INNERGLOW

First Reformed Church
Boyden, IA
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April 2019
This month we come to Easter Sunday. I am spiritually joyful during this month because Easter is such a hopeful truth. It warms my soul to think that the Second Person of the Trinity left heaven, emptied Himself of His glory and came to earth as a child to save His people is truly inspiring. To think that on the cross He paid for your sins and my sins so that we could have a blessed relationship with God is more than inspiring; it is essential to peace with God and peace with our neighbor.

Yet the modern concept of Jesus is what one devotional I read recently said, "that our secular concept of Jesus is a 'live and let live' kind of guy." This doesn’t resemble the Biblical picture of Jesus at all. Our Lord readily invades personal space, refuses to be ambivalent, and will not be ignored. He wants people to see Him as He is. What Jesus did and what He does places Him at the center of the universe. Jesus calls people to consider Him and His work of redemption but it is possible to be too late to consider Him.

In Luke 24 we see Jesus after His resurrection engage two disciples on the way to Emmaus. In the conversation with them, He inserts Himself in their grief and hopelessness by interpreting the scriptural history of God’s movement and promises to His people. Jesus is “the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature” (Hebrews 1:3) through whom all things were created. One day all things will be subject to Him so that He will fill all things.

So, when Jesus is speaking to the two individuals on the road to Emmaus, He is clearly declaring that the whole Bible is about Him. We see His footprints in the garden grass of Eden and in the exodus desert. We see His shadow in the sacrificial system instituted by God to relieve His people of their sins. Every page of the Old Testament is whispering His name. And that whisper becomes a shouted song as He comes in the flesh to begin God’s kingdom.

This Savior came from the grave on Easter Sunday with power and love for His people, you and me!! And the stamp of approval that His Heavenly Father placed upon Him of resurrection promises that we will have a home as people who are resurrected and full of life through all of eternity! We Will Be the People of God Who Dwell with God!!!
Will we see Jesus in our daily lives, or will our obtuse focus be on ourselves this April? Will we recognize that our life is really all about Him? Will we share this with those who are in our circle of family and friends or will we be silent because of our apprehension about persecution or being argued with or ignored?

Remember, one day his glory will be all that the universe will know. (Habakkuk 2:14)
*Successful surgery and healing for Lori Darnell’s mom Ruth Hoffmann

*Jesus’ victory over the grave!!!

*All those who volunteered Wednesday nights to help make Awana a success – it was another fantastic year made possible by the love and leadership of everyone involved.

*the greatest sacrifice ever made for mankind – Christ’s death on the cross

*warmer weather and the signs of Spring!

*young people who express love for God, others and themselves

*all of those who support mission outreach

*all the footwear donated to Soles4Souls shoe drive at Village Northwest given to those in need

*friends and family who pray for you and help you out as you need it

*opportunities to grow as a person and a Christian

*the Bible and the answers and guidance it provides
*Gerald & Pat Harms and family for the loss of Gerald’s father Sylvester Harms

*the Jews for Jesus event in our church Wednesday evening, April 17th – that those attending may learn more about the relationship between Passover and the Lord’s Supper

*all those affected by all the flooding – entire towns, businesses & farmers

*the special services held during Holy Week

*trust in God when we don’t understand His plan

*family members and friends who battle on-going illnesses, fight seasonal sickness and some battling serious diseases

*the church to guard and spread the truth of the Gospel

*those who have drifted away from God or those who have never learned about God – that they may be invited to an Easter Service this year

*the children and leaders of Awana – that they may take what they have learned this past year and apply it to their lives during our summer break

*our weekly recording and playing of our Sunday services – changes in how things are/have been done have not been going smoothly and our services are being missed by those who are unable to physically attend church
# Sunshine for the Month:

**Bible Easter Scavenger Hunt**

Flip through the pages of your Bible as quickly as you can to be the first individual/team to find the correct answers to the following clues related to the Easter story. Answers were verified with the King James, NIV, and Living Bibles.

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HYMN OF THE MONTH:
“JESUS PAID IT ALL”

“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12

It was Sunday morning at Monument Street Methodist Church in Baltimore. Rev. George Schrick was droning on in a lengthy prayer while, up in the choir loft, Elvina Hall’s mind was wandering. She thumbed quietly through the hymnbook, than began doodling on the flyleaf. By and by, these words came to her, which she scribbled on the front flap of her hymnal:

I hear my Savior say/ Thy strength indeed is small,/ Thou hast naught My debt to pay,/ Find in Me thy all in all.

Yea, nothing good have I,/ Whereby Thy grace to claim;/ I’ll wash my garments white/ In the blood of Calvary’s Lamb.

And now complete in Him,/ My robe His righteousness,/ Close sheltered ‘neath His side,/ I am divinely blest.

When from my dying bed/ My ransomed soul shall rise,/ Jesus paid it all/ Shall rend the vaulted skies.

