

April 2023 Newsletter

# FREDSVILLE

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## Lenten Schedule

**Palm Sunday** - April 2 - 9:30 a.m.

**Holy Wednesday** (Maundy Thursday)

April 5 - 7:00 p.m. - no meal

**Good Friday**

April 7 - 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

April 9 - 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

## Easter Morning Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast before worship on Easter morning. A variety of casseroles, pastries, and fruit will be served from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign up sheets for food donations are in the Gathering Space. Please sign up by Good Friday. Also we will be setting up and decorating the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers needed!

## Personal Care Kits

The Social Ministry Committee is asking for donations for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. During Lent, this is a way to show your love for your neighbors and deliver tangible hope to those in need around the world. **Items will be collected up until Sunday, April 2.** On Sunday, April 2nd after worship, **the congregation will assemble the kits** for shipment. Items requested for the kits include:

- a bath towel (lightweight between 20"x49" and 52"x26" - dark colors recommended)
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap
- one adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging
- one comb
- one nail-clipper

## Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg will take place after the worship service on April 9th for the children to participate in.

## Pastoral Pondering ...

### Resurrection Dawn

As the days continue to warm I am being drawn outside in prayer. I enjoy praying outside year-round. The prayers of winter are shorter, wrapped in layers of warmth. Now, as the air of Spring comes alive with life, I am dwelling longer in the bird song-soaked mornings. The choir of creation has gathered while it was still dark and moved to the branches of their choir loft high above. They call out in the unrepeatable song of the morning. Their music greets the transition of night and day. Light echoes against the clouds lingering in the sky, a preview of the dawn that is arriving. Moment by moment the light silently changes. We receive the unique beauty of a new day. A day that has never been before, and a day that will never be repeated.

Many mornings I follow this call to prayer across the road to the Fredsville Cemetery. In the Season of Resurrection what better place to be than a place that reflects the heartbreak and hope of the Resurrection dawn. This is holy ground. A landscape that holds generations of tears, prayers, song, and love. I stand in the midst of the Saints, where the prayers of heaven and earth intertwine. Words give way to silence. "Peace, be still." Jesus' words not just for the wind and the waves, but for me. The light of the new day shines through the branches and awakens joy. This is a chapel in the Cathedral of Creation. A place of peace and prayer where morning by morning the dawn announces a new day of Resurrection given for the life of the world.

That first Easter morning was just like our mornings. All that was past could not be changed. All that was ahead, had never been. Those who ventured out at the first

glimmers of light found the choir of creation already in song. As the light silently moved into place it revealed a day that had never been before. The Resurrection dawn reveals that the light of God's love shatters the sullen gloom of death in the world.

Resurrection Hope glows anew on the horizon of broken hearts. We cannot go back to what was, but we can look with new eyes toward all that is and will be. Each morning new light arrives to awaken our joy and reveal a day that has never been. May you discover your favorite chapel in the cathedral of creation, a piece of holy ground just beneath your feet. May you dwell there with God and know peace deep within. So that our hearts may beat evermore in rhythm with the heart of God.

***May the Peace of Christ be with you always...***

*Pastor Lee*



***"This is a wonderful day, I have never seen this one before." ~ Maya Angelou***

## April Birthdays

Mark Andersen - 1  
Carol Andersen - 3  
Izzy Norton - 6  
Lori Cain - 8  
Erin Frahm - 11  
Meridith Sandlin - 11  
Jerrod Frahm - 14  
Lora Koch - 18  
Evan Dufel - 20  
Jeremy Lotts - 21  
Angela Wibben - 23  
Marcia Andersen - 24  
Tanner Mikkelsen - 25  
Jacque Bakker - 29  
Rick Dumler - 29  
Sawyer Wibben - 29

## April Anniversaries

Chuck & Jane Christensen - 5  
Jerrod & Erin Frahm - 12  
Dan & Mitzi Petersen - 23  
Lance & Melissa Loger - 26  
Jim & Donna Bruhn - 27

## Keep Them in Your Prayers

**Darla Andersen & Family** - For the death of her mother, Frances Bowers Cook.  
**Don & Leona Pruisner** - For health concerns.  
**Jeff Sandlin**- Healing from kidney surgery.  
**Sandy Christensen** - For health concerns.  
**Tim Morgan** - Meridith Sandlin's brother who is battling cancer.  
**Carol Watson** - Has on-going health concerns.  
**Marcia Andersen** - Undergoing treatment for cancer.

