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## An Air of Change

Spring used to be my favorite time of the year because I enjoyed watching this change from the drab of winter to warmer weather and new life. There was a time when life changes were fun. Getting my drivers license, graduating from High School, College and Seminary. Starting a new job or watching my kids grow, move away, and then bringing grandchildren into my life.

Gradual change is usually a pleasant thing. It's those sudden changes that can be more difficult to adjust to. The weather going from a high of 80 one day to a high of 38 the next. A sudden medical emergency that instantly brings unimaginable limitations. Unexpected unemployment or financial loss. Such sudden changes can be overwhelming.

So what are we to do when unwanted, sudden changes happen in our lives? As I ponder this question I'm reminded of the biblical stories of Joseph and Job. In the moment that Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, his life was altered dramatically. In the days that Job lost his entire family, his health and all of his possessions, his life was changed. What did they do? These men could have cursed God. They could have just ended it all, so they didn't have to live through the pain. But both of these men continued to devote themselves to God. Both men chose to continue moving forward and not wallow in their grief. The old adage is encouraging, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

Similarly, Solomon wrote

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."*

No matter what changes we face, the best response is to trust in the Lord. Lean into His promises. Lean into His church for support and encouragement. Take your next step forward and refuse to focus on the past. Consider what good thing God might be doing in the change taking place in your life. (Ro. 8:28) And don't forget to sing His praises as you move along this journey of life.

*Pastor Mark*

## Thursday, April 2nd

Dinner will be provided by the Deacon/Deaconess Board and served at church beginning at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited.



Maundy Thursday Service including communion will follow at 7:30 pm

## Sunday, April 5th

Easter Breakfast served by the Men's Bible Study Group beginning at 9:00 am  
Easter Worship at 10:30 am





Saturdays

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at 7:00 am

Sundays

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am  
Worship at 10:30 am

Wednesdays (through April 22nd)

9:30 am. Women's Bible Study  
6:00-6:30 pm: Supper  
6:45 pm: Adventure Club  
7:00 pm: MS, HS and Adult Bible Studies  
Deacon Board meeting April 1st at 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 2nd

All Church Dinner provided by the Deacon Board at 6:30 pm  
Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday April 5th

9-10 am: Breakfast for everyone provided by our Men's Bible Study Group  
10:30: Easter Worship

Sunday, April 12th at 11:30 am

Potluck and Quarterly Business meeting

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Bridal Shower honoring Juliana Wagner

Wednesday, April 22nd

The last week of Adventure Club, Youth Group and Bible Studies

Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 pm

Adventure Club Program and Picnic



- 1 Jill Holland
- 2 Debra Waldner
- 3 Maureen Wobig
- 3 Tim Eklund
- 5 Drew McCormick
- 5 Shawnya McGregor
- 5 Breyer Palmquist
- 7 Dan Palmquist
- 7 Ledger Johnson
- 7 Dorothy Pulse
- 8 Mary Rae Peterson
- 8 Hannah Schock
- 8 Zane Schock
- 10 Vicki Vandenberg
- 12 Shelby Waba
- 13 Alan Waldner
- 16 Ron Kolbeck
- 17 Jerry Larsen
- 18 Kevin Erikson
- 20 Kay Johnson
- 21 Kevin Peterson
- 22 Cori Kaufmann
- 22 Adam Palmquist
- 22 Dan Rabenhorst
- 24 Joel Koch
- 25 Jeff Anderson
- 26 Don Carlson
- 26 Paige Palmquist
- 27 Lucille Palmquist
- 27 Bohden Palmquist
- 29 Kyra Blanton
- 29 Mike Flannery

*Happy Anniversary*

- 2 Carter & Ellen Schwader
- 4 Becky and Tim Wegener
- 13 Richard & Sally Wobig
- 20 Joey & Tori Englebrecht
- 21 Ben & Stephanie Holland
- 30 Howard & Jolene Pulse



# Vacation Bible School

Age 4-grade 6  
May 25-29 5:30-8:00 Pm

Supper is served each evening  
Register at [sunprairiebaptist.com/children](http://sunprairiebaptist.com/children)  
or contact Cheryl Lewis at 605-480-2230

Program on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
Supper to follow for everyone!

