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Bible Quiz

In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?

A. Tabitha
 B. Jairus's daughter
 C. A widow's son
 D. Lazarus



Answer: A (See Acts 9, Mark 5, Luke 5, Luke 7, John 11)

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Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.

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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Concerns, joys or prayer request
 to be listed in the bulletin or monthly newsletter can be sent to 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!

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.



**Harris & Lake Park
 United Methodist
 Churches**



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

*March
 2023*

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 (712) 330-9889

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 9:00AM
 Worship 10:30AM

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Stouffer Trust Scholarship and Grant applications are now available at <https://www.iaumc.org/ccl-stouffer-trust>. These are scholarships for students and grants for churches located in these counties: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, and Woodbury. They are due by March 17.

Elsie M. Stouffer was born November 16, 1902 to Alice Richards Stouffer and Joseph Stouffer in their farm home near Fostoria, Iowa. Elsie was the youngest of three girls and four boys born to Alice and Joseph. She attended country school near Fostoria and graduated from Spencer High School. She received a BA degree from Grinnell College and an MA from Stanford University. Elsie was a Lydia Roberts Fellow at Columbia University. She had planned to do research for her PhD in South America, but cancelled her plans because of the outbreak of World War II. Elsie taught high school in Camas, Battle Ground and Kalama, Washington and was principal of the Ketchikan, Alaska High School from 1941 to 1959.

The summer of 1941, found Elsie working for the US Armed Forces Institute, Alaska Command as Guidance Director. During the summer of 1942, Elsie worked for the Alaska Spruce Logging Program. This project cut Sitka Spruce trees and towed them to Seattle where the Boeing Aircraft Company used the wood to manufacture airplane propellers. This program was soon discontinued with the introduction of metal propellers. She also worked a number of summers for Libby, McNeill and Libby in their salmon cannery in Ekuak, Alaska.

While Elsie was living in Alaska, the US Land Bureau opened a tract of land of homesteading. Elsie and a friend filed on adjoining home sites and both built cabins on their lots. Elsie returned to Spencer in 1959 and taught Spanish at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville until she retired in 1962.

Elsie was someone who was friendly and people oriented. She was interested in many things, nature and agriculture being among them. Elsie was a longtime member of the Fostoria United Methodist Church.

Before her death, Elsie established a trust to be managed by the Northwest District of the United Methodist Church, now part of the Camp Clear Lake District. Half of the annual net income of the corporation is to be set aside to fund ten (10) scholarships of equal amounts. The scholarships shall be used to provide educational opportunities for young people who are receptive to Christian principles and who are seeking advanced education in fields useful to society. The selection of the scholarship recipients shall be based on the recipients' moral character and his/her dedication to worthwhile attainment. Scholarships are open to those who are connected to United Methodist Churches in the following counties in Iowa: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, and Woodbury.

The rest of the net income is set aside for grants to fund worthwhile youth programs in United Methodist Churches located in the counties of Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, and Woodbury. Applications are due by email attachment to Judi.Calhoon@iaumc.org by March 17, 2023



Community RESOURCES

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.- udmo.com

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO) is one of 16 community action agencies (CAAs) in Iowa. CAAs provide services to low-income people and families. Services that include energy assistance, housing assistance, health & nutrition assistance, services for children & families, as well as outreach services. UDMO promotes self-sufficiency by providing a variety of programs to fight poverty, improve health and increase educational attainment for family members of all ages.

Dickinson County Hunger Coalition- dickinsoncountyhunger.com/where-s-the-food

Has information on all food pantries available to residents in Dickinson County - individuals enter the office and choose their own groceries with assistance from UDMO Staff and volunteers. This includes choices of canned and boxed goods, assorted frozen meats, fresh vegetables, breads, baked goods and more.

Atlas of Lakes Area: akesatlas.com/

Atlas of Osceola: atlasofsibley.org/new/

Companions and Advocates on the Road of Life. Atlas strives to be an advocate for those in need as they deal with life's relational, physical, emotional, financial, and/or spiritual struggles. We strive to love unconditionally in each mentoring relationship. Offering encouragement, hope, and support for anything you may be facing in life. In addition to support, we offer qualified referrals for addictions, relational, employment challenges, housing challenges, transportation hurdles, health issues, financial difficulties, emotional afflictions, and spiritual barriers.