## Baptism of Ryan Jean Nuss

Took place on March 12th during Worship  
Born on 12/22/22  
9 lbs. 3 oz, 21 1/4 inches  
Parents: Reid & MacKenzie Nuss  
Brother: Tate  
Grandparents: Mark & Teresa Nuss  
John & Jeann Digman  
Sponsors: Lucas Heying & Allie Nuss



## Giving Made Easy with QR Code



Open your Camera  
Scan the QR Code  
Click on the tithe.ly link

## Save these Dates

### April 23

**Tree Planting** - The confirmation students will be planting the trees that are being purchased with Arlan Andersen's memorial money on Sunday, April 23 after church. Sue Green will be chairing this project.

**Church Outside Clean Up** - Please wear casual work clothing to church as we will be having an outside cleanup day following the worship service.

### April 30

**High School Graduation Recognition** - We will be recognizing our high school students on this Sunday morning during the worship service. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

### May 10

**The DNH High School Baccalaureate** will be held at Fredsville at 6:00 p.m.

## Choir Practice Schedule

March 30 - (Thursday) 7:00 pm  
April 2 - (**Palm Sunday**) 8:45 am  
April 6 - (Thursday) 7:00 pm  
April 9 - (**Easter Sunday**) 9:00 am  
April 12 - (Wednesday) 7:00 pm  
April 19 - (Wednesday) 7:00 pm  
April 23 - (**Sunday**) 8:45 am  
April 26 (Wednesday) 8:45 am  
April 30 (**Senior Recognition Sunday**) 9:00 am

## Retirement of Fredsville's Secretary

Becky will be retiring later this spring. The Church Council is updating the job description and will be advertising this position soon. The part-time position is 4 hours each day, Monday through Friday. There are no retirement or insurance benefits, but holidays are paid.

## Graduation Open House

The congregation is invited to Shayden Loger's Graduation Open House on Sunday, May 14 from 4-7 p.m. at his home on 695 Fox Ridge Rd, Dike.



## Little Free Food Pantry

This service project is very much needed and so worthwhile. People regularly make use of it and the items are replaced as donations are received.

Just so you are aware, the weather dictates what is placed in the food pantry. During freezing weather, only dry food items can be placed in the pantry, as anything with liquid will freeze and not be useable. Examples of dry foods include cereals, crackers, pasta mixes, Hamburger Helper type meals, taco kits, pizza kits, etc. Toilet paper is also needed. And during warm months, we are conscious of items that will spoil or melt.

Please check items over for expiration dates. Bring your donations to church and place them in the Pantry Donations basket on the table just outside the Gathering Space.

Contact Nancy Stage (319-989-2663) with questions or concerns.



**“Somewhat Silent Saturday”  
for the  
Season of Easter  
April 29, 2023; 9 am-4 pm  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Waterloo, IA**

**The day will include:**

- 1. Morning and Evening Prayer Services;**
- 2. Sessions for Centering Prayer;**
- 3. A Centering Prayer seminar;**
- 4. Creative time with options -**
  - \* walk a Labyrinth; \* journal, letter writing, etc.;**
  - \* seminar on a contemplative topic;**
  - \* visit with a leader about your prayer or journey; or**
  - \* quiet time outdoors or in the sanctuary.**



**The only cost for this event is a donation for expenses such as the meal and facility usage. The event will be led by local people. If you are planning to attend, please Email [CONELowa@gmail.com](mailto:CONELowa@gmail.com) with your name and phone number no later than Monday, April 24. We appreciate this for our planning. More details will be shared with people who register.**

**Westminster Presbyterian is at 1301 Kimball Ave, Waterloo, IA.**



**Contemplative  
Outreach**

**Sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of  
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from Pixabay Second Image - Westminster  
Labyrinth from Westminster Presbyterian  
website**

# Q & A

By Sue Green

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*The six graduating Fredsville Seniors were asked what their favorite Fredsville memory and Bible verses are, along with what they plan to do next fall.*



**Anna Frahm** is the daughter of Jerrod and Erin Frahm. Her favorite Fredsville memory is playing Hungry Hippos in Confirmation. Anna also has great memories of attending Riverside Bible Camp and would like to thank the Fredsville Endowment Committee for making that possible. **Jeremiah 29:11** “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” is Anna’s favorite Bible verse. Anna is planning on attending Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge to study radiology and to bowl on the ICCC bowling team.

