

OSCEOLA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Your Church at a Glance

April 2018

Upcoming Calendar

Sun. Apr 8—9:30 am Sunday's Cool & Adult class 10:30 am Coffee in the Gathering Place 10:45—Worship Service	Apr 15— 10:45 Worship service	Wed. Apr 25—4:30 pm Praise band rehearsal 6:30—Wednesdy Worship for high school
Wed. Apr 11—4:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 p,m Wednesday worship for High School	Tues Apr 17—4:30 Mission Meal leaves for Col. Mission	Thurs. Apr 26— 7 am Carpool to St. Benedict Center for retreat
Thur Apr 12—7 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Bible Study at RidgeView Heights	Wed. Apr 18—4:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	Fri Apr 27—12:30—3 pm Wesley Covenant Association meeting. See Pastor Teri for more info
Sun Apr 15 9:30 am Sunday's Cool & Adult class 10:30 coffee	Thurs Apr 19—7 am Women's Bible School 1:00 pm Bible Study at RidgeView Heights	Sun Apr 29—9:30 am Sunday's Cool 10:30 am Coffee in Gathering Place 10:45—Worship service
	Fri. Apr 20 11:30 U. M. Lunch at Good Sam	
	Sun. Apr 22—9:30 Sunday's Cool & Adult class 10:30—Coffee 10:45—Worship service	

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Announcing Vacation Bible School 2018

June 4—8 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church -host
1st United Methodist Church
Calvary Lutheran Church**

Directors: Lauryn Gustafson & Annette Davis

**For children age 4 through those completing
the 6th grade this spring.**

*Psalm 96:1-2
Sing a new
song to the Lord!
Everyone on this
earth, sing
praises to the
Lord, sing and
praise his name.
Day after day
announce, "The
Lord has saved
us!"*



Jesus Paid It All

"Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

The song *Jesus Paid It All*, written by Elvina Hall (1865) and scored by John T. Grape, is a beautiful hymn and quite fitting for the Easter Season. Are you familiar with it? The words are so meaningful and bursting with scriptural wisdom that speaks to the enormity of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. And it truly expresses how much God loves us. This is the time to bask in the assurance that our Lord Jesus Christ was truly raised from the dead and proves this reality when he made several resurrection appearances during the fifty days of Eastertide.

Please take a moment and ponder these words or, better yet, look it up on YouTube and sing along in gratitude to our God:

*I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness . . . watch and pray
Find in me . . . thine all in all*

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin hath left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's sports
And melt the heart of stone*

*For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's lamb*

*And when before thy throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died for my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat*

Believing Jesus paid it all is the foundation of the Christian faith. This was Jesus' purpose all along; to pay our debt of sin. As we accept Jesus as Lord of our lives, God offers us the gift of salvation which leads us to repent of our sin and choose to sin no more. Then we may accept His grace and forgiveness. By doing so, we acknowledge that Jesus did pay it all. I pray you will be blessed with this knowledge as much as I am!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Teri Lucas

HALF-DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

How about taking a few hours just for yourself! You are invited to join with other women for a half-day retreat at the Saint Benedict Center, near Schuyler. We will carpool from our church at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26.

The retreat will begin at 8 o'clock and conclude at noon. The \$20 registration fee includes a delicious meal.

The subject for the morning's presentation will be: "How Mary and Martha Both Can Teach Us Something Good". Mary gets all the praise from Jesus and Martha gets gently corrected by Jesus, but both Mary and Martha show us to live a wholesome and joyful Christian life in this world.

Contact Corinne Stephens at 402.747.8956 or the church office at 402.747.2671 to have your name added to the list of those already registered. You will have a great time!

Summer Mission Trip

The destination for our youth mission trip has changed from Wyoming to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, but the enthusiasm has not waivered one bit.

Mollie Rathjen, Calli Carlson, Calvin Novak, Sydney Roberts, Baili Kumpf and Blaike Bryan will be joined by three youth from Calvary Lutheran Church. They along with sponsors Pastor Teri Lucas, Paster Kim Belken, and her father will leave for Pine Ridge on Sunday, July 8 and return July 13.

Our six youth will be in church on April 15th and/or April 22nd to share a few words about why they are excited to go on the trip. Most of the \$2,000.00 necessary to fund their trip has been raised, but not entirely. A special offering will be received on those two dates. If you choose to, please come prepared to give in support of our youth.



**Schuyler United Methodist
Women**

Invite you to their

"May Day Guest Day"

Wed, May 2, 2018 at 5 p.m.

**Christ United Methodist
Church**

**Sign-up sheet on
our bulletin board**



Six high school seniors will be honored during the May 6th worship service and at a reception following in the Fellowship Room.

Those graduating from Osceola High School will be Connor Bartling, Brennan Bryan, Samantha Hays, Sophie Scott and James Snipes.

Bo Dittmer will be graduating from High Plains Community High School.

Congratulations to each of these fine young people.

SUNDAY'S COOL

**Sunday's Cool will meet for the
final time this season on Sunday,
May 13th.**

