

April 2021



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

From Your Pastor

### Out of the Habit?

Happy Easter! Remember where we were a year ago, with Easter services in the parking lot, and only able to see one another through the windows of our vehicles? Still, we were still happy to be together! And I have fond memories of waving to all you as you departed. It was cold and sleety, but our hearts were warm.

A year later, and we still are in the pandemic. Things are loosening up a bit as more and more of us become fully vaccinated. And that's wonderful! We are moving towards more normalcy at the church, too. We are enjoying singing again! We have removed the ropes and tape and are allowing people to sit where they wish. We still are wearing masks, but it's a step forward for sure!

So... if you haven't been back to worship yet, I invite you to consider returning soon! Certainly, I don't want to pressure you to return if you are not yet comfortable doing so, but if it's simply a matter of being out of the habit, there's no time like the present to reengage with your church family as we praise God together!

### A Bittersweet Announcement

This next piece is hard to me to share, because I care about all of you so very much! But I have decided to retire as of July 1, 2021. I got up on a Monday morning a few weeks ago and retirement was not on my immediate agenda. I had planned on retiring in 2023. By the next day, I was beginning the procedure for requesting retirement from the DS, Bishop, and Board of Ordained Ministry. It really happened that fast!

Retiring now is going to allow me to spend more time with my family, including my 10 yr-old-granddaughter and my step-grandsons, ages 12 and 14. I will be moving to Hays sometime mid-June. I am very excited at the prospect of seeing family every day!

But, the flip side is that I will be having to leave you. In the time Remaining together, I hope to be able to express just how grateful I am for each of you and the ministry we have been able to do together. My final Sunday will be June 13<sup>th</sup>.

So, this is a very bittersweet time for me, but you will soon have a new pastor who will have new ideas and new ways of doing things. I know you will receive her or him with open arms and generous hearts! And together you'll embark on a new chapter for First United Methodist Church.

God bless you!  
Melanie



## Online Worship

Have you been joining us for Facebook worship? Join us at [www.facebook.com/concordia1umc](http://www.facebook.com/concordia1umc)! Pastor Melanie will broadcast on Saturday evenings that you can watch any time! If you need help getting setup to view the service online, contact the church office.



## Enhanced Online Giving

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access [Online Giving](#) or scan the QR code with your phone.



Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!

**We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement.** By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.



## Trustees Update

The new pew cushions will arrive soon! **We are just \$726 short of fully funding the project.**



Thanks to Kurt and Cindy Kocher for constructing and installing our new banner frame!



# Change the World Sunday 2021

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Change the World Sunday is coming on **May 2, 2021!**

## Event Schedule

9:00—9:30 am	Church Service in Sanctuary
9:30 am—Noon	Projects & Random Acts of Kindness, Lunch Preparations
Noon—1:00 pm	Lunch in Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Sharing Projects
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Cleanup



## Projects Planned

- Preparation and Delivery of LOTS of May Baskets (including baskets for all residents in local care facilities)
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Picking up Trash and Raking Leaves
- Painting the Little Free Pantry

Keep your eye out for those around Concordia who might need a little help cleaning up trash or debris in their yards. If you plan to participate in an outside project, please wear sturdy shoes, sunglasses, a hat, clothes that can get dirty, and sunscreen! Also bring your work gloves and any tools that might be helpful (like a rake). Trash bags will be provided. If you plan to help with May Baskets bring your favorite pair of garden shears or scissors.



**Plan to wear one of your Concordia FUMC T-Shirts to the event! T-shirts will be available after the service starting on April 11<sup>th</sup> for a suggested donation of \$5 each.**

**We need to replenish our pantry stores! Instead of asking for donations of food for the Change the World event, we ask that you help to fill the food box in the entry of the church!**

You are also welcome to place items directly in the pantry. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry. This helps us to provide a variety of food on a daily basis.



**We will pass Missions Buckets on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> to help fund the cost of food and supplies for Change the World Sunday.**

## Crusaders Class

You are invited to join  
the Crusaders Class  
for a time of Lessons and  
Fellowship  
on Sunday Mornings  
at 9:30am in room 202.



## Searchers Class

Come and join us Sunday mornings  
at 9:30am for time of learning and  
fellowship.

