



The BANNER

April 2019

Dear Bethany Disciples,

Behold the King!

By now we are deep into the season on Lent and about half-way to Easter Sunday. Even though we are at this point in Lent contemplating Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for forgiveness and salvation, my thoughts have been focused what does all this mean when it comes to Christ's Kingship.

Back on Sunday, January 6 we celebrated the Epiphany of our Lord. We heard the account from Matthew's Gospel about coming of the Wise Men asking, "Where is the one born King of the Jews?" They came a long way from the East to worship Him bearing gifts fit for king. How they came to the knowledge of the this great birth in Bethlehem by the appearance of a star is embedded in deep mystery. In fact much of our faith as Christians is embedded in mystery.

We know a king when we see one. We know when we bump up against royalty. Kingship and royalty brings with it certain rituals and ceremonies. There is much pomp and homage that is paid that brings honor to the king. The life of the king, in the eyes of us common folks, is privileged, rich, and lavish.

Jesus Christ, the who one whom the Wise Man came to pay homage, enters Jerusalem for the last time on Palm Sunday. He is now in His early 30s. As Jesus entered Jerusalem on that day the People hailed Him as King. They sang Hosanna and shouted, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." They hailed Him as King of the Jews. They all had their ideas what Jesus' kingship would mean. It would bring a time of freedom from Roman rule, economic prosperity and peace for the nation.

As we know, it would not turn out that way at all. By the end of the week it becomes obvious that Jesus is not that kind of king. He would not rule by power or force. Instead we would see Jesus as the King of Love. On Maundy Thursday we find a King who is not served, but one who serves, stooping down and washing the feet of His disciples, and then giving them a meal of His Body and Blood that would be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

Jesus would be arrested later that night and be brought before the Jewish Council for trial, who then hands Him over to the Roman Governor, Pilate for the death sentence. By all outward appearances Jesus looks like anything but a king. He is wearing a purple robe with a crown of thorns. Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd saying, "Behold the man." The crowd shouts, "Crucify Him!" Jesus is crucified on the cross with the inscription above His head, "King of the Jews." If He were a king in a worldly sense His armies would rise up to save Him. But they are not present. Because His Kingship is from above. And the reality of it all is that He is saving us from sin, death and the devil. This is the battle that our King Jesus takes on in our behalf. Then on

Easter Sunday Jesus is victorious King as risen Lord and Savior.

As we approach this Easter Sunday, it is my hope that we will all gather to worship our King of Love during Holy Week. It is here that we will enter into mystery of our faith and behold our King for all that He has done us.

In Christ,

Pastor David



Request to Provide Altar Flowers for 2018

If you wish to provide altar flowers for church during 2018, please complete this form. Please place it in the offering plate or mail it to: Bertha Olson, 521 E. Main St. #108, Laurens, IA 50554
Thank you.

Name of person providing flowers: _____

Date desired: _____

Do you want to provide flowers on this same date from year to year? yes no

Information needed for Sunday bulletin:

Altar Flowers in Loving Memory of: _____

From: _____

Or Altar Flowers

From: _____

Please contact Bertha Olson, 841-4394, if you have any questions.

NO ADULT Sunday School until April 28th, and no Adult SS on May 12th.

Thank you!



Thank you to all who attended, donated, and helped at the Beef Burger lunch and Pampered Chef Fundraiser. We made

approximately \$1,500 at this event. We sincerely appreciate your support.

The Pampered Chef party will stay open until April 7th so if you would like to order you still have time. You may order online, or by sending directly to Becky Johnson (consultant) or giving the order to Angela Christenson. The youth are getting very excited for the trip to Haiti and we could not have come this far without your support. We are currently \$2,000 short of our goal.

~ Thank you,
Angela Christenson

Christian Ed meeting March 9th, 2019

Present: Pastor David Klappenbach, Becky Braesch, Linda Bieri

The kids are not singing the 17th of March but will sing March 24th in church.

Kid's Club dates were confirmed. Pastor will lead two of the lessons. The last Thursday, Linda will order the pizza.

We will start adult Sunday school/ Bible study after Lent.

We will have a Palm Sunday pageant with all ages involved.

Easter sunrise will be at the Methodist Church with the community youth group giving the service and the breakfast.

Graduation honoree will be Preston Klappenbach May 19th. That will also be the final Sunday school program for this school year.

April 9th at 5 p.m. will be our next meeting.

UPDATED YOUTH/ CHRISTIAN ED/WOMEN'S GROUP
CALENDAR

MARCH 28TH KID'S CLUB

MARCH 31^S: DANIEL AND THE LION'S DEN (PRACTICE WITH RICH AT 10)
NO JEAN

MARCH 31ST: YOUTH GROUP: FFC

APRIL 1ST: BELLS

APRIL 3RD: SERVE SOUP AND BARS AT LENTEN SERVICE WITH TECH
COMMITTEE 5:30

APRIL 4TH: KID'S CLUB

APRIL 7TH: SUNDAY SCHOOL (LINDA GONE)/PRACTICE 10 WITH RICH OR
THE WHOLE HOUR FOR PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 7TH: YOUTH GROUP UMC/ BAPTIST TO FURNISH?