**Megan Griffith** is the daughter of Scott and Renee Griffith. Her favorite Fredsville memory is volunteering for the NE Iowa Food Bank in confirmation. **Joshua 1:9** “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” is Megan’s favorite Bible verse. Megan is planning on attending UNI, major – undecided.



**Shayden Loger** is the son of Lance and Melissa Loger; the grandson of Jim and Jean Loger. His favorite Fredsville memory is working at the Aebleskiver Dinner (and also eating the Aebleskivers)! **Proverbs 3:1** “My son, don’t forget my teaching, keep my commands in your heart” is Shayden’s favorite Bible verse. Shayden is planning on attending Hawkeye Community College and majoring in Ag Business.

**Miles Mounce** is the son of Jeremy and Heidi Mounce; the grandson of Jim and Jean Loger. His favorite Fredsville memory is the Easter Egg Hunt. **Ephesians 6:11** “**Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the Devil’s evil tricks.**” is Miles’ favorite Bible verse. Miles is planning on attending Hawkeye Community College to learn the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning) trade.



**Madelyn Norton** is the daughter of Tony and Angie Norton; the niece of Merlyn and Catherine Petersen. Her favorite Fredsville memory is singing around the Christmas tree. **Joshua 1:9** “**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.**” is Madelyn’s favorite Bible verse. Madelyn is planning on attending Western Illinois University to get her nursing degree and play volleyball. Upon graduation, Madelyn wants to become a traveling nurse with the goal of eventually becoming a nurse practitioner.

**Nick Reinicke** is the son of Jeff and Michelle Reinicke, grandson of Ann Reinicke and the nephew of Jerry and LuAnn Jones. Nick’s favorite Fredsville memory is being confirmed with his confirmation classmates. **Luke 6:35** “**Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back. You will then have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High God. For he is good to the ungrateful and the wicked.**” is Nick’s favorite Bible verse. Nick is going to Iowa State next fall to play football and study to become a Math Teacher.



*What a pleasure it has been for the folks at Fredsville to watch you seniors grow up! It is our prayer that as you go off to college you will seek out worship experiences. May God’s blessing be upon you!*

# Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions for March

from SundayandSeasons.com

## Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Isaiah 50:4-9a** - The servant of the Lord submits to suffering
- **Psalms 31:9-16** - Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)
- **Philippians 2:5-11** - Humbled to the point of death on a cross
- **Matthew 26:14--27:66** - The passion of the Lord

## Sunday, April 9 - Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Acts 10:34-43** - God raised Jesus on the third day
- **Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24** - This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)
- **Colossians 3:1-4** - Raised with Christ to seek the higher things
- **Matthew 28:1-10** - **Proclaim the resurrection**

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### **Sunday, April 16 - Second Sunday of Easter**

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Acts 2:14a, 22-32** - Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David
- **Psalms 16** - In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)
- **1 Peter 1:3-9** - New birth to a living hope through the resurrection
- **John 20:19-31** - Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

### **Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter**

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Acts 2:14a, 36-41** - Receiving God's promise through baptism
- **Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19** - I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)
- **1 Peter 1:17-23** - Born anew through the living word of God
- **Luke 24:13-35** - Eating with the risen Christ

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## **Sunday, April 30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Acts 2:42-47** - The believers’ common life
- **Psalms 23** - The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)
- **1 Peter 2:19-25** - Follow the shepherd, even in suffering
- **John 10:1-10** - Christ the shepherd



Photo taken by Pastor Lee

# A Word from Fredsville's Council President

Hello Fredsville!

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe that April is here again and soon the farmers will be tilling the land.

The thought for the month is "Gifts". What do we think of when we think of gifts? Is it the beautifully wrapped box with ribbons and bows, is it the gift card to your favorite restaurant? Or is it the sunrise or fresh rain? Think of how happy they make you; how you feel when someone thinks enough of you to give you a gift. Gifts come in all sizes, shapes, and purposes. Once a gift has been given to you- the proper thing to do is to say "thank you" and to accept the gift graciously. Our social graces say- it is disrespectful to decline or give back a gift. However, I'm going to ask you to think outside the "box" this month when you think about gifts.

April is "Gift" month. This month we receive the greatest gift of all...the Promise of Eternal Life with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How do we handle this gift? Do we take it graciously? Do we tend to it and care for it? Do we act on it and share it? How do we show our appreciation and gratitude for this gift? We can't really write a thank you note.

