

Faith *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WOOD RIVER & ALDA FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH—APRIL 2024

Welcome to the Family!



On March 17, 2024, Pastor Geoffrey's confirmation class was received into full membership between the two churches. Wood River welcomes Adalyn Miller and Nora Hypes and Alda welcomes Ruby and Kyle Arndt as well as their mother, Amanda Arndt. The two churches had a very blessed Sunday that day!

Church Events

- Apr 1-3 Pastor Geoffrey gone to a Pastor's retreat
- Apr 4 Rachel Circle 1:30
- Apr 4 SPRC 6:30 (meet at Alda)
- Apr 10 Ad Council 6:00 (meet at Alda)
- Apr 11-13 Pastor Geoffrey out of the office
- Apr 16 Blood Mobile 12-6 held at the high school
- Apr 24 Salad Supper, doors open at 5:00

WE ARE A PEOPLE OF RESURRECTION

We just went through one of the most significant seasons in the Christian calendar, the Lenten season. I cannot share the experiences of others, but to me, this was an important time of deep reflection as I walked the journey to the cross. For some, the cross is a stumbling block, but for those who believe, it is the cornerstone of our faith. So, the darkness and grief of Friday cannot withstand the power of resurrection that we experienced on that glorious Easter Sunday when our Lord rolled back the heavy rock of sin and death.

As we reflect on the days after Easter Sunday, we are reminded that we are a people of resurrection. The joy that filled the disciples when Mary Magdalene reported the savior's resurrection is a testament to this. Beyond Easter, we are called to live in hope, victory, and the power of Christ's resurrection, bearing witness to the gospel, living in expectation of His return, and walking in communion with God and unity with His body, the church.

Some may ask how we can live in the power of Christ's resurrection. As fellow Christians, it can be disheartening if we cling to the grief and suffering of the Friday before Easter Sunday. That is why Christ invites us to a new life filled with hope and joy through his resurrection. As the people of the resurrection, let us purposefully wake up each morning with hope and joy, refusing to be dragged back into discouragement and worries.

The book of **1 Peter 1:3** reminds us that according to God's great mercy, "he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Then, the word of God in Acts 3:26 tells us, "When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways." Indeed, as the people of resurrection, let us turn away from every wicked ways and embrace the new living hope so that the world will be transformed to live in the hope, victory, and power of Christ's resurrection, bearing witness to the gospel, living in expectation of His return, and walking in communion with God and unity with His body, the church.

May we continually be transformed by the reality of Christ's resurrection as we journey through the days ahead as His disciples.

Blessings to you all.

Pastor Geoffrey.



The Parish Nurse News —Mary Bilslend

Spring is officially here. That means the weather will be hot and cold intermittently and our skin will be exposed to rain, sun, wind, and snow. Be prepared. Layer up. You never know if you will need to dress up or down and with layers you can stay comfortable.



Be sure and keep your sun screen and bug spray available also as we spend more time outside. If you have thin hair or are bald, be sure and wear a hat in the sun. Skin Cancer is noted on skin that is exposed to the sun frequently. With our farmers, this is a frequent problem. This is often noted on the head, ears, nose, hands, arms and back- any area exposed to the sun often.

Remember also, while out in the warmer weather, drink more water. Your body needs water to keep hydrated and if you are thirsty, that is often a sign you should have drank more. People who are old or young are more vulnerable to being symptomatic with dehydration and especially those people with low blood pressures.

Red Cross Blood Mobile

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be Tuesday, April 16th 12 noon to 6 pm sponsored by the Wood River United Methodist Church. Due to the inability to use the Church building, the blood mobile will be held at the high school gym. If you would like an appointment to donate, call Linda Thompson at 308-381-0588 or you can call the Red Cross at 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767). You can also go online



United Women in Faith Salad Supper will be April 24, 2024

We have been busy getting ready for this Annual Event to be held at Babel's Barn. This year we will not be using tickets as in prior years. Cost is \$10 per lady. We are asking each woman of our church to provide one salad. Hostesses will provide two salads. This year's theme is "God Loves the Little Children of the World".



Mon. 4-22-24 5:00 – 7:00. Setting up tables and chairs. We need help with this, and Guys, we would welcome your help as well. Wednesday, after the event is over, we need to take the tables and chairs down, so will be needing help that night as well. Thank you in advance to everyone who can help with this.

Tue. 4-23-24 12:00 – 7:00. Time for decorating tables.

Wed. 4-24-24 10:00 – 5:30 Time for decorating tables.

Meal begins at 6:30. The Annual 'Style Review' and entertainment to follow. This year we have a musical duo who will present a program of gospel music for us.

We still have tables available if anyone else would like to host a table. If interested, please call Linda Thompson at 308-381-0588. Hostesses will receive a letter with instructions.

Thank you Everyone! This event could not happen without all the fantastic help we receive!

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 22

United Women in Faith Mission Study

UWF will present a Mission Study June 22 from 10:00-3:00. Study is titled: Living the Kin-dom, Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation. Lunch will be provided. More details to follow!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rozella Sidders has a new address & phone number: Lebensraum Assisted Living-118 Ingalls St, Rm 103-Grand Island, NE 68803—308-382-9561
- Birthdays & Anniversaries are celebrated the second Sunday of each month. Come receive a special blessing if you have a special day during the month.
- The Worship Committee is always looking for volunteers to help greet and read scripture. There's a signup sheet on front counter.
- The office phone is working again! It's been transferred over to a mobile phone. Call or Text! 308-583-2716

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Giving Report

March \$6462

Feb \$8566

Jan \$9242

(includes online giving)

*Projected monthly budget: \$10,428

Attendance

March 3: 41

March 10: 30

March 17: 60

March 24: 33

March 31: 34



For a safe and easy way to give online, scan code with smartphone. You will need to create an account if it's your first time using.

April 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1</p> <p>Ruth Circle 1:30</p> <p>Pastor out of the office</p> <p>Brenda Paulk</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SPRC 6:30 meet at Alda</p> <p>Rachel Circe 1:30</p> <p>Cathy Doane Elizabeth Price Jim Thompson Ken Saner</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Marvin Rickert</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Dual Worship at Alda 10:00</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Greg & Christy Burnett</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 Ad Council 6:00</p> <p>Jane Allan</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor out of the office</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Laramie Frear</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Dual Worship at Alda 10:00</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Blood Mobile at the High School 12-6</p> <p>Mary Lothrop</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Dave Brown Barb McCoun Jennifer Codner</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bob Wiles Sonia Rodriguez</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Beau Rohrich Bob McIntosh</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Dual Worship at Alda 10:00</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Jennifer Bonsack</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Peg Krause</p>	<p>24</p> <p>UWF Salad Supper Doors open at 5:30</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>David & Jennifer Reeder Jocelyn Brown Janet Miles</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Dual Worship at Alda 10:00</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Vicki Weber Rhonda Denman</p>	<p>30</p> <p>James Thompson, Jr.</p>				

Spring Word Search

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