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### Tuesday, May 15

9:30am Ruth Circle at Willa Jewsbury's  
6:30pm Trustees Mtg.  
7pm "Weekend" Cluster Mtg.

### Wednesday, May 16

9:30am & 5:30pm Bible Study  
7:30pm Choir

### Thursday, May 17

Pastor MJ out of office  
5:30pm Men's Night Out at Pizza Ranch

### Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost

Pentecost Offering Received  
8:30am Worship  
9:30am Coffee in small hall  
10am Sunday School  
11am Worship

### Monday, May 21

4pm Brownie Troop in small hall  
7pm Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, May 22

6:30pm Board Meeting

### Wednesday, May 23

9:30am Bible Study  
2pm Seminary/3pm Hawthorne-MJ  
5:30pm Bible Study  
7pm Historical Society Mtg.

### Thursday, May 24

9am Staff Mtg.  
1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church

## SERVING SCHEDULE

May 20, 2018

### 8:30am Worship

**Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards & Offering, Serve Communion:** Janet Foster, Jan Unger

**Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St. & Serve Out if Needed:** Dori Oberman, Candi Moulton

**Offering:** Misty Stecher

**Communion:** Steve Spicher

**Prayers:** Renée Galvin

**Phone:** Larry Thurman

**Education Building Greeter:** Janet Christiansen

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Clean up Communion, Greet at Broad St., \*Acolyte, Serve Out if Needed:**

\*Mack Glass, Shawn Keith

**Greet at North St., Prayer Cards,**

**Offering, Serve Communion:** Marge Patterson, Amanda Keith

**Elder Serving In:** Jan Luallen

**Elder Serving Out:** Steve Spicher, Chris Mowrer, Linda Mowrer



### April Coffee hosts:

Travelers Class

**3rd Sunday  
of the Month  
Congo Coffee**



# The Crusader

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## Sunday, May 20 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Wear the color red to church!**

Message by Linda Mowrer in both services:

*“Pentecost and What It Can Teach Us”*

Scripture – Acts 2:1-4 and Joshua 1:9

**8:30am** Worship

Quest Band plays, *“Breathe On Us”*

**9:30am** Coffee Time in Small Hall

**10am** Sunday School

**11am** – Worship

Choir performs *“Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost”* ~ John Erickson

## PENTECOST OFFERINGS RECEIVED

**Sunday, May 20 & 27**

*Envelopes provided in your bulletins.*

Our church received the following note: *“Dear*

*church, Thank you for your generosity to our*

*Region’s New Church Ministry. As you know the*

*Pentecost Offering helps our church both in the Region and beyond grow our Church for*

*the cause of Jesus and His Church! As a Region we have invested in 2 new churches this*

*year and several others continue through your generous support. Thank you and may*

*God continue to bless you and our Region!”* – **Bryan Elliott** with New Church Ministry





### IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **Nia Sullivan** – Sierra Leone Missionary.  
... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

- ... New City Church in Mbandaka, Congo. Protection from the eboli outbreak.
- ... Sympathy to the family of Ernie Caves who passed away last week. Ernie was the uncle of **Larry VanVelsor** and the service for Ernie was held on May 12.
- ... **Rena Miller**, currently at a nursing home in Canton. Prayers for **Raye Beasley**, for strength and comfort throughout this time and for Rena’s children.
- ... **Mary Ewalt**, recovering from hip surgery at Bounceback, Room 114.
- ... **Ed White**, recovering from hip surgery at Bounceback, Room 614.
- ... **Richard Reno**, recovering from hip surgery at Bounceback.
- ... **Mary Runge**, surgery on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ... **Carolyn Spratt and Ginny Murphy**, cataract surgery May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ... **Judy St. John** – surgery on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ... **Margaret Coombs**, at St. Francis, Room 2343, recovering from a recent stroke.
- ... A friend, **Becky Marshall**, battling cancer. Prayers also for her family.
- ... Thank you for all your prayers and kindness to **Rena** and me.
- ... Candi’s Mom, **Marilyn**.
- ... Prayers that **Scott and Chris** are able to convince the government to increase funds for ALS. Safe travels for them home.

### MEN’S NIGHT OUT

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Pizza Ranch**

All men are welcome to join this time of fellowship and a short devotion. Each pay for their own meal. Bring a guest!



### MAY DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETINGS

- Thurs., May 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** DW Council Mtg.
- Tues., May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30am** Ruth Circle at Willa Jewsbury’s
- Thurs., May 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm** Lydia Circle at the church



### GRADUATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at both services.**

We will be recognizing the high school and college graduates from our church family during both services. Graduates we are recognizing are: High School – **Carrissa Empson, Carstin Fuller, Diego Galvin, and Nicolas Napier**; College – **Tracy Jackson, Megan Molloy, and Alanna Nalley**. Congratulations to you all! **Graduates – please email in your photo for a PowerPoint presentation A.S.A.P.!**

### MAY CHURCH MEETINGS

**Tues., May 15 – 6:30pm** Trustees Mtg.

**Tues., May 22 – 6:30pm** Board Meeting



### THANK YOU’S

Special thanks to **Raye Beasley** and **Brenda Fell** for planting the flowers outside at the church.

