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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Worship

with Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd,
and 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

**Coffee Fellowship,
Sunday School & Confirmation**

10:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

April 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	4	5 9am-1pm Church Office Open	6 2pm-8pm Church Office Open East Union 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Worship	7 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	8 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	9
10 9am Holy Sunday Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation	11 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	12 9am-1pm Church Office Open	13	14 9am-1pm Church Office Open	15	16
17 9am Easter Worship	18	19 9am-1pm Church Office Open 6:30pm Council Meeting	20 7pm Chime Rehearsal	21 9am-1pm Church Office Open	22	23 10am-12pm Church Family Get Together
24 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	25 1pm Quilting Group	26 9am-1pm Church Office Open	27	28 9am-1pm Church Office Open	29	30 Synod Assembly 11am Don Atkins Funeral

Words from Pastor Sarah

Part of my calling is being an Aunt. It's a role I truly treasure. I became an Aunt before I became a mother. But this last week, I formally doubled my Aunt-ness. Let me explain...

You might remember my brother and his wife who have visited here many times, and worship with us regularly on-line. They are foster parents. They have had more than a dozen young children in their home, different faces and voices each calling them Mom and Dad. It's been an incredible way to see God at work through their generosity and love incarnate.

On March 16, 2022 at 1:30pm, the glory of Lord shone through Zoom as a judge appeared in one box, a social worker in another, a lawyer, my crowded living room, cousins from around the country, proud great Aunts dialed in and, of course, Josh, Lindsey, Neytiri and Silas were there.

Lots of questions were answered, promises were made, the new names were declared and then the judge pronounced these two kids Josh and Lindsey's FOREVER.

Tears flowed, cheers rang out, congratulations were exchanged before zoom boxes went away. It was absolutely holy.

This scripture from Ephesians 1 was in my head the whole day, knowing what I was witnessing was also a way to understand God's mighty love for us all:

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,* ⁴ *just as he chose us in Christ* ^[b] *before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.* ⁵ *He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,* ⁶ *to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.* ⁷ *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace* ⁸ *that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight.*

Lenten Blessings & Easter Joy, Church Family,

Pastor Sarah Bunge

Quilt Retreat

The quilting group is hosting a retreat starting at 9am on April 7th & 8th. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office, cost is \$10 per day.

Holy Sunday

New this year is Holy Sunday. On April 10th, our worship will contain the scripture stories of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday--all in one service! Including all these incredibly important stories on a Sunday morning will allow more people to experience them before we come together to celebrate Easter. {There will not be worship services held on Thursday 4/14 or Friday 4/15 }

Easter Sunday

Our festive Easter worship will be at 9am on Sunday, April 17th. Please, invite a friend, tell a neighbor, bring a relative—we will rejoice and celebrate!!

Church Family Get Together

We've had two already, this is our last one for the season. Join us on April 23rd from 10am-noon for a fun family get together. We will play games, cards, and just enjoy each other's company. All ages welcome!

Plant Sale

Our Annual Plant Sale is Saturday, May 7th from 8am-noon!! We are looking for handmade donations (bird houses/feeders, old wooden boxes, anything we can make into a planter). We will also be having a bake sale! We are looking for ALL homemade only items and canning items you would be willing to donate! We will have a coffee truck available along with hundreds of hanging baskets and more! Please use the enclosed flyer to help us promote this event.



March 2022 Council Minutes

During the Pandemic, we began putting the complete minutes here, in the newsletter. Now, we're returning to our previous practice of simply having the minutes available at the Parish Center. You'll find copies of the previous month's minutes in the rack near the library door.

Sunday School & Confirmation

This month our education ministry winds up, the last day of classes is Sunday, April 10th. We are grateful to God for the teachers who have shared their time and talents with our younger family members: Kerri Beddoe, Melina Simonson, Adam Bunge and George Wieland. Thanks to Jeri Bowers for leading the Women's Bible Study.

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School!!!

This year, we're doing a new thing and it is going to be SO FUN! Save the dates of August 1-5! You will not want to miss out. This year's VBS will be nature-based, bilingual (working with our mission partner Cristo Obrero) and it will be on a Farm near Belle Plaine! East and West Union are working on securing a school bus. This is for all age kids: Sunday School will participate and Youth Group kids will help. Stay tuned & mark your calendar!