### Missions and Outreach

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Don't forget to return your Lenten box! Boxes will be available in a basket outside the sanctuary during Lent. Money collected in Lenten boxes will go to Missions Agency Support. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to [www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport).

Thanks for supporting our Missions Buckets Ministry! In March, we collected \$47.00 for the UMCOR Special Offering.



### Cloud County Resource Center Needs

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The Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on **Monday and Friday from 9 am – 12 pm and Wednesday from 9 am – 2 pm.**

If you would like to volunteer for any of the activities listed above, please contact Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or [ccrc@nckcn.com](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com).



### Meals on Wheels

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The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center at 243-1872. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.



*Introducing:*

*Our New Wedding Coordinator, Amanda Morgan!*



## Commodities

15 hardworking volunteers braved the cold, damp morning, to unload 386 cases of food for seven surrounding towns. 113 of these cases were for our community. 126 total people received a box of food. 88 boxes packed and distributed to 18 families. 16 couples 54 singles.



# Palm Sunday Services: Procession of the Palms & Children's Message!



## IT'S EASTER TIME!

Masks are still required within the Church building!

**March 28th is Palm Sunday! - Worship at 10:30 am**  
Kids & Youth may join the Palm Procession during the service!

**April 4th is Easter Sunday! - Activities & Worship for All!**

Whole Church Activities - All Are Welcome - From the Young to the Young at Heart!

9:30 - 10:00 am - Easter Games - Balloon Race, Egg & Spoon Race, Catapult Peeps, Sidewalk Chalk, Color Pages

10:00 - 10:15 am - Egg Hunt - Outside Weather Permitting - Bring your own Basket!  
Bags will be available for those who don't have their own basket.

10:30 - 11:30 am - Easter Morning Worship in the Sanctuary! - All are Welcome!



Join us at Concordia First United Methodist Church - 740 W. 11th Street, Concordia

All in favor of a COVID-19 vaccine,  
raise your arm.



Did you know the COVID-19 is being administered in our Fellowship Hall by the Cloud County health Department? It is just one way we are helping to reach out to our community during the pandemic.

All adults over the age of 16 are now eligible for the vaccine. To schedule an appointment with the County please contact the CCHD at 785-243-8140. Vaccines are also available at local pharmacies: [Auburn Pharmacy](#), [Funk Pharmacy](#), [Panther Pride Pharmacy](#), and [Walmart](#). You can also visit [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) for more details on the vaccine, when you will be eligible, and how you can reserve your dose!

**Masks** are available as you enter the upper and lower entrance of the church. If you need one or know someone who needs one, please take what you need! We want everyone to be safe and to stay healthy. If you have a specific mask need, please contact the church office.

We are still accepting donations of masks and making them available to those receiving their vaccinations at the church. If you would like to make and donate masks and need supplies, please contact Nancy Wentz ([ndwentz@gmail.com](mailto:ndwentz@gmail.com)).



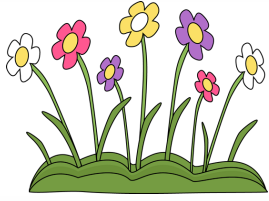
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BIRTHDAY**

**April**

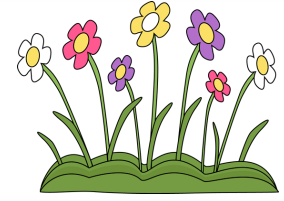
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Emily Brown 6  
Sadie Mosher 7  
Steven Palmquist 11  
Hadrian Currier 12  
Sydney Conner 13

Dakota Valcoure 16  
Marsha Wentz 21  
Lisa Valcoure 25  
Davin Strait 27  
Paul Nelson 27  
Patty Mosher 28  
Loren Swenson 30





# April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6:30pm Maundy Thursday

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12:00pm Good Friday Services at Lutheran Church

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6:45am Sunrise Services at Pam's  
9:30am Crusaders  
10:30am Worship

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7:00pm Trustees

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9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Missions

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7:00pm Finance

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9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship

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5:30am ADCO  
6:00pm Discernment Team

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Commodities Day!

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9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship

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# Concordia First United Methodist Church

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**Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams**

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Valcoure

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Saturday Evening Facebook

Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am

Searchers: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30

Return Service Requested  
First United Methodist Church  
740 West 11th Street  
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