Brenda Fell is watering them the month of May and creating a rotation schedule for anyone interested in helping to keep the plants watered this summer. Please contact Brenda Fell if you can help.

*“Thank you all for your prayers. I recently had good test results and am good to go.” – Jim Eager*

### THANK YOU!

*“Nine years ago, Rena and I started a search for a church to attend. When we walked through the First Christian Church doors the first time, I remember Rena saying, ‘I like this one’. I was still undecided, but Rena was positive. She is the one that chose you and we never regretted it.*

*We were baptized in April of 2010. A few years ago, Rena was diagnosed with dementia. Rena loved it here and when her memory started to fail she still always wanted to come on Sunday. There were times that I was embarrassed about her actions, but I watched as all of you accepted her ‘I love you’s, kisses and hugs’ with kindness. She is in a nursing home now and only God knows how Rena’s life will continue.*

*Thank you for your prayers and compassion. Every Sunday you still accept us with literally open arms and God’s love. I am not only speaking for myself, but I know Rena would also want you to know and thank you.” – Raye Beasley*



## ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be an acolyte training on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, during the Sunday School time. Parents – please make sure children are there for this training.

– **Linda Mowrer**



## GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

**Dave Nalley** will be hosting a graduation open house for his wife **Alanna** on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** from **4-7pm** at their friends' house (Steve & Bridgett Peck). The address is 77 N Ivan. All are welcome!



## MAY IS ALS AWARENESS MONTH

Go to [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org) to learn more.

**Scott VanVelsor** and his family have created a registered fund to enable those with ALS who have no funding, to apply for help with their treatment. Check it out on Facebook and search for #TEAM CHIEF.



## BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**

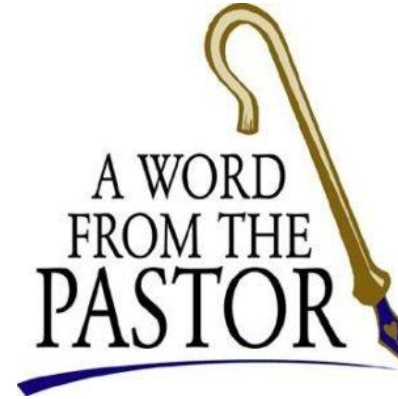
All members of the Board are asked to attend. The Board is comprised of the Moderator, **Neill Unger**; Vice-Moderator: **Chris Mowrer**, Secretary: **Bonnie Glass**,

Financial Secretary: **Jan Luallen**, Treasurer: **Lynda White** and every Chairperson of each ministry team. The elders are also invited to be present. The new church budget is being prepared and voted on at the meeting, so your attendance is very important.



## BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING LIST

The exact dates have not been set but for anyone who likes to read, here are the upcoming books for this summer: **June** – Fire by Night by Lynn Austin; **August** – Dead End on the Camino by Elyn Aviva. We'd love to have you join us!



This Sunday we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church, as recorded in Acts 2. And bringing our message will be **Linda Mowrer**, a student at Lincoln University, getting her Masters in Bible and Theology. One of her classes, The Introduction to the New Testament, required that she design a worship service or Bible Study, based on her studies. We are so happy she is able to fulfill some of those requirements by leading in worship in both services here on Pentecost. Linda helped pick out the music and will be preaching at both services.

Our church has long been a church that supports education. We have a Swedenberg Student Loan program that was established in the 1950's - that has provided scholarships for many of our college students throughout the years. We also have a scholarship established at Christian Theological Seminary and Culver Stockton University (both Disciples institutions) and another in the Congo Protestant University.

In addition, we have had several people who have either grown up in our church or have spent many years in our church who have gone to seminary and have been ordained or licensed for ministry. One of those was **Will Jewsbury** (son of Bill and Willa) who was ordained in our church and **Mary Runge** (our daughter) who was ordained in 2016. Our most recent student at Lexington Theological Seminary from our church is **Jeff Neilsen**. Jeff serves as pastor at Cameron Christian Church. A person who goes into ministry or a missionary from a congregation is called a "Timothy" – referring to Timothy of the Bible, whom the Apostle Paul sent out into the ministry. Timothy is considered a "son in the faith" to Paul. We have a plaque in the narthex of the church (Broad street side) that lists all the Timothies of our church since our beginning, 1871.

We give thanks to all of our students who are continuing their education and following the call of God on their life! And we look forward to hearing from Linda on Sunday. Make plans to be here and celebrate the birthday of the Church! ~**Pastor MJ**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
"BEE" Upsy Daisy' Sisters in Christ Event  
Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:30am  
\$10 adult tickets, \$5 girls, 12 years old and under.