

The Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
RUNNELLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MAY 2022 | VOLUME 262



IT'S A
GRADUATION
party
FOR:

Makenna Phillips

as she graduates from
Southeast Polk Highschool

Saturday, May 21st
at 4:00pm
Our home
302 Person St
Runnells IA 50237

RSVP: 515-779-5076



*grad
party*

HONORING

CHARLEE ROZAE ROBERTS

SOUTHEAST POLK HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2022

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH
FROM 4PM-7PM
AT THE ROBERTS RESIDENCE
9847 SE 56TH AVE, RUNNELLS, IA



Pastor Katie's Notes

Dear RCC,

Happy Easter! In the Christian year, Easter is not a single day—it is a whole season that lasts until Pentecost. We can still say “Happy Easter” until June! In the season of Easter we read many of the post-resurrection stories in the Gospels. One thing that often strikes me is how *unchanged* the disciples seem to be by the events of Holy Week.



After the disciples hear the women’s account of meeting the resurrected Jesus, and after Peter and the beloved disciple see the empty tomb for themselves, they return to an upper room and lock the door. They are afraid, not overjoyed.

And after Jesus appears to the disciples in that upper room, John tells a story about the disciples out fishing. They return to the work they did before they even met Jesus. They go back to the way things were.

As we read the text with modern eyes, the disciples seem foolish! They seem to miss the miracle God has made happen right before their eyes.

But like those early disciples, we, too, experience resurrection. The obvious collective example has been the two-year-long season of suffering, loneliness, grief, and death we have experienced in the Covid-19 pandemic and the new life that has slowly emerged with the advent of vaccines, better treatment, reduced hospitalizations, and fewer infections. Out of the hardship of the past two years we have grown, we have transformed, we have found new life—this is resurrection! Have you seen it?

It would be foolish for us to remain unchanged by all that we have experienced. As a church, it is important that we nurture what we have learned about innovation, the adaptability of our ministries, and the importance of Christian community so that we will *grow* as disciples of Jesus—not stay the same. If all we can hope to do is return to our old ways, we might just miss the miracle God is still making in the midst of us.

So in this Easter season, go and look for resurrection! And when you find it, may you be changed.

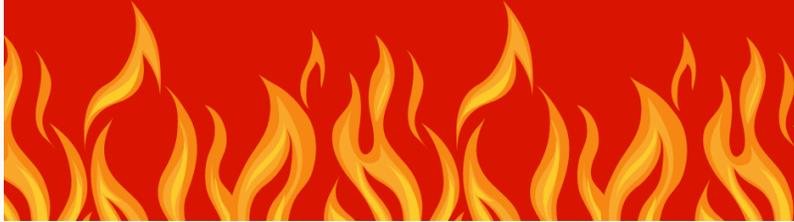
Blessings,

Pastor Katie

SURPRISE!

THE UNEXPECTED ACTS OF GOD

An exploration of the book of Acts
May 2022 @ RCC



Vacation Bible School 2022

Dates for 2022 Vacation Bible School will be set soon. Please watch the weekly email and the June Newsletter for more information and prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this community event. VBS is always an exciting experience for the youngest members of our community to learn about God through skits, games, Bible stories and many other activities! You won't want to miss the fun!

Please come to holy ground and celebrate

The installation of Joshua Patty as Regional Minister for the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest

Sunday, May 15 - 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will present the message.



Now is OUR Time...



*Christian Conference Center - Stone Outdoor Chapel (weather permitting)
5064 Lincoln Street - Newton, IA 50208
The installation will also be streamed.*

Summer hours begin with....

Outdoor Worship @ RCC

May 29, 2022 - 9:30 am

Bring your own communion and lawn chair.

In case of rain, outdoor worship will move indoors.

Online worship will be available on Facebook & YouTube.

June 5 - The Holy Spirit is Coming!

Pentecost is the Christian celebration of the birth of the church. It is based on the story from Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit descended on a crowd and thousands were baptized. This year Pentecost will be celebrated on June 5. In worship that day Runnells Christian Church will have baptisms and honor the spiritual gifts many of our volunteers have shared with the church throughout the 2021-2022 programming year. **Red** is the color of Pentecost, so we invite all of you to wear **red** to church that day to help us celebrate!

