

Donations Needed

Recently the Lake Park UMC had to purchase a new projector to use during worship. This was an unfortunate and unexpected expense. We are currently asking for donations to help cover the expense to purchase a new one. The cost of the new projector will be over \$9,000. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be given during offering at Sunday worship services or dropped off to the Saving Bank in Lake Park.

Please write "Projector Fund" on the envelope.

Thank you for your support!
God Bless! The Trustee Committee

Worship in the

Parking Lot

Come join us for worship,
in the safety of your own
car.

Tune your radio to
87.9 FM

Please take the opportunity to serve as an usher in Lake Park. Volunteers are needed for the following dates: July 4, 11, 18 & 25; August: 22 & 29. Please take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the sheet located on the table by the fellowship hall.

How are we doing?

For concerns or comments on the new look of our monthly newsletter please reach out to Valarie Schoo at the church email hlpumc@gmail.com or call the office at (712) 832-3361. REMINDER: please help us keep our records up to date! Let us know if you have a new address or any other information we may need.

Your feedback is important to us!
Thank you!

Harris UMC will be hosting a meeting July 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM to plan an Ice Cream Social and also the Iowa Lake Service for August 1, 2021. Everyone is encouraged to join us!



You can now give to LPUMC online, by text or directly out of your account.

ONLINE GIVING: Go to the church website at www.harrislakeparkumc.org and click the "Give Now" tab and follow the instructions.

TO GIVE BY TEXT: enter 73256 to receive a response with your next steps

GIVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT:

automated clearing house (ACH); stop by the Savings Bank in Lake Park and they will be happy to help.

facebook LIVE Streaming

We need your help with acquiring a better setup for our live streaming to stay connected with those who can't come to our in-person Church services (events). For the last several weeks, we have not been live streaming, and our people (Well Life, Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley, and homes), feel disconnected.

To learn more about how you can help, contact the Office (712) 832-3361 or Joel Hellinga (712) 832-0130 .



United
Methodist
Women

UMW Ladies will meet September 1st. We will have a salad pot luck at 12:00. Shepherdess will give the program!

Harris & Lake Park UMC
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Harris and Lake Park United Methodist Churches Newsletter

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Harris & Lake Park United Methodist Churches

We welcome you to grow together with us in Christ through prayer and the Word.



July 2021

Harris UMC
208 N. Main
Harris, IA 51345

Worship 9:00AM
Sunday School 10:15AM

Custodian
Kelley Morgan
(702) 526-1054

Lake Park UMC
1471 135th Ave
Lake Park, IA 51347

Sunday School 9:30AM
Worship 10:30AM

Custodian
Mary Schmidt
(712) 331-1455

Church Office Manager
Valarie Schoo

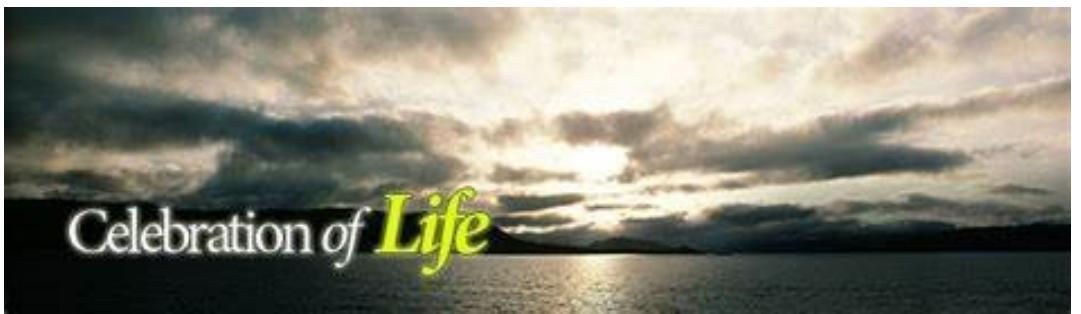
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The Family of William (Bill) Verdoorn will be hosting a celebration of life to honor their husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

The family would like to invite all Bills family and friends to join them as they celebrate a life lived in Christ with love.

