

**WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR,**  
**REV. BEN C. WORLEY**

First things first. We are so excited to be here! We know that God is at work in our family, that he has called us to Emanuel-St. John to bless us and so that we might be a blessing to you. What a joyful calling! In an introduction like this it seems like there are a million and one things to be shared. I'll share a couple of them, but the real sharing is yet to come in a thousand different conversations. I look forward to them! So without further ado...

Name: Ben Christopher Worley (My parents didn't name me Benjamin because there was a movie about a dog named Benji and they didn't want people calling me that. As you might imagine, it happened anyways.) You may call me Pastor Worley or Pastor Ben, or just Pastor, whatever makes you feel more comfortable.

My Family: Faith and I got married almost six years ago after a wonderful courtship. I am still amazed that this happened. God works miracles (and I'm not kidding in the slightest.) Within six months we discovered that Benjamin was on the way; he is a friendly and outgoing little four year old who loves tractors and Ninja Turtles. Three year old Abigail is a wonderful cuddler and comedienne when you get to know her. Johnny was born on the 4th Sunday of Advent just over a year ago; he loves his brother and sister and wrecking anything that they're trying to build. In October, a fourth child will arrive. I'm not a betting man, but it's a girl. We can't wait!

Birth: I was born in London, England. My dad is English and my mom is American. After they got married they lived in England. We moved to America when I was one year old. I am a 1/4 English, 1/4 Scottish, 1/4 Norwegian, and 1/4 Swedish (with just a tiny, tiny slice of Italian in there somewhere.)

**April 2015**

Growing Up: I grew up in Alexandria, MN amidst many lakes. The winters were cold and snowy (which I still love). One of my best childhood memories is of the Twins winning the World Series when I was 12. As a little kid my favorite show was Scooby Doo.

Schooling: I attended the public schools in Alexandria (Go Cardinals!) Then I went to Concordia College in Moorhead, MN (Go Cobbers!) where I majored in History and French. Many years later I got my Master of Divinity at Luther Seminary (Go Lutherans?) in St. Paul, MN.

Careers: I have been both a high school teacher (French) and a framing carpenter. I've also worked at a coffee shop, on a recycling truck, very briefly worked the graveyard shift at a gas station, worked at Hardees, Burger King, Olive Garden, and the college food service, I helped my neighbor build chimneys one summer, and worked at the seminary book store. I have found that any work can be fun because of people.

Politics: Uff da! Is this something I should mention? I figure that it's better to let you have an idea of who I am rather than pretend I don't have opinions. I was passionately interested in politics for many years (I was a liberal in college and have been a conservative/libertarian since then.) A couple of years ago I discovered how cranky and anxious politics made me feel. And worse yet, I began to notice more and more how it set people against each other. And even worse than that, I realized how I had made it an idol ("If so and so wins, and does such and such, then the future will be dandy.") Of course that's not true. The future is secure because of Christ, not some politician or platform. So for my own health and well-being, and for the sake of better relationships, and to practice what I preach, I've sworn off politics.

Hobbies: My biggest hobby these days is reading classic novels. I enjoy gardening, mainly because it's fascinating to see things grow and it's rewarding to eat the fruits of my own labor. We try pretty hard to eat healthily, but our ideas about healthy food include plenty of butter, meat, and eggs.

Sports: Above all, I'm a Green Bay Packers fan. I root for the Twins too. I play fantasy football (and basketball and baseball.) I'm thinking it might be fun to start a community league this fall. Let me know if you play or might be interested in learning.

Things I find hard: 1) I love visiting people, but I find it hard to invite myself over. I'm trying to get over this. But the surest way to get me to come by is to call and say, "Hey Pastor, could you stop by?" I'll be happy to. 2) I would make a terrible secretary. Details are not my strength. So I'll often pull out my phone to write myself emails so that I don't forget things.

Things I am passionate about: 1) I love the Bible. I am fascinated by it. Reading it makes me feel better about life. Year after year, as I spend more time in it, I get more out of it. There's a lot I don't understand, but I like trying to figure it out. 2) I believe that God is active in the life of my family. He is a personal God who guides, teaches, corrects, and comforts. I believe this is true for all believers and at the same time I believe this is an important area of growth for most Christians. God is at work!

