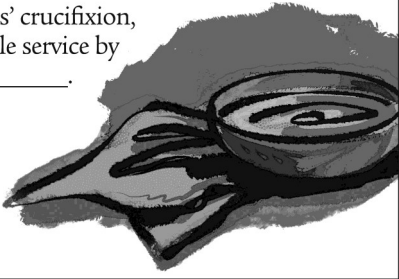


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Bible Quiz

The night before Jesus' crucifixion, he demonstrates humble service by washing his disciples' _____.

A. hands
 B. feet
 C. hair
 D. supper dishes



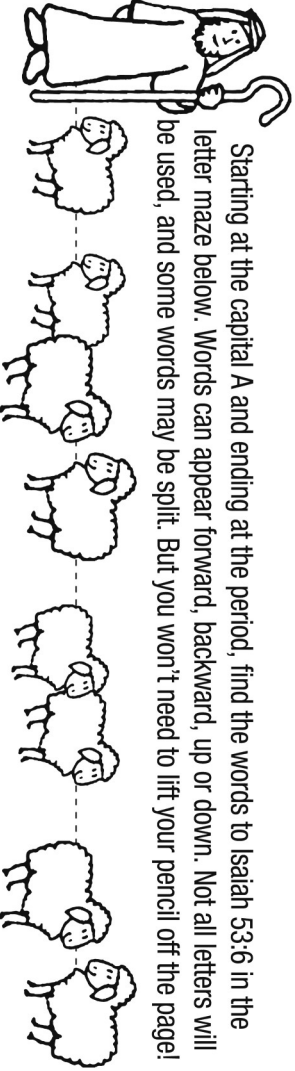
Answer: B (See John 13:1-17)

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Puzzle!



Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6, NRSV

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.



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 Churches**



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

April 2023

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 (712) 330-9889

Harris UMC
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 Harris, IA 51345

Worship 9:00AM
 Sunday School 10:15AM

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 Worship 10:30AM

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What a privilege and blessing we have in our congregations that budget each year to send current 5th grade students to the Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp each summer. If any 5th grade student is interested in attending in the summer of 2023 please contact Amanda in the church office at 712-832-3361 or by email at hlpumc@gmail.com Deadline to register for church budgeted assistance is **April 16, 2023.**

For information about the different camps available and information visit: <https://okobojicamp.com/summer-camps/> To get assistance with scholarships from Lake Okoboji UM Camp, contact the camp Registrar: Shannon Bardole-Foley at 515-974-8946 or by email at shannon.bardole-foley@iaumc.org

Iowa UM Camps: Summer Staff/Volunteers Needed

Know someone 18+ years old, interested in youth ministry? Summer-long paid positions providing fun, faith-filled experiences for youth and families.

Okoboji UM Camp: Kali
 email: Program@okobojicamp.com
 website: www.okobojicamp.com
 Wesley Woods UM Camp: Mikaela
 email: Program@wesleywoodsiowa.org
 website: www.wesleywoodsiowa.org

Women of Joy will be meeting on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 pm at Jerilyn Marra's home. Again this is a change in date. We will continue on our new series "Whisper". We watch a video and then have discussion to follow.

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I would like to thank the volunteers that assisted me with collecting food at Wal-Mart then transporting to the Upper Des Moines office in Spirit Lake for the month of March. I am blessed to be a part of this great congregations!! Remember our church does this every year in the month of March. If you haven't tried it you might like it! Thank you so much!
 Judy Siemers

The Lake Park Worship Committee is looking for ushers to fill out the year. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church for this. This is an opportunity for you to greet people as they come into church and welcome them. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 7th at both Harris and Lake Park



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 April Serving List

Worship Leaders for April:

- April 2-No Leader on Communion Sunday
- April 9- Matt Carstensen
- April 16- Marie Matthieson
- April 23- Jan Mitchell
- April 30- Seth Hellinga

Upcoming opportunities to lead worship:
5/14; 5/21; 5/28; 6/11

Serving as ushers/greeters in Lake Park

- April 2-Curt & Kim Ingwersen
 - April 9- Curt & Kim Ingwersen
 - April 16- **Usher/Greeters Needed**
 - April 23- Daryl & Shakira Meyer
 - April 30- **Usher/Greeters Needed**
- Thank you for choosing to serve.

