

# THE SPIRE

March 2024

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**An Open and Affirming Congregation**

*Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love.*



## **Unanimously Voted!**

On February 11, 2024, our congregation voted in our next settled pastor, James Admans. James is slated to begin on March 11, and hopes to spend their initial time acquainting themselves with the congregation and the community. James would like to get to know the town leaders and local clergy, as well as ascertain the needs of our immediate community. James has a great emphasis on doing God's work, and making the church a vibrant fixture within the community. We are excited that James, with their deep spirituality, knowledge and drive, is joining us for the next chapter in our church life!

### **From Your Deacons**

The Deacons would like to welcome new Deacons Kelly Williams and Keith Jefferson to the committee!

We would like to invite everyone to attend the following services:

**March 3 Communion service with  
Rev. Mary**

**March 10 Worship service with  
Rev. Mary**

Details for Easter services will be communicated by email once confirmed. Please contact any Deacon with questions.

Moving forward, we will have at least one Sunday a month for us to create our own services as a congregation. Feel free to contact any Deacon with any suggestions.

Thank you,

Lauren, Allen, Kathy, Katie, and Doug



**SPRING FORWARD**

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>!**  
 Don't forget to change your clocks, forward by one hour, for Daylight Savings Time.



**HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

Message us your request.

*If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, or if you or someone you know wants to receive prayers for a specific situation, please Contact Mary Jensen.*



**Opportunities Await!**

Lent has begun and there are signs of spring around every corner. As the days grow longer, thoughts of warmer weather and the awakening of nature lighten our steps. How about you? Are you feeling a little lighter in your step? Are you looking for a new venture that would allow you to give your time and talent to the church?

The Welcoming Committee has opportunities for you.

1. Be a greeter -by warmly welcoming folks to worship as they enter by the front or side door. The time commitment is 10-15 minutes before church. Individuals, families and children or friends are welcome to participate.
2. Be a host or hostess -this is on an as needed basis for assisting with weddings, funerals, or opening/closing the church when an outside group is renting space, but not having to stay at church during the group activity.
3. Assist with the Visitors Tea -to be held in late May or early June.

Please contact the church office or myself if you are intrigued by any of these opportunities.

Thank you in advance,  
 Wendy Schneider



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

During the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled office hours will not be held. The office will be staffed by volunteers on Tuesday and Friday morning. You can continue to reach the office via phone or email, which will be checked daily. This also coincides with James' first week with us. Please continue to reach out to the office or Deacons for any Pastoral Care needs as we give James a chance to acclimate.



Friendly Reminder! Spire Articles are due each month by the 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Holy Week**

We will send out a mid-month Spire update with information regarding Holy Week services and activities.



Join Us for Fellowship Breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month!

**NEXT MEETING: March 17th 8-9am**

Cooking starts around 7:30am. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

All are welcome!

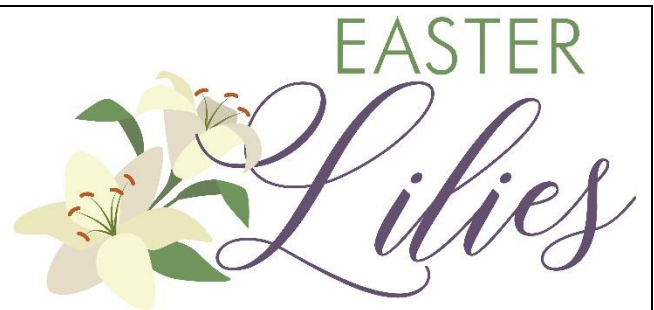


To everyone involved in hosting a warm and welcoming Candidate Meet & Greet

To the Deacons for all their efforts to ensure worship continues to run smoothly.

To Rev. Mary & Lauren Briggs for their office support when the printer went down during a crucially busy week.

To all involved with the two funerals last month. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.



Easter altar flowers will be available again this year. Watch the Sunday Bulletins starting next Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> for order forms.

Lilies \$13.00

Tulips \$13.50

Last day for orders: Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>.



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