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Jesus Loves the Little Children and So Do We!

We are so excited that we've had so many kids and young families coming to be part of our Church family! We recently hired Kathy Ross to be in our nursery on a weekly basis, so that there is a dependable adult in our nursery with all our littles. She has been through an online Safe Gatherings Training and Background check to make sure that our kids are as safe as possible. Kathy has worked with children in our nursery years ago and has been willing to come back and we are so excited to have her!

First United Methodist Church is committed to providing young children a safe and friendly environment to experience God's love and grace. We welcome you and your child to our church nursery. You can be assured that your child will receive love and attention the entire time that he or she is in our care. We strive to create an environment that demonstrates the

same kind of love that Christ had for babies and little ones. During the time that your child is in our care, our staff will be speaking words of life and blessing to them all the while meeting their basic needs.

We request that the children that come to the nursery are in Kindergarten or younger. We believe that if a child can sit through a day of school, they can sit respectfully in worship service for an hour, helping them to learn how to worship with the rest of their family! If for any reason you need to take your older child back there for a brief moment, please feel free to do that!

Contact us

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Upcoming Events

Simey. Natalie's Notes

changes, they begin to get begin to relax...and trust. out of sync. I realized, in the moment, how much I like things Blessings, to be in sync and orderly. I have routines, and don't like to get out of them all that often. Paster Vatalie Is anyone like that at all? Sometimes I think that it may be possible that I'm a control freak...but then I think nahhh...

But I read a devotion recently that talked about control and. since I for some odd reason tend to be a worrier as well, when I read this devotion it got to me a little. It says: "You will never be in control of your life

Last month we took an old circumstances but you can relax familiar road trip to Southwest and trust in My control. Instead Kansas in which the route of striving for a predictable, took us by several different safe lifestyle, seek to know Me wind farms. As I drove by in greater depth and breadth." one near Spearville, Kansas, I I'll never be in control of my watched as the wind turned the own life...just like I'll never be in blades around and around and charge of those wind generators around. They are incredibly turning in sync, controlled by mesmerizing. I found myself, the wind of God himself. But to though, frustrated as I watched relax and trust in God's control them and it took me awhile to in my life? It's so hard...but identify why. And when I did I wouldn't it just be fabulously rolled my eyes at myself. Some freeing to do just that? So of them get into the same air the next time I drive by a wind current in which they all turn farm, I think I'm going to try in sync with one another, my hardest to enjoy watching However, as you watch them, God work, turning the massive and know that the air current blades in God's own time...and

Funds Needed

- 1. We are estimating at the printing of April's Herald that our new HVAC will cost approximately \$16,000. We are just over halfway raising funds for that. If you would like to donate to the project please do so soon. Remember that July heat is just around the corner!
- 2. If you would like to donate to a College Scholarship for local senior and church member, Jaimey Bryant, that is due by May 1st.
- 3. We would like to help the victims of flooding in Nebraska! If you would like to donate to that need make out checks to: Great Plains Disaster Response Fund, Account #975/420101. If you bring it to the office we will send it. All money donated will go straight to the victims of the flooding.

Thank you for all you give to God, and for considering going above and beyond! Administrative Council of First United Methodist Church, Superior





APRIL 21ST @ 8:45 A.M. Easter Breakfast Potluck COME JOIN US FOR GREAT EASTER FELLOWSHIP!

Happy Birthday

Thursday, April 4: Arnold Ross, Brad Worman

Friday, April 5: Emily Tietjen

Saturday, April 6: Dorothy Rust, Greq

Edwards

Tuesday, April 9: Chloe Corman, Janet

Eggers, Lyndsay Brown

Wednesday, April 10: Caiden Smullins,

Eric Borden

Saturday, April 13: Jocelyn Woerner

Monday, April 15: Melba Lynch

Thursday, April 18: Chloe Drake, Stan Sheets

Monday, April 22: Mary Ann Bates Tuesday, April 23: Sylvia Imhoff Friday, April 26: Maxine Williams

Sunday, April 28: Taylor Bryant Monday, April 29: Velda Roe

Anniversaries

Tuesday, April 9: John & Joni Anderson Friday, April 12: Troy and Becky Scott Monday, April 29: Scott & Cassidy Peterson

WANTED: Easter Candu! Please bring any Easter Candy Donations ar

Plastic Eggs to the Office by Tuesday, April 16th! Thank you!

