (you are not either)  
I am fearfully and wonderfully made  
Fear has no grip on me  
He has overcome the world  
I am a new creation in Christ  
Jesus conquered the grave  
Sin doesn't define me, Christ does  
Be still and know  
God is Good



*I also want to give a “nod” to all mothers; I have been blessed with 3 daughters who are also wonderful moms. They are realizing that the things they learned growing up; responsibility, commitment, forgiveness, faith, service and volunteering are important in their lives today, and they are teaching these ideals to their children. I will end with this, “for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11.*

Cindy Morse

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thanks to everyone who provided cakes or helped with the April Birthday Celebration at the La Porte Nursing and Rehab Center. Everyone had a great time playing Bingo with the residents and serving cake and ice cream.

April 7<sup>th</sup> we honored our High School Seniors during our morning worship service. This year we gave Scholarships to Clayton Sparks and Bryce Parker. Congratulations to all the Seniors on their graduation and best wishes for their futures.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. Come and support our Confirmands. Be sure to stop and pray over the quilts that have been made for each of them.

June 30<sup>th</sup> UMW will be in charge of our church service. If you have any ideas or would like to help please let Charlene Heiar or Pat Benda know.

Thank you to each Committee as you continue to take your turn hosting our church fellowship.

Our Bible Verse for May is found in John 3:16-17.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."*

Enjoy the warmer weather, get outside and see the beauty of God's Creation.

God's Blessings to you and your families each and every day!

Pat and Charlene



### **APRIL REVIEW**

Date	General Budget
April 7	\$3,361.25
April 14	\$1,113.00
April 21	\$3,335.00

Needed monthly: \$13,352.00

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the programs of the church.



Finance Committee



#### **Students**

Lydia Albertsen  
Lily Lorenzen  
Ty Lorenzen  
Ruby Parson  
Reagan Sorensen



May 5, 2019 will be Confirmation Sunday. Pastor Rose Blank will be confirming the following students:

#### **Parents**

Rodney & Jessica Albertsen  
Corey & Jennie Lorenzen  
Corey & Jennie Lorenzen  
Justin & Mindy Parson  
Mitch & Karla Sorensen





Sunday Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Education 7 pm Finance 7 pm	2 Fitness @ 6 pm	3	4 Fitness @ 8 am
5 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 10 am  Confirmation Sunday	6 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	7 Outreach 5:30 pm Trustees 7 pm	8 Jubilation! 5 pm	9 Fitness @ 6 pm	10	11 Fitness @ 8 am
12 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 10 am  Mother's Day	13 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	14 Council 6:30 pm	15 Peace Circle 9 am Prayer 9:30 Jubilation! 5 pm	16 Fitness @ 6 pm	17	18 Fitness @ 8 am
19 Worship Service 10 am	20 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	21	22 Prayer 9:30 am	23 Worship Mtg. 10:30 am  Fitness @ 6 pm	24	25 Fitness @ 8 am
26 Worship Service 10 am	28	29 Meekness 7:00 pm	30	31		

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