With this gift does come some sort of expectation. The expectation is that we tend and cultivate the gifts we have been given so that they may be shared with others. I believe that all those good things in life are gifts. Gifts we have been given from heaven above as we do not act solely on our own accord. God has a plan for all of us and he provides us opportunities and the tools to make good things happen to us and to others.

Romans 6:23 says "...The free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Ephesians 2:8- "By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Yes, this gift is free. However, we do need to cultivate this gift through our faith and our journey as we walk in Jesus' footprints to model his actions for others. He tells us how to behave and how to work and how to love and how to be gracious. In doing so, we are regifting in a sense, the love that Jesus has for us and the love that God has for us. So much so that he gave his only begotten Son to us, the people on earth, the tenders of his earthly creations. Our legacy is in sharing our faith and stewardship with others now and for generations to come. Our inheritance is the Promise of eternal life with Jesus in heaven. What an amazing gift we have been given!

So, really, I suppose it IS ok to regift. We can bypass those social graces and etiquette when it comes to God's gifts. In fact, I encourage you to regift what God has given to you. Show compassion, love, stewardship to others and to God's creation around you. So, rejoice in God's gifts to you! All of them, the small ones, the big ones and all those in between. Live by your faith, steward to those around you and God's creation, and walk as Jesus wants us to walk. This month I encourage you to regift my friends! Regift!

God Bless,

Brenda Cooper, Council President



## **April, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

### **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

At LSI, we work tirelessly to provide crisis childcare, in-home visits and parenting classes to families across Iowa through our Early Childhood Services. In these services, we provide Iowa parents the support they need to provide a healthy, stable home for their children.

Through our Family Centered Services, we help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable. We also provide therapy services to adults, children and families to help build healthier, more secure homes.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

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### **Thanks to the support from faith-based organizations across Iowa...**

...a young mom now has the education and resources she needs to create a better life for her

and her family,

...a person with a disability learned to be a little more independent,

...a former refugee found a new home in Iowa and has found new ways to successfully support

their family.

All of these successes are possible with the support we receive from congregations and people like you! LSI is proud to provide these essential services to people all across Iowa. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

# Council Minutes

March 12, 2023; Meeting held after church

\*\*\*These minutes have been approved electronically\*\*\*

**Attendance:** Pastor Lee Gable, Linda Nielsen, Brenda Cooper, Sue Green, Sharon Hemmen, Erin Frahm\*, Meridith Sandlin, Tom Verhulst. Absent: Jana Hermann, Kelley Knutson, Todd Mikkelsen

\*Attended through ZOOM

**Call to Order:** Brenda Cooper

This additional March meeting was held to address the following items:

#1 - Secretary Becky Diani is retiring and has turned in her resignation. Brenda Cooper will email the Council Members the job description that was used when Fredsville hired Becky and asking for our input so it can be advertised right away. This administrative assistant position will be for 20 hours per week with no health or retirement benefits but with paid holidays. Advertising will be done through the Waterloo Courier, the Grundy Register/Parkersburg Eclipse and the job search website: Indeed.com. Secretary Becky has offered to stay until May 31st - if need be.

#2 - The Council Members chose their committee assignments for the 2023 year:

Brenda Cooper - Endowment

Linda Nielsen - Finance

Sue Green - Property/Landscape & Cemetery

Sharon Hemmen - Altar Guild

Erin Frahm - Finance

Jana Hermann - Social Ministry

Kelley Knutson - Technology & Education/Youth

Meridith Sandlin - Technology & Worship/Music

Todd Mikkelsen - Endowment

Tom Verhulst - Endowment

#3 - Tom Verhulst has reached out to Kurt Kruger's lawyer, Seth Schroeder regarding the life insurance money that Fredsville has been designated the beneficiary of. Tom will assist as needed with any legalities concerning the disbursement of monies while Linda will manage the financial transactions. Monthly reports will be given to the Church Council.

#4 - After receiving the Call Committee report and recommendation, Tom Verhulst made the motion and Sharon Hemmen seconded for Fredsville to extend a call to Pastor Lee Gable. The vote was unanimous. The compensation package will remain the same: retirement match at 12%, 4 Sundays off and 4 weeks off, salary the same as what is recommended on the NE Iowa Synod salary schedule, splitting the health costs with the clergy spouse and a housing allowance. The final step in hiring Pastor Lee will be a Congregation vote on May 7th.

