



Light Memorial Presbyterian Church

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PATHS

April

Edition



From the Pastor's Pen



Luke's Sermon on the Plain (chapter 6), Jesus looked directly at his travelling companions, his disciples, his friends. These friends walked away from viable lives because Jesus invited them "to follow him". As they followed him, he called 12 from among them. Jesus and these 12 were challenged at every turn by the jealous piety of the Pharisees, in danger for their very lives. On top of that, they were most often surrounded by throngs of needy people, and their work never seemed done. They were overwhelmed, broke, tired, and hungry. He looks them in the eyes and tells them, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied." (v. 21a, New Revised Standard Version).

Dubious as it may sound, when we are so hungry, for we don't know what, so weary that no rest refreshes, or so restless that nothing soothes, God is trying to get our attention. God is attempting to awaken us to the fact that when we are this hungry/unsatisfied, the messianic feast is already on the table. The question is, will we sit down and eat?

In the Beatitudes, Jesus presented the qualities that make for a happy or blessed life. To be blessed is to have inner joy because God's favor is upon you. Jesus then, is telling us how to be supremely happy or supremely miserable. You may wonder that anyone would choose to be miserable, especially when there is an apparent alternative. But choices are rarely easy...

The satisfaction that Jesus offers entails trials and real pain on the front end. These trials are typically short term, but may well last the metaphoric "40 years". These trials are real crucifixions of sorts. Trials endured lead to maturity, insight, compassion, and eternal joy on the back end. The satisfaction the world offers is also typically short term, and gratifies on the front end. Trouble is, the world's satisfaction doesn't last and we are left grasping after the next "great thing". The satisfaction the world offers denies our deepest soul hungers, and overlooks the eternal.

As Dr. Leon Lamb Morris observes, "Jesus promised his followers that they would be absurdly happy, but also that they would NEVER be out of [earthly] trouble" (Luke [IVP/Eerdmans], p. 127). William Barclay noted that the challenge of the Beatitudes is to ask, "Shall we be happy the world's way, or in Christ's way?". Good question, if you ask me.

Pastor Mary Jo



Calling all Graduates

Do you have a graduating senior in your family this year? We will be recognizing them during worship on May 5th so please contact the church office prior to then with the following information as we'd hate to miss someone. Name, Place of Graduation, Degree(if college), Post-graduation plans. This is an important time in the life of an individual so please help us make it memorable.

Just FYI

Sisters in Spirit Women's Retreat

April 26-28 Highland's Camp

Register by March 25th. Cost \$175.00 per person

"Flunking Sainthood" presented by Rev Kim Graber.

Registration available online at denpres.org/events.

For more info contact: Sharon Blackstock- dwrightandsharon@msn.co or

Ann Noble - annely.noble@comcast.net

Holy Week Schedule



April 14 – Palm Sunday

10:00 Worship service

April 18- Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm Soup supper with worship to follow.

April 19 – Good Friday

12:00- Ecumenical Service at Light Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 21 – Easter Sunday

10:00 Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

United Way of the Midlands

100% of every donation to the Nebraska/Iowa Flood Relief Fund will be directed to non profit programs meeting people's needs for emergency shelter food and more.

Donors will have the opportunity to direct their gift to a specific community within Nebraska or Iowa if they so wish. You can text FLOODRELEIF (all caps, no space) to 41444 or visit <https://bit.ly/2CqmEeZ> to donate now. You may donate at Sidney Glass and pick up your decal at the same time. No set amount, every dollar counts.



- 3. Brian Kurz
- 6. Clara Benisek
- 8. Jarren Swope
- 23. Glenn Morrison
- 24. Bradey Holtz



- 9. Jeff & Chris Kromberg
- 22. Jason & Angie Swope

Serving in April

Layreaders'

- 7 & 14 Bret Whartman
- 21 & 28 Wanda Whartman

Greeter's Randy & Leslie Richards

Usher's Roger Jorgenson

Communion servers (14th)

Jennifer Holtz Leslie Richards

Church committee*

Jane & Scott Easterly

Sally & Judy Harris

Carl Farmer

Jaime Smircich

April Calendar of Events

Regular Sunday Schedule: 10:00am Worship; 11:00am Fellowship

April 5th & 6th- Rummage-Bake sale

April 7th- 9:30 am Sunday story time for 2yr. -6yrs.

Reg. worship (Easterly baptism)

April 14- Palm Sunday (communion)

April 16- 6:00pm Session

April 18- Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm soup and worship

April 19- 12:00 pm Good Friday service@ LMPC

April 21- Easter Sunday

April 28- Reg. worship

Tues. mornings 10:00am -Bible study

Wed. evenings 6:30pm- choir practice.

Thur. mornings 9:00am- Donuts



Presbytery Dates

August 24- Light Memorial Presbyterian Church Sidney, NE

Nov. 2 Valmont Comm. Presbyterian Church Boulder, CO

Its' a Rummage & Bake Sale!

April 5th & 6th

Please bring items for the sale and put them in the room across from the Library/Session room (the room on the west side of that hallway).

Please price the items . Mark your boxes "Rummage Sale". The sale items will be set up in fellowship hall from April 2nd—5th.

After April 2nd, items can be put in the Fellowship hall on the tables on the south side.

Sign up sheets will be in the Fellowship hall. Any and all help will be appreciated.

Sale times are Friday- 5th from 1-4:30pm and Saturday - 6th from 8am to 12:00 pm.

Please come and join us for a free cup of coffee and enjoy shopping for some great bargains! We will have housewares, decorative items, clothing, books and many, many other items for sale.

Bake Sale!!

In addition to many delicious baked goods, we will also be selling breakfast burritos!

For more information call the church office at 254-5675

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



Spring Cleaning!

There will be a church spring clean up on April 13th after the Men's breakfast.

Come for breakfast and be prepared to get your hands dirty!!

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