



Eagle Grove and Goldfield United Methodist Churches

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“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

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April 2023

Palm Sunday – *Look for the Unexpected.* Worship @9:30am (EGUMC) or 11:00 (Goldfield) Palms and communion will lead us into Holy Week.

Monday, April 3 – *Hope In the Midst* @6:30pm (EGUMC)

A time of reflection and prayer for all who are wondering how to be hopeful as we live with all the changes and loss all around. Invite friends to join you for the brief time, lead by Pastors Alaire Willits

Maundy Thursday, April 5 – *Love Looks for Us* @6:30pm (EGUMC)

Remembering that most sacred of holy nights, we will worship with communion. All are invited.

Good Friday , April 6 – Community worship @7pm at Evangelical Lutheran Church. Also on A soup supper will precede worship, serving from 6-6:45pm. All are welcome. Donation basket out.

Easter Sunday, April 9 – *Love Always Wins.* Worship @9:30am (EGUMC) or 11:00(Goldfield)

Bring your Giving Bank with you this morning, too! What a difference we can make for Heifer Project and The Lotus Community.

It's a blessing to have worked with this year's confirmation class; they are remarkable young people. Faithful and excited about learning, we've met at least 3 times a month, sometimes more during the school year. They all participated in a wonderful Confirmation retreat with the class from 1st UMC, Ft Dodge; the classes are planning to be at each other's confirmation services. Amazing!

As their class times end, they will be leading Sunday worship for both congregations on Sunday, April 16. You will want to join them for a service they have designed and put together, and will completely lead, including the morning message. They're asking the elementary and middle students to come and help them with the singing that day. You will discover what's important to them – and how they want us to all connect.

Confirmation Sunday will be April 30 for our class: Azlyn Amonson, Myka Anderson, Adelle Pamperin, Taytum Edwards and Isaac Sadler. Thanks to their mentors for support, prayers and conversations – Alana Alt, Dirk Helmick, Stacy Osborn, Kaye Calligan, Tracy Crail and Colton Poncin. Plan to join us and celebrate!

What's happening!

- Mon, April 3... 6:30pm** - *Hope in the Midst* worship together @ EGUMC
- Wed, April 5... 9:30am** - Goldfield women meet for learning and fellowship.
3:20--5pm - Afterschool for elementary and Middle School kids (note new time!)
5:15pm - Confirmation class
- Thur, April 6... 9:30am** - United Women of Faith meet, Fireside Room
6:30pm – Maundy Thursday worship @ EGUMC
- Fri, April 7... 6pm** - Community Soup Supper @Evangelical Lutheran Church
7pm – Community Good Friday Worship @Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Sun, April 9... EASTER!!!** Worship 9:30am in Eagle Grove; 11am in Goldfield.
- Tue, April 11... 6:30pm** – Eagle Grove council meeting
- Wed, April 12...3:20-5pm** - Afterschool for Elementary and Middle School kids.
5:15pm – Confirmation class
- Sat, April 15... 7am** – Methodist Men meet @ Family Table
- Sun, April 16 ... Worship**, led by our confirmation class at both congregations. 9:30am Eagle and, 11am Goldfield.
- Wed, April 19... 3:20-5pm** – Afterschool for Elementary and Middle School kids. Kali from camp here.
- Sun, April 23... CAMP SUNDAY...10AM! Joint service at Eagle Grove.**
- Wed, April 26... 3:20 – 5pm - Afterschool Celebration Party.** Last gathering of the school year.
5:15pm – Confirmation practice.
- Sun, April 30... Confirmation Sunday.**



Camping is a fantastic part of summer...and church camp has such a significant impact on one's life and faith journey.

CAMP SUNDAY is April 23 – and Eagle Grove and Goldfield churches will worship together at 10AM! Congregations as a whole have a huge impact on our Conference Camping program, and Kali Tomlinson, Camp Program Coordinator will be with us in worship. After worship, we'll have muffins, fruit and juice in Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for families to get questions answered about registering, connect with others who'd like to go...and the fellowship will continue!

We want to support as many kids who'd like to go camping as we can – and so the basket will be out for gifts you'd like to make for camperships. We're also going to have a repeat of the most successful bake sale for camping that we had last spring – **April 29** as part of the Chamber's Ladies' Flocking Fabulous Day Out!



How many plastic grocery sacks are in your pantry? You may have switched to cloth bags, but many of us just forget. Those darn sacks are NOT recyclable either! An answer is here – Midwest Mission has looms, and we’re weaving the bags into 6’ sleeping mats.

You and I may have a hard time realizing how important a waterproof mat could be; to the homeless in Des Moines, to folks in Haiti – they’re priceless.

Like all projects, there is a system. We’re collecting clean grocery sacks; just fold them flat, tucking in the pleats on the side. Stack them, and bring them (unfolded, just flat) to either Eagle Grove UMC or Goldfield UMC.

Weaving is a job for 2-6 people working at the same time. The bags are cut and looped together, then woven into the mat on the loom. It’s not difficult, it just follows a “system”. Each mat takes about 30 “people-hours” to complete.

To see how all this happens, and even practice hands-on, there will be a short training (30 min, max), **Thursday, April 6, 11:30am at Eagle Grove UMC in the chapel**. Some of the work can be done sitting, and when you have a group working, everyone switches around, and laughs and tells stories...you know...church fellowship! Watch for **Coffee and Caring** times to be announced. This is a project anyone can do, so come and give it a try.



We will be recognizing our graduates in worship on Sunday, May 14. Please let the office know right away if someone in your immediate family has completed high school or college studies. We have some names; we want our list to be as complete as possible.

Dial a Devotion for April 2023

April 4—Melody Amonson

April 11—Maggie Wright

April 18—Sharon Seibert

April 25—Sharon Seibert

Friendly reminder that if you would like to help with the Dial a Devotion, please contact Amy at the office or Sharon Seibert. We could really use more volunteers.

Thank you!

—FYI we are having some issues with the phone we are working with Comm1 to get it fixed. Keep checking

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