Elvina’s poem fell into the hands of John T. Grape, a coal merchant and the church organist at Monument Street Methodist Church. As it happened, the church was being renovated, and the small organ had been taken to Grape’s house for safekeeping. There he composed the music to “Jesus Paid It All.”

Through the years, the words of this hymn have been edited and altered, but its great theme of redemption has remained untouched.

The colorful preacher, Rowland Hill, was once preaching to a crowd of people when the wealthy aristocrat, Lady Ann Erskine, drove up in her coach. Seeing her, Rev. Hill changed his sermon.

“I have something for sale,” he suddenly declared. “Yes, I have something for sale. It is the soul of Lady Ann Erskine. Is there anyone here that will bid for her soul? Ah, do I hear a bid? Who bids? Satan bids. Satan, what will you give for her soul? ‘I will give riches, honor and pleasure.’ But, stop, do I hear another bid? Yes, Jesus Christ bids. Jesus, what will you give for her soul? ‘I will give eternal life.’ Lady Ann Erskine, you have heard the two bids - which will you take?”

Lady Erskine, realizing Christ had purchased her soul with His life’s blood on the Cross, took Him.
Jesus Paid It All

"Though your sins are ... red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Is. 1:18

1. I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
2. Lord, now indeed I find thy power, and thine alone,
3. For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim-
4. And when before the throne I stand in him complete,

child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Refrain

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

WORDS: Elvina M. Hall, 1865
MUSIC: John T. Grape, 1868
ALL TO CHRIST
Irregular
25 YEARS AGO

Iva Rensink celebrated her 93rd birthday!

New member, Matt Wiertzema, made profession of faith.

Joe Michael Warntjes, son of Wendell & Sheri Warntjes, was baptized.

10 YEARS AGO

“Thanks” was expressed to Ed & Rosie Diekevers for donating the basketball hoop and to Mike & Todd Diekevers for putting it up!

The flowers that were in the front of the church were from the Judie Koerselman funeral.

Case Van Der Brink moved to Royale Meadows Care Center and Arnold Oltmann moved to the Sheffield Nursing Home.

5 YEARS AGO

Congratulations to Chris & Holly Starkenburg who made profession of faith, and their son Clayton Dean was baptized.

Prayers were requested for Jackson Roos who had back surgery.

Congratulations to Alvin & Clarella Van Marel who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (3/4/64) with cake after worship.
“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.” Mark 16:6

More 2019 Directory Corrections – And the next round of changes! Wayne & Luci Steenhoven’s email address is way2@frontiernet.net. Ken & Shirley Baartman’s phone number is 725-2054.

Easter Breakfast – The RCWM will be serving a breakfast Easter Sunday morning beginning at around 8:45 am. If anyone is interested in bringing something to serve (fruit, egg bakes, rolls, etc) or helping in the kitchen, please visit with one of the Committee members. We usually serve a light breakfast as we know many people have a large meal for noon on Easter. If you have any questions, you are also free to visit with a Committee member.

Jew for Jesus Passover event – On Wednesday, April 17th, at 7 pm, Eli Birnbaum from Jews for Jesus in Israel, will be doing a presentation about Jesus and the Passover. We would like to serve coffee and sweets following this presentation. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this, please let a committee member know. Otherwise, we’ll probably assign a work group. If you have any questions, please visit with a Committee member.

“As Christian Women we HAVE to support each other. The world needs to see an example of women who don’t bicker back and forth, who don’t gossip, and who don’t tear each other down, because that’s just not the way they do things. So if you consider yourself to be a daughter of the King, treat His other daughters with kindness, respect and love.”

“We are Women of God – we are strong; we are beautiful; we are valuable; we are virtuous; we are loved; we are fearfully and wonderfully made!”

Boyden RCWM Executive Committee
Kathy Beek
Teresa Harms
Ranae Kleinwolterink
Lisa Nelson
Tamie Uittenbogaard
FUN WITH PICTURES!

Did you recognize the family in the picture from last month? It was Jeremy & Lori Darnell with children Jaycee, Mia & Ty!

How about these grandparents with their new granddaughter?
Fund Balances of February 2019

Awana $2,108.90
Benevolent Fund $11,430.62
Building & Repair Fund $6,679.40
Charity Fund $912.37
General Fund -$18,874.48
Memorial Fund $6,543.39
Mission Fund $8,403.26
Scholarship Fund $15.37

Easter Lily

The magnificent white lily known as the Easter Lily has long stood as a symbol of purity, hope, innocence and peace. Also called the Bermuda lily, the Trumpet lily, and Jacob’s Tears, the Easter lily is a biblical flower commonly associated with the resurrection of Christ.

In Christian tradition, the Easter lily signifies rebirth and a new beginning. It is said that beautiful white lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus wept in the last hours before He was betrayed by Judas. Another legend claims that the white lilies grew from the repentant tears shed by Eve upon her departure from Paradise.

The lily is mentioned frequently throughout the Bible and serves today as a beautiful reminder of the significance of the Easter season. Easter lilies grace homes and churches each spring as a symbol of purity, joy, hope and life.
Happiness is … receiving an anniversary gift card from your secret sister when you were disappointed because you could not celebrate because of “yucky” weather!