Upcoming opportunities to usher/greet:
5/7; 5/14; 5/21; 5/28

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

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
March 5	92	\$3,131.25	March 5	32	\$660.25
March 12	79	\$1855.00	March 12	42	\$1066.00
March 19	63	\$2415.00	March 19	36	\$605.00
March 26			March 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)

Harris April Serving List

Worship Leaders for April:

- April 2-No Leader on Communion Sunday
- April 9- Rose Robertson
- April 16- Nyla Hellinga
- April 23- Gregg Hellinga
- April 30- LeAnne Ransom

Upcoming opportunities to lead worship:
7/23; 7/30; 8/13; 8/20

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

April Ushers/greeters for Harris:

- Gregg Hellinga
- Steve Bosma
- Brett Tigges

Coffee Schedule for April:

- April 2-Gregg Hellinga
- April 9- No Coffee - Easter
- April 16- Nick Fiebig
- April 23- Noah Bosma
- April 30- Brett Tigges

Youth Group
Lock in
Saturday
March 11th



Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

- Brave: ○ _____ E O U _____
- A dark profile: _____ ○ O U E _____
- Circular: ○ O U _____
- Running away: _____ E E ○ _____
- Savage, fierce: _____ I O U ○ _____
- Odd or nostalgic: _____ U A I _____
- A person from the 50th state: _____ A ○ I A _____
- Compress, push together: ○ _____ U E E _____
- A large tree in California: ○ _____ U _____ I A _____
- Paddling in a small, narrow boat: _____ ○ O E I _____
- Upright, moral and righteous: ○ _____ U O U _____
- Lining up in a row: _____ U E U ○ _____
- Gorgeous: _____ E A U _____ E ○ U _____
- Precipitation: ○ A I _____

Easter phrase:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beautiful, 14. rain; Christ is Savior!



LaDonna Bosma teaching children's sermon March 19th in Harris



Lilly Bosma and Grace Gomes lighting candles in Harris on March 12th



HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

- Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
- Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
- Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.



APRIL

Birthdays

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| 1- Jan Mitchell | 12- Julie Stahly | 21- Brandie Martin |
| 1- Deb Schroeder | 13- Mariah Mentink | 22- Kim Ahrenstorff |
| 1- Abbie Oleson | 14- Mark Garms | 22- Bill Boles |
| 2- Rachelle Bosma | 14- Barb Schomaker | 23- Ryan Mann |
| 2- Nicholas Cornwall | 15- Gerald Murphy | 23- Scott Rueter |
| 2- Doug Griese | 15- Ann Newbrough | 24- Braeton Nitzschke |
| 2- Jeff Grussing | 15- Steve Winters | 24- Grady Gallagher |
| 3- Bob Gunderson | 16- Amber Ingwersen | 24- Tom Weltzin |
| 3- Alexandra Oleson | 16- Elaine Morpew | 25- John Mier |
| 6- Sally Gallagher | 16- Charlana Gubbins | 26- Ty Ahrenstorff |
| 7- Addyson Updike | 16- Sydney Rahe | 26- Lori Sheller |
| 8- Nathan Schultz | 16- Emma Baker | 26- Amanda Weltzin |
| 9- Deanna Rowe | 17- Aleene Worrick Turner | 27- Rebecca Shako |
| 9- Adam Winters | 17- Duane Voss | 27- Taylor Jerousek |
| 10- Jamie Gilmore | 18- Mary Herbert | 29- Jacob Johnson |
| 10- Doug Goodell | 20- Erma Christensen | 29- Alice Von Holdt |
| 11- Steven Krummen | 20- Autumn Anderson | |
| 11- Nick Bradley | 20- Brian Moose | |
| 12- Jordan Kyle | 21- Sara Joens | |



APRIL

Anniversaries

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1- Pat & Shirley Gillespie | 15- Doug & Dawn Goodell |
| 5- Tome & Lil Jansen | 16- Ben & Jolene Ehlers |
| 6- Jarrod & Cari Wallace | 17- Keith & Dee Klaassen |
| 14- Don & Deb Schroeder | 22- Mel & Julie Zevenbergen |
| 14- Rev. Sedar & Marceline Shako | 29- Wayne & LeDean Untiedt |



Pastor's Page

It is spring season now, the season of everything rising back to life. While I am watching the birds flying in the air and the blossoming leaves pushing back on the tree, it means life is starting again. On the street, people are walking with their beloved pets; The farmers are preparing the types of equipment to start working on the lands; Those who are planning for the garden like my wife and I are preparing the garden equipment to start digging the soil to plant the seeds; and the Motorcyclists are checking their engines to see if there is something they can replace before they start riding on the road. Spring is a funny season.