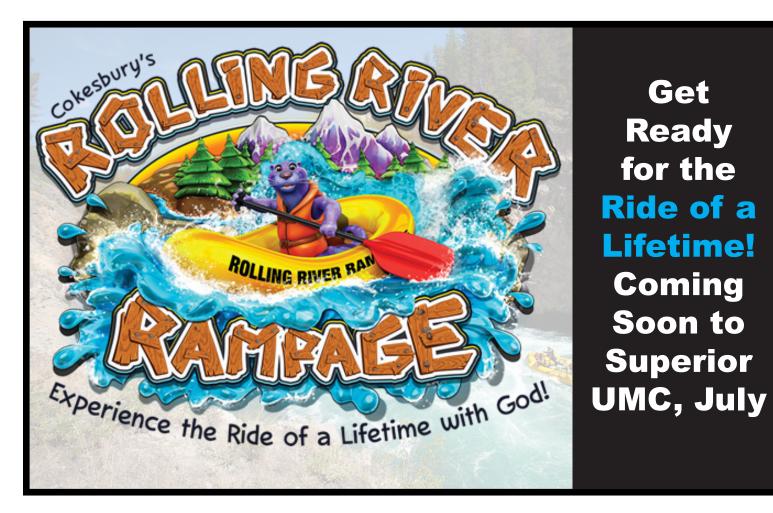


Middle School Camp • Week 3 • June 17-21



Join other middle school youth for a week of crazy games, passionate worship and meaningful relationships. This week is all about discovering yourself in Christ. You will get the opportunity to meet other middle school students from across the state while also spending time with those from your home town. Middle school camp is structured a little differently than our normal summer camp weeks. You, as a camper, have more freedom in deciding what activities you want to do along with more free time. This camp is designed just for YOU middle schoolers. You don't want to miss out on this great opportunity to connect with friends and our God!

\$285 *Prices go up \$10 After May 1



Get Ready for the Ride of a Lifetime! Coming Soon to

Upcoming Events

April Calendar

Saturday April 6th: Ladies' Day Out @ The Crest 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday April 7th: University of Nebraska Kearney Campus Ministries at both Worship Services

Both services will be held in the Sanctuary Monday April 8th: Bingo @ Good Sam @ 2 p.m.

Thursday April 11th: Chapel @ Good Sam @ 10:30 a.m.

Chapel @ Kingswood @ 4 p.m.

Saturday April 13th: Confirmation Class Dinner

& "Passion of the Christ"

@ Pastor Natalie's House @ 6 p.m.

Sunday April 14th: NO EARLY SERVICE Palm Sunday Children's Easter Program

@ 10:30 a.m. Worship

Bellissimo Bell Choir Finale

@ 10:30 a.m. Worship

Community Easter Cantata @ Superior UMC 3 & 7 p.m.

Monday April 15th: Lenten Breakfast @ Catholic Church @ 7 a.m.

Tuesday April 16th: Lenten Breakfast

@ Presbyterian Church @ 7 a.m. SPRC @ 6:00 p.m.

Finance @ 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday April 17th: Lenten Breakfast @ Olive Hill @ 7 a.m. UMW @ 7 p.m.

Thursday April 18th: Lenten Breakfast @ Superior UMC @ 7 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday April 19th: Lenten Breakfast @ Centennial Lutheran @ 7 a.m.

Saturday April 20th: Men's Breakfast

@ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.

Sunday April 21st: Easter Sunrise Service

@ Evergreen Cemetery @ 7 a.m.

No 8:15 a.m. Service; No Sunday School. Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8 a.m. Easter Service in Sanctuary @ 10:30 a.m. Easter egg hunt during Holy Wiggle Time.

Bring Easter Baskets!