The Celebration of this wonderful man's life will be held Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Lake Park United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Upcoming Iowa Walk to Emmaus Grace United Methodist Church Spencer, IA

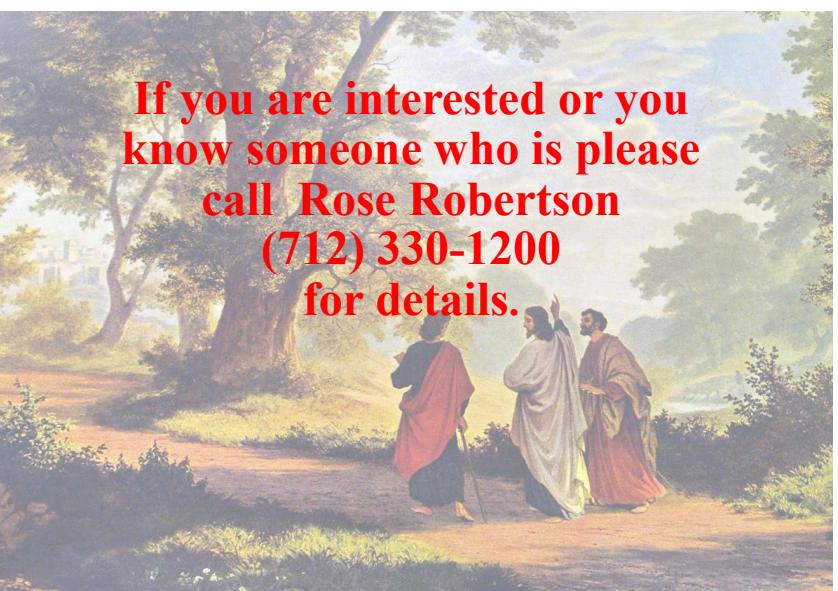
Men's Walk July 15-18

Women's Walk July 22-25

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal.

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denominations

- who have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- who may have unanswered questions about their faith
- who understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- who are willing to dedicate their every day lives to God



If you are interested or you know someone who is please call Rose Robertson (712) 330-1200 for details.

PUZZLE!

As sweet as honey

Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?

Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.

Y	A	E
U	O	I

Gr \bigcirc c \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc s w \bigcirc rds

or \bigcirc h \bigcirc n \bigcirc \bigcirc c \bigcirc m \bigcirc b,

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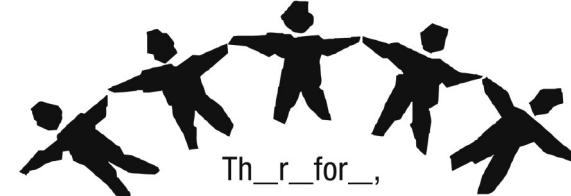
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PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answers: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



Th_r_for_,

_s G_d's ch_s_n p_ _pl_,

h_ly _nd d_ _rly l_v_d, cl_th_

y_ _rs_lv_s w_th c_mp_ss_ _n,

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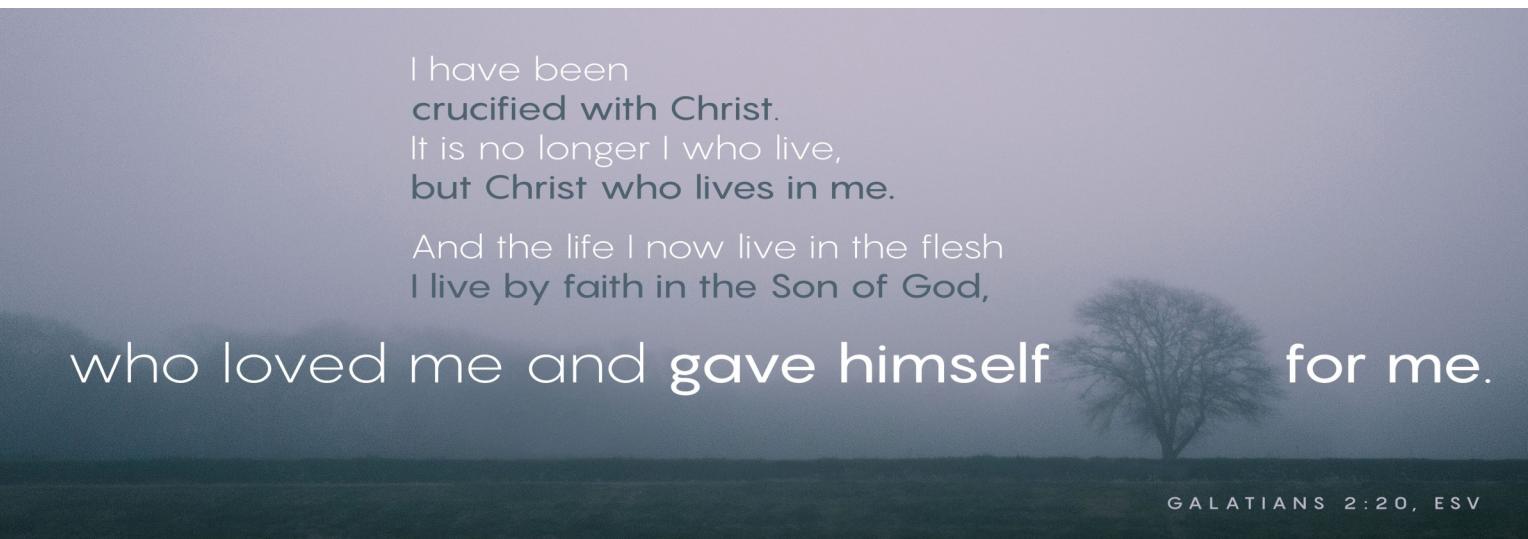
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F_rg_v_ _s th_ L_rd f_rg_v_ y_ _