Well, that's a start. I'm looking forward to meeting you!

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**Thank you from Pastor Ron**

Dear Friends at Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church. I am glad to have been your interim pastor for the past 25 months. I thank you for your kindness toward my family and I throughout those months and the excellent and generous acts of

closure to my interim ministry. I will relish smoked pork tenderloin for a long time to come in fond recollection!  
Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Ron Yarnell

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**Emanuel St. John  
Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2015**

President Dennis Booth called the meeting to order. Present were Pauline Lange, Cindy Souder, Marge Everts, Carol Meyer, Janet Talbott, Randy Souder, Jeff Ellerbrock, Theresa Schultz, LaVerne Arndt, Nicole Meyer, Tim Kral and Pastor Ron. Pastor Ron opened the meeting with a prayer and devotions. Motion by Ron Haden, second by Marge Everts to approve the agenda. Motion passed. Motion by Carol Meyer, second by Marge Everts to approve the February minutes. Motion passed. Rhonda Johnson was not present to go over the February Treasurer's Report. Pauline Lange gave out a draft of the report and Rhonda will give an updated finished report next month. Motion to accept the report with a balance of \$73,783.54. Motion passed. The council received a Youth and Family Report from Leah for EPIC activities for February and March. Motion by Jeff Ellerbrock, second by Ron Haden to loan one free-standing chalk board to the EPIC program through the end of the EPIC program year. EPIC is in charge of moving the board to Rockwell City and returning to our church. Motion passed 6-2.

**Old Business:** Randy Souder reported on the costs of mops and entryway rugs. Aramark currently provides these items. Motion by Jeff Ellerbrock, second by Theresa Schultz to authorize Randy Souder to purchase disposable mops at a price of approximately six to eight dollars. To purchase three entryway rugs up to \$300.00 for church entryways. Rhonda Johnson will notify Aramark that we will no longer need their services as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Motion passed. Jeff Ellerbrock will talk to Pastor Ben to find out his opinion on the use of a big screen TV for the church. Jeff gave information on WiFi boosters for the church. The Sunday School has funds and will purchase the booster.

**President Report:** President Dennis Booth had LaVerne Arndt give information on the

parsonage repairs. The new pastor and family had some requests.

1. Take carpet out of dining room area and put in something laminate since they have three young children. The carpet could go to basement. Cost to complete this project would be around \$400.00. Motion by Ron Haden, second by Theresa Shultz to laminate the dining room floor at the parsonage. Motion passed.
2. The basement outside walls need to be waterproofed in order for the basement to be used. LaVerne suggested that the ceiling be painted at the same time. Motion by Ron Haden, second by Carol Meyer to approve Just a Lil Color to waterproof half way on the south and west walls of basement and painting all walls at a cost of approximately \$225.00. Motion passed. Motion by Carol Meyer, second by Marge Everts to approve Just a Lil Color to paint the ceiling at a cost of approximately \$775.00. Motion passed.
3. The fireplace is not usable and suggestions were to put in an electric insert or two baseboard heaters like the church has. Motion by Janet Talbott, second by Nicole Meyer to approve Drees Heating to put in an electric insert into the fireplace at a cost of \$2,200.00. Motion passed. The small entryway room between the garage and the house needs a heat source. Motion by Jeff Ellerbrock, second by Carol Meyer to have Drees plumbing install an electric heater at a cost of \$400.00. Motion passed.

The council discussed where the funds to cover the repairs for the parsonage would come from. There are some memorial funds available and possible Endowment funds.