Saturday April 27th: Way Forward Post General Conference Meeting at Trinity UMC in

Grand Island. Time TBA

Sunday April 28th: Confirmation Sunday! Students need to attend 8:15 & 10:30

Services

Novella Bell Choir Finale @ 10:30 a.m. Worship

Saturday May 4th: UMW Brunch @ 11 a.m.

Weekly Groups

Sundays: Community Cantata Rehearsal @ 6 p.m. Ending April 7th.

Mondays: Forgiveness Lenten Study @ 1 or 6 p.m. Ending April 15th.

Yoga @ 7 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m. Lenten Prayer Time-Noon or 5 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m.

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United Methodist Women

Superior UMW met on 3/20/19 in the Fellowship Hall. **Greeters:** Vice President Esther Martin opened the meeting with eleven members reciting the UMW Purpose. Esther sent a prayer request basket to members who will provide the names of people who need prayers. After the exchange, we will say prayers for them each day throughout lent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Sylvia Imhoff reported a current April 7: Frank Langer, Bill & Mary Hamilton treasury balance of \$3,654.29. A bill for \$193.00 for April 14: Arnold Ross, Phil Dean, and Tony Studer the Upper Room yearly subscription will be paid soon. April 21: Joe Wilson, Gail Breen, Linda Cox

Reports: Esther Martin showed several paint aprons that shehas made for preschoolers art projects. **Counter all Month:** Jeff Guilkey Several requests have been made for more.

Elaine Guilkey reported three funeral dinners were **Sound Technicians:** served since last meeting-John and Kay Adams, and Judith Pettit. She also reported a good turnout at Good Sam Bingo this month.

Linda Cox reported that three members will be attend the yearly District UMW meeting in "Aurora, NE on March 30. They will be taking diapers and baby wipes to donate to Epworth Village. Camp Comeca will have a spiritual retreat on May 3-5. Contact Linda for further information.

New Business: This will be the last year for UMCOR school kit donations. Changes in rules for supplies April 21: Teeegan Duncan make this necessary.

Lenten Breakfasts will be next month. Carol will chair serving committee for Thursday of Holy Week. May **Sunday Funday Leaders:** 4th will be our annual May brunch.

Sue Rose made motion to send "Gift in Memory" cards to family of deceased UMW members from our church. Secretary will send these cards which can be obtained from Linda Cox. After discussion, motion was seconded and passed.

Elaine Guilkey reported that UMW received \$1,000.00 **April 28:** Celebration from family in memory of John and Kay Adams. After discussion, Elaine made a motion to send funds to Ad Council for use in upcoming capital project, Seconded by Linda Cox, and carried.

Following the business meeting, Jo spoke about Lent and changing our hearts. Sylvia and Jo presented a program on observance, through the gospel of christ, of a call to prayer and self denial. This year we focus especially on opportunities for children and vouth. and their wellbeing worldwide.

To complete the afternoon, a delicious dessert and coffee were served by Esther and Carol. Next meeting will be April 17 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Wilbern, Secretary

April 2019 Worship Assistants

April 7: Bonnie Langer April 14: Judy Corman April 21: Dorthy Rust April 28: Coffey Family

Ushers:

April 28: Steeve & Karen Fox, Danny Corman

April 7: Jared Ehlers April 14: Sandy Borden April 21: Angela Garver April 28: Marsha Ray

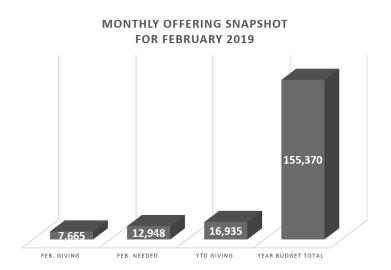
Communion Steward: Judy Corman

Acolytes:

April 7: Cooper Ehlers **April 14:** Dylan Edwards April 28: Zak Corman

April 7: Leader- Haley Coffee **April 14:** Leader- Beverly Beavers Helper- EVERYONE!