C_l_ss_ _ns 3:12-13, N_V

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV



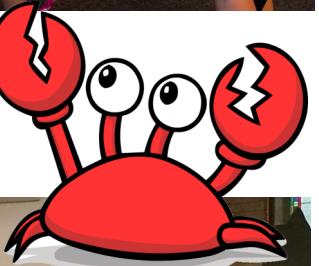
I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,

who loved me and gave himself

for me.

VBS Fun!



Please return your baby bottle
to the church
by July 25th

Your coins can make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their children. The proceeds of this unique fundraiser will be used to help Cherish House.

Besides Cherish House,
Cherish Center also

* **Cherished Mentors**
Individually meeting parents with children of all ages to enhance parenting skills.

* **Cherished Daughter Dance**
Valuing the importance of the Father/Daughter relationship

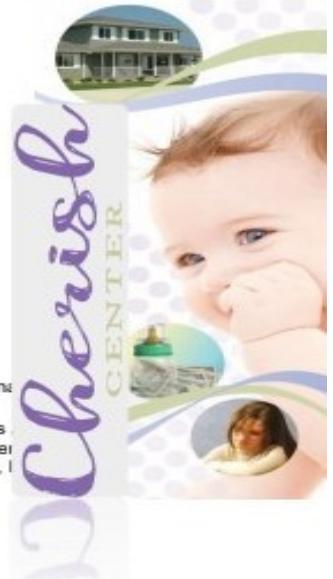
* **Thee Garage Sale**
A thrift store with household and baby items that raises funds for Cherish House

* **Parents Connect**
Eat, Learn, and Laugh Together

* **Plants to Cherish**
Annual sale of garden plants to benefit ongoing Cherish work

Cherish Center is a regional 501c3 Corporation located in the Iowa Great Lakes or stop by the Cherish Cen 1004 22nd St. Milford, I

Ph 712-338-3333
www.cherishcenter.org
info@cherishcenter.org



Mailing address:
Cherish Center
Box 1003
Okoboji, Iowa 51355

JOIN US FOR A
BABY SHOWER
in honor of
ALEXANDRA SALZWEDEL
Saturday, July 17, 2021
Come and go 2-4 pm
Lake Park United Methodist Church
1471 135th Ave, Lake Park, IA 51347
Hosted by Family of Alex and Clay

More than a shelter...

Cherish House, with compassion as its cornerstone, is a group maternity home in the Iowa Great Lakes area for pregnant teens and young women who desire to make the most of their lives. Each girl will have the opportunity for personal growth through life skills training in finance, nutrition, homemaking, parent training; personal counselling and adoption assistance (when needed); spiritual support; and learning to care for another.

During her stay at **Cherish House**, the young lady will experience life within a structured, nurturing, and loving family setting. Our house parents will not only encourage her, but model healthy relationships. By the time the young mother leaves, she will have support mechanisms in place to help her live a responsible, fulfilling life...for herself...for her child...for her future children.

Parenting or placing for adoption? This decision is made by the young mother with the support of our caring staff. We are not an adoption agency but we will help her select one that will work for her. When needed, the young mother will have the option of staying at Cherish House for up to 3 months following the birth of her baby.

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for prosperity and not for calamity, plans for a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

You can help make a positive difference...

Volunteering Yes, I'm interested in serving as a volunteer.

