

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR APRIL 2021

Greetings Friends!

Easter is almost here! We are starting to see signs of spring- bird chirping, the sun is out, the snow is melting, and the days are longer. It gives us reasons to rejoice at the new life that spring brings. It reminds of the new life we have in Jesus.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with our in-person worship service. It has been such a joy to see people coming back to worship.

I am looking forward to our Holy week services.

We are having Maundy Thursday service on April 1 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. We will remember the last supper and partake in communion together.

The Good Friday service will be a virtual service that can be found on the church's Facebook page on Friday April 2. This service is being put together by the Kasson-Mantorville Ministerial Association, several area churches including ours will be participating.

We are having two services on Easter Sunday April 4. One service at 8:30am and one service at 10:00am. It will be a great day of worship to celebrate the risen Lord!

Please register for the in-person worship service so we can reserve a spot for you. You can register by calling the church office or sign up on the website (www.presbykasson.org) or sign up on our Facebook page.

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Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul Riggs, Bob Tracy, Sue Alberts, Tami Hanson, Bob Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan Kaufeld. Thank you to Amy Borgstrom, Ally Holtz, and Al Riedel for teaching Sunday school. Thank you to Ann Riggs and Gayle Kaufeld for setting up the communion table.

My verse for us this month comes from 1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." May we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior this month. Remembering that it is through Jesus Christ that we have living hope for each day.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Amanda

New Local Number for Pastor Amanda:
Pastor Amanda has a new local number: 507-218-2267.

She can still be reached on her old cell phone number but can also be reached here if you need to call locally.





Apr. 1	Mariah Brainard
Apr. 2	Don Hesar
	Bill Stromme
Apr. 5	Chad Prenzlowl
Apr. 6	Vincent Bouchal
Apr. 8	Brock Leisen
Apr. 11	Char Sveska
Apr. 12	Nicholas Leisen
Apr. 13	Richard Archer
Apr. 20	Gordon Law
Apr. 24	Kristi Brogan
Apr. 26	Dale Allen
	Ashley Gransee
Apr.28	Steve Springsted



Apr. 27 Dale & Ruth Allen

Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.

Please keep Bev Livingston and Bev Stucky in our prayers. Dick Wolff is recovering from Covid-19 at his home.

Worship Committee News

The Worship Committee will meet on Monday, April 5 at 5:30 pm using Zoom.

Members will receive an invitation to the meeting in their email.

Church Information

Website: www.presbykasson.org
 Pastor email: presbypastor@kmtel.com
 Church email: presbykasson@kmtel.com
 Church Phone: 634-7481
 Pastor Phone - 507-218-2267

Pastor Office Hours Wednesday 9am-noon, and by appointment.

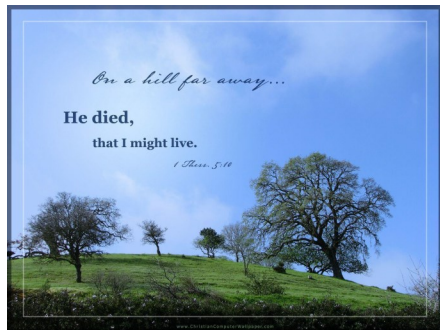
Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon

Worship 10:00 am



April Session Meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm.



Greetings Ladies,



As we all know spring is officially here and Easter is not far away. Hopefully the robins will not have the second event of snow on them for Easter Sunday,

but of course Mother Nature is in charge. Winter is behind us and hopefully the coronavirus is starting to gradually diminish. Hopefully most of us have received at least one and perhaps two of the vaccine doses by now, however we all need to be diligent with continuing to wear our masks and washing our hands well and frequently.

