

# THE CHIMES

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## A Poem for Pentecost

Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.

William Blake (1757-1827)

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 24. On Pentecost we remember the disciples who gathered together in the second chapter of Acts. Out of nowhere the Holy Spirit comes in the rush of wind and tongues of fire allowing the disciples to share the Good News with everyone.

In the church we celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the church, because it is when the Holy Spirit spread like wild fire through Jesus' followers and allowed them to tell of God's deeds of power. The holy fire that filled the room that day continues to spread through God's people whenever we gather together.

On Pentecost this year, we will also celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of two young people who will be confirmed in the church. As they are confirmed, we will support these young people committing to being part of our community in a new way.

On May 31 we will have Mission in Action Sunday and honor those who fight literal fires. During worship we will recognize firefighters and pray for the important service they provide to our community. After worship we will be hosting a Firefighter Appreciation Breakfast for the firefighters and their families from two local fire stations.

Just as the Holy Spirit came to the disciples long ago, the Holy Spirit inspires us to continue to spread the Good News to everyone.

Journeying with you,

*Pastor Jill*



## Food Pantry Sunday

We will collect food pantry items on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please consider helping those less fortunate by bringing non-perishable items. Thank you.

## **LAST SUPPER PRESENTATION**

Once again our Last Supper Presentation was a success. Thanks to all the cast members, the director, lighting crew, and all those who helped with set-up, props, and make-up and the church secretary. All cast members did a super job including the new cast members. A big THANK YOU to Pastor Jill for her help and support.

Dave Starr, Chairman

## **MISSING IN ACTION ACTIVITIES**

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Paul's Church will be inviting the Pingree Grove and Burlington Fire Departments to our church service and serve breakfast to honor their service to our community. We hope you will enjoy this opportunity to welcome these firefighters into our church, and get to know them. The Wider Mission Ministry and the Worship Ministry will be co-ordinating the effort to make and serve the breakfast. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

The first Adopt A Highway cleanup effort was conducted on April 12<sup>th</sup>. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated. We will have three additional opportunities throughout the summer and fall to help serve our community by keeping our road clean.

So far we have collected \$820.00 for Back Bay Mission – Good Job!!



The total receipts for the month of February were \$10,482.75. Our spendable income came to \$10,417.75 including our OCWM income of \$185.00. Our charitable income for February was \$15.00 to World Service and \$50.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

The total receipts for the month of March were \$14,300.00 Our spendable income came to \$13,506.00 including our OCWM income of \$205.00. Our charitable income for March was \$14.00 to World Service, \$460.00 for our Lenten Mission Project (Back Bay Mission), \$295.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$25.00 for the Scholarship Fund.



Scholarship applications are available in the church office beginning April 1, 2015. Please contact the church office to pick up an application or have one mailed to you. Completed applications are due in the church office by May 20, 2015. Any questions, please contact the scholarship committee. Please remember the Scholarship Fund when giving a memorial.

Thank You,

The Scholarship Committee:

Bonnie Starr, Doug Volkening, and Karen Westerman

**Thank you to all** the people who helped make the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success. I appreciate all those who donated candy, filled and hid eggs, helped with the crafts and brought children to find eggs. 40 children attended the hunt and 950 eggs were hidden. It was a fun morning for all.

“Alone we can do little – Together we can do so much.” - Helen Keller

With God's blessings,  
Karen Smith



Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary March meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> at the house on Switzer. Jeanette Franks and Rita Rucker were hostesses. After the secretaries report, the treasurer's report and the committee reports were given, it was decided to bring paper goods to the April meeting to donate to the Elgin Crisis Center. Judy Olsen read interesting information about Saint Patrick. Pastor Jill installed the officers. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The April meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at the house on Switzer. Ruth Volkening, Doris Weber, and Marge Dralle were hostesses. There was only one birthday in April and that was Corrine Eickstaedt. Corrine Eickstaedt read the minutes of the last meeting and Joy Zweifel gave the treasurer's report. Two people gave committee reports. Ruth Volkening will be sending out birthday cards, and Doris Weber said there had been no visits to Sherman Hospital. Doris and Ruth said they had been to visit Betty Cannon and Dr. Bob Kasper. Judy Olsen will deliver the paper goods to the Crisis Center. The Auxiliary Ladies have been invited to a spring luncheon at the United Church of Christ in Harmony on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let Judy know who will attend. The next meeting will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the house on Switzer for our salad luncheon. Everyone is to bring a salad of their choice. The time of the meeting has been changed to 12:30 p.m. for this month. The hostess of the May meeting will be the officers, Corrine, Judy, Rita and Joy. The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer followed by playing bingo.

Corrine Eickstaedt, Secretary



## GRADUATION SUNDAY

Please notify the office if you are aware of anyone who is graduating from Middle School, High School or College by May 31<sup>st</sup>, so they can be recognized on Graduation Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

We served to over 50 people this year. Everyone enjoyed scrambled eggs, sausages, bacon, hash brown casserole, fruit cup/juice and homemade coffee cakes. A big THANK YOU to Dale and Sandy Volkening who did the cooking and to the other people who helped with purchasing and preparing other food items and helped with the set up on Saturday. Centerpieces from Paula DeFarno and Ginny Mursewick adorned the tables. Several were purchased and some are still on display and can be purchased for the next several weeks. It takes a lot of volunteers to put on a meal of this size and I thank everyone for giving of their time and talents to help make this breakfast a success!

Janet Werner, Hospitality/Fellowship Ministry

## EASTER PRESENTATION

“Beyond the Bunny” was the title of the church school presentation this year. Jeff Terpstra was the bunny who told the story of the Resurrection eggs and how important they were for the Easter story and how he only played a small part. There were 12 eggs and 12 children talked about their symbol and read the scripture. About 10 preschoolers who helped open the eggs then joined in with the Day of Resurrection song that all the children and the congregation sang to conclude the program. The children enjoyed bringing this story, written by our own Karen Smith, to life. We hope it was meaningful presentation for the congregation as well.

Janet Werner, Christian Education Ministry

**Staff: Jill Terpstra - Pastor**  
**Secretary - Linda Becker**  
**The Choir - Led by Jon Kobel**  
**Piano Accompanist - Gay Bouwmeester**

### Council:

President - Anne Heinrich	Fellowship/Hospitality - Janet Werner
Vice President - Karen Westerman	Mission – Barb Kamp
Financial Secretary - Sandy Volkening	Calling & Caring – Ginny Mursewick
Treasurer - Myron Meglin/Dave Thompson	Properties - Dan Heinrich
Recording Secretary - Cindy Heinrich	Stewardship – JoAnn Pate
Christian Education - Karen Smith	Worship - Vernon Knaak
Evangelism - Polly Russell	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>
May 03	Dave & Bonnie Starr	2	Linda Meglin
10	Arlene & Sue Huber, Karen & Alison Smith	3	Joy Zweifel
17	Jeanette Franks, Rita Rucker	4	JoAnn Pate
24	Judy Olsen	5	Karen Westerman
31	Ariel Bruhn & Corrine Eicksaedt	1	Linda Meglin

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