Financial Support All funding comes through the generous gifts of individuals, churches, and organizations.

Yes, I want to give a one-time gift in the amount of \$_____.

Yes, I will be a monthly supporter at \$_____ per month.

Newsletter Yes, I'd like to receive your quarterly newsletter.

Email Yes, I would like email updates from the Cherish Center.

Name _____ Ph _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email _____



Books for Baby

ONE SMALL REQUEST
WE HOPE IT'S NOT TOO HARD
PLEASE BRING A BOOK INSTEAD OF A CARD
BY SIGNING YOUR BOOK
WE'LL REMEMBER AND SHARE
YOUR SPECIAL GIFT EVEN WHEN
YOU'RE NOT THERE

Message FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

This month is when we commemorate the Independence of the United States, our country. While it's such a great opportunity to spend the weekend with family and friends, what is more important, as part of the whole celebration, is the word "freedom."

On that note, I would say there is freedom humans can give us, and another form of freedom, they can't. Let's look at the definition of the term, as a start.

The first part of what the term, **freedom**, means **has to do with the right to act, speak, or think as you want**. And, you do all the above with no hindrance or restraint. That is close to how the dictionary would define freedom. Most developed countries, including the United States, make sure their citizens have the right to act, speak, or think as they please.

The second component of what the word, **freedom**, stands for, **has to do more with your state of being**. It speaks to whether you are captive of something or someone or not. While our nation (U.S.) works so hard to make sure we are a free country, those efforts can not grant or secure our freedom from spiritual bondage (or sin).

In 1776, the country adopted the Declaration of Independence, which announced the separation of the American colonies from Great Britain. That was the kind of human freedom countries can give to their citizens.

However, between the years AD 30 and 36, Jesus canceled every record of captivity that stood against us with all its legal demands. He nailed it to the cross and set us free from spiritual captivity by triumphing over all the rulers and authorities. (Colossians 2:8-15).

You may be living in a free country, and the greatest nation in the world. But, if you have not experienced freedom that God grants us through faith in Christ, your freedom isn't complete yet.

Jesus said these words: "and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

Remember that Jesus, Himself, is the Truth (and the Way and the Life - see John 14:6). Therefore, to know the truth is to know Jesus. And, to know Jesus is where we should all start if we want to experience complete freedom. It comes down to making Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior.

Say this prayer with me, please:
"Father God, I thank you for our country, and the freedom our nation grants to its citizens. Thank you for all our leaders who work so hard to secure our freedom. More importantly, I thank you for Jesus. He has given me the freedom no human can give me. Set me free from all spiritual bondage so that I love and serve you more. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Happy Fourth of July!
Pastor Emmanuel.

July 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				 1 2 Silver Lake Fireworks	3	
4 	5	6	7 	8 7:00pm Planning meeting for Ice Cream Social & August Iowa Lakes Service at Harris	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Men's Walk to Emmaus starts, ends June 18th	16	17  2-4pm come and go baby shower for Alexandra (Luitjens) Salzwedel at LPUMC
18	19	20	21	22 Women's Walk to Emmaus starts, ends June 25	23	24
25 Service at Pearl Valley with Pastor Emmanuel	26	27	28	29	30 	31

Happy Anniversary

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| 2 | John & Joy Mier |
| 6 | Bob & Rita Reimers |
| 7 | Stan & Alice Anderson |
| 8 | Terry & Deb Morrow |
| 16 | Steve & Kathy Goodell (H)
Jordan & Meggie Widholm
Brian & Jamie Nebelsick |
| 31 | Scott & Tricia Ruetter
Mike & Kelli Vellema |

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 | Jeanine Gunderson
Madison Read |
| 2 | Blake Gunderson
Phyllis Johnson |
| 3 | Rita Reimers
Sheyanne Weltzin
Stacie Cornwall |
| 4 | Peyton Christenson |
| 6 | Allan Garloff
Gerald Zahren |
| 7 | Hailey Heikens |
| 9 | Tim Gallagher
Beckett Schultz |
| 10 | Errol Siemon |
| 13 | Gladys Goodell
Ken Brennan |
| 14 | Justus Voss
Tracy Bosma
Daryl Meyer
Kathy Winters |
| 15 | Nathan Heuer
Ray Ann Weltzin
Brody Dingel
Zachary Hellinga |
| 16 | Diane Duitsman
Kristin Heikens |
| 17 | Jay Duitsman
Jesse Duitsman |
| 19 | Hazel Jo Morrow |
| 20 | Madison Gilmore
Shirley Taylor
Massina Mandelkow |
| 21 | Arin Elser
Matt Perry |
| 22 | Marie Krummen |
| 23 | Mandy Heuer |
| 24 | Pat Gillespie
Fran Graham
Louise Petersen |
| 25 | Meagan Barnhart
Tyler Anderson |
| 27 | Karla Kyle |
| 28 | Jeremy Rasche |
| 29 | Connor Gunderson |
| 30 | Joshua Paskert |
| 31 | Heidi Garloff Martens
Paul Gallagher
Gregg Hellinga
Cynthia Gilmore
Keegan Carpenter |