The activity for PW in the month of April the lunch at the Hubbell House. We are still not able to meet at the Hubbell House so instead of that the lunch will be held at the home of Sue Alberts on Thursday, April 15. Please be aware we will not be able to social distance at that time so everyone will need to make a decision as to whether or not you want to be in that situation. Lunch will be catered and the price for that will be determined later and conveyed to everyone ahead of time. Also, for anyone who has an issue with stairs, there are four steps leading into Sue's townhome. At the meeting we will need to discuss what, if any activity we want to have in place of the actual Salad Luncheon, and we will discuss whether or not we want to participate in the birthday offering which takes place in May. If you wish to attend the luncheon please call the church office at

634-7481 or email the office at presbykasson@kmtel.com. The address for Sue's townhome is:
1304 2nd Street NW, Kasson. We hope so see you there.

Our church will be responsible for delivering Meals-on-Wheels April 26 – 30, so please contact Sharon Law or Carol Prenzlów to be a volunteer. This service is very important for the many people of Kasson who depend on this food and the number of people receiving these meals is larger than ever.

Please send your prayers out for the families who have lost loved ones in the recent shootings in our country, they certainly need all the help they can get. Also, prayers for all public servants, health care workers, religious leaders, and educators are still very much needed.

Now a little Easter folklore:

There is a clean look to a blooming dogwood tree, especially when glimpsed in the wild. This purity of appearance adds credibility to its legend. At the time of the crucifixion of Christ, so the tale is told, the dogwood was tall and straight, the size of oaks and elms. So strong was its wood that it was selected to be used for the timber to build the cross. The tree was appalled to be put to such use. Jesus, sensing its distress, promised that nevermore should the dogwood grow large enough to be used as a cross. He also promised to create for the dogwood a reminder of his death in the form of the flower: four blossoms shaped in the form of a white cross, with a stain at the outer edge of each petal, and in the center a tiny crown of thorns. Today the little dogwood faithfully blooms at Eastertime, relaying to us an ancient reminder of the cycle of winter and spring, death and rebirth.

When Easter Lilies Bloom

By Reginald Holmes

I marvel at God's handiwork when Easter lilies bloom,
How such loveliness is raised from winter's silent tomb.
I view with awe the artistry of every stalk and leaf,
Crowned with snow-white glory that challenges belief;
And yet my faith is strengthened for well I know that man
Will never reach the magnitude of God's creative plan;
And the old, inspiring story of empty cross and tomb
Has a new and deeper meaning when Easter lilies bloom.



EASTER June C. Bush

Jesus, our Redeemer, arose on Easter morn,
Thus fulfilled the purpose for which He had been born.
In anguish in the garden all our sins He bore,
Suffered on the cross that we might live forevermore.
His love, unequaled, transcends all we know on earth,
He died that we might partake of that great Rebirth.
How can we thank Him for this in our own small way?
What we do for others is for Him, the scriptures say.

A Very Happy Easter to All,
Sue and Carol, PW co-chairs

EASTER DAY

On Easter Day we go to church,
I love to smell the flowers
and hear the songs.
But the best part is to know
that you are still alive, Jesus,
And to remember that
You love even me.





FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS

Faith in Action of Dodge County Newsletter

1st Quarter 2021

Welcome to Faith in Action's first newsletter. On a quarterly basis we intend to update volunteers of the programs actions and plans. If any of you have had an experience while volunteering that you'd like to share with others, you may send a message to jdwahl@kmtel.com. We would love to share your stories.

2020 Stats

It is clear to everyone that 2020 was a very unusual year. Still our volunteers were busy helping seniors. A total of 120 senior clients are currently eligible for FIA services. Of our 65 volunteers, currently 11 of them are active. There were a total of 1081 services provided for a total of 7333 service hours. Service miles totaled 7820. During the early height of the Covid19 pandemic, there was little direct contact with clients. However, volunteers committed to call seniors on a weekly basis to check in and offer support when people were so isolated.

Currently, volunteers and seniors are following Covid guidelines while services are provided. Mask up, distance, and sanitize! Thanks to all of you who helped serve seniors in 2020.

Fundraising 2020

The board made changes in the sliding fee scale effective January 2020. It had not

been adjusted since 2010. The scale continues to allow us to provide services at a cost to clients much less than other service agencies in our area.

