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Pastor's Corner

We have journeyed our way through Lent, with many lessons that Jesus taught and hopefully I have been able to apply to us in 2026. During Holy Week, we turn our attention to John's Gospel. Chapter 17 is commonly referred to as "Christ's High Priestly Prayer". This is Jesus praying to God, much like a priest or pastor praying to God for each and everyone of us.



John 17 invites us into the intimate conversation between Jesus and the Creator God, a reminder that our lives are held within God's love, long before we speak a word. Jesus acknowledges the weight of His (and this) moment, showing that glory is found not in escaping difficulty but in walking through it with God by our side. Eternal life, He says, is not a distant promise but a present relationship: knowing God in the ordinary rhythms of our day.

Jesus prays not for our removal from the world but for our protection and strength within it. His desire is that we live grounded in truth, shaped by grace, and committed to unity—a unity that begins with small acts of humility and love. At the heart of the prayer is a stunning truth: Jesus wants us with Him. We are not merely tolerated or used; we are desired, cherished, and held in the heart of God.

This chapter becomes an invitation for us to rest in the realization of being known, protected, and wanted by the Holy One. And, to let Jesus's prayer shape how we move through the world—with courage, love, and a deep awareness of God's presence.

May we conclude our Lenten journey in a way that recognizes our relationship with God and with one another. May the joy of Easter shout to the Lord our feelings of thanksgiving and praise.

Our Holy Week and Lenten Schedule is as follows:

Maundy Thursday –

10:00am at St John (with Holy Communion)

6:00pm at St John (with Holy Communion)

6:30pm at Ebenezer (with Holy Communion)

Good Friday –

12 Noon at Ebenezer

5:30pm Social Time, Worship at 6:00pm

at Bethlehem UCC, 11608 Lax Chapel Road, Kiel

Easter Vigil -

Saturday April 4, 6:30pm, at St John,

Reception to follow (with Holy Communion)

Easter Sunday Morn –

Ebenezer - Easter Breakfast 7:30am – 8:30am

8:45am at Ebenezer

10:15am at St John

With thanks, our Good Friday evening and Saturday evening Vigil Services are Ecumenical in nature, worshipping together with Gloria Dei Lutheran, Ms. Nealey Janicek, SAM; Bethlehem UCC Kiel, the Rev Randy Koppenhaver; and myself, representing Ebenezer UCC and St John UCC. The Good Friday and Easter Vigil offerings will be donated to the Tri-City Ecumenical Good Samaritan Fund.

As many of these as possible, will be Live Streamed on the St John Facebook page. I'm hopeful that the Ebenezer Maundy Thursday and Easter Morning worship will be live streamed by the Ebenezer UCC Facebook page.

No matter where you are watching from, you are always welcome in the United Church of Christ.

See you in Church!

Dave



Sunday School Corner



Our Easter Program is almost here! Please join us on April 12th at 8:45AM as the Sunday School students present The Easter Story! We will have rehearsal on March 29th and April 12th at 8:00AM. We will not be meeting on Easter Sunday (April 5th) but we hope you can join us for the Easter Breakfast at 7:30AM before worship instead.

Our March Children's Worship was extra special as we celebrated a baptism. The students were able to

learn more about the sacrament of Baptism and help welcome Bodin to the Ebenezer family! Charlie Kuhn was our student reader and Delilah and Dawson

Kuhn were our student ushers. We only have one more Children's Worship left for this Sunday School year on May 3rd. Our final Sunday School class will be held on May 10th.

We will also be wrapping up our collection for the Matt Kolbe Foundation on May 10th. If you would like to donate, please reach out to me or you can leave the donation in the church office and just note it for the Sunday School Mission Project.

Thank you for your support and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Melissa Kuhn



New Hope Center Support

On Saturday, March 7th, the New Hope Center in Chilton held a Pins For Hope Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser at Pla-Mor Lanes. This fundraiser was a kick-off to benefit their "Kicks For Hope" coming up on August 1st. All ages, and people with disabilities, enjoyed a fun time of bowling, fellowship, and eating. They also held a 50/50 raffle and bucket raffles--something for everyone.

To help support this event, Ebenezer UCC donated two raffle baskets. One basket was a food variety basket (which included a church t-shirt) and the other an Easter basket. Both baskets and their contents were donated by Dan and Kelly Weibel and Ruth Aebischer on behalf of Ebenezer. Kelly is Ruth's niece and a member of Ebenezer and Dan is Ruth's nephew who supervises the disability workers at the New Hope Center. This event also gave Ruth a chance to show off and wear her new church shirt--quite impressive!!



The New Hope Center is a leader in meeting the needs of those with disabilities in the community. We hope to continue the support of the New Hope Center and will keep you posted on future events and fundraisers as they come up.

Thank you....



Spring Potluck & Easter Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who joined Ebenezer's Spring Potluck on March 22nd!

We'll be serving Easter breakfast on April 5 from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage and a variety of pastries. Then stay and celebrate the Easter message at 8:45.

Baptism

*We welcomed baby Bodin to Ebenezer on March 1.
What a beautