



The religious leaders sought to kill Jesus. Matthew tells us, "and [the chief priests and the elders] plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, 'Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people' " (Matt 26:4-5). And so they prepared for the events that would lead to the cross.

But Peter tells us that God prepared the way to the cross before the foundation of the world. Jesus was foreknown as the Lamb who would purchase us with his precious blood from eternity past, but he "was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you."

This season, we remember our Lord's death and resurrection as we examine the events of those three days.

March 10: "The Trials of Jesus" (Luke 22:66 - 23:25)

March 17: "The Crucifixion of Jesus" (Luke 23:26-43)

March 24: "The Death & Burial of Jesus" (Luke 23:44-56)

March 31: "The Resurrection of Jesus" (Luke 24)

- TODAY: 6:00-7:00pm Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting

- TODAY: 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group

- Mar 27 (Wed) 6:10-8pm Awana - All Children ages 4 thru 6th grade are invited!

- Mar 28 (Thurs) No Truth Singers

- Mar 28 (Thurs) 5:30pm Passover Seder Celebration - please sign up today

- Mar 29 (Fri) 6:00pm Good Friday Service with Communion

- Mar 30 (Sat) 7:00am Men's Bible Study "Not a Fan" Contact Jared Eickhoff (515-708-3476) with questions.

- Apr 1 (Mon) 7:00pm Follow-up Zoom call to Conversational Evangelism Training Contact Pastor Jeff with questions.

- Apr 7 (Sun) 10:15am Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

- Apr 8 (Mon) 5:30pm Elders Meeting

- Apr 8 (Mon) 6:30pm Leadership Meeting

- Apr 10 (Wed) 6:00pm Awana Awards Night

- Apr 17 (Wed) 6:00pm Awana Carnival

- Apr 18 (Thurs) 6:00pm Truth Singers Carnival

A staffed Nursery is provided for ages birth to 3 during the 9:00AM worship service & Sunday School.		Please e-mail Paula at: psteffens81@gmail.com w/ prayer chain/info line requests.	
TODAY		NEXT WEEK	
NURSERY: 9:00AM Robin Dohrmann Chad Dohrmann		NURSERY: 9:00AM Debbie Stofer Trevia Boesch	
USHERS: Merv Hassebrock, Luke Friedman, Matt McDonnell		USHERS: Doug Holmes, Jordan Sorensen, Larry Chapman	
GREETERS: Jordan Sorensen & Tyler Sorensen		GREETERS: Doug Hinkle	

Upcoming Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, 3/28

5:30pm Passover Seder Celebration

Good Friday, 3/29

6:00pm Service with Communion

Easter Sunday, 3/31:

7:00am "Son Rise" Devotional

7:30-8:30am Breakfast served by leadership - Everyone is welcome!

9:00am Resurrection Worship Service

~ No Sunday School~

~ No Youth Group~

Attention Bargain Shoppers!

Please start shopping for door prizes for kids ages 4-12 for the Awana Carnival on Wednesday, April 17th! Ideas include: balls, bubbles, cars, lip gloss, games, notebooks, markers, stuffed animals, dinosaurs, bubble bath, jewelry, and so forth! Please see Cindy Nees (563-210-5929) with any questions! **Save the date: 4/14 - Awana & Truth Singer Carnival Set-up 6-9pm**



The Truth Singers Carnival is Thursday, April 18th. If you would like to donate door



prizes, please see Annette Kaczinski. (Some fun ideas are gift cards, medium/large stuffed animals, 2-liter or 6-packs pops, packaged food items, coloring books, and any other fun items that you think our Truth Singers would enjoy.) Thank you!

“For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
that I may take it up again.
No one takes it from me,
but I lay it down of my own accord.
I have authority to lay it down,
and I have authority to take it up again.
This charge I have received from my Father.”

John 10:17-18^{ESV}



WORSHIP SERVICE

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

WORSHIP IN SONG

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD
(Pastor Jeff Niles)

WORSHIP IN SONG

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

CLOSING PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for those who are battling cancer: Nettie Spain's mom; Debbie Stofer's sister-in-law; and Darla Brown.
- Pray for those struggling with illness and injuries: Pat Brown as he receives treatment for a rare autoimmune blood disorder & sciatic nerve pain; for the Longs as Gene Long continues to recover; and for Kurt Bauer's father.
- Pray for our church leaders:
Merv Hassebrock, Adult Ministry Deacon
- Pray for our missionaries:
Abigail Niles, SEND International
- Pray for our leaders:
Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health & Human Services
Susan Christensen, Iowa Chief Justice
- Pray for our community:
Geoff Blandin, CDCSD Board Member
- Pray for our community's churches:
Journey Church (Clinton E-Free)
Pastor Michael Bell
- Front-line workers in Iran report an increase in the number of Christians being arrested, partly due to regional tensions and conflicts. "Persecution against Iranian Christians is rising. Every Christmas and Easter, officials usually arrest some Christians, but this year the number went way up, and we're concerned about what might occur around Easter." The worker mentioned that in the past, Iranian officials would occasionally arrest church leaders and later release them with a strong suggestion that the Christians leave the country. "But now the officials are holding onto people's passports and regularly keeping them detained. Please pray that God will make believers invisible to Iranian authorities."



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