

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

TIDINGS

"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

May 4, 2025 10:30 AM
Music Sunday

Scripture text:
John 21:1-19

Deacon in charge:
Gina Greene

[Click Here to watch last Sunday's service](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 30
Activities Cancelled

Tuesday, May 6
7:30am - Men's Breakfast at
Village Inn

Wednesday, May 7
5:30pm - Bells Practice
6:15pm - Dinner
6:45pm - The Gathering
7:30pm - Choir Practice

YOU'RE INVITED!

Shaping the future of our church

As we prayerfully look toward the future of our church, we're inviting everyone—longtime members, newcomers, youth, leaders, and friends—to join us for a special series of gatherings designed to reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where God might be leading us next.

Our first event, "Looking at the Past," will be held on Sunday, May 18, immediately following worship.

We'll share a lunch together (provided), and invite everyone to bring a dessert to share. Childcare will be available so that all ages can participate in this meaningful conversation. This gathering will take the place of our usual youth group time to ensure it is a multi-generational space.

We want every voice to be part of this journey: past members, current leaders, new faces, and everyone in between. Let us come together with gratitude, curiosity, and hope as we begin this important process.

HABITAT THANK YOU

A special thank you to our attendees for supporting the Habitat Women's Build and the Church at the Habitat Breakfast. Attendees were Kay and Rich Thuesen, Greg Holt, Craig Driver, Cliff and Diane Highnam, Bob Tefft, Jim Stevenson, and Paul and Gina Greene. It was a fun and informative event.



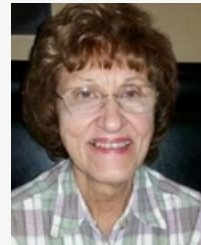
NE IA ASSOCIATION MEETING



We did it! A very successful NE Iowa UCC Association meeting was held with the awesome planning and participation by

Brandyn, Mackenzie, Paul, Diane, Abbie, Michelle, Kyle, Marcia and Craig Mahood on organ! Special appreciation for Karen Klaassen's help in the kitchen with prep and cleanup!

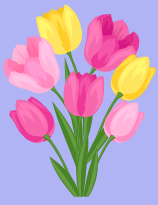
LOIS JOHNSON OBITUARY



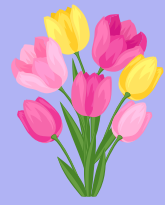
The obituary for Lois Johnson is available to read by clicking [Here](#) or going to <https://www.lockefuneralservices.com/obituaries/7525>.



If you'd like to help with the Church Row Neighborhood newsletter distribution next week, please contact Mary Potter 319-939-2753.



MAY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00am CVIC Mtg.	2	3
4 10:30 Music Sunday Worship 12pm Youth Group	5	6 7:30am - Men's Breakfast at Village Inn	7 3pm Job Found. 5:30pm Bells 6:15pm Dinner 6:45pm Adult Study 7:30pm Choir	8	9	10 9:00am Women's Breakfast
11 10:30 ThreeHouse Worship Service	12	13 5:30pm - Food Bank Volunteering NAMI - 7pm Presentation	14 3pm Job Found. 5:30pm Bells 6:15pm Dinner 6:45pm Adult Study 7:30pm Choir	15	16	17
18 10:30 Worship 12pm Church Event with Lunch	19	20 7:30am - Men's Breakfast at Village Inn 6pm - Common Mtg. 7pm - Trustee Mtg.	21 3pm Job Found. 5:30pm Bells 6:15pm Dinner 6:45pm Adult Study 7:30pm Choir	22	23 Fill Neighborhood Pantries	24
25 10:30 Worship	26  Office Closed	27 NAMI - 7pm Presentation	28	29	30 6:00pm - Growing Minds Preschool Graduation	31

Anniversaries:

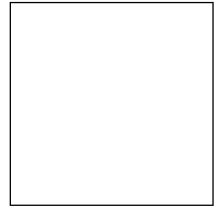
- 4th - Todd & Becky Ellison
- 26th - Brandon & Regan Casteel
- 27th - Josh & Charlotte Elaine (Driver) Backens

Birthdays:

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| 1st - Lynne Zellhoefer | 15th - Jan Bernhard | 25th - Jayden Zellhoefer |
| 2nd - Roger Lane | Marie Kelch | 26th - Nathan Leary |
| 4th - Ed Dams | 16th - Jodi Casteel | Helen Swisher |
| Molly (Greene) Bishop | Eli Lennox | 27th - Lauren (Reisinger) |
| Sam Koch | Abbie Chronister | Morgan |
| 6th - Allison Blankenfeld | 17th - Sharon Holdiman | Kyle Lindaman |
| 7th - Nancy Heinick | 20th - Duane Franke | 28th - Brandyn Casteel |
| Hudson Lourenço-Feld | Jesse Buck | Eric Ellison |
| 8th - Dave Panicucci | 23rd - Becky Martens | 31st - Henry Ensworth |
| 12th - Josh Backens | 24th - Dorothy Brecurier | |

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CREATE AN ENDOWMENT OF LOVE. PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING OUR CHURCH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.



A peaceful march to protect the basic dignity of all immigrants will take place on Thursday, May 1st at 7:00pm. Jesus said in Matthew 25: “what you did onto others, you did it on to me.” ~ Fr. Nils

Hago un llamamiento a una marcha p acifica para proteger la dignidad b asica de todos los inmigrantes como nos dice Jes us en San Marcos 25: “lo que le hicieron a otros, me lo hicieron a mi.” ~ Pbro. Nils

INTERNATIONAL WORKER’S DAY

Thursday, May 1st beginning at 7:00pm
in the Queen of Peace Parish parking lot
(320 Mulberry Street, Waterloo)