



Lake City Union Church
April Newsletter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake City Union Church is to praise and uplift God in all

From Pastor Randy

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you”
(John 15:7)

Asking With Confidence

Most of us have faced the challenge of asking someone for something, afraid that we won't get it. We often practice what we will say, prepare ourselves for any questions they may have, and may even start to form a back-up plan in case their answer is, “No”. There are times that it seems like all we do is “ask” and await a response, only to repeat the process again.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we begin the season of Lent. It is a time when Christians reflect on their lives, confess their sins claiming salvation in Christ Jesus, realizing all that God requires of us in service.

In the passage above from the Gospel of John, Jesus is preparing the disciples for what lies ahead. He is nearing the end of his earthly ministry and is entrusting the future to those called in his name. He promised to them the coming of the Holy Spirit and a continued presence with them in God's power. He will be the true vine and each of them the branches. What they must do is continue to offer prayers for all that they need. Jesus instructs them to keep asking.

These are great words for us, also. May we be in a continuous process of discovering what is required of us next and praying that God will provide.

Serving our Savior together,
Randy

Lake City Union Church

Administrative Session

March 20, 2025

Session of Lake City Union Church was held at Fireside Room in the Church at 7: pm. Meeting was called to order by Reverend Randy. Attendance: Rev Randy, Kay Streeter Clerk, Kevin Berry, Mike Best, Paul Jesse, Brittany Krause, Dana Morris, Jon Myer, Becky O'Tool, Barry Stevens, Kendall Von Glan Excused: Barb Linn, Mary Reiter Absent Also, present Janelle Nesbitt

Session minutes of January 16 were reviewed. They were approved on January 19, 2025. There being no corrections, they stand as approved. Minutes from meetings called Feb 2, March 2, and March 16 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve. Approved

Report Clerk's: The Clerk's Report was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk's report. Approved.

Christian Education: Youth Group is winding down for this year. Son Shine Preschool will be the last two Wednesdays of April. Bibles are going out to the youth who have ask for a bible.

Missions: The committee met and decided to follow the Odebolt church's idea of collecting a garment a day (with a prayer for the person getting it) for the duration of Lent. These will be taken to Sioux City for distribution.

Parish Life:

Buildings and Grounds: The electrical panel by the kitchen has been replaced. A few other items were taken care of so we up to code. The printer has given out. The vendor in Storm Lake was contacted and gave us the options of purchase or lease. After discussion about the differences in costs - \$4500 to purchase vs \$5800 for leasing. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the printer. Seconded and approved.

Support:

Memorial and Bequest:

Staff Pastor Parish:

Worship and Music: Erin is on maternity leave. Congratulations to the Blair family

Nominating:

A motion was made and seconded to approve all the committee reports. Approved

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed the report given to us. There is \$ 25,501.43 in our account as of February 28, 2025. Full reports are in the office of the church. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Pastor's Report

Visits: 1/13 Brenda Russom unable to serve communion because of cold and flu season- they requested I skip January, 1/14 Carol Eichhorn with Elder Rebecca Brown served her communion, 1/21 Chapel service at Accura with Elder Kendall Von Glan served 11 communion, 1/22 Took a member of our congregation to Rainbow Bridge, he had never seen it and requested I take him there because it was on his "bucket list" before he went to heaven, 1/31 Jake Janssen, 2/01 Lorena Dreeszen (United @ Auburn) @ SMCH, 2/18 Chapel service at Accura with Elders Rebecca Brown and Kendall Von Glan served communion, 2/27 Jake Janssen, 3/09 Brenda Russom and members from Trinity-Wall Lake, 3/10 Carol Eichhorn with Elder Rebecca Brown- served her communion, 3/11 Hazel Berry @ SMCH, 3/12 Chapel at Opportunity Living

Books Read: From This Day Forward, The General vs The President, Woman of the Boundary Waters, Fearless Leadership, Killing the Mob, Right Kind of Wrong, How to Survive History, Listening Point

Funerals: Al Hight 12/21/24

Wedding:

Committee: 1/12 Nominating, 1/28 Calling, 2/25 Worship & Music, 3/6 Mission

Denominational: 1/30 Presbytery Council Meeting, 2/2 Worship at First Odebolt and Moderated their Annual congregation Meeting, 2/11 Called Presbytery Meeting with Kendall Von Glan, 3/1 Presbytery Meeting in Battle Creek with Kevin Berry and Kendall Von Glan, 3/2 led worship at First- Odebolt, 3/12 Session at First Odebolt

For discussion/requiring action: Planning ahead: I would like to request the following Sundays as vacation Sundays: August 3, August 17, October 26, November 16. As study leave – Sunday August 10 and November 16 – a motion was made and seconded to approve these vacation days. It was seconded and approved.

The question was raised about funerals in our church for people who are nonmembers of our church. We decided that we should agree to the funerals with the accompaniment of a memorandum of understanding for insurance purposes and if our church calendar is clear. A motion was made and seconded. Approved Another item is to have communion every month starting the first Sunday of April. A motion was made to have communion every month once again. It was seconded and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Approved

Kevin Berry gave the closing prayer 8:05 pm

Next meeting will be May 15, 2025 Approved 3/23

Kay Streeter, Clerk of Session



Ruth Circle will meet Thursday, April 3 at 1:30 pm. We meet at the church and all women are welcome. Krisi Jacobs is the hostess and Marilyn Willis will have the program.

We continue our monthly devotions at Accura. On Wednesday, April 9th Marilyn Collis has the program and Patti Daisy will serve as the helper.

During Lent our church hosted the Lenten Luncheon on March 24. The final luncheon will be held at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church on April 7 at noon. Thank you to all who provided food and helped in any way.

Have a blessed Easter.

Patti Daisy, Chair

For Mission:

We are in the heart of the season of Lent. Forty days before Easter Sunday we focus more attention on giving, praying and fasting. There are times when I begin to think that there is so much need in the world. What can I do to volunteer or give financially that can possibly make any difference? Wouldn't I be better off just staying close to home and helping those in need in and around Lake City? God always answers my questions.

The first week in February this year, I traveled with 13 others from Iowa to do volunteer work in a community in Mississippi that was hit by a tornado two years ago. Red Cross and FEMA were long gone. Yet, sounds of power equipment and construction machines filled the air. Church volunteers were working everywhere throughout the community building houses. I couldn't do all the work that needed to be done in Rolling Fork by myself. By myself, anything I could do would be insignificant. But, there were a whole bunch of church volunteers working there. All I had to do was join in and contribute joyfully what skills I had and help. The Pastor of the Rolling Fork Baptist church told us the stories of destruction and of lives lost. Stories of renters losing absolutely everything they had, including their car and their work place. With tears, he thanked us for being there and assuring them that someone cared. For giving them hope. Two years after the tornado, staff from OGHS are there to coordinate volunteers and provide the supplies and direction volunteers needed to keep working.

OGHS is not just a Presbyterian relief organization. American Baptists, Methodists, and UCC, to name a few, financially contribute to OGHS just like we do. Working together we can do so much more than working by ourselves. What can you joyfully contribute to OGHS?

More on working together. We learned that Odebolt Presbyterian was gathering used clothing during lent. The mission committee at LCUC asked if we could join with them, and they agreed. We are asking you to put an item of used clothing in a bag for each of the 40 days of lent. Say a prayer over that item for the person that will one day receive that item. We will gather up those bags after Easter Sunday and get them to Odebolt. It will be interesting to see what working together we can do.

Kendall Von Glan, chairman



Presbyterian / Methodist & Baptist
Working together



Food Bank pick up is from 2:30 - 5:30 on the day listed below. If you are unable to make it on the scheduled day, you can pick up from 11:30 to 12:30 on the following Sunday.