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health- seasonscenter.org/

The caring professionals at Seasons are dedicated to helping you heal from life's struggles and find balance again. We provide many life-changing behavioral health services to those in need of a little to a lot of care and support. Currently providing services for adults, children, families, and additional services including a therapeutic support line, mental health awareness trainings, and a specialized substance abuse treatment program.

Cherish Center- cherishcenter.org/

The Cherish Center is a sustainable organization offering faith-based, life-changing services for families to be strengthened and renewed through care and compassionate support. Cherish House provides expecting mothers and their children with a safe and supportive home. At the heart of our organization is a community that is dedicated to helping women and their children. Through Cherish House, we offer pregnancy services that include safe housing, supportive staff, and knowledge-based programs to help each one of our residents as they navigate their way through some of life's most significant changes.

Not seeing what you are looking for? There are many programs and resources for the entire family offered in both Dickinson and Osceola as well as surrounding counties. Use this resource guide here, that can help you connect with what your looking for.

extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/dickinson-county-resource-guide

Elderbridge Agency on Aging - elderbridge.org/

We are an Area Agency on Aging in North Central, Northwest, and Central Iowa, currently serving a 29-county region. We provide information, guidance, and assistance in finding services for you, your spouse, parent, relative, or friend. We strive to enable older Iowans to live with dignity, well-being, and independence.

FIND YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE LORD

Lake Park March Serving List

Worship Leaders for March:

March 5-No Leader on Communion Sunday
 March 12--Mindy Gunderson & Sydney Rahe
 March 19--Worship Leader Needed
 March 26--Cora Niemeier

Upcoming opportunities to lead worship:
 4/9; 4/16; 4/23; 4/30

Serving as ushers/greeters in Lake Park

March 5-Usher/Greeters Needed
 March 12-Steve & Kathy Winters
 March 19-Stan & Alice Anderson
 March 26-Stan & Alice Anderson
 Thank you for choosing to serve.

Upcoming opportunities to usher/greet:
 4/16; 4/30; 5/7; 5/14

Please take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the sheet located on the table by the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Harris March Serving List

Worship Leaders for March:

March 5-No Leader on Communion Sunday
 March 12-Shantry Dake
 March 19-LaDonna Bosma
 March 26-Rose Robertson

Upcoming opportunities to lead worship:
 4/9; 4/16; 4/23; 4/30

Please take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the provided sign up sheet. Thank you!

March Ushers/greeters for Harris:

Cal Harms
 Keith Klassen
 Noel Phillips

Coffee Schedule for March:

March 5-Cal Harms
 March 12-Mark Dillehay
 March 19-Shannon Serck
 March 26-Keith Klassen

Lake Park Food Bank

The Lake Park food Bank is held the first Thursday of every month in the parking lot of the 1st Presbyterian Church.

Food boxes come from the Feeding America program from Des Moines. The Lake Park Food bank also take donations to supplement and monetary donations to purchase bread and other staples locally to add to the boxes we receive. Approximately 70 families &/or households are receiving food every month. We are in need of a few volunteers that could help with unloading the truck at about 1:00 PM and distribution at about 4:30 PM. Please talk to Jerilyn Marra (712-348-0475) or Jim Kessler (712-330-1738) for more information.

Lake Park UMC	Attendance	Offering	Harris UMC	Attendance	Offering
February 5	71	\$3292.04	February 5	30	\$475.00
February 12			February 12	30	\$946.00
February 19			February 19	25	\$530.00
February 26			February 26		

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)

Change To Monthly Meeting Time:
 Women of Joy
 Will be meeting on
 Tuesday March 7th
 at 6:00pm at
 Jerilyn Marra's home.



Easter Lilies

Available from
 Hometown Florals
 Orders due Tuesday March 7th
 \$25 each, checks payable to
 Hometown Florals