Spam

Please beware, your church will never ask you to buy a gift card. Recently, scammers have used both email and text messaging in an attempt to take your money. Report any suspicious activity to the church office.

Baptism?

Are you an adult that was never baptized, or a youth that is looking for the right time? Pastor has a great opportunity for you this summer.

Card Ministry

The Card Ministry Team has been busy making cards. We would like birthdays (without the year) for all parishioners, young and old. Please forward information to the church office. Card Ministry Team Members are Ruth Steen, Sandy McGraw, LuAnn Haas, Stephanie Cardinal & Melissa Pantlin (not pictured).



East Union History Trivia

In 1923 the stained glass windows were installed in the church. Some were given as memorials. One of the windows on the left side of the church in the middle has "in memory of John Hillstrom". Who was John and where did he live, what did he do and who was his family and where is he buried in our cemetery? (See page 8 for answer).

Meet your 2022 Council

We are grateful to God for these leaders who generously offer their time, attention, and talents to help our church run smoothly—

Front Row: Rochelle Hasse (Secretary), Alyssa Leistiko (Vice President) & Barb Steers

Back Row: Tom Strobel, Jane Matthesen, Gordon Decker, Tom Simonson (President), Ted Wirtz & Chris Hallin



We thank God for our Office Administrator

If you've stopped in during the week, you've experienced the hospitality and kindness of Darcy Akerberg. Darcy works on Tuesdays and Thursdays, she also works at West Union in a similar capacity. In addition to these two churches, Darcy owns her own business called Akerberg Acres, a small vegetable farm & apple orchard. She sells her homemade canned goods at local farmer's markets. She has two sons in the Belle Plaine schools and a husband named Lars. Darcy has worked with us for over 4 years now. We are grateful!



Lenten Reflectors

Thanks to Katrina Hull (Serve), Ted Wirtz (Invite), Kent Hasse (Give), and Carol Kolodejchuk (worship) who each helped us explore our Lenten faith practices.



Spring Plant Sale

Homemade Bake Sale

Saturday, May 7th 2022 8am-12pm

Hundreds of hanging baskets,
flowering annuals & vegetable plants

Get your Mother's Day gifts here!

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Trivia Answer

This community lost one of its most lovable and noble characters and the county one of the grandest old men in the death of Mr. J. A. Hillstrom which occurred here, Thursday Feb. 16, 1911 at the grand old age of ninety-one years and 26 days. The late Mr. Hillstrom was indeed one of our grand and venerable men and pioneers, coming to America in 1848. He was born in Joh Kopning, Sweden in the year 1820. After coming to America he lived in Boston, Mass. for several years, later coming West to Minnesota and residing in St. Paul for a year or so. It was in the year of 1855 that the late deceased landed at Carver, then only a little frontier river settlement. He immediately took up a homestead in San Francisco Township and began the early pioneer work of clearing the land and breaking the soil and tilling it into productiveness. When the East Union congregation was organized in 1858, Mr. Hillstrom was one of the organizers, and has been an active member ever since, 52 years. His beloved wife passed into the great beyond ten years ago. He was a remarkable man in many respects and was known by many and loved and esteemed by all. Only recently he observed his 91st birthday anniversary and many relatives and friends were present to felicitate with him and extend hearty congratulations. He had always enjoyed good health up to the time of his last and fatal illness. He had indeed lived a useful and noble life and has gone to claim the reward offered by the Maker to those who are faithful. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and was one of the largest the community has ever known. Rev. Swenson read the last sad rites. He is survived by three sons and one daughter, namely C.W. Hillstrom residing near Belle Plaine; Alfred E. Hillstrom of Belle Plaine, and John T. Hillstrom of Sebeka, Minn. and Mrs. Peter Kleven Jr. of San Francisco to whom the sympathy of the community is extended in their sad bereavement. He also leaves one sister, a resident of Sweden. John and his wife are in section 3, lot number 10, on your right side as you walk to the hall.

