



From the Pastor...

April looks to be an exciting busy month!

Just look at all that will be happening:

- April 2 we will host the Last Supper Drama!
- Palm/Passion Sunday. April 5 we will begin the last week of Lent and look at what led Jesus to the cross.
- Easter! April 12 we will celebrate the Good News!
- April 26 we conclude our WE CAN Food Drive!

Lots happening! In all this busy, and with all the busy in your lives, how do we stay grounded? How do we know we are doing the right thing for the right reason? Reportedly Martin Luther said that he prayed an hour everyday, except when he was really busy. Then he prayed two hours. When we have so much going on, we need God even more. So during April, make a habit of prayer. With all that is going on around our church, every prayer can begin with "Thank you, God, for all that you are doing in our midst!" Let the people say "Amen!"

Pastor Cindy

PS: Through the newsletter wherever you see a P that's reminder that this is something we need to pray about.



**You're Invited....
 EVERY Sunday**

- Breakfast 7:30-9:30 am
- Sunday School 9:45 am
(all ages, pre-school - adult)
- Sunday Worship 11:00 am
- Youth Group 6:00 pm
(for all high school children)
- Faith Walk 6:30 pm



Happy Birthday...

- APR.** 1 Wetzler, Anna
 4 Theobald, Beth
 6 Johnson, Taylor
 8 Vermace, Patricia
 Ohnemus, Erma
 9 Walker, Joshua
 20 Davis, Lois
 25 Day, Patricia
 Pote, Caitlyn



Get it on the Calendar...

- FIRST THURSDAY SUPPER **April 2** from 5-6:30 p.m.
- LAST SUPPER DRAMA **April 2.** 7 p.m.
- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE **April 10.** 7 p.m.
- SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE **April 12.** 7 a.m. Sponsored by youth.
- WE CAN! **April 26.** Food transport & Capital Square celebration
- PASTOR CINDY ORDINATION **June 1.** 1 p.m. Hilton Colliseum, Ames.
- MISSION TRIP **July 13-17.** See Pastor Cindy for details.



Tidbits...



Stop hunger. One CAN at a time.

WE CAN collect 1000 food items and restock local food pantries! For the last few weeks we have been challenged to join with 28 other churches to raise a total of 29,000 items of

food. Why 29,000? That is the number of children that die EACH DAY around the world of hunger and poverty related illnesses. Here locally in Des Moines, contributions to the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) are down while the need is up. We will be contributing 1,000 items to DMARC and additional items beyond that will be given to the food pantry at the New Life Lutheran Church in Norwalk. On April 26 our food will be transported to downtown to Capital Square where it will be combined with the food from all the other churches. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO TRANSPORT THE FOOD!** Are you available on the 26th? This will be a fun event! As of this writing we have collected over 1,000 items. *P!*

Camp! The United Methodist camping catalogues are out. Camp can change a life. See Pastor Cindy for information.

Looking Ahead! On **May 3** during worship we will recognize the high school graduation of Christina Wunderlin and John Brewbaker. Way to go Christina and John. *P!*

Pastor Cindy will be ordained on **June 7** at one pm at Hilton Colliseum in Ames. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate with her! *P!*

IMPORTANT INFO

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of Linn Grove United Methodist Church

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Board Meeting Minutes 3/12/09

- **Opening:** Prayer
- **Treasurer's report:**
 - o 2/28/09 Balance of General Fund \$6466.19.
 - o Total income for February \$3147.63 and total expense for February \$4454.92 for net loss of \$1307.29.
 - o Agreed to pay Pastor Jerry \$75 for services on 3/15/09.
 - o Agreed to use the money from the community suppers to pay for the food for the April supper. Expecting around 100 attendees.
 - o Need to purchase palms for Palm Sunday at 25 cents a leaf. Need to find out how many we used last year.
- **UMW:**
 - o Bringing salads to help with community dinner.
 - o Will handle the Easter Sunday breakfast.
 - o Mother Daughter dinner May 8th
- **Youth group:**
 - o Lock in scheduled March 20th after the mission trip.
 - o March 20th mission trip to Trinity Methodist Mission and Domestic Violence center.
 - o Youth are going to handle Easter Sunday service.
- **Trustees:**
 - o Do we need new smoke detectors? Board agreed we need to purchase one for the kitchen.
- **Lay person:** No report.
- **Sunday school:**
 - o Sandy Haegele helping out with Sunday school.
- **Pastor parish:**
 - o Need to plan a celebration with Bloomfield church for Pastor Cindy's ordination.
 - o Everyone join together to witness the service conducted when Pastor Cindy is ordained.
- **Old business:** No report
- **New business:**
 - o March 22nd after church will have a meeting to plan the April 2nd supper.
 - o Set up for April 2nd supper on March 29th after church.



Jesus talked so often of caring for and loving your neighbor. One of the most powerful ways to love your neighbor is to pray for them.

Start your day by asking God to bring the people across your path that need prayer and then pray for them. Even if you don't know how to pray for them, lift them up and ask God to minister to whatever they need.

