

St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

MAY 2021



Change the World Sunday
May 23, 2021



A word from Pastor Jeff:

Tribute to *Living Faith!*

Sometime this summer we will gather to pay tribute to what God has done through the worship and ministry of ***Living Faith!*** This worship service closed with the pandemic a year ago and did not re-open. As I have been listening to leaders and attenders of this service, I want to share some of what I heard so far:

Living Faith! was launched on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2006 as a satellite ministry of St. John's United Methodist. The opening worship service was held at Weerts Funeral Home. **The 15th anniversary of *Living Faith!* would have been in April of this year.**

Living Faith! was a concept born when St. John's staff attended a workshop in Indiana in 1996. The original purpose was to create a new worship service to reach new people, with a primary focus on young adults in the 52807 zip code area of Davenport. It was created as an outreach ministry of St. Johns UMC to neighborhoods in NE Davenport.

Pastor Chuck Klink was the staff person that gave energy to this initiative and Lay minister Cyndi Karlovich was the Lay Leader for the first 2 years. They recruited an excellent band to provide contemporary worship music and used a DVD sermon format from the preacher the previous weekend at St. John's. For the first year, services were hosted in the funeral chapel at Weerts Funeral Home located at the Kimberly and Jersey Ridge intersection. The second year saw this satellite worship service move to Eisenhower Elementary School, just south on Jersey Ridge Road. This location required all equipment be stored from week to week in a trailer. On Sunday mornings the setup team put everything in place before worship could begin. (This was a lot of work, every week!)

In the spring of 2008, Pastor Chuck was appointed to another church in Iowa and Cyndi announced that she was moving as well, so the decision was made to shift the location for ***Living Faith!*** to lower level of The Center. Cyndi had taken classes in the School For Lay Ministry, a 3-year program in the Iowa Annual Conference that grows lay leaders for local churches. Many participants feel a call to ministry and go on to become Certified Lay Ministers or Local Pastors. ***Living Faith!*** began to produce leaders and send them out to other areas of ministry. [I will share more of their story next month.]

Rev. Jeff Dadisman

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we joyfully celebrated the baptism of **Valerie Rita Day**, daughter of Brad and Ashley Day, granddaughter of Sue and Rick Day.



SPRING CLEAN-UP DATE:

Saturday, May 1 from 9-11:00 mulching and raking at the church. The Trustees invite your help; bring rakes, shovels, wheel barrows, or just yourselves!



SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

May 2021



Easter was JOY-filled!

Egg-a-Palooza Egg Hunt, Holy Week Bags, Palm Sunday Parking lot Celebration, and Easter Morning Worship! All a special way to celebrate the Savior of the World and the Hope, Peace, and Joy He gives.

COMING THIS SUMMER: OUTDOOR VBS

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! Jesus' power pulls us through!

Where: St. John's Parking Lot and Side Lawn

When: Sun. July 25- Thurs. July 29

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

*****SAVE THE DATE *****

More information to come in the following months' newsletters and on our website, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram



Kid's Zone Construction

Want to be a part of the team to create a fresh and new space for our kids to come back to in the fall? Construction will mostly take place in the month of June. Projects include but are not limited to...

NEW— "Kid's Zone" spaces

NEW—New Parents Lactation and Changing Room

NEW—Signage, Banners, Wall Clings

NEW—Kid's Activity Center

UPDATED—Nursery (with NEW age appropriated spaces)

UPDATED—Painting and Furniture

Please let me know if you are interested or if you have any questions. megank@stjohnsumcdav.org I am looking forward to updating our spaces for our kids and young families!

All weekly programming will be taking a summer break the months of June and July to update and clean our indoor spaces.

Wednesdays for Youth

Dinner 5:30pm-6:00pm

(Covid Safe—Individually Packaged)

Activities and Worship 6:00pm-7:00pm

Summer "Late Nights" Youth Camp following VBS July 25th-29th. More Info to come in next month's newsletter.