APRIL 8TH: BELLS

APRIL 9TH: CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 5 P.M.

APRIL 11TH: PIZZA PARTY AT KID'S CLUB

APRIL 14TH: PALM SUNDAY SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

APRIL 14TH: 5 P.M. YOUTH BOARD MEETING

APRIL 14TH: YOUTH GROUP UMC

APRIL 15TH: BELLS

APRIL 19TH: GOOD FRIDAY BELLS 7 P.M.

APRIL 21: EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

APRIL 21ST: YOUTH GROUP?

APRIL 27TH: WOMEN OF THE CHURCH GENERAL MEETING 9 TO 11:30

APRIL 28TH: YOUTH GROUP UMC

MAY 5TH: YOUTH GROUP AT BETHANY

MAY 12TH: YOUTH GROUP AT BETHANY

MAY 19TH: FINAL SS PROGRAM/GRADUATION CELEBRATION WITH
POTLUCK

JUNE 2ND: BELL CONCERT?

COMMUNITY VBS: JUNE 3RD THRU 7TH

JULY 13TH: FLOAT IN PARADE

Women's Executive Board

March 9th, 2017

Present: Becky, Shirley K, Linda

A signup sheet for meals for pastor's family will be in the fellowship hall. This is to provide an evening meal for the next two weeks every other day as Liz has broken her ankle.

Our general meeting will be April 27th from 9 to 11:30. The meeting will be a brunch with a message from Pastor Dave.

We will plan an event the end of August for all members of our congregation for fellowship.

We will plan a fall retreat with area church women.





AN AFTER-SCHOOL MINISTRY FOR
TK, K, 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD GRADERS

Parents are asked to help furnish cookies or juice for snacks.

A free will offering will be collected at the Closing Program.

All Kids Club Activities will start with snack at LM lunchroom. Afterwards, students will walk with Mrs. Price, Mrs. Hoffman and helpers to the First Christian Church for music, story and craft.

WHEN: Kids Club will be held on **Thursdays**

March 14th - April 11th from **3:30pm - 5:00pm**

All family and friends are invited to the
Closing Program and Pizza Party on Thursday, April 11 @ 5:00.

Coffee Fellowship

April 7

1. Myles & Shirley Pedersen (CP)
2. Jan & Ron Hersom
3. Colleen Phillips

April 21

NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

April 14

1. Don & Shirley Kruse (CP)
2. Dorothy Sandvig
3. Colleen Phillips

April 28

1. Elaine & Tom Anderson (CP)
2. Denise & Jim Hodgell
3. Colleen Phillips



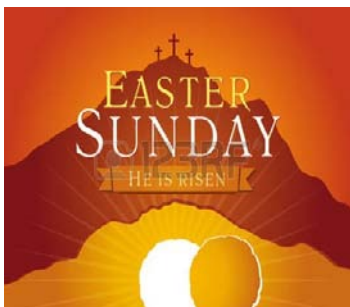
Good Friday Ecumenical Service will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church April 19th @7:00PM..



Easter Sunrise Service
will be held here at Laurens United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 21, 2019 @ 7:00 a.m.

The service will be led by the Laurens Area Community Youth Group

Breakfast to follow service. Serving Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit Cup,
Orange Juice & Coffee



**Please join us for worship Easter
Sunday, April 21, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.**

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:00-W&M Mtg 7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal	2 7:30-Prayer Group	3 11:30-Lenten Luncheon @FCC 5:30-6:15 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30-Evening Lenten Service	4 3:30-5:00 Kids Club	5	6
7 6:00-Youth Group (JH & HS) @ UMC	8 7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal	9 7:30-Prayer Group	10 5:30-6:15 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30-Evening Lenten Service – Council Mtg following	11 3:30-5:00 Kids Club	12	13
14 6:00-Youth Group (JH & HS) @ UMC	15 7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal	16 7:30-Prayer Group	17 5:30-6:15 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30-Evening Lenten Service	18 7:00-Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion	19 7:00 – Good Friday Service @ Bethany	20
21 7:00-Easter Sunrise Service @ UMC Breakfast Following 9:30 – Easter Worship Service	22	23 7:30-Prayer Group	24	25	26	27 9:00-11:30- Womens Group brunch mtg
28 4:00 Services @ Laurebns Care Center 6:00-Youth Group (JH & HS) @ UMC	29	30 7:30-Prayer Group			Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship/Coffee- 9:30 Adult SS- 9:15 Youth SS- 9:30 Worship-10:30	