February 19th Baptism of Tate Andrew Planteen, son of Drew and Macy Planteen



Confirmation Class Feb. 1st.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- Jordan Heikens | 12- Chad Matthiesen | 23- Wanda Garloff |
| 1- Conner Read | 12- Jacie Reuter | 23- Carol Bonnema |
| 1- Vivian Worrick | 12- Elizabeth Schroeder | 23- Koltyn Bradley |
| 2- Leah Bullard | 12- Joel Wiese | 24- Mikaela Tigges |
| 2- Neil Niswander | 13- Mike Betz | 24- Patrice Meyerdirk |
| 3- Zoey Zevenbergen | 13- Mike Taylor | 24- Jacob Money |
| 4- Don Schroedar | 13- Emly Naweji | 25- Terry Morrow |
| 4- Nate Johnson | 14- Scott Robertson | 25- Tom Jansen |
| 4- Brent Jacobsen | 16- Krew Rowe | 26- Troy Vande Hoef |
| 4- Jeremy Updike | 16- Karl Watkins | 26- Bob Crist |
| 5- Layne Jacobsma | 17- Chanelle Gembler | 26- Lyla Akkerman |
| 5- Randy Rowe | 17- Jolene Ehlers | 27- Roxie Lueders |
| 5- Calvin Nebelsick | 17- Kelly Luitjens | 27- Emma Niswander |
| 6- Fred Hellinga | 17- Kevin Winters | 27- Zella Ingham |
| 6- Lexi Stahly | 18- Scott Gillespie | 27- Lindsey Packebush |
| 6- Makenna Tigges | 18- Nathan Shipman | 27- Anna Lenderts |
| 7- Stacey Ahrenstorff | 18- Rose Robertson | 27- Katie Serck |
| 7- Kade Heikens | 19- Laura Heikens | 28- Lara Tegtmeier |
| 8- Joshua Benson | 20- Kay Lemker | 28- Tricia Reuter |
| 8- Nick Elser | 21- Mel Zevenbergen | 29- Craig Krummen |
| 8- Tamie Mophew | 21- Bridget Raveling | 29- McKenzie Heikens |
| 8- Jared Herbert | 22- Shirley Johnson | 30- Tom Ransom |
| 8- Jess Bradley | 22- Gracie Gunderson | 30- Justin Zevenbergen |
| 10- Jane Crist | 22- Joe Hornick | 30- Briteleigh Ingwersen |
| 12- Gary Johnson | 22- Belka Naweji | |

Pastor's Page

40 days of prayer & fasting

March is the month of prayer and sacrifice; it is a period that all Christians are called to pray and to sacrifice themselves in the different disciplines of the Lenten period. It is a period of forty days of prayer and fasting. "Pray continually 1 Thessalonians 5: 17.

You may ask yourself: could I fast and give up food for forty days? Fasting is not only about giving up food; you can discipline yourself during this period by not opening your Facebook, praying at different times per day for the people, or reading a bible daily.

In the bible, we read a lot about the number forty and what that means: A) announcement and warning. Jonah 3: 1-10; B) Assistance of God to his people Exodus 16: 35; C) Sacrifice Luke 4: 1, Exodus 34:28.

However, the lent period starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. People are being called to pray for the country, community and, different requests. It is a period when people return to God for their wrong deeds, seek God's face, forgive one another, and reconcile.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves pray and seek my face and return from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land 2 Chronicles 7: 14"

These forty days, is offered to us so we can return to God through prayer, asking him to forgive us and heal our land. Our church will meet every Wednesday from 6 pm to pray for the different requests.

Please join us whenever you have time. Blessings.

Rev. Sedar Shako



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7- Lucien & Nicole Vabre | 16- Tom & Patricia Weltzin |
| 13- Jon & Laura Martin | 25- Bill & Shelly Boles |
| 14- Tom & Tracy Bosma | 28- Tim & Roxie Lueders |

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family & friends of Arlene Jaycox, Rhonda Miller, Rosie Christ, Ellen Wolf, Claire Yaw (Niece of Marie Matthiesen), Rick Wilson & Family, Allen & Loretta Rowe, Cole Barden (Nephew of Daryl Meyer), Pastor Sedar & family, Our Church Family, District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula and Bishop Kennetha.

Lake Park Funeral Committee Update

Over the last few years catering has become more common when providing a full lunch meal at a funeral. This has been working very well and we will continue to direct families who inquire about catering to local businesses.

We also would like to reorganize our process, by putting together a go-to list of volunteers, to make contacting faster and easier since we usually only have a few days to plan when the need arises.

In addition to servers and ushers that are needed for any funeral service, we would like to be prepared if a family would like another option other than catering a full meal.

We are looking for people who would provide cakes, bars, and salads.

This would only be a contact list, not a promise to anything, just a tool so we can plan ahead.