President Dennis Booth reported that Pastor Ben will be moving to Lytton on March 19<sup>th</sup>. LaVerne Arndt has lined up pickups, trailers and men to help with the move. President Booth talked to the insurance company on ways to reduce the premium. He is also looking into Guide One Insurance to see if they can give our church a quote that would be less. President Booth is trying to contact Mike Hiler, EPIC board member to discuss transfers from the CYO checking and savings to EPIC.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ron reported that the confirmation class had their council questioning. Motion by Jeff Ellerbrock

and second by Ron Haden to recommend Heidi Hammen, Sam Musselman, Kaylynn Kruckenberg, and Kylin Kruckenberg to be confirmed into the Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church. Motion passed. Pastor reported that the confirmands talked about the Devo Devotions and the youth retreats being highlights of their past years of confirmation. Pastor Ron will be moving out of the apartment on April 1, 2015. Financial closure for Pastor Ron was discussed by the board. Pastor will give the board information on any unused sick and vacation time. Jeff Ellerbrock reported that the Endowment committee will match up to \$500.00 for a severance fund for Pastor Ron. Motion by Janet Talbott, second by Theresa Schultz to match the \$500.00 from general fund and that a free will offering also be placed at the farewell party. Motion passed. Dennis Booth will talk to Pastor Ung about setting a time to meet with council on discussing Stewardship.

**Worship and Music Committee:** Janet Talbott was present. The committee, with Jane Glasnapp's help, has completed the yearly schedule for readers and greeters. Maundy Thursday services will be at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday services will be at 3:00 p.m. Easter Sunrise service is at 6:30 a.m. The committee is looking for music for Palm Sunday.

**Parish Education Committee:** Theresa Schultz and Nicole Meyer were present. The committee discussed the Easter Brunch. Sunday School Teacher Appreciation day will be May 3.

**Outreach Committee:** Carol Meyer present. The committee is working on the Pictorial Directory. More time slots may need to be added with another day or starting earlier each day. Having a good turnout of people signing up. March 18<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Ron's farewell supper and on March 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a welcome for Pastor Ben and family meal after morning church services.

**Property Management:** Tim Kral present. He reported a new fence will need to be installed at the south cemetery after the trees are removed. President Booth asked the committee to make sure who ever does snow removal needs to use a shovel to finish scooping out snow away from entry doors.

**Stewardship and Finance Committee:** Ron Haden present. The monthly offerings are not covering the expenses for the month. President Booth will talk to congregation

during announcements at services to inform them of finances.

**WELCA:** Marge Everts present. Executive Committee meeting will be meeting this month. April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Dorcas Cluster meeting at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Pocahontas. A kitchen cleaning may be done after the Town Nights and Easter Breakfast is done.

**New Business:** Motion by Theresa Schultz, second by Nicole Meyer to remove the following members from our membership: Jan Stenson, Charles Stenson, Kristin Stenson and John Stenson. Motion passed. Jeff Ellerbock announced that if a group would like to do the dinner after the Gala Days Ecumenical Services to let the Endowment committee know. Motion by Marge Everts, second by Ron Haden to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. Lord's prayer.



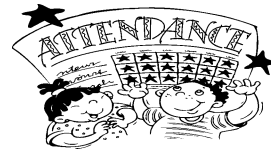
- Apr. 1 Katelyn Bruns
- Apr. 2 Cody Glasnapp
- Apr. 3 Mitchell Hinrichs, Grant Meyer
- Apr. 4 Katie Conger, Scott Greene
- Apr. 5 Doug Riley
- Apr. 6 Kim Fjerstad, Jeff Grodahl
- Apr. 8 Brian Lantz, Debra Rix
- Apr. 9 Tessa Esser, Kortney Riley
- Apr. 10 Alex Peterson, JoAnn Wilson
- Apr. 11 Mia Morgan, Sara Pibal, Chase Segebarth
- Apr. 12 **Lorene Hinrichs**
- Apr. 15 Nelda Bartels, Harlan Meyer, Tonya Ramsey, Jo Scharn
- Apr. 19 Ryne Cerra
- Apr. 21 Melissa Barnett, Ruth Bartels
- Apr. 22 April Diersen
- Apr. 24 Justine Nelson, Alicia Segebarth, **Hanford Voyles**
- Apr. 26 Mary Daniel, Kelly Lantz, Marlene Meyer,
- Apr. 27 Lyn Bruns, Reef Lankford, Sadie Wheelock, Andrew VanHulzen
- Apr. 30 Edna Rockafellow