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



Many people would call this Amish handcrafted gift items, quaint village it feels like she's month's selection of books antiques, and yummy baked coming home."* 'beach reads'. However you goods that they're also filling #5 *Digging Up Secrets* think of them we have an anon- their rustic store with a host of ymous person who donates mysteries and surprises."*

them to fill out our collection. #16 *Collateral Damage*

We are grateful for 'beach reads' and their donator.

#18 *Bird's Eye View*

Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

by Sandra Orchard

#19 *Rooted in Malice*

by Jan Fields

Mysteries of Lancaster County by Elizabeth Ludwig

Series-

"Welcome to Bird-in-Hand, Victorian Mansion Flower Shop

Pennsylvania, a quaint village in *Mysteries Series*- "Join Kaylee she's creating a Log Cabin quilt the heart of Lancaster County's Bleu and her faithful Dachs- or delving into a real log cabin Amish Country. It's here, amid hund, Bear, as they put down to find a clue, her keen eye and rolling green hills and roots on Orcas Island in the gentle faith always lead her in well-tended farms, where the charming town of Turtle Cove, the right direction. Sarah Classen sisters, Elizabeth, Mar- Washington. After working for understands that the key to tha, and Mary, reunite after in- years as a plant taxonomist and making an intricate quilt—or heriting their family home. To- forensic botanist in Seattle, solving an intricate mystery—is gether, they operate Kaylee turns over a new leaf by knowing how to put it all to- Secondhand Blessings, a charm- purchasing her grandmother's gether."*

ing gift-and-thrift store, housed Victorian mansion flower shop, #24 *As Close As My Heart* in the old homestead's barn. The Flower Patch, and cozy by Camy Tang Little do the sisters suspect as farmhouse, Wildflower Cottage. they stock their shelves with When Kaylee returns to the

*Taken from book's back cover

If I was a book, I would like to be a library book, so I would be taken home by all different sorts of kids. —Cornelia Funke

From Worship committee:

In search of person/ persons to run multiple forms of media during worship service, one Sunday per month.

Please contact Pastor Emmanuel thru the church office.



Greetings from your Church Family, We are currently working on a project to obtain wedding photos of our church members. Our goal is to create a wedding photo album of all members of our congregation. We need your help to complete this project. If you are interested in participating in this project and willing to share a wedding photo along with the date, location and the pastor who performed the ceremony we would appreciate it.

You may email a photo to Val at hlpumc@gmail.com or drop one off at the church office. The business office is generally staffed Monday & Wednesday 8-5 and Thursday 8-2. Thank you so much for your help with this project! If you have already submitted a photo thank you!



In an effort to keep our records up to date we are asking families to be sure the church office has the most current contact information. If you or someone in your family has had a change of address or please let the church office know. You can call (712) 332-3361 or e-mail (hlpumc@gmail.com) to let us know your most recent mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. We are also asking you share your joys and concerns with us so we may praise God for the joys and ask Him for comfort and strength for the concerns.

We all know how important communication is in any family, even the church family and we thank you for your assistance!



Ellen Wolfe, Butch Orwig, Rod Graham, Bob Ahrenstorff, Allan & Loretta Rowe Amanda Bondhus Craig Heuer, father of Kayla Updike Claire Yaw, niece of Marie Mattiesen Pastor Emmanuel Our Church Family Elders in Care Facilities Leaders in our Community, Our Nation

Stewardship

Lake Park UMC

Attendance

		Offering
June 6		\$1,900.00
June 13	73	\$3,345.00
June 20	58	\$2,469.00
June 27	71	\$1,197.00

Harris UMC

Attendance

June 6	12	\$315.00
June 13	25	\$485.00
June 20	27	\$345.00
June 27		

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve services on Facebook and YouTube!