Easter Joy – Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

- Mother Teresa

Embrace the Renewal of Life!
May the renewal of life at Easter bring new blessings of love, hope, peace, good health and happiness to you and your loved ones!

Happy Easter!!
Awana 2019!
Awana – 2019

**Sparks – Kindergarten thru 2nd grade**

Whitley Diekevers – daughter of Gary & Angie Diekevers
Taelyn Doorenbos – daughter of Scott & Tara Doorenbos
Chase Hoekstra – son of Josh & Barb Hoekstra
Konner Maassen – son of Kevin & Andreah Maassen
Chloee Oldham – daughter of Cody & Samantha Rozeboom
Madalyn Oldham – daughter of Cody & Samantha Rozeboom
Kaylynn Petitt – daughter of Nic & Brie’Anna Petitt
Lilly Thompson – daughter of Misty Hecker & James Ronellenfitch
Ashlyn Van Der Brink – daughter of Bob & Tami Van Der Brink
Emalynn Vanden Brink – daughter of Luci Mellema & Kevin Govoni

Leaders – Shari Fedders, Barb Hoekstra, Jeri Hoogendoorn, Lisa Nelson, Colleen Niemeyer, Wanda Slykhuis, Sheryl Warntjes

**T&T Adventure – 3rd and 4th Grades**

Danika Buyert – daughter of Dan & Brianne Buyert
Ty Darnell – son of Jeremy & Lori Darnell
Kellan Damstra – son of Dave & Stacie Damstra
Brooklyn Koele – daughter of Jamie & Vicki Koele
Lane Moret – son of Brandon & Kari Moret
Cheyenne Neuman – daughter of Jeff & Shauna Neuman
Trevor Rensink – son of Cody & Nicole Rensink
Andy Rodrigues – son of Stacie Rodrigues

Leaders – Brent Fedders, Kari Moret, Vera Boender, Brenda De Wild, Shauna Neuman

**T&T Challenge – 5th and 6th Grades**

Mia Darnell – daughter of Jeremy & Lori Darnell
Jeremy Maassen – son of Kevin & Andreah Maassen
Kade Moret – son of Brandon & Kari Moret
Andrew Neuman – son of Jeff & Shauna Neuman
Makinze Rensink – daughter of Cody & Nicole Rensink
Michael Van Der Brink – son of Bob & Tami Van Der Brink

Leaders – Pastor Dave Poppen, Daniel Jones, LuEtta Heemskerk, Bonnie Poppen, Bob Sutton, Alan Warntjes

**Trek – 7th and 8th Grades**

Braeden Hinderks – son of Sheila Hinderks
Dalton Hoekstra – son of Josh & Barb Hoekstra
Reece Koele – son of Jamie & Vicki Koele
Elly Moret – daughter of Brandon & Kari Moret
Trey Van Roekel – son of Brad & Lorinda Van Roekel

Leaders – Dave Boender, Zach Fedders, Darin Maassen

Other Leaders & VIPs – Commanders Ken Hoogendoorn & Brent Fedders, Game Leader Jeff Neuman, Game Helper Ben Harms, Kitchen Ranae Kleinwoiterink, Sheila Hinderks & Gerald & Pat Harms, Fill-in & Helper Joan Wiertzema, Secretary Teresa Harms
As you get ready for Easter and 219 individuals in church that Sunday, please consider the following suggestions for how to spiritually and practically meet and greet guests

Nine Considerations for Church Members This Easter
By Thom S. Rainer

It will be one of the highest attended days of the year for your church. It may be the highest. There will be some people you don’t know. Some of them are guests. Others are members who attend infrequently.

You have an opportunity to make a gospel impression on these people with a few simple acts. Indeed, you have an opportunity to make an eternal difference. Here are nine servant actions for you to consider.

1. Pray as you enter the property. Pray for the guests. Pray for the services. Pray for the pastor and the sermon.

2. Park at the most distant spot available. Save the closer parking places for guests.

3. Greet people. They may be guests. They may be members. It’s okay to introduce yourself to either.

4. Look for people to help. You know the place well. Many others will not. Be a guide. Help someone who looks like he or she needs help.

5. Sit as close as possible to the front of the worship center. Save the back rows for guests and late entrants, so they don’t have to walk past so many people.

6. Sit in the middle. Don’t claim that aisle seat where people must walk over you or past you.

7. Sit closely. Your worship center may be packed. If so, be willing to sit cheek to cheek.

8. Volunteer to serve. As the number of attendees increase, so does the need for volunteers. The parking team, kids’ ministry, and church greeter ministry are a few of the areas that will need more volunteers to help serve and minister to members and guests.

9. Pray as you leave. The Holy Spirit is likely working in many persons who attended. Pray for His continual work of conviction and comfort.

These are simple acts. They are acts of service. And if you survive doing these acts of kindness and service on Easter, you just might be able to do them on other days of worship as well.