If you are interested in being on our contact list, as a server, usher, or baker (drop off items always appreciated as well), please contact

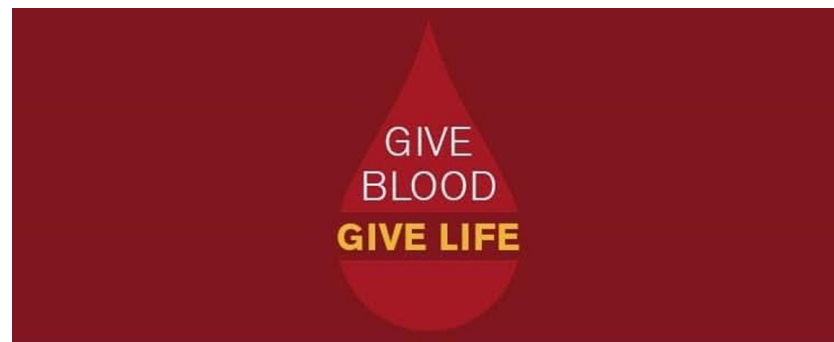
Deb Hellinga at 712-832-0131 by call or text, or by Facebook Messenger.

Camp Clear Lake District, our local District within the United Methodist Iowa Conference, is hosting a time of prayer for anyone who would like to join online. The link will be good for every week. Please join us on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00pm.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82585045591?pwd=UjVCWHFyVnVPMERqc2JBTS9MRUNkUT09>

The district has also released a Lenten Prayer Calendar of daily Prayers for the Lenten season. Please feel free to pick one up from the back table or contact the office for a digital copy.

It's that time of year again for us to take our turn as Christians to serve our community. Our church has been scheduled for the month of March to deliver food from Wal-Mart to the Upper Des Moines office in Spirit Lake. We are to pick up at 9am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday each week for the month of March. Please contact Judy Siemers at (712)330-6552 to schedule a time to assist with this great opportunity.



Harris Lake Park High School FFA Blood Drive

Location: Community Center

903 S. Market Street
Lake Park, IA 51347

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



Contact Mylee Watje at 712-330-2020 with any questions and/or to set up an appointment.



March 2023

Last month I took you on a journey of the “ins and outs” of our church library. Since the February books got put on hold, I have sneaked in a few this month. They can be a reminder that love can be celebrated any and all months; not just February. March will work just fine. Enjoy! Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

“Simple Ideas, Lasting Love. Between busy schedules and long days, expressing love can fall by the wayside. We forget to compliment, to give gifts “just because,” to linger in our embrace. The things that say “I love you” seem to either not get said or not get through. This is a book about saying—and hearing it—clearly. No gimmicks. No psychoanalyzing. Just learning to express love in your spouse’s language.”* *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts* by Gary Chapman is found in the Marriage section.

In *Love Like That: 5 Relationship Secrets from Jesus*, “Dr. Les Parrott writes a viable prescription for becoming more loving with family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers. In his trademark approachable style, Dr. Parrott takes the latest findings from psychology and sociology and blends them with biblical teaching to reveal five transformative ways of relating to people demonstrated by Jesus himself: being mindful, approachable, grace-filled, bold, and self-giving. With questions to ponder, self-assessments, and insightful

quotations, *Love Like That* will revolutionize every relationship in your life—especially the ones that matter most.” (Located in Personal Growth).

“You don’t have to let negative thought control your life. You don’t have to allow the Enemy to influence your thinking. You have the power through Jesus Christ to take control of your thoughts and emotions. Jesus invites you to a table that He has prepared for you—a table where the Enemy is not invited.” *Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table: It’s Time to Win the Battle of Your Mind...* by Louie Giglio can be found in Personal Growth.

See the book *Standing Strong: How to Storm-Proof Your Life with God’s Timeless Truths* where Charles F. Stanley “identifies the central connections of life—those beliefs that most profoundly affect where you endure trials successfully or are put on course for a fall. These convictions include: your beliefs about who God is and whether or not you can truly know Him, your convictions about Jesus and what it means for Him to be your Savior, your beliefs about the Holy Spirit and His role in your life, your convictions about the Bible and whether you live by principle or preference, your beliefs about your own purpose in this world and in relationship to others, and your convictions about adversity and why you experienced it.” (Found in Personal Growth).

Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*times and dates are subject to change	Pastor Sedar will hold office hours in Harris every Wednesday from 10am-12pm		1 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP 1pm UWF Pot Luck in Lake Park 6pm Prayer service in Lake Park 6pm Confirmation Class 6:40pm Adult Bell Practice 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group 7pm Jr. High Youth Group	2 Food Bank at Presbyterian Church	3 	4 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Blurry Bigfoot in Lake Park
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