Finance Report / Building projects coming:

- Fellowship hall roof has some leaks showing. The current roof membrane is around 30 years old; which is very good. The Trustees determined that it was time to replace and have secured a bid to do this work in 2021. Therefore a new "membrane" will be installed this spring at a cost of \$72,000. Approximately \$60,000 of this will come from our Building Fund, using the entire balance of money that had been set aside for facility work and \$22,000 will be paid by a grant from the St. John's Foundation.
- Another project the Trustees will initiate as soon as heating season is past concerns the church's main boiler system. The annual safety inspection in March revealed some needed repairs. Since these boiler repairs were mandated by the inspector, \$12,000 will be spent towards this project as soon as the boiler is shut down for the summer.
- If any member of the congregation would like to help with the boiler repair costs, your donations would be welcome at this time. Just mark your donation: Building Fund/Boiler.

General Conference Postponed

The Commission on the General Conference has made the difficult decision to further postpone the 2020 General Conference because of safety issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges in traveling from different areas of the world. Our *Book of Discipline* is clear that the Commission is obligated to "take necessary measures to assure full participation of all General Conference delegates." The Commission has now rescheduled the 2021 General Conference from August 29–September 7, 2021 to August 29–September 6, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.

The 2021 Iowa Annual Conference, June 4-6, 2021.

2021 Iowa Annual Conference will be held virtually through the Zoom Webinar platform.

- Friday, June 4; 9:00 a.m. - Clergy Session, 7:00 p.m. - Laity Session
- Saturday, June 5 (9am-5pm)
- Sunday, June 6 (9am-5pm)
- In Person Ordering of Ministry Service
- Saturday, July 10, 2021 following state pandemic guidelines Ankeny First United Methodist Church Christian Life Center
- Pastors Jeff and Jae will attend, as well as our delegates; Megan Keller, Lacy Skahill, and Randy Shipman

The Equal Exchange Coffee Shop...



...a project of our United Methodist Women, is alive and well with more new items. We now carry organic baking cocoa! This cocoa comes from small farms in the Dominican Republic and Peru where they use the Dutch process. If you like to make your hot chocolate with milk, try our organic, rich and decadent Dark Chocolate. The chocolate bars have been so popular we are trying some new flavors. Dark Chocolate Orange, Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch and Panama Extra Dark Chocolate. These products contribute to a food system which is democratic, transparent, sustainable

and fair. All coffees are organic, ground and in 12oz bags for \$7. The tea is also organic and a box of 20 bags is \$5. The cocoas are \$6 and the chocolate bars are \$3. For more information contact **Nancy Newton** 563-940-0221.



Mission Offerings Received in March, 2021

Thank you for your offering to support God's missions. Here is the offering report for March.
Heifer International: \$1,325.00, **UMCOR Sunday:** \$730.00

Upcoming Mission Offerings

Change the World Sunday offering; First two weekends of May (May 1-2 and May 8-9)

Change the World Sunday is May 23, 2021. Change the World Sunday makes a difference in our community. We will offer several COVID-safe activities, and your offerings will be used to support our projects of Change the World Sunday.

A Special offering to support Africa University Students (May 22-23)

A couple of months ago, we received a request from Rev. Kiboko Kiboko regarding two college students, Kapend Kabwagn Lumiere and Kazadi K. Samuel, at Africa University in the Republic of Congo. Kapend is majoring in nursing, helping and educating people in small villages to reduce the death rate. Kazadi is working with small children who used to be child soldiers, kidnapped by terrorists and brainwashed to kill people. Kazadi helps them to return to their home and recovery from the tragic traumas of killing people. Both of them are from low-income families, and they need support to graduate from college.

Café on Vine needs some volunteers to cook and deliver the food. Now Café on Vine serves about 80 people once a month. (Every Second Sunday of the Month) If you like to cook for Café on Vine or help with the delivery, please contact Pastor Jae.

Friendly Thrift Shop at The Center needs volunteers and accepts donations.

