

The Church Bell

April 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM WORSHIP ~ 10:30 AM

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From the Desk of Pastor Lee

What a wonderful journey this Lent has been; it's been healing, it's been reflective, and it's been transformational. And now...and now we celebrate the resurrection. We are an Easter people, and the resurrection brings hope, it brings light in the midst of our darkness. We know this and yet somehow we still find ourselves going through rough times. We can still find ourselves in a crisis, living in fear, overwhelmed and simply tripped up by life. As Easter people, we are called to dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see—even and perhaps especially in times of great difficulty.

All of us have had bad days, bad weeks, months, even years. It's so easy to feel discouraged in this life, even if we have some blessings we can count on. Hopelessness and discouragement are so commonplace and pervasive that we often don't even notice them anymore. Like the air we breathe despair is always present and we've become so used to it that we barely notice it. And yet, we clearly see its effects on everyone...everywhere. As a result, at best we settle for a lesser life, at worst, we give up.

Jesus said that one of the main reasons He came to this world was to "seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), and "to give us LIFE TO THE FULL" (John 10:10). Jesus never said life would be perfect this side of heaven. However, He did say we could have victory and hope in every circumstance.

Ultimately, that's what "life to the full" means. Regardless of the circumstance Jesus HIMSELF will provide a way to have hope and victory in the circumstance. Jesus comes alongside of us and gives us a reason to celebrate as He walks with us in our every circumstance.

Remember as I said earlier.....As Easter people, we are called to dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see—even and perhaps especially in times of great difficulty. Dances of hope. Dances of justice. Dances of love. During this season, post-resurrection stories point to the joy of living in the beloved community and extending that fellowship through our witness as we dare to dance again!

We hope you will join us on this journey post easter through Pentecost as we learn to dance in the rain instead of simply hunkering down and waiting for the storm to pass.

For the Son of Man
came to
seek and save
the lost Luke 19:10

Blessings,
Pastor Lee



Children's Ministry

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April

4 - Happy Easter!!
NO Children's Church

May

30 - Happy Memorial Day!!
NO Children's Church

July

4 - Happy 4th!!
NO Children's Church

August

9-13 - Vacation Bible School
15 - VBS Program
Pool Party

Oh my goodness, did Linda and the kids do a great job singing on Palm Sunday or what?!?! Thank you for helping us Linda! And thank you to the parents for getting your kiddos here! I hope they enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt...thank you to the Youth Group for stuffing the eggs for us!!

Make sure to put VBS on your calendars!! After taking last year off because of COVID, we are looking forward to this week with your kiddos!!

Blessings,
Erica

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our public page is:
First Christian Church of Republic
our private page is:
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Online Giving

You can give online through our church website (www.republicchristian.org) as a one-time gift or on a recurring basis.



Giving can be made through credit, debit or automatic withdrawal (preferred method) from a bank account.

We certainly encourage all members to continue giving weekly as the offering plate is passed. However, this is another option for weekly giving to First Christian Church.

If you do take advantage of online giving, please consider doing so by automatic withdrawal from your bank account, as that option is less expensive for the church than credit card fees.

We hope the members of the congregation find this method of giving convenient. If you have any questions about this after visiting our church website, please do not hesitate to call the office for assistance.

Youth Ministry

CHI RHO & CYF



The **Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) Group** is intended for high school youth in grades 9-12.

The **Chi Rho Youth Group** is intended for middle school youth in grades 6-8.



The mission for both groups through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to respond to the needs of youth for relationships, events, opportunities where they can be themselves, discern their gifts, and be empowered to be effective leaders and servants as called by God to be the body of Christ in the world.

Christian Women's Fellowship

All women of the Church are invited to attend either or both of our meetings each month!!

Morning CWF: first Wednesday of each month at 10 am.

Evening CWF: second Monday of the month at 630. We start with dinner and begin our devotional about 7.



Attendance

	S.S	Worship
28-Feb	-	65
7-Mar	-	65
14-Mar	-	64
21-Mar	-	59
28-Mar		97

Finances for February

	Monthly Budget	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	2 Months Ended Feb 29, 2020	2 Months Ended Feb 28, 2021	2 Months Ended Feb 28, 2021 Over/Under
Income						
Regular Income	13,750.00	10,691.35	9,762.06	27,999.15	29,717.09	1,717.94
Total Income	13,750.00	10,691.35	9,762.06	27,999.15	29,717.09	
Expenditures						
Personnel	9,384.24	9,012.01	9,904.09	18,004.02	19,151.41	1,147.39
Administrative	866.67	450.26	2,071.46	1,487.25	2,601.50	1,114.25
Christian Education	616.67	21.55	200.87	98.93	361.75	262.82
Worship	197.92	242.83	84.16	261.29	214.09	(47.20)
Evangelism/ Membership	647.92	745.30	21.65	745.30	1,232.97	487.67
Outreach	1,375.00	1,069.14	976.21	2,799.92	2,971.71	171.79
Property	2,108.33	2,516.81	2,844.66	3,046.97	3,533.51	486.54
Total Expenditures	15,196.75	14,057.90	16,103.10	26,443.68	30,066.94	3,623.26