April is the month of resurrection. The big event that we are waiting for to celebrate: is the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. As Jesus is resurrected, we also are hoping that our activities have been resurrected. All things that were dead in winter have come to life. While Jesus was in the tomb for three days, he went to preach to those who died a long time ago and were in prison. 1 Peter 3: 19; So that on rapture they may participate in the first resurrection with those who will be alive. 1 Thessalonians 4: 14-17

As you are planning to do something as well. Put God first before everything. Sometimes you may be tired to sit in the house and have not to do. Now the spring is coming for you to reach your goals.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure whatever is lovely whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Contributed to your daily life and give you peace. Blessings.

Rev. Sedar Shako



*Rejoice!
He Lives!*



Application for Diakonos to serve at AC2023 now open

Have you ever wanted to be a part of something bigger than the local church? Have you ever wanted to serve your church brothers and sisters in Christ? This opportunity might be for you!

The Diakonos (Greek for a servant) Leadership Development program application is open for 15 high schoolers from around the state to assist during the Iowa Annual Conference 2023 session from June 1 – 4 at the RecPlex in West Des Moines, IA. Learn more at <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/application-for-diakonos-to-serve-at-ac2023-now-open-17325206>

Diakonos will help deliver communications, directions, aide and assist those attending, learn about the United Methodist Church and its processes, have fun, and do lots of other activities.

The application, letter of reference, health form, and housing deposit check must be mailed and postmarked by Monday, May 1, 2023. Candidate selection will be announced after May 6.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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.



April 2023

Let's look at courage this month of April. My dictionary says courage is "the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc., without fear; bravery". Courage comes from within. I believe it takes root in one's soul, ebbs and flows within the mind, and shows itself throughout instances and events in our lives. Here are some books that may assist you on your courage journey. Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

Courageous: 10 Strategies for Thriving in a Hostile World by Dr. Robert Jeffress lets us know that "Christians today face relentless attacks from an ungodly culture, a formidable spiritual adversary, and our own fallen natures. Yet we cannot afford to surrender to these very real enemies. Because if we do, we fail in our mission to share the hope of Christ with the world. If you feel like your faith is under attack, if you're struggling with the temptation to follow the crowd despite biblical teaching to the contrary, or if you're just feeling weary, the ten strategies in *Courageous* will provide fresh fire and new hope.*"

"In ***Do It Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear***, Joyce Meyer explains that fear is everywhere and affects everyone. It rules many people, but it doesn't have to rule you. She will teach you how to understand fear and recognize how it works in your life, to confront the fears holding you back, and to change your mentality to achieve lasting freedom from some of the most common fears people face.**"

"You have so much more to offer. You know it. You have sensed it for some time now. This sacred truth has been bubbling up in your soul. But you have never known quite what to do about it. All that is about to change. Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them, changes our lives forever. ***Holy Moments*** is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it, your life will finally make sense. It's time to let ***Holy Moments*** (by Matthew Kelly) show you what is possible. It's time to explore your soul-potential.**"

*Taken from book jacket.








**Note: All three books are located in the Personal Growth section

Deb Morrow, Church Librarian





April

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 7am Men's Breakfast at Blurry Bigfoot in Lake Park
2  Palm Sunday 9am Worship Service Harris followed by Sunday School/Coffee 9am Sunday School in LP 10:30am Worship Service in Lake Park 10:30am-1pm Lake Park Fire Department Omelet Feed	3 6:30pm Joint LP/Harris SPRC Meeting at Harris UMC	4 6pm Women of Joy at Jerilyn Marr'a home in Lake Park	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP 1pm UWF Meeting in Lake Park 6pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Adult Bell Practice 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group 7pm Jr. High Youth Group	6  Maundy Thursday	7  Good Friday 7pm Joint Good Friday Service at LP Presbyterian Church	8
9  Easter Sunday 9am Worship Service Harris followed by Sunday School/Coffee 9am Sunday School in LP 10:30am Worship Service in Lake Park	10	11	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP 6pm LP Worship Comm. Meeting 6:30pm Adult Bell Practice 7pm Lake Park Ad Council	13 Community Food Bank at Presbyterian Church 6pm Harris AD Council	14	15 7am Men's Breakfast at Blurry Bigfoot in Lake Park
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23 9am Harris Worship 30 9am LP Sunday School 9am Harris Worship 9am LP Sun. School 10:30am LP Worship followed by Confirmation Baptism 2pm LP Care Center Worship	24	25	26 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP 6:30pm Adult Bell Practice 7:00pm LP Trustee's Meeting  Administrative Professionals & Secretary Day	27	28	29 7am Men's Breakfast at Blurry Bigfoot in Lake Park