All of our major fundraisers were canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

- Selling ice cream at festivals
- Working at the Kasson Legion
- Annual Soup and Pie Supper
- Working at Berne Pizza

While we do not have a large budget, staff salary, office supplies, insurance, mileage, etc are expenses that must be covered. Board chair, Lynn Knutson, did a great job of applying for available grants and loans. Those funds along with client fees, Dodge County funds allowed Faith in Action to continue to match volunteers with seniors.

Volunteer Recruitment

There is a definite need for more **active** volunteers. We understand that there are times when volunteers must step back. Needs of seniors, however, continue. Consequently, we are actively seeking additional volunteers and encouraging current volunteers to serve whenever possible. Board members met with local pastors sharing FIA information and asking for their help in education their congregations about our services to seniors and need for additional volunteers. We ran an ad in the local newspaper for Dodge Center, Claremont and West Concord, *The Messenger*. **Talk with your friends and family about FIA and invite them to become volunteers.** Applications are available on our website www.fiadodgecounty.org or by calling the office 507-634-3654.

Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study is Happening!

The Zoom link will be sent out via email. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Invite a friend and join us!

The Torah, or the first five books of the Bible, is one epic storyline that starts with creation and ends with God's covenant with Israel. This month we are exploring God in the Hebrew Bible with Bible Study from The Bible Project.

Wednesday April 7- No Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday April 14.

Wednesday April 14 at 7pm **“Why God Gave Choice”**

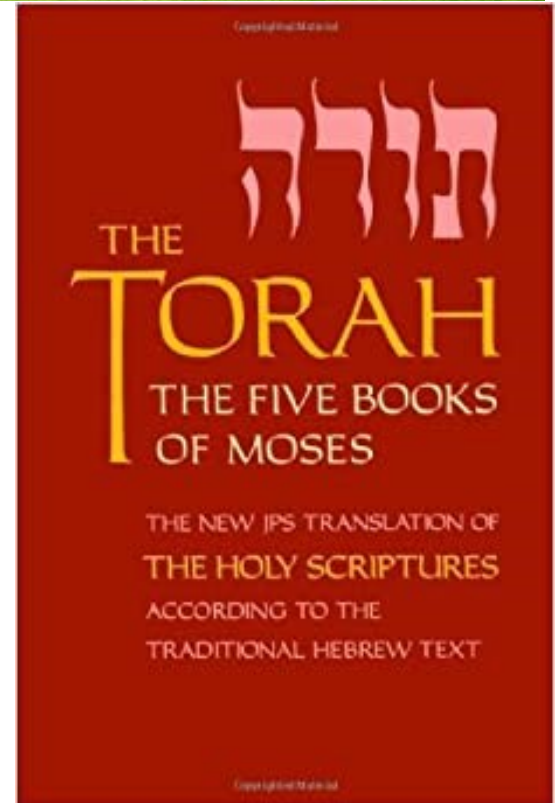
For this week's Bible Project study we will study Genesis chapters 1 through 11. God makes a good world and installs humans as its rulers. Humanity rebels and ends up ruling the world in a destructive way, leading to violence, death, and the founding of the city of Babylon. What is God's response?

Wednesday April 21 at 7pm **“Wrestling God”**

For this week's Bible Project study we will study Genesis chapters 12 through 50. God makes a promise that He will bless all nations through Abraham's family. But with aging husbands, impatient matriarchs, blessing-stealing children, and jealous siblings who keep mucking things up, how will God's promise prevail?