- Apr 5, 1986 Rodney & Joleen Grodahl
- Apr 10, 1976 Jeffrey & JoAnn Ellerbrock
- Apr 11, 1965 **David & Margie Sands**
- Apr 13, 2002 Jason & Melissa Stell
- Apr 14, 1963 **Darwin & Mary Matter**
- Apr 16, 1994 Timothy & Darsi Huddleson
- Apr 22, 1956 **Lawrence & Doneta Linquist**
- Apr 26, 2008 Eric & Erin Gifford
- Apr 29, 2000 Charles & Melissa Barnett



## Sunday School February 2015



Sunday School students present all Sundays in February were: Nursery-Pre-Kindergarten-Piper Williams, Aidan Albright, Peyton Ellerbrock and Cooper Nattress; Kindergarten-Grade 1-Kelsie Hejtmanek, Charlie Nattress and Deziree Weller; Grades 2-3-Tyler Evans, Jewell Talbott and Brock Nattress; Grades 4-5-Mackenzie Braun, Madison Schultz and SaraJo Talbott; Grades 6-12-Jacob Schultz. Class with best attendance was Nursery-Pre-Kindergarten taught by Sara Nattress and Stacy Talbott.



On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Mackenzie Kasey Braun and Deziree Aleshia Weller, daughters of Theresa Johnson, were baptized during the 10 a.m. worship service. Theresa Johnson also joined Emanuel-St. John church family by Affirmation of Faith.

We welcome Theresa, Mackenzie and Deziree to our church family.



## Affirmation of Baptism

Heidi Hammen, Kaylynn Kruckenberg, Kylin Kruckenberg and Samuel Hammen affirmed their baptism on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of their confirmation assignments, Pastor Ron had each of them write a statement of Faith. We share them with you here--

### Confirmands Statements of Faith

**Heidi Hammen**

**Confirmation Verse: *My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26***

#### **Belief Statement**

I believe that Jesus is my one and only Savior. I believe this because he went and died on the cross not because of anything that he did, but because he wanted to save me from my sins. I also believe I am one of the luckiest people because in Jeremiah 29:11 God says, "I know the plans I have for you, plans for you to prosper. This is one reason why I trust him because he says right there, plain as day, that he knows what is going to happen to me.

Trusting God has made a huge difference in my life. The two biggest reasons that I trust him are that in the Bible, he says he knows what is going to happen to me (Jeremiah 29:11) and it also says that he will be with me through everything. This assures me that any battles that I go through, I will not be going through them alone.

Although, I do trust both God and Jesus, I also have my doubts about them and being a Christian. I have these doubts because of the way some people in the world see Christianity. Some people in the world think that being a Christian is wrong, and they can pressure and influence others like me not to believe. Sometimes other influences and pressure are hard to withstand, but because of family, friends, and the congregation that I been brought up with, they have given me the reasons to believe that Jesus is my Savior and that God is #1!

#### **My Statement of Faith**

**Kaylynn Kruckenberg**

***Isaiah 41:10: Do not be afraid for I am with you, don't be afraid for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help***

***you; I will uphold you in my victorious right hand.***

Without Jesus in my life I'd be lost and in the dark. In the last two years I have grown in my faith immensely. Confirmation has shown me that being a beloved child of God is not just a name; it's a way of living. I plan to follow Jesus for the rest of my life because he has shown me that he is the only way to live a full, happy life. No matter how many sins I commit and the bad choices I make, I know Jesus will forgive and love me forever. Jesus gives me forgiveness and hope to prosper in faith in the future. Jesus, to me, is someone who is willing to die for me because of my sins. He is always there for me and loves me unconditionally. He sacrificed his life so I could be forgiven. Jesus in return wants me to believe in him and follow him with my whole heart. There will always be challenges and temptations in my faith, but reading the Bible, praying, and my church family will help me stay close to Jesus. I trust in Jesus because he has shown me that when you believe in him, great things happen. Your heart is filled with so much love, it's hard not to share. I know that some of the things I have done and still plan to do is because God is working in me. I've gained that the Lord, Jesus, and Holy Spirit is something that will eternally live inside of me forever because I believe that I am a beloved child of God.

