

March
2010

Casselton United Methodist Church

Lenten Worship Schedule 7:00 p.m.

February 28th – I Am the Bread of Life
March 7th – I Am the Good Shepherd
March 14th – I Am the Light of the World
March 21st – I Am the Resurrection
March 28th – I Am the Way

Each evening the worship will be followed by coffee fellowship. There is a sign up sheet on the back table to sign up to bring refreshments. The Confirmation students are asked to attend as many as possible; since they will be participating in the dramas that accompany the message each week.

Easter Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Services – April 1st
7:00 p.m.

Arthur United Methodist Church

Good Friday Services – April 2nd
7:00 p.m.

Casselton United Methodist Church

Easter Services – April 4th
9:00 a.m.

He is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

**Church Worship
Service**
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour
10:00 – 10:30

**Youth
Sunday School**
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**Adult Sunday
School**
10:20 – 11:05 a.m.

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CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH

Birthdays

3rd – Kaylie Young
5th – Camry Dunker
11th – Kalyn Wagar
13th – Melodee Nowatzki
15th – Bruce Jorgenson
16th – Terry Goeser
18th – Gladys Jorgenson
19th – Alan Breske
22nd – Jeannie Seely
23rd - Whitney Monilaws
30th - Jeremy Knight

Anniversary

.26th - Leslie & Audrey Roach

Usher List

3/7/10 Troy Klevgard family
3/14/10 TLG
3/21/10 Vern & Bonnie Kepler
3/28/10 Deb Coalter & Tanya Kahl family
4/4/10 Dustin & Kaylie Young

Summer Church Camp

The schedules for summer church camp have arrived. If you haven't received one in the mail, pick one up in the envelope at the back of the church or go online to www.dakcamps.org for more info.

Camping Sunday will be March 21st

Wear your camping clothes and get ready to sing camping songs. Youth who attended camp last year can bring their pictures and DVD's to share. **Deadline for early bird registration is April 27th. Full payment must be received by that date.** The church will again pay half the registration fee for one camping experience per camper.

1. Fill out your application or register online
2. Make a check out to Dakota Camps for half of the early bird registration fee or pay half online
3. Give the check or copy of the online registration to Michelle Gilley by April 20th so she can send in the other half.

Winter Church Cancellation Info

In case of church cancellation because of winter storms, listen to WDAY 970 or KFGO 790 or call church answering machine at 701-967-8559. If school is canceled, there will be no confirmation or TLG.

December 2009 Church Giving

Correction: Special \$11000.00 should have been \$1100.00.

January 2010 Church Giving

Haiti Relief - \$274.56
Special - \$470.00
Church - \$3880.99

Thank you to all who donated health kits. Our church donated 36 kits to the Haiti Missions.

Dakotas Churches Give Abundantly

Through January 31, 2010 the **Dakotas Conference churches** have given \$55,294.98 to the Haiti Disaster Response. More money continues to come in daily.

The new chairs have arrived. 50 new chairs have been delivered and set up in the sanctuary.

TLG News

Next Meeting times:

March 10th – Lexee for snacks

March 24th – Soren for snacks

TLG Happenings:

On February 10th, the youth were given bottles of colored water to make “snow art”. Then the word “SIN” was written in the snow in red. They then shouted out all the sins that people commit against God. As they shouted out the sins the snow was streaked with more red until a red stained area was before them. Isaiah 1:18-20 was read :

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson they shall be like wool. If you are obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Then the snow was kicked over the red stain to make it white again.

On February 14th, the youth served 25 guests at their annual Valentine supper. All the salad and garlic toast you can eat was served with spaghetti and your choice of caramel or chocolate cheesecake for dessert.

On February 27th, 7 youth were taken to Buena Vista Ski Resort in Bemidji for a day of skiing and snowboarding.

March 14th -
TLG leads worship service

TLG Cake Walk & Auction

March 28th, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Are you wondering what dessert to serve for Easter dinner? TLG will be baking cakes of all kinds to be used in a cake walk a cake auction immediately following the worship service. We'll have cupcakes, angel food cakes, and decorated cakes available to name a few.

For the cake walk, you could win a cake for \$1! Pay \$1, stand on a number and walk the circle until the music stops. If the number you stopped on is called, you win a cake!

For the cake auction, keep your eye out for your favorite cake to be held up for bids and don't be outbid!

All sales are final and payment is requested upon receipt of cake. Yumminess guaranteed!

Confirmation Sunday
April 11th

Lexee Nowatzki Kunszt
Katie Schmidt
Sarah Schmidt
Sunniva Steen

START A NEW TRADITION!

Recreate the Easter story together as a family. Gather the ingredients, follow the instructions and read the Bible verses to make the Easter story come alive on Easter morning.

EASTER STORY COOKIES

To be made the evening before Easter

You need:

1 C whole pecans

1 tsp vinegar

3 egg whites

pinch of salt

1 C sugar

zipper baggie

wooden spoon

electric mixer

tape

Bible

Preheat oven to 300 (this is important-don't wait until you're half done with the recipe!) Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, the Roman soldiers beat him. Read John 19:1-3

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave his life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 C sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity of God's eyes or those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and shut the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9

Dakotas Conference to Collect Cleaning Buckets

With the renewed possibilities of spring flooding in both North and South Dakota the Disaster Response Committee is requesting local church help with putting together and gathering Cleaning Buckets. Local churches are asked to put together UMCOR Cleaning Buckets and deliver them to the receiving facilities listed below.

North Dakota

Arthur United Methodist Church - 1 block East of Main at Mall, Arthur (701) 967-8559

A Cleaning Bucket contains:

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle. Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 Sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps.)
- 1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps.)

This list may also be retrieved at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/flood-bucket/>

Please deliver the buckets to a location convenient for you by Friday, March 12, 2010. Thank you for helping us to prepare to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors!

For any additional questions contact Rev. Paul Baker, North Dakota Disaster Response Coordinator at (701) 642-6202