**Closing Prayer:** The Council Members said the Lord's Prayer in unison.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, March 26 after church

**Respectfully Submitted:** Sue Green, Secretary

# Council Minutes

March 26, 2023, Meeting held after church

\*\*\*These minutes have been approved electronically\*\*\*

**Attendance:** Pastor Lee Gable, Linda Nielsen, Brenda Cooper, Sue Green, Sharon Hemmen, Jana Hermann, Erin Frahm, Kelley Knutson, Meridith Sandlin, Todd Mikkelsen. Absent: Tom Verhulst

**Call to Order:** Brenda Cooper

**Devotions:** Brenda Cooper – Proverbs 11:14 “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”

**Secretary’s Report:** Sue Green – The February 21 and March 12 Minutes were approved electronically.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Linda Nielsen

As of 2/28/23

- General Fund: \$53,348.10
- Building Fund: \$42,044.33
- Memorial Fund: \$19,872.44

- 1) Linda met with Fredsville’s Insurance Agent. The Insurance Agent checked with various insurance companies to get us the best coverage at the best rate.
- 2) With the recent banking turmoil, Linda checked and found that Fredsville’s money in the bank is safe.

## Updates:

- 1) Clean-up Day at Fredsville will be April 23, after church.
- 2) The six graduating seniors will be honored on April 30th. Melissa Loger has volunteered to coordinate with Pastor Lee on how the seniors can be involved in the Worship Service.
- 3) Holy Week:

Wednesday, April 5th – Maundy Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Friday, April 7th – Good Friday @ 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 9th - Easter Sunday

8:30 – Breakfast Brunch

9:30 – Worship Service

10:30 – Easter Egg Hunt

## Old Business Discussed:

- 1) The job description for the Secretary’s position was updated by the Council Members. Brenda will be sending it out to the Council Members for their approval. Once it is approved, the job listing will be posted in various places. Those interested in this job can then find out more about it by going to [fredsvillelutheran.org](http://fredsvillelutheran.org) web site.
- 2) This announcement will be in the April newsletter, along with a couple of Sunday Worship Bulletins (if space allows).

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*Secretary Becky is retiring later this spring. Church Council is updating the job description and will be advertising for this position soon. The Fredsville Secretary's job is for 4 hours each day, M-F. No retirement. No insurance. Paid holidays.*

- 3) Per Secretary Becky's request, she will not be honored publicly for her five years of service as Secretary at Fredsville. Secretary Becky does not want to be recognized during a worship service. Nor does she want to be honored with a cake or after worship. Secretary Becky also does not want any gifts. Church Council is going to honor Secretary Becky's request.

**New Business Discussed:**

- 1) Brenda requested that the Council Members be thinking of possible goals for our Church Council for this next year. We will be discussing these possible goals at our next meeting.
- 2) Sue Green is following up on a request by Catherine Petersen for Fredsville to host CPR/AED training. She has been given the name of a possible instructor. It is Sue's goal to contact this individual to find out the cost along with how many can take the course ASAP. She is hoping to write up a proposal for the Endowment Committee so they can underwrite some of the costs involved.

**Pastor Report:**

Pastor Lee emailed out a complete report of what he has done between February 21 through March 24, 2023. He also listed what he has coming up. On May 10th, the Dike-New Hartford Baccalaureate will be held at Fredsville with Pastor Lee planning the service and giving the sermon. Confirmation was already scheduled for that evening. At this time, confirmation will remain as scheduled. If there is a need to change, Kim Farley and Pastor Lee will communicate with confirmation families.

**Upcoming Committee Meetings:**

Finance: Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Property: Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Mutual Ministry: Pending for April

Endowment: Pending for April

**Closing Prayer:** The Council Members said the Lord's Prayer in unison.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Sue Green, Secretary

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
2 Palm Sunday 8:45 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	3	4	5 Handbell Choir 5:15-6:15 pm Holy Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	6 9:00 am Quilting 7:00 pm Choir Practice	7 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm	8 9:00 am Decorate for Easter
9 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Choir Practice 9:30 Easter Worship 10:30 No Sunday School 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt	10	11 12:00 pm Sew Pillowcase Dresses	12 WinGS 1:30 - 4:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm 7:00 pm Choir Practice	13 9:00 am Quilting	14 Pastor's Day Off	15
16 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	17	18	19 Confirmation 6:30 pm 7:00 pm Choir Practice	20 9:00 am Quilting	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 9:00 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship 10:45 Church Clean-Up & Tree Planting	24 Fancy Fingers 9 am - 4:p.m. Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 7:00 pm Choir Practice	27 9:00 am Quilting	28 Pastor's Day Off	29
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