#### **My Statement of Faith**

**Kylin Kruckenberg**

***Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not grow faint.***

I trust in Jesus because he died for me and rose again to save me from my sins. Jesus to me is my savior because he died on the cross. Because I am a beloved child of God, if I get into trouble God will always be there for me. God is always willing to forgive me from my sins if I ask. The Bible is the Holy Word of God and when I am in a tough situation I can always go to my Bible for help. The congregation encourages me by welcoming and inviting me to participate in the church and to make me feel comfortable. Every day the devil is going to challenge

me to follow him and to not do things God's way but following and believing in God is the way I am going. God fits in my life through prayer and faith and going to church.

**Belief Statement  
Samuel Musselman**

***Ephesians 6:10: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.***

Jesus gave his life for me and if he makes the ultimate sacrifice for me I will put all of my trust in him. He gave me the best gift ever which is eternal life. Jesus gave me no reasons to not trust him and all the reasons to trust him.

Jesus is the light in my darkness. He is my pathway through life. He gives me hope. Jesus provides me with the Gospels which give me the story of his life and that will lead me.

Believing in Jesus is all I need to have hope. If I do that and if I live my life through him, I have a lot to look forward to. Then at the end of life I will have eternal life.

The Bible tells me the whole purpose of life. It gives me what to live for. The Bible tells me a perfect, eternal life awaits me after death if I follow and believe in Jesus.

My congregation supports me by providing me with the opportunity of confirmation. They are excited about learning about Jesus Christ and they encourage me to have that same excitement through encouraging me to attend church camps.

A challenge I see is staying connected to Jesus and God because life is busy. I may go astray and not spend enough time with God. I believe that I can overcome this challenge and still attend church and stay connected with Jesus.

I can serve God easily. What I believe is the right way to serve God is by spreading the Word to all around. I can also be kind and loving to all. If I do that I will brighten people's days and show them how the Bible can impact their life.

Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit will lead me to do great things in my faith.

**Notes from WELCA Executive Meeting**

WELCA Executive meeting was held March 10<sup>th</sup>. Present were Marge Everts, Linda Baum, Sally Kolb, Candace Booth, Dorothy Wilson, Theresa Johnson and Karen Cerra

The following donations were approved:

Lutheran Social Services of Iowa  
\$200.00

Lytton AfterCare  
\$100.00

D/SAC of Fort Dodge  
\$100.00

Postage for sending quilts  
\$150.00

We are now Dorcas Cluster, which will meet April 18, 2015 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Pocahontas.

Dorothy Wilson,  
Secretary



**Dorcas Cluster Spring Rally** will be held Saturday, April 18, 2015 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Pocahontas at 9:00 a.m.

**Women of the ELCA  
Dates to Remember**

April 18, 2015

Dorcas Cluster Spring Gathering  
St. Peter Lutheran, Pocahontas

May 29-30, 2015

Western Iowa synod Assembly  
Clay County Events Center, Spencer

June 19-20, 2015

Tri-Synod Women's Convention  
(Northeast Iowa, Southeast Iowa, Western Iowa)

Iowa Central Community College  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

July, 2017

10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Convention  
Minneapolis, MN





*With Sympathy*

**Donald W. Keiser**

**Donald W. Keiser**, 93, passed away Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Sunny Knoll Care Centre, Rockwell City. Memorial services were held at Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church, Lytton, with Pastor Ron Yarnell officiating on Saturday, March 7.

Donald is survived by his wife Iva Mae; nieces and nephews, Brent and Shelly Keiser, Scott Keiser, Randy and Kathy Miller, Terry and Patty Miller, Roxanne and Lyle Noll, Ricky and Cheryl Pearson, and Vicky and Gary Baker; sister-in-law Dorothy Keiser; special friends, Gerald and Joann Chapman; and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Anna (Miller) Keiser; sisters, Marjorie Miller, and Virginia Pearson; and brothers, Vincent and Dean Keiser.

Donald Walter Keiser was born November 17, 1921 in Lytton, Iowa. He graduated from Lytton High School, with the Class of 1940. Donald served in the United States Army during World War II. Donald farmed all his life in the Lytton area. On July 24, 1976 he was united in marriage to Iva Mae Tonderum at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Humboldt. Donald was a member of Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church, Lytton, and the American Legion.

**WE PRAY FOR GOD'S COMFORT AND STRENGTH FOR ALL WHO MOURN!**



Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers we have received to honor Donald W. Keiser. Thank you to the Emanuel-St. John church family for the beautiful service and great lunch. A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Ronald Yarnell for the amazing message you delivered to honor Donald.