It's Back! Change the World Sunday is coming! May 23 @ 10am after the 9am Pentecost Service.

Many of your favorite project will be returning this year; neighborhood clean-ups, kids' projects, summer kits, layette sewing, letters to the homebound and random acts of kindness. For COVID safety reasons, there will be no meal to be served this year and also no Kids Against Hunger meal assembly.

T-shirts (seen here to the right) will be available at our 9 a.m. Classic worship service on Sundays, or you can contact Don Buser: email busergolf@gmail.com or call or text 309-236-1176.

Any ideas for projects always greatly appreciated! Please bring a family member, friend, or neighbor. Never enough people to do God's work!



May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship	3 6:30pm Missions - Zoom	4	5 9:30am Men's Bible Study 5:30pm The Edge (Youth) 6:30pm Bible Study: Jane Lange 7:30pm The Chosen	6 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
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Music Ministry

Come one! Come all!

Music at St. John's continues in full-swing this spring! Our bells and choir meet with COVID considerations.

The "spaced-fellowship" has been encouraging this season. We will plan to lead in worship through May for sure. And you may see the choir in June!

Come join us. We have extra "singing masks" and are doing some very accessible music.

Thank you to Alison Henry for creating and sending out rehearsal recordings for us to listen to and learn our individual parts at home.

What a team we have here, to keep us all on track!

We would love to have you join us.

God Bless, 
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March 24 we collected 302 items for the Food Pantry; 120 items for The Center and 18 for Café on Vine. The Lord was looking down on us with monetary donations of \$1,155 knowing people were needing help during this pandemic. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the Food Pantry, The Center, and Café on Vine or with monetary donations.

April 14 we collected 118 items for the Food Pantry and 187 items for The Center, as well as a few items for the Thrift Center. I talked with Deacon Dan this month to see what the needs were. He said they cannot keep green beans or corn on the shelves. As fast as it comes in, it goes out. With that said, green beans, corn, can chili and can pasta. Deacon Dan did say April has been a slow month with people getting their stimulus checks, they are shopping elsewhere to get the items they like. He did say it will pick up again in May.

Just a note from our Missions meeting this month, the Thrift Store is looking for **VOLUNTEERS**. If you have a few hours to spare during the week, this might interest you. Stop in and talk to the Manager.

Our May food drive will be held May 12 and May 26. Watch the ads for good sales. Happy Shopping and Happy May as April showers brought forth May flowers. May God Bless You and Keep you.



Circles, thank you for continuing to support D-Vap and the Pregnancy Center. The need is still great and is really appreciated.



Also remember to donate if you are able to the Purse Ministry for the Street Team at The Center. We are collecting a variety of personal items (shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, nail clip-

pers, tampons, combs, brushes, etc) There is a box outside the church office door in which to place your donations. We also need lots of large used purses. Later in the year we will do some string backpacks for men. More later on that.

We are still working on the possibility of having Jazz and Just Desserts in the fall. We will keep you posted on that.

Also we are planning on having the Children's Bazaar the first Saturday in December. We have received lots of donations and we have quite a lot of "stuff" since we were unable to have it last December. But, keep the items coming and we will have the biggest and best Bazaar ever. We especially need items for teenagers (boys and girls) and men. Thank you for helping.

~ Linda Jantz

Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming

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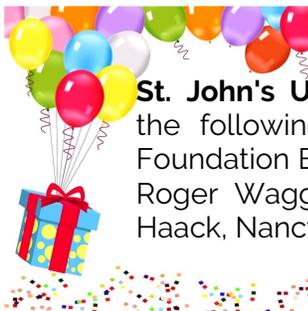
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30PM Saturday Jesus Country in Fellowship Hall

9:00AM Sunday on WOC 1420 AM radio
(previous week's sermon)

9:00AM Sunday Classic Worship in the Sanctuary
(will be simulcast online on Facebook, YouTube,
website)

11:00 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship
(online only, on Facebook, YouTube, website)



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