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Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met on March 19, 2019 at the Church. Present: Beverly Beavers, Marsha Ray, Judy Corman, Esther Martin, Patty Studer, Carole Thompson, Linda Cox, Pat McCord, Jana Marr, Shannon McCord and Pastor Natalie Faust. Beverly Beavers called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and Pastor Natalie opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

SPRC—Kathy Ross was hired as the Sunday Worship Nursery Attendant. She will be completing the Safe Gathering Training and will be paid \$12 each Sunday.

UMW—Esther Martin reported to date there have been 4 funeral dinners served in March. UMW will host the Lenten Breakfast on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7 a.m. The District Meeting will be held on March 30, 2019 at Aurora, NE. The May Brunch will be on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The program will be given by Vicki Neilsen. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend the May Brunch.

Finance—Jana Marr discussed the current assets for the month. Tithes and offerings were significantly lower since Sunday services were affected by the weather. The new copier has been installed. Funding for the new HVAC for the Sanctuary was discussed. Bids are still being received until March 25, 2019.

Trustees—Shannon McCord reported the new HVAC has been installed at the parsonage. The old termite damage at the parsonage has been repaired. Jeff Hutchinson will do a termite treatment at the parsonage that has a 10-year warranty for \$2000. The internal support beams in the basement of the parsonage need repaired. The plan is to have volunteers dig out the area and lay a cement foundation and then hire a brick layer to block up the area. The trustees have scheduled to fix the leak on the outside wall of the added bedroom at the parsonage. A new microwave was purchased for the parsonage. The price was \$599 and it will be a permanent fixture at the parsonage. The trustees decided it would be more beneficial to replace both the heating and cooling system at the same time for the Sanctuary. Bids will be taken again from Wittke's, Energizer Electric and Scott's. All bids will be for the exact same system, the previous bids received were varied. The bids will include heating and cooling for the nursery and the bell choir room. Shannon stated the electrical panel also needs updated. The cost of the electrical update will be included in the bids. All bids are due on March 25th. The new system has been estimated to be in excess of \$15,000. The parking area behind the Church is

need of repair. Shannon is going to contact the street department to see if they could place rock in the alley. The Church will then purchase half inch gravel to place in the parking area. The piano in the north room of the Fellowship Hall needs a new home. We will advertise it on Facebook for free. Anyone who wants it will have to move it themselves. If the piano is not gone in a month, it will be disassembled and hauled away. Shannon reported the Trustees will make a Google calendar to keep track of purchases and maintenance dates of Church owned items (furnaces, air conditioners, plumbing fixtures, hot water heater, and etc.) There will also be a written copy kept in the office.

Memorial—The committee gave \$1335 to the Bell Choir to refurbish the Choir's needs. They gave \$5000 to the heating and cooling system for the Sanctuary.

Pastor's Report—Ladies' Day out is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2019. 24 ladies have registered to date. The event will be held at the Crest Theatre. April 7, 2019 the UNK Campus Ministries will be giving the message for both services. Both services will be held in the Sanctuary. May 12, 2019 Epworth Village will give the message. Both groups will be paid \$100 and a special offering will be taken at each service. Confirmation will be held on April 28, 2019. The Church will be hosting the Baccalaureate on May 8, 2019. Annual Conference will begin on May 29, 2019 at Topeka, KS. Pastor Natalie reported the Confirmation Class would like to host a dinner and silent auction for the youth group. They will donate 1/4 of the proceeds to the Crest Theatre. The event will be held at the Superior Winery Estates for no charge. The date has not been determined.

New Business--- Linda Cox indicated she felt there was a need to schedule potluck dinner (4 a year) for mission outreach. Beverly Beavers indicated there are two men residing in Superior that have substandard living conditions. She is going to check out their situations more thoroughly and report back. She said that could be another mission outreach project Pastor Natalie asked the Council whether or not they had a preference to have Maundy Thursday Services or Good Friday Services. The Council had no preference. Donations are still being taken for Jaimey Bryant's scholarship and the Sanctuary's heating and cooling system.

Esther Martin closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jana Marr, Ad Council Secretary