Prayer Concerns

All Military Personnel and Veterans
Residents of Ukraine
Aislinn, Jane Charls' daughter
Joan DeGroot
Connie Dunn
John & Norma Grinstead
Eleanor Hainline
Mark Mikkelson, Jon Gaudette's brother-in-law
Bob Miller
Jeri Sanburn
Jennifer Sieck
Jackie Tate
Clay York

To keep our prayer concerns current, names will remain on the list for four weeks. At that time names will be removed unless you have asked that a name remain on the list and give an update on the person's well-being. If a name is removed and you'd like it on the list again, contact the church office. Thank you!

Thank you

Thank you Runnells Christian Church family for the gift card! It will contribute to a much needed pre-finals grocery run! It's great to know you were thinking of me on my birthday!

— Evan Bracewell

HOME COMMUNION

Our elders are now able to deliver home communion. Contact elder chair, Deb Bracewell at 515-669-8739 or the church office, if you or someone you know would like to receive communion at home.



RCC BOOK GROUP

Wed, May 29 at 7 pm, the RCC Book Group will meet to discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

From Amazon: "**The Bestselling Hardcover Novel of the Year.**"--Publishers Weekly

From the number-one bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great*

Alone comes a powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them.

"My land tells its story if you listen. The story of our family." Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows.

By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail and water dries up and the earth cracks open. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying, including Elsa's tenuous marriage; each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive.

In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family.

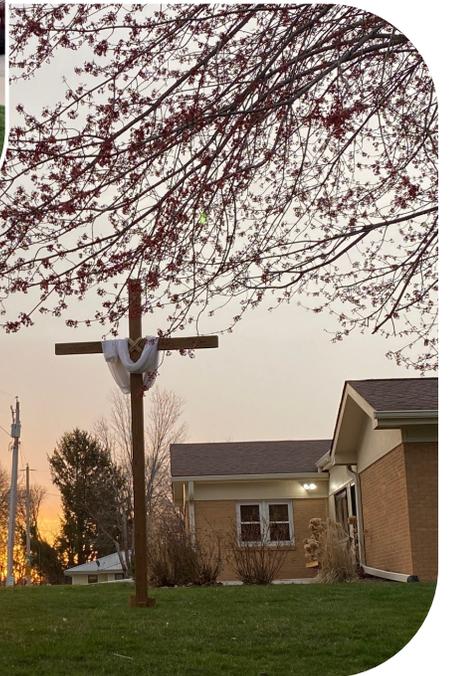
The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

Upcoming selections for 2022

June 2022 - *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
July 2022 - *The Summer Girls* by Mary Alice Monroe
August 2022 - *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion
September 2022 - *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemmie
October 2022 - *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides
November 2022 - *The Noel Diary* by Richard Paul Evans



Easter 2022 at Runnells Christian Church



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Our Thanks to Everyone who Purchased an Easter Lily

Jerry Adams	In memory of Carole Adams
Jon and Tammy Gaudette	In memory of Donald Kain In honor of Alex Gaudette
Teena & Larry Grove	In memory of Fred & Polly Grove
Ilene & Floyd Hays	In memory of W.B. Tabor In memory of Howard & Dorothy Hays
Janice Kain	In memory of my husband, Donald Kain
Mary Beth Martin	In memory of Mary & Bob Aernam In memory of Georgia & Leon Klemish
Susan, Dale, & Nick Martin	In memory of Carol, Dick, & Bob Aernam In memory of Grandma & Grandpa Martin
Tom and Joyce Miller	In memory of our Parents
Suzanne Morecock	In memory of Marjorie Nolin
Cheryl Northway	In memory of John, Eric, our parents & family members
Denise Pfister	In memory of Bob Pfister and Jim Raymond
Irene Simonsen	In memory of Betsy Simosen
Jill Stan Simonsen & Family	In honor of Deanna Cole
Katie Temple	In memory of Sikke & Beulah Temple





**Serious FUN.
Powerful PURPOSE.**



SUMMER CAMP 2022

From an overnight for grandparents and grandkids, to weeklong sleep away camp for elementary, middle and high school students, to a weekend of faith and fun for the whole family, we've got a camp for you! Art, High Adventure, Rustic Camping, Leader Development camps and more are offered in the Christian Conference Center's summer program. We have a lot of SERIOUS FUN, all while growing in faith and learning to live and love with POWERFUL PURPOSE. Visit our website for dates, prices and in depth information about every offering.

