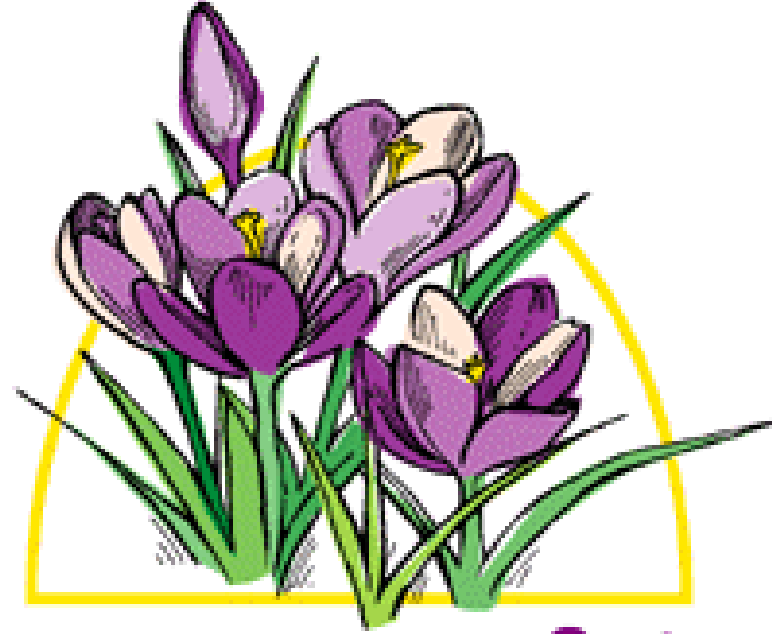


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April

**FAITH NEWS
APRIL 2026
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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April 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 April Fools Day! Bible Study 6pm Choir 7pm	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	3 Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk starting at noon	4
5 Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship	6 Looms of Love 1-3pm	7 Scouts 6-7pm Scouts Committee Mtg 7-8pm	8 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7pm	9 Members Breakfast 9am at Red Pride Cafe	10	11
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Members Breakfast

April 9th at 9:00 am at the
Red Pride Café.

Bible Study
*in the Fellowship
Hall, Wednesdays
6-7 pm.*



The CWF will meet on
Thursday, April 16th at
9:30am in the
Fellowship Hall.

All women are invited
to attend.



April 5th

Celebrate the joy of
Easter by joining your
church family between
8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast of
cinnamon rolls, mixed
fruit, coffee, juice and
milk will be served.

Bring your family and
friends!

Summer Camp

Each year the Christian Conference Center hosts 10 weeks of summer camps. Youth can begin attending, along with a grandparent, at the age of 4 years and continue through high school. Adults have multiple opportunities to attend as a camper as well as a counselor. Camp provides a great opportunity for Christian education that can last a lifetime. Check out the conference website www.uppermidwestcc.org to see what dates and type of camp works best for you. This year, if registered by May 1, 2026, a camp t-shirt is included and a late fee of \$50.00 is avoided.



Mission Coalition : A bake sale will be held at
St. Luke UMC on Saturday, April 18 from 9
am to 12 noon. Donations of baked goods
are needed. Please place your donations in a
non-returnable container, cover, mark the

name of the item you are selling, and price the item. Proceeds
will go to Kid Assist which provides adaptive equipment for
children. This program has also taken over the Loan Closet
which has adaptive equipment for adults. Please come out and
purchase some goodies and you can enjoy while sitting outside
on your deck or porch, or after your daily walk!

Price list: Pies \$15, Cookies--2 doz \$5, 1 doz.
\$3, Bread--Large loaf \$5, small loaf \$3, Bags of
trail mix, puppy chow, etc. Large \$5, small \$3

Vacation Bible School



Once again this year, First Christian Church,
will be joining with St. Luke Methodist and First United
Methodist to hold Vacation Bible School. Last year was a great
experience for all involved. Join us at St. Luke Methodist June
22 through June 26 for Snowball Mountain Challenge. Kids will
become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy
surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and
faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, who is reporting on
the events. Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to
draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of
courage and hope.

In addition to youth, many adult volunteers are needed to
make VBS a success. Please prayerfully consider volunteering
this year.

For questions, please contact Vicki Gunsaulus (641)521-5428



We welcome in April with a celebration of Easter, a Cross Walk on Friday the 3rd with Easter Sunday on the 5th of the month. Spring is such a wonderful time of year, flowers are starting to come alive and trees are leafing out once again – not to mention the warming of our days as the sun stays up a little longer each day.

As we begin afresh our duties to clean up the yard and get the mower out and ready for Summer, we too should work at cleaning up our day's of over scheduled commitments as we seem to do each year. Perhaps a re – prioritizing of what is truly important in our lives, what really matters. Remembering the camps out at the Christian Conference Center as well as an opportunity to participate in some of the programs we at the church are exploring.

There was a man who informed me several years back that you can be about as busy as you choose to be. With that said, perhaps scheduling some family time and study time with your bible can be a way that family can learn together. As club events and sporting events tend to complicate our daily schedules, perhaps we can honor God and family by having or attending a family bible study once a week to help keep our faith walk moving the right direction.

Make better decisions, be open to where the Spirit lead you and remain faithful as we begin another Summer Glorifying God.

Pastor Alan



Mission Coalition will be sponsoring the Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk on Friday, April 3 starting at 12 noon from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Two new churches have been added this year, so the walk could last up to 90 minutes. The walk begins at St. Stephen's and progresses to the following sites: Salvation Army, United Presbyterian, Lutheran Church of Hope--Local Newton at Capitol II Theater, First United Methodist, First Christian, Congregational UCC, First Lutheran, and ending at First Presbyterian.

Booklets for the readings and prayers will be available at St. Stephen's and along the route. If you do not want your booklet when the walk ends, please consider recycling it at First Presbyterian. If you are unable to walk the whole distance, feel free to jump ahead to another church and wait for the group there. Participants need to be in the attitude of quiet reflection while walking between churches.