Prayer Concerns

Kelsey Trusler
Lee Ann Durbin
Doug Tuter
Fern Hall

Al Cummins
Bonnie Quessenberry
Les & Fran Richesin

Ruth Giddens
Harold Thompson
John Parker

Extended Family & Friends

Florence Ray (Ray, Glenn & Thompson families)
Amanda & family (Susan Sprague's daughter)
Naomi Murray (Bob & Barbara Burks)
Lacey Gruenebaum (Rhiannon Dixon)
Millie Dykes (Kathy Johns)
Janice Looney
Steve Knight (Barbara Burks)
Roger Davis (Stan Osterhage)
Debbie (Jeff Johns' cousin)
Melanie & family (Erica Glenn)
Tom Pawlow (Stan Osterhage)
Bryan & Nicole Osterhage (Stan Osterhage)
Cheryl Ledbetter (Russ & Toni Allen)
Carol Bascue (Danielle Rothgeb's grandma)
Teresa Snider (Lisa Blumenstock)

Fredonna (Doug Tuter)
Brad Haworth (Brenda Johnson)
Matt Steele (Tom & Christy Warren)
Carol (Pastor Lee)
Gerald Watkins (Tammy Watkins)
Macy Cendroski (Linda Pullen)
Ronnie Keithly, Sr.
Collette Waldon
Catherine Johnsen's niece & family
MaeBelle Fuhr (Judee Steward's mom)
Springfield police officer Mark Priebe
Sharon McCroskey (Roberta Reustle)
John Murphy (Roberta Reustle's brother)
Bob Murphy (Roberta Reustle's dad)

Prayer Chain: If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry, please call the office.

Note: If you or a loved one is on the list & no longer needs to be, please notify the office.



6pm - Cost of dinner is \$4.

April Menu

4/7 Scrambled Eggs
Bacon/Sausage
Biscuits & Gravy
Cinnamon Rolls

4/14 Baked Ziti
Salad
Fr Bread

4/21 Chicken & Dressing Casserole
Salad
Hot Rolls

4/28 Country Fried Steak
Mash Potatoes
Corn
Hot Rolls



HAPPY Anniversary

16 Delbert & Megan Shiver
19 Keith & Erica Glenn
20 Jerry & Pat Gavisk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 Lauren Gum	9 Megan Shiver
3 Megan Short	13 Chris Rothgeb
3 Willa Lakin	14 Nellie Gold
5 Randy Richesin	17 Michael Manning
5 Kevin Notz	17 Amy Warren
6 Patsy Trogon	18 Danielle Rothgeb
6 Michael Richesin	19 Janet Thompson
6 Jesse Quessenberry	21 Ben Giddens
7 Annell "Nellie" Spencer	25 Kauffman Rothgeb
8 Eric Richesin	26 Cynthia Warnow
8 Coi Landers	28 John Parker
9 Ginger Davis	

Deacons

April

<u>4th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>18th</u>	<u>25th</u>
Dan Blumenstock	Russ Allen	Bonnie Williams	Mady Giacin
Keith Glenn	Toni Allen	Glenn Hastings	Debbie Stocker
Brad Henson, Sr.	Danielle Rothgeb	Carol Hastings	Kyle Quessenberry
Jaime Garbee	Doug Tuter	Brad Henson, Jr.	Chris Rothgeb
Karen Trusler	Lea Ann Quessenberry	Abby Fuhr	Catherine Johnsen
Janel Young	Tess Hutter	Crystal Landers	Heather Thompson
		Chloe Salters	Ally Glenn

If unable to serve on scheduled date, please get someone to replace you and call your team leader. (Team Leaders are first name on each list)

Elders

Apr

4 Lisa Blumenstock & Kevin Corner
11 Randy Richesin & Debbie Ray
18 Sandy Richesin & Jackie Barger
25 Jim Burks & Kim Notz

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  24 hour prayer vigil beginning at 7 pm	2	3
4	5	6	7 ♦ 10 am - CWF ♦ 6 pm - Fellowship Dinner ♦ 6:30 pm - Youth	8	9	10
11	12 ♦ 6:30 pm - CWF	13	14 ♦ 6 pm - Fellowship Dinner ♦ 6:30 pm - Youth ♦ 7 pm - Elders	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 ♦ 6 pm - Fellowship Dinner ♦ 6:30 pm - Youth ♦ 7 pm - Education Committee	22	23	24 A.B.S. (Adventure Bible Study) Hike 
25  ♦ bus pass collection	26	27	28 ♦ 6 pm - Fellowship Dinner ♦ 6:30 pm - Youth ♦ 7 pm - Board	29	30	