Wednesday April 28 at 7pm **“When We Cry Out”**

For this week's Bible Project study we will study Exodus chapters 1 through 18. The first part of Exodus recounts how Abraham's family ends up enslaved in Egypt. God raises up a deliverer to confront the evil of Pharaoh and to liberate the Israelites. From Egypt they set out into the wilderness on the way to Mt. Sinai



2021 Easter Memorial Garden

Given by:

In Loving Memory of:

Sue Alberts (Lily Cross)

Ron & Mom

Pastor Amanda & Josh Boss

Loved Ones

Folmer Carlsen Family

Ruthie & Parents

Ann Driver

Dad, Thomas Ferry

Ted Ferry

Mom, Helen Ferry

Howard & Elaine Gransee

Loved Ones

Tami Hanson, Chris, Ty & Cate

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Jane & Don Hesar

Loved Ones

Dan & Gayle Kaufeld

Parents & Betty Derby

Diane Krejci

Loved Ones

Bev Livingston

Erv & Parents

Jennifer & Carl Mittelstadt Family

Jerri Fogal

Mike & Carol Prenzlowl

Loved Ones

Noreen Schwen

Loved Ones

Steve & Joan Springsted

Parents & Grandson

Jim & Bev Stucky

Loved Ones

Bob & Karen Tracy

Loved Ones

Wayne & Rosalie Trom

Our Parents

Many thanks to those who offered Memorials to celebrate the Gift of Eternal Life.

Those who purchase plants for the garden may take them home following the Easter Sunday service. A list of memorials will appear in the bulletin. Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary.



2021 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ELDERS, DEACONS, AND INTERESTED MEMBERS

Clerk of Session

Randy Carlsen

Christian Education Committee

Sheryl Scholer, Elder, Chairperson
Ally Holtz- Elder, Tami Hanson-Elder, Amy Borgstrom,
Nicky Wilke, Diane Krejci and Al Riedel, Jennifer Mittlestadt

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Thelma Givan-Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon, Ann Driver

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Tami Hanson, Elder, Chairperson
Thelma Givan-Elder, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Nicky Wilke, Carol Prenzlów

Nominating Committee

Steve Willert, Elder, Chairperson
Thelma Givan-Elder, Gayle Kaufeld-Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon, Roma Stromme-PW

Personnel Committee

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Tami Hanson-Elder, Amy Borgstrom, Kristy Johnson

Property Committee

Robert Gransee, Elder, Chairperson
Wayne Trom-Deacon, Jane Heser, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Troy Andrist

Stewardship Committee

Ally Holtz, Elder, Chairperson
Paul Riggs-Deacon, Tami Hanson-Elder

Worship Committee

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder, Chairperson
Dan Kaufeld-Organist, Quinita Kase-Organist, Sheryl Scholer-Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon,
Carol Prenzlów, Bob Tracy-Head Usher, Amy Borgstrom, Ann Driver-Church Secretary.

These people are to receive notification of their committee meetings. The Pastor is a member of committees. Any church member is welcome to attend a committee meeting.

H A P P Y

The gift of God is **E**ternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

I am the Living One: I was dead, and behold I am **A**live forever and ever! Revelation 1:18

The Father has sent His Son to be the **S**avior of the world. 1 John 4:34

I am the **T**ruth and the Life. John 14:6

God has given us **E**ternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 John 5:11

Remember Jesus Christ **R**aised from the dead. 2 Timothy 2:8



Spring Lesson

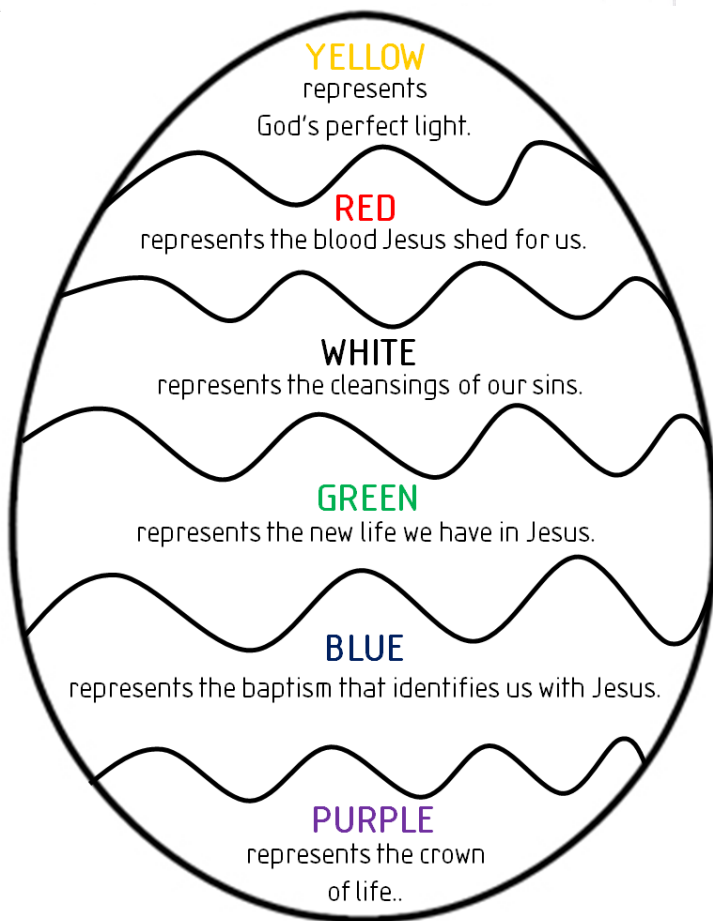


GOD MADE
SPRING
AND THE
ANIMALS!



(Genesis 1:14) And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

God made the season Spring. In the book of Genesis God talked about how he made the seasons and how he made the animals after his own kind. God is so amazing. He made the pretty butterflies with their neat little colors all over them. He made the fuzzy little bunny rabbits that hop so cute. And he made the tall sweet smelling flowers. He is such a wonderful God that created all these things. He made each one perfect in it's own little way. He made the dirt on the ground that gives the little flowers it's food from nutrients. Can you make dirt? The answer is no. God made it from nothing. He just created it. Next time your outside look at all the things and tell God how amazing he is for all the cool stuff you see.



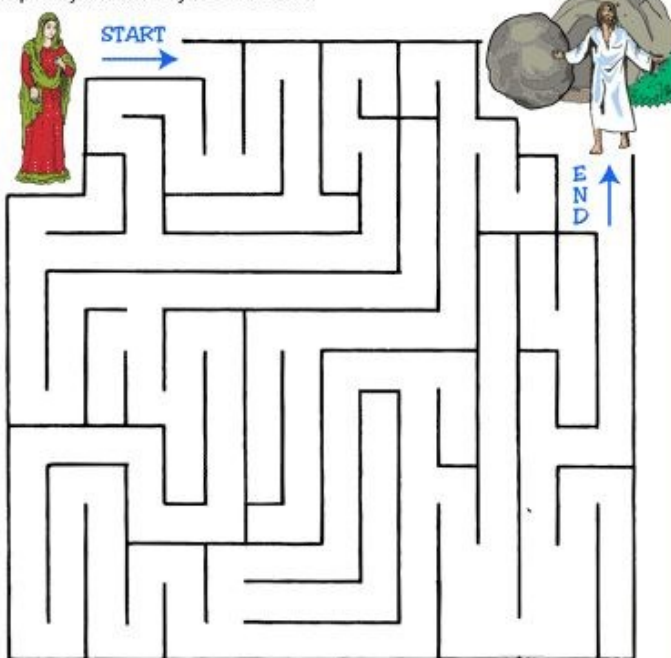
BibleWise

Jesus is Alive Maze

Early Easter morning, Mary Magdalene visited Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away, and Jesus was not in the tomb. She was very sad because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body.

Then Mary saw a man she thought was the gardener. She was so happy to see the man was Jesus! She ran to tell the disciples Jesus was alive.

Help Mary find her way to Jesus tomb.



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April



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 Service	2 Good Friday Good Friday Service on Facebook	3
4 Easter Services at 8:30 & 10:00	5 Worship Comm. @ 5:30 PM by Zoom	6	7 NO Bible Study today.	8	9	10
11	12 Session Meeting 5:30pm	13	14 Bible Study 7PM—Zoom	15	16	17
18 Deacons meeting at 3:00 pm	19	20	21 Bible Study 7pm— Zoom Deadline for Newsletter	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Bible Study 7PM—Zoom	29	30	1
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