God bless you,  
Iva Mae Keiser, Brent and Shelly Keiser  
and families



**Congratulations  
on Your  
Retirement!**  
Retirement supper

You are invited to help Ron Haden celebrate his retirement as the Calhoun and Sac County Engineer! A come and go supper in Ron's honor will be held on Friday, April 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Emanuel-St. John. Please join in the celebration!!



**April is Month of the Young Child & Child Abuse Prevention Month**

In 2014, LSI's early childhood programs made more than 14,900 home visits to Iowa families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. These programs help parents learn about child development, parenting strategies and community resources, and they can also help reduce some of the risk factors that may lead to child abuse or neglect, such as critical stress. LSI often partners with parents who grew up in unstable home environments and desire to give their own children a different quality of life. Your support helps our youngest lowans grow up healthy and safe!

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

### A New Parenting Path

When Kalee became a young mom in high school, she knew exactly what kind of parent she *didn't* want to be.

"My childhood was very different," she said. "There was a lot of miscommunication on all levels and yelling all the time. I had a lot of trouble growing up, and I didn't want my kids to go through that."

Instead, Kalee and her partner Shane are finding their own parenting style, thanks to some support from LSI's Families Together program. Families Together is a voluntary home visitation program that offers families parenting education, community resources, support and more.

"Kalee and Shane are so much fun to work with," said Gaylene, an LSI caseworker. "They are very good parents. They just needed a little more confidence in their skills."

For example, the family learned new communication tips to use with their son Gabe, age 4.

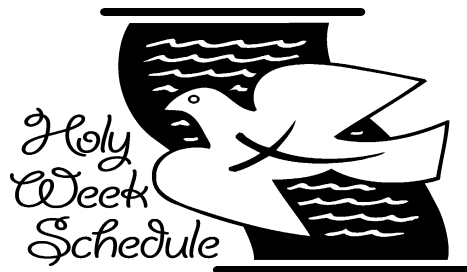
"Before we started the program, Shane and I fought a lot about different parenting styles," Kalee said. "We would get frustrated when we couldn't get Gabe to understand what we wanted him to do. We learned how to talk to him better, and now we're on the same page."

Through Families Together, LSI can partner with families at any time from before their child is born up to age 18. On average, an LSI caseworker will meet with a family for 10 – 12 months. That approach, which builds trust and relationships, is comforting, Kalee said.

"Gaylene feels like a part of our family," Kalee said. "Gabe always asks when she's coming. Having her here also helped prepare Gabe for school."

Kalee hopes her two children will grow up happier than she was, she said.

"I don't think it will be as much of a struggle for them to succeed," she said. "They will feel more secure and loved than I felt growing up."



## Community Holy Week Services

Maudy Thursday, April 2, 2015

7:00 p.m. Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Services, April 5, 2015

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

Breakfast to follow

10:00 a.m. Easter Service

(Holy Communion at both services)

(No Sunday School or Contemporary Service)

**Have you checked out our website? Our weekend worship bulletins, calendars and other information is available for you at your fingertips. The address is [www.esilytton.org](http://www.esilytton.org). Once you find it we suggest adding a bookmark for ease in finding in the future.**

## EASTER BASKET EGG...STRAVAGANZA AND FRIEND, DONOR & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION.

Opportunity Living, 1890 E. Main St., Lake City, Iowa, will be holding its annual "Friend, Donor, & Volunteer Appreciation Event" on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. In addition to a free eggs..cellent breakfast being served from 9 to 11 a.m., there will be a variety of events including: pictures with the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. The highlight of the day is the Easter Basket Egg..stravaganza. Donated Easter baskets with a minimum value of \$25 have been created by businesses, organizations and individuals and will be sold via a silent auction, which will start on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Celebrations to Go and culminate at the Friend's Appreciation on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The auction proceeds will be used for Client Adaptive Equipment, which includes technology as well as other equipment for client needs.



The purpose of Opportunity Living's annual appreciation event is to express our *thankfulness and appreciation* for the community's support of our mission of *"Providing Special Persons Opportunities for Living"*.