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May 7, 2023

9:30 Worship

"A Sure Foundation"

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Fourth Sunday After Easter

Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: May we honor your name not by paying it lip service, Lord Jesus

P: But trusting the vision it speaks of and the way it calls us

L: May we honor it by following you

P: By speaking into the word with our actions and showing who we're chosen to follow

L: May we love in your name

P: Speak in your name

L: Care in your name

P: Act in your name.

L: Lead us to feed the hungry

P: Remember the sick

L: Visit the imprisoned

P: Clothe the naked

L: Give water to the thirsty

P: Doing this all in your most precious name. Amen.

*Hymn #318 "Christ is Alive"

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

Hymn #545 "The Church's One Foundation"

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the wisdom and love, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the

abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 7:24-29

Sermon "A Sure Foundation"

Pastor Matt

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn #383

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

*Benediction
*Postlude

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>: Janene Jordan (8th), Bryce Long (8th), Don Hawes (9th), Crystal Bartell (10th), Gene Brinker (11th), Riley Bourquin (11th), Elizabeth Andrews (12th), Celeste Dawson Hodge (13th) Anniversaries:

UPCOMING MINISTRY

Church Mother's Afternoon Tea May 11th - 4pm

Last Weeks Attendance: 27 Last Weeks Offering: \$976.00 Avg. Offering Needed: \$ 900.00



PASTOR'S CORNER

Anniversaries are wonderful times. Lisa and I celebrated ours yesterday by dropping the kids off at a friends and going to Madison for dinner. It was

great, until we had to pick the kids up again! I'm joking, of course...mostly.

This weekend marks 321 months that I have been a part of this wonderful church, honored to be your pastor for the past 10.

It has been an incredible 10 months. It started with anxiety and weirdness, and has progressed into something truly blessed.

Church leadership and I have worked hard to make some significant organizational changes in order to solidify our foundation. Now is the time to move forward with what God would have us do in this place and at this time.

There are many potential paths in front of us, but it will take the discernment of all of us to choose the right one.

How do we ensure this church is great for the next 321 months?



Cereal, crackers, peas, pancake mix, cake mix, laundry soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo

Church Calendar

Today (5/7): Ad Board Meeting (8:30), Worship (9:30)

Tuesday (5/9): PM in Office 9:30-3
Thursday (5/11): PM in Office 9:30-3
Sunday (5/14): Mother's Day, Worship (9:30)

6K For Water June 10th

See Joan for Info and How To Sign Up

Hartzell's Fundraiser May 26th - 10-2



Come and Help Serve or Come and Help Eat!

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Feltmeyer family, Colleen Eder and family, Pauline Sidor and family, Darla Cobb and family, Denis Toay, Brynn Fry, Brandon Hartzell, Lynn Workinger, Roger Broshous; Candy Blair Schellinger; our people in the nursing homes, all those who are suffering with certain sicknesses; service men, women, and their families; police, firefighters, and EMTs, doctors, and nurses. Please leave a message with Susan Stone at (815) 297-2028 with additions or changes

to the prayer list.