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### SERVING THIS WEEK OF April 6

**Worship Leader:** Mike Drake  
**Elders:** Grant Reed (bread), Mary Stipanowich (cup)  
**Diaconate:** Bev Drake, Rachel Bliven, Gail Randall,  
Betty Sherwood, Bob Sherwood, Jill Jones  
**Balcony:** Chris Dace, Linda Dace, Maddie Dace  
**Preparatory:** Judy Graves, Phyllis Shields, Sam Shields  
**Greeters:** **Front** Dave Kentner  
**Central East** Norma Kentner  
**Balcony South** Bob Sherwood  
**Elevator** Gail Randall  
**Sanctuary Superintendent(s):** Rod & Nita Burg  
**Children's Moment:** Anne Ingersoll  
**Children's Church:** Jonelle Schauble  
**Soundboard Tech:** Tim Adams  
**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Tweed Mummert  
**Hospital Caller(s):** Mike Drake  
**Financial Escort:** Dean Rockwell  
**Sunday Morning Office Staff:** Patti Jones

Kelly Ingersoll,  
Minister

Bill Froom,  
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,  
Organist

Annetta Holt,  
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,  
Custodian

Mariah Chapdelaine,  
Youth/Children's Choir Director

Brandi Collins,  
Nursery Supervisor

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Lent 2014

### Lenten Sermons and Scriptures:

April 6	<i>Wash and See</i>	John 9:1-12
April 13	<i>Blinded by Hope</i>	Matt 21:1-11
April 20	<i>Eyes Beyond the Cross</i>	John 20:1-18

# Kelly's Korner

If you were able to be at church last Sunday, you were blessed by the message brought forth by all our youth. We started working on Youth Sunday at a retreat over a month ago. Since then, we have had special youth meetings and rehearsals. Everyone did a wonderful job. Hopefully, the message about what is beautiful in life being felt and not seen has been sealed on your heart and soul. I am proud of our youth.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support of our work in preparing for Youth Sunday. I would also like to thank Anne Ingersoll. The aforementioned retreat was at our house so there was extra cleaning and cooking and preparing. Plus, Anne was at every rehearsal and youth meeting encouraging and supporting our youth. She also made sure there was breakfast on Sunday. Lastly, I thank the youth for all their dedication and hard work to bring a message—to create a worshipful setting where God was blessed and honored.

I wonder if any of you question why I do not stand in front of the congregation on Youth Sunday and say some of these things. The reason is simple. I do not wish to cheapen the experience we shared on Sunday. I do not wish to distract from the message or the purpose of the day. On Sunday, we had a true worship experience. The last thing I needed to do was interfere with the spirit of God sweeping across the sanctuary. I pray you understand.

As we continue our Lenten journey this week, may our sights be set and our travels intentional. May we be Cross-Eyed.

Peace,



## Sunday, April 6

Eric Reed opens/closes church

Larry Ellis drive(s) the van

:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

1:30 PM Shut-in Communion

Elders: Jean Moore

Mike Drake

Deacons: Bob Sherwood

## Tuesday, April 8

6:00 PM Mother/Daughter/Son  
Banquet

## Wednesday, April 9

5:30 PM Lenten Study

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 10

6:30 PM Boy Scouts, FH

## Friday, April 11

9:00 AM Retired Teachers, FH

## Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

Rod Burg opens/closes church

Jim Schauble drive(s) the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

12:00 PM Youth Group

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jack Watkins
- 3 Nita Burg, Bill Froom
- 5 Emma Bozarth, Joe Stone
- 6 Dixie Rouse
- 7 Sawyer Donnell

## **Sunday, April 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Sermon: Wash and See**  
**Scripture: John 9:1-12**

### Lectionary Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

## **Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday**

### Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Matthew 21:1-11

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### Maundy Thursday

We will again join with First Baptist to participate in a Maundy Thursday service, April 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The service will be held at First Christian and Rev. Wally Holt will bring the evening message. We will share wonderful music, friendship and communion. This is a great opportunity to gather around the table and remember our unity in Christ.



### Tenebrae Service

On Good Friday evening, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., we will hold a Tenebrae service.

The word "tenebrae" is Latin for shadows. The purpose of a Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story.

Our purpose will be to recreate the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events of Good Friday. We will leave the sanctuary in near darkness with the Easter story unfinished.

### Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet



Tuesday,  
April 8  
6:00 P.M.

The Disciples Women will host their annual Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet on Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Tickets will be available for purchase in the Parlor on April 6. The tickets are \$6/adult, \$4/children, ages 10-14; children, ages 10 and younger may attend for free!

The menu this year will be meatballs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and a variety of desserts. Hot dogs will be available for children who don't care for meatballs.

Pat Hobbs will be our guest presenter. She will be presenting a talk/demonstration on quilts. Pat is a creative and talented artist. If you have a favorite quilt, please bring it to display for the evening. Write a note telling who owns it, who made it and why it is special to you. We will type it for you and place it next to your quilt. Bring your quilt and info by April 6.

We would appreciate borrowing a wooden quilt rack if you have one. Invite a friend or family member who loves quilts.

The nursery will be staffed.

## HOW you can HELP

### MAY RESPONSIBILITIES AT LOAVES & FISHES

During the month of May, First Christian Church is scheduled to manage the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Parlor bulletin board asking for volunteers to help stock the shelves for one week in May.

For those new to the task, a committee member will be on hand each day to explain what needs to be done. The sorting of any food that is received through collections or drives during May will be the responsibility of our church.

Please consider helping for a few days during the month.

Christian Action & Outreach is in charge of this responsibility and they need a lot of help during this assignment month!

Sign-up and commit to help as soon as possible. Thank you.



You will be able to purchase a spring garden plant (e.g., tulips, hyacinths, jonquils or daffodils in mixed colors) depending on availability, to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The price will be the same as last year: \$12.50.

If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of someone, please note that with your check.

You may include the cost of the flowers with your regular offering between now and April 13.

### Invite a Friend!!

There is so much going on around FCC, isn't it exciting? Can you feel the energy buzzing? Why not tell your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors (*who don't have a church home*) all about it? The Evangelism Committee would like to remind everyone that word of mouth is the best form of advertising! Everyone should receive a handout this Sunday about our Lent activities. We are asking everyone to pass it along to someone looking for a church home. This is your opportunity to share the excitement with others. Just take a couple of seconds now to think about someone you know who doesn't have a church home...it could be your server at a restaurant, your cashier at HyVee, your child's school teacher, your coffee buddies, your insurance agent...the list is endless. Share the excitement with others and invite them to church.



Membership will host the Easter breakfast, Sunday, April 20 at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Membership will furnish pancakes, white and chocolate milk, OJ, coffee, a special treat and table service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor for breakfast casserole, sausage gravy, fruit and/or coffeecake.

Please bring your family and friends and join us on Easter Sunday!



### Eyes Upon the Cross

**Eyes Upon the Cross** is the recurring theme of our Lenten Studies.

We will continue our study on next Wednesday - April 9. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The study will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude at 6:45 p.m. There will be a study offered for all ages.

Please reserve a place by putting a number beside your name in the Friendship Register.

A donation basket will be available to help pay for the cost of the meal each week.



JYF will "Spring Into Spring" on April 6 after worship.

Weather permitting, we will play games and do some service work outdoors, so bring play clothes to change into after worship.

And invite your friends to join in the fun!