

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 7, 2024  
-CAMP SUNDAY-  
COLOR: WHITE

PRELUDE

"Allegretto"  
"Christ Has Risen"

Deanna Larson, organist  
L. Boellmann  
D. Wood

WELCOME

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"  
**-VIDEO-**

**UMH #593**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them  
Whom shall I send

-Refrain-  
Here I am Lord  
Is it I Lord  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

-2-  
I the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send

-Refrain-  
Here I am Lord  
Is it I Lord  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart  
(continued...)

-3-

I the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send

-Refrain-  
Here I am Lord  
Is it I Lord  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

*Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...*

*Jan Finnegan*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!  
P: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.  
L: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.  
P: For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

*Please join in the ...*

*Jan Finnegan*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself,  
bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they  
might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**UMH # 70**

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen Amen

*Please join in the...*

*Jan Finnegan*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our ene-  
mies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down  
those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the recon-  
ciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may  
come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

(MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)

*\*Please be seated and hear these...*

*Jan Finnegan*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love  
toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are also forgiven!**

ALL: **Glory to God! Amen!**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.*

*Together, let us pray:*

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Jesus Loves Me"

Joan Rude

## HYMN OF PRAYER

"Kum Ba Yah, my Lord"  
(Come By Here)

**UMH # 494**

Kum ba yah, my Lord. Kum ba yah  
Kum ba yah, my Lord. Kum ba yah  
Kum ba yah, my Lord. Kum ba yah  
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

-2-

Someone's praying, Lord. Kum ba yah  
Someone's praying, Lord. Kum ba yah  
Someone's praying, Lord. Kum ba yah  
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

-3-

Someone's crying, Lord. Kum ba yah  
Someone's crying, Lord. Kum ba yah  
Someone's crying, Lord. Kum ba yah  
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

## HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

**UMH #601**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
(continued...)

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**  
(in unison)

*Bruce Milbrandt*

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment. Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture. Open our ears, O God, that we might understand your promises to followers both old and young, ancient, and modern. Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter the love you offer us. Amen.

**EPISTLE READING**

1 John 1:1-4

*Bruce Milbrandt*

**SERMON**

"WALK IN THE LIGHT"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

"WHAT IS A 'GABBY' WORTH?"

Shelby O'Bannon

CAMP KIDS

**MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION**

(This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are or you can come to the altar as we sing "God Is So Good" TFWI #2056)

God is so good  
God is so good  
God is so good  
God's so good to me

-2-

God cares for me  
God cares for me  
God cares for me  
God's so good to me

-3-

God loves me so  
God loves me so  
God loves me so  
God's so good to me

-4-

God is so good  
God is so good  
God is so good  
God's so good to me

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (Table 1)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right...

...And so,

With your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

..Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Colton Lindgren

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO GIVING

### OFFERING

"In My Heart"

**-VIDEO-**

**Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC  
Offering plates will be passed.**

*Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.*

*\*Presentation of Tithes & Offerings*

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**—In unison (based on 1 John 1:1-2:2)

*Jan Finnegan*

Generous God, as we gather to offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the words of the apostle John about the Word of life. Just as your Word brings light into our lives, may our giving be an act of generosity, a reflection of the abundance of your grace and love. We thank you for the forgiveness and grace offered through your Son, Jesus Christ, and as we give, may we also steward these gifts wisely for the betterment of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Pass It On"  
-VIDEO-

**UMH #572**

It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to everyone  
You want to pass it on

-Verse 2-

What a wondrous time is spring  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing  
The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on

-Verse 3-

I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain-top  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

-Ending-

I'll shout it from the mountain-top  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,  
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

"Moderato"

Deanna Larson, organist  
P. Rasmussen

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, April 7th

8:30 am-Confirmation  
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
10:00 am-Worship w/Communion

## Monday, April 8th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
4:00 pm-Food Distribution  
5:30 pm-Finance meeting

## Tuesday, April 9th

9:30 am-Staff meeting  
3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

## Wednesday, April 10th

9:30 am-Project Group  
3:30 pm-Zone 4-6  
5:00 pm-Handbell practice  
6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th  
7:00 pm-Youth Meal  
7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

## Thursday, April 11th

5:30 pm-SPRC meeting

## Saturday, April 13th

7:30 am-UMM meeting

## Sunday, April 14th

8:30 am-Confirmation  
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
10:00 am-Worship w/Handbells

## Birthdays this week in April

Donna McPherran 7th  
Asher Jones 9th  
Betty Richardson 9th  
Bennett Brashears 10th  
Malik Wilson 10th  
Barb Patten 11th  
Sam Dvergsten 13th  
Santiago Moral 13th  
Natelyn Phillips 13th



## Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Tyler Crandell
Melva Bainbridge	Those battling depression.
Coleen Baughman	Barb Hadenfeldt
Lance Bellinghausen	Judy (Polly's cousin)
Donna Blom	Caroline Kluver
Virginia Carlson	Frank Popp
Drew Havens	Tias Hecht
John Nichols	Isabell
Kim Piercy	Daniel
Karen Salmen	Kellee Barnett
Bev Schmidt	Dash Burr
Margaret Weber	Carol Grundmeier
Sherise Ellis	Denny Grundmeier
Wayne Stark	Lee Meyer
Kathy Wadsley	



LAKE OKOBOJI • WESLEY WOODS

CAMP SUNDAY 2024  
**COME & See!**  
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**CHANGE**

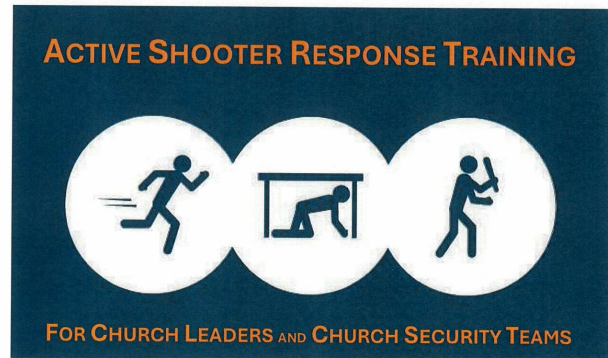
Thursday, April 11th

9:30 am-CIRCLE MEETING

10:00 am until 3:30 pm

CARD MAKING

(original dates were 17th & 18th)



Chief Chris Cole of the Storm Lake Police Department has tailored this training specifically for civilian church leaders, so they can equip individuals in their congregations with the skills and knowledge necessary to respond effectively in the event of an active shooter or other violent situation. The program encompasses various elements, including an understanding of how local law enforcement will respond to such incidents and the actions civilians can take to enhance their safety and minimize casualties.

**DECISION-MAKING STRATEGIES**

Participants will learn about different options available to them during emergencies, empowering them to make informed choices based on their specific circumstances.

- techniques for evacuation
- lockdown/shelter-in-place procedures
- engaging with the attacker as a last resort

**FUNCTIONING UNDER STRESS**

The training also focuses on preparing individuals to function effectively under high-stress conditions, with strategies for:

- managing fear and anxiety
- maintaining clear communication
- implementing appropriate responses in fast-paced and unpredictable situations

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS include:**

- Stop-the-bleed Training
- A Theology of Protection & Grace (Pastor James Roland)

**THURSDAY APRIL 25, 6:30 PM**

at **United Methodist Church, 211 E. 3rd St., Storm Lake**  
**Registration is FREE!**

Get tickets for attendance by RSVP to [pastor.james.roland@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.james.roland@gmail.com)

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To know Jesus Christ and make him known.