Christian Conference Center ~ www.newtonccc.org ~ 641-792-1266 ~ office@newtonccc.org

Early Registration is extended!

Please register for camp by **Sunday, May 8.**

The **preferred method of registration** for camp is to register and submit your payment through the camp website at: www.newtonccc.org

Runnells Christian Church and our CWF will pay **50% of one camp** each child or youth wish to attend. The camper pays 50%, the church pays 30% and CWF pays 20%. Use the code CHURCH50 when registering. Once you have completed your registration you can forward your confirmation email to the church office and the church will pay their share.

If registering online is not an option for you, you may pick up a registration form from the church office and return your completed registration and your payment share (*payable to RCC or Runnells Christian Church*) to the church office by **May 4.**

Descriptions of the camps, costs, a typical day, what to bring and more are available on the Upper Midwest Region website listed above. If you have problems with online registration or payment, please call 641-792-1266.

SUMMER CAMP SESSION DATES AND PRICES

Grand Camp (Children ages 4 through 2nd grade)

Session 1: June 25-26

Session 2: July 16-17

Cost: \$60 per person

Family Camp (Children ages 0-18 who are accompanied by an adult family member)

June 3-5

Cost: \$75 per person, \$275 family maximum (Children 3 and under free!)

Beginners Camp (Grades 2-3)

June 5-7

Cost: \$140

Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)

Session 1: June 13-18

Session 2: July 11-16

Session 3: August 1-6

Cost: \$280

Chi Rho Camp (Grades 6-8)

Session 1: June 13-18

Session 2: June 20-25

Session 3: July 11-16

Cost: \$280

CYF Camp (Grades 9-12)

Session 1: June 20-25

Session 2: July 18-23

Cost: \$280

Adventure Camp (Grades 6-12)

June 27 - July 2

Cost: \$280

ADAM Camp (Grades 6-12)

July 25-30

Cost: \$280

Standing Rock Study Trip (Grades 9-12)

June 6-12

Cost: \$280

Senior Adult Retreat (Ages 55+)

September 19-21

Cost: \$155

Pastor Katie will be directing CYF Camp, Session 1 (high school camp) this summer, June 20-25. She would love to have Runnells Christian Church youth there with her!

Runnells Christian Church

The Body of Christ:



Building



Growing



Serving

Place
Stamp
Here

Runnells Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Church Staff:

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Katie Russell Hainline

Church Admin/Bookkeeper: Deb Bracewell

Nursery Attendant/Custodian: Ann Hammen

Board Moderator: Bill Ingle

Pianist: Tammy Feeley

Choir Director: Mike Miller

Bell Choir Director: Sheila Aukes

Children's Choir Director: Tammy Feeley

Address Service Requested



Has your address
changed?



Keep us
posted!

(U. S. Post Office requires P.O. Box 30 on all church mail.)

Noisy Offering Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Noisy Offering this year. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of others.

The Noisy offering has been donated to several different mission this year:

- January—\$116.67 for the adult mission trip to New Castles, VA.
- February—\$137.51 to help fund the Caring Hands Simple Supper
- March—\$102.61 Knock & Drop Iowa, a Des Moines food pantry that benefits the Latino Community
- April—\$184.06 to help pay camp fees for RCC Campers

May Noisy Offerings will be donated to the Altoona Kids Café! Thank you again for your generosity.



Looking ahead...

- ♦ June 5—Pentecost Sunday
- ♦ June 5—Baptism Sunday
- ♦ June 5—Teacher & Music Appreciation Sunday
- ♦ June 5—RCC Summer Bash
- ♦ June 12—DIY Wood Sign Making event (registration required by May 1)
- ♦ June 19—Father's Day
- ♦ June 26—RCC Annual Meeting
- ♦ June 29—Book Group 7 pm
- ♦ July 17—RCC @ IA Cubs game 1 pm