The upcoming schedule is : April 10 May 8 June 12

Thank You,
Mike and Kristi Jacobs & Paige and Mary Reiter

April Sermon Schedule

April 6th Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21

New Testament: John 12:1-8

Sermon Title: *"Understand Now?"*

April 13th Palm Sunday

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament: Luke 19:28-40

Sermon Title: *"With A Loud Voice!"*

April 17th Maundy Thursday Communion

Old Testament: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

New Testament: Mark 14:12-31

Reflection Title: *"At The Table"*

April 20th Resurrection of The Lord Sunday

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25

New Testament: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon Title: *"The First Day Of The Week!"*

April 27th Second Sunday of Easter

Old Testament: Psalm 118:19-21

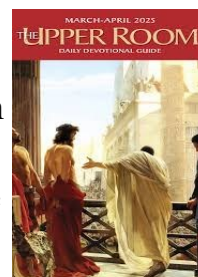
New Testament: Luke 24:13-49

Sermon Title: *"Eyes Opened!"*

Upper Room Devotional

The March / April Upper Room devotional guide is available to all.

These devotionals are located in the hallway across from the office. You may donate toward cost— place \$1 in the display or in the church office.



Holy Week April 13-20

Palm Sunday—10:00 am April 13

Maundy Thursday—6:00 pm Meal & Worship in Fellowship Hall April 17

Good Friday Service— 3:00 pm at Woodlawn Christian Church April 18

Easter Sunday—10:00 am April 20
Celebrate our Risen Lord.

2025 Men's Lenten Breakfast

April 5 –Pilgrim Lutheran Church

April 12 – Knights of Columbus @ St. Mary's Catholic

All breakfasts will be served at 7:30 a.m. and a freewill donation will be accepted.

Church Women United Lenten Luncheons

A time of devotion and sharing a meal at 12:00 noon on:

March 31 St. Mary's Catholic Church

April 7 Pilgrim Lutheran Church

All women of the Lake City Union Church is invited to participate.



Church Service
Church Attendance

March 2	106
March 9	72
March 16	82
March 23	85
March 30	NA

Facebook/You Tube
Households viewing

March 2	212
March 9	203
March 16	165
March 23	No streaming
March 30	NA

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL NEWS \$\$\$

Offering— March 2, 2025	\$3,863.00
Offering - March 9, 2025	\$1,970.00
Offering - March 16, 2025	\$3,435.93
Offering— March 23, 2025	\$4,893.18
Offering— March 30, 2025	NA
Total Offering for Month	\$14,162.11
2024 Investment Income— 2/28/2025	\$5,000.00
2024 Contribution Income—2/28/2025	\$9,753.62
2024 Total Income thru— 2/28/2025	\$14,753.62
2024 Expenses thru – 2/28/2025	\$17,455.30
Net Loss	< - 2,701.68 >

For April

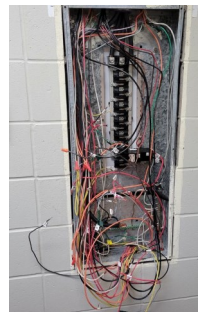
Becky O'Tool
Kendall Von Glan



*Note: For further information, contact Paul Jesse or stop in the church office during office hours.

Buildings and grounds:

In recent weeks, we have been able to upgrade the electrical panel that is just outside the kitchen in the church. Thanks to Pastor Randy for helping out with a lot of the preliminary work to make things go faster. Doing that upgrade, a number of electrical things in the kitchen area need to be updated to bring them up to latest code. Those are not expensive things, they just take some time. We are in the process of getting materials together so that the electrical panel in the church attic can be upgraded. Our plan is to get that done in the next month or two.



A generous member of the church stepped up and said they would provide the funds for these two electrical projects. May God bless this donor and may God bless all of you for the talents, skills and gifts you bring to Christ's church.

Before it is time to mow, we hope to have a clean up day around the church. We'll pick a Saturday morning where we can pick rocks out of the grass, pick up sticks, rake, fill in some dirt, and maybe do a few minor repairs. If you see something that needs to be done, let me know.

Kendall Von Glan, chair



Church
Office Hours

Mon. 7:30— 11:30
Tue. 7:30— 11:30
Wed. 7:30— 11:30
Thur. 8:00—11:00
Fri. Closed

Youth / Gathering



YOUTH GROUP

The weather has played a role on our time again with a blizzard, but all the kids came back the following week with full capacity!

K-2nd grades studied the Psalms and emotions. Study of psalms that relate to a certain emotion and studied the detail of each. The students learned by storyboards made by MaeLaan which includes interactive learning.

3rd-6th grade continued the story of Moses, studying each phase per week. It worked out well to slow the story down and learn each aspect, doing crafts and worksheets that match. Review will continue in weeks ahead to keep the teachings of Moses embedded in their memory.

These grades also took a break from Moses and learned about how much God loves us (Valentine lesson we had to postpone a week due to weather!)

The students made "Keep God First" love mobiles that are hanging in the education wing. We would always like to encourage people to visit this area to see what the students have been doing!

The students continue to look up their Scriptures, read, and interpret them. Many days are full of great questions!

7th-12th grades have been learning about 'discouragement' and the teachings of Paul, along with many lessons from the story of 'Jesus Heals the Bleeding Woman' where students are being taught interpretation and detail of reading the Bible, along with follow up discussion questions in small groups.

MaeLaan continues with developing and planning lessons for Children's Church . Thank you to all who help with Children's Church ! We have some great people who help with that each week!

Thank you to all who teach and help in any way at Youth group! It is greatly appreciated!

Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator & MaeLaan Nesbitt, PT Youth Coordinator

Saddle Up!
for...
Sunshine
PreSchool

Ages 3 thru lower
elementary grades
Light supper provided

Lake City
Union Church

Wednesday Nights
5p.m.-6:30 p.m.
April 23 & April 30

Prayer Page



Prayers for Healing / Recovery

Jim Potts
Cyndi Arnold
Marsha Berry

Prayers for Loss

Please keep family of Glenn Summer Sr. in your prayers.



Easter Flowers

Easter is a celebration of life. To fit that joy, beauty, and life, flowers have been ordered to create a flower tree. Dollar donations are welcomed. Please contact the church office or use the sign-up sheet available in the narthex of the church.

Easter is April 20 this year.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ACCURA RESIDENTS

*Marj Baumann
Eileen McCuen
Mary Ellen Seufferlein*

GARDEN VIEW-CARROLL, IA

Carol Eichhorn

AT HOME-PASADENA, MD

Daryl Crandall

ST. ANTHONY'S MEM.

CARE CENTER

Linda Yttredahl

TWILIGHT ACRES

Brenda Russom

MADRID, IA

Jan Schubert

AT HOME

*Bev Lamberty
Bonnie Stone*



April 2025

Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2 Youth/REACH 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Union 215	3 1:30 pm Ruth Circle	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship / Communion 11:00 am Fellowship	7 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	8	9 10:00 am Op Living—Randy 1:30 pm Accura-Ruth Circle Youth/REACH 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Union 215	10 FOOD BANK 	11	12
13  10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:30-12:30 Food Bank Palm Sunday	14 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	15 10:30 am Accura Service—Randy	16 4:00 pm Youth Leader Meeting 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Union 215	17 6:00 pm Meal & Service Maundy Thursday	18 3:00 pm Service @ Woodlawn Christian Church Good Friday	19
20 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Easter 	21 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215 7:00 pm Worship & Music	22	23 5:00-6:30 pm Son-ShinePreschool 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Union 215	24	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	28 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	29	30 5:00-6:30 pm Son-ShinePreschool 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Union 215			

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