



July 2023 Newsletter



New Bus Stop in Cambridge!

BY PASTOR MARCIA KISNER

New addition to driveway to parsonage has been added by city guys Dale Henneck and the new guy Adam Leber. They saw me in driveway waiting for Herta bus.

Dale yelled out window and asked if I was waiting for bus. I laughed and yelled back "yes."

Before they got 2 feet in the city truck Adam said we should put a bus stop sign. Laughing Dale said I have one in maintenance shed. So they went around the block and waited for me to be picked up...giggling the whole time putting the sign in the ground.

When I returned the Herta bus driver saw the sign before I did...laughing he said so Cambridge now has a bus stop.

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“People say money can’t buy happiness. They lie. Money buys coffee, coffee makes me happy!”

“You should know that before 10 am, no matter what the question is, my answer is always coffee.”

FROM EILEEN LEWIS

NEW BUS ROUTE CONTINUED...

Then I saw the sign and thought Vince and John or Dale were responsible. I called John and he immediately denied putting the sign up and I said to him Dale did it didn't he and John said yes he was a witness to Dale and Adam working right after I left.

Friday morning I texted Dale and Adam to come to the Cambridge bus stop to see me. They were brave enough to show up with me giggling as they walked to the deck and told me the whole story. They did say they would take it down if I wanted. I said no it would become a tourist stop for our beloved community. Don't you think?

What does any of this have to do with Jesus? Several weeks ago I gave a children's sermon about how Jesus loved to laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor. I believe Jesus would love this wonderful prank. Losing my foot to diabetes was a serious event for me but my community has been so good about keeping my feet (foot) on the ground. Be sure and stop by The Cambridge Bus Stop, I'm more than willing to have photo opportunities.

Have a good laugh this month.

Offerings

May	Offering	Attendance
5/7	\$ 2,037.25	20
5/14	\$ 450.00	14
5/21	\$ 1,065.00	12
5/28	\$ 515.00	18
Total	\$ 4,067.25	
June	Offering	Attendance
6/4	\$ 1,935.00	20
6/11	\$ 2,964.34	10
6/18	\$ 1,200.00	16
6/25		
Total	\$ 6,099.34	

SILENT AUCTION



Every year during Cambridge Firemen's Days Nazareth has sponsored a Silent Auction. This year due to Pastor Marcia's illness we didn't get a good start like usual. We decided to do more hand crafted items and a few gift cards and other local items.

Thanks to a number of our congregation, community and friends we were able to have a very successful auction. Special thanks goes to Donna Christopherson McNutt! She sent a package from California with hand quilted items. Not the least is the king size quilt shown on the left. There were also lap quilts, table runners, placemats and wall hangings.

We had crotched items from Yarnin' by Jess, crotched nativity scene, fall pumpkins and silk embroider pictures. yard art and homemade bird feeder, and butterfly bath.

We also had some gift cards from local businesses as well as a gift card from 3C's and Fawcett Aquatic Center.

Once again this year is the big hit of Rack of Ribs and other smoked meat items from Ray Ringgenberg and Smokehouse 72. After posting info about the auction on Facebook we received a message asking if there were any casino packages. At that point we didn't have any. A few days later we received one in the mail and we were able to let that person know that there was one for her to bid on.

Perhaps the most touching story of the day was a young VERY pregnant mother who really wanted that king size quilt for her and her husband to snuggle with their baby. We are happy to report that she won the bid for the quilt, and her husband also one the bid for the large sturdy rocking chair that was on the auction for their nursery.

The council decide at the last minute that we would also run a breakfast meal that weekend. We decided on breakfast burritos and we did really well. We served probably 65 or so burritos and we ran out of meat, potatoes and cheese. So over all a good first time for breakfast.

We did have a great turnout for the auction and we did make a nice amount of donations. Thank you to all who donated items, worked at the auction or the Breakfast Burrito stand and those who bid on items. We were able to raise over \$2,500.00!!

PASTOR MARCIA'S ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The party is coming up fast! In the last newsletter we asked you to start thinking of stories about Pastor Marcia and her time here at Nazareth, or during seminary. We are hoping to have a number of stories to share with everyone. Please write them down and bring them along so we can put them in a memory book for Marcia. I know she will love to read the stories over and over about how she has touched our lives in a funny way, happy way, loving way and shared herself with us.

We will be serving a luncheon of ham sliders, chicken salad, and pasta salads. Pastor Marcia has requested no cake, so we will be having cookies. If you would like to help with the meal please get in touch with Joyce Allen joywriter50021@yahoo.com or Eileen Lewis emky615@yahoo.com.

Worship service will be at 10:15AM followed by lunch and fellowship and a short program where we will share the stories.



You are invited to celebrate Pastor Marcia Kisner's 25th year of her ordination.

Sunday, July 16

At Nazareth Lutheran Church

517 Vine Street

Cambridge, Iowa 50046

Worship 10:15am

Lunch 12 noon

1pm – 2pm Program

(come with stories about Pastor Marcia's ministry at Nazareth. Funny is welcome)

RSVP 515-383-4328

All is Prepared All Are Welcome!

JULY CALENDAR

Sunday
July 2 10:15 Worship Service

Thursday Vacation Bible School
July 13 5:30 Meal VBS Til 8:00

Tuesday
July 4 Happy Fourth of July

Sunday Anniversary Party
July 16 10:15 Worship Service

Sunday
July 9 10:15 Worship Service

Tuesday
July 18 6:00 Food Pantry

Monday Vacation Bible School
July 10 5:30 Meal VBS Til 8:00

Sunday
July 23 10:15 Worship Service

Tuesday Vacation Bible School
July 11 5:30 Meal VBS Til 8:00
4:00 - 5:00 Food Pantry

Tuesday RAGBRAI in Slater
July 25 6:00 Food Pantry

Wednesday Vacation Bible School
July 12 5:30 Meal VBS Til 8:00

Sunday
July 30 10:15 Worship Service

VOLUNTEERS

JULY	GREETERS/USHERS	LECTOR	ALTER GUILD
7/2	EILEEN	SARAH	JOYCE
7/9	DAVE	VINCE	MARK
7/16	KEVIN	WENDY	LISA
7/23	MARK	EILEEN	NATHAN
7/30	NATHAN	ELLEN	KEVIN
AUGUST	GREETERS/USHERS	LECTOR	ALTER GUILD
8/6	VINCE	JOHN	VINCE
8/13	JOHN	JOYCE	WENDY
8/20	EILEEN	MARK	DALE
8/28	DAVE	LISA	JESSICA

If you are unable to fulfill your volunteer slot, or if you wish to change your commitments, please let the office know so we can find replacements. The phone number is 515-383-4328, or you can email before Saturday to nazareth_lutheranchurch@yahoo.com. Thank you

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



THEME: SUMMER FUN WITH JESUS

July 10-13 (Monday - Thursday 5:30pm supper and Program 6pm - 7:30pm)

Monday: John 21:1-25 Jesus Cooks Breakfast on the Beach

Tuesday: Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus Walks On the Water and Helps His Friends

Wednesday: Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus Calms the Storm

Thursday: Matthew 4:18-23 Jesus Walking along the Beach (Footsteps poem)

We need volunteers to help with crafts

Volunteers to serve meals on Monday night - breakfast sandwiches
and Wednesday nights - ??

(Nazareth is responsible for meals those days)

If you wish to donate carrots, cookies, and breakfast sandwiches,
or something for a fun meal for Wednesday let Pastor Marcia know.

Thank you to Eileen for doing the music and

Joyce for helping with the story of walking on water.

Any volunteers for story time and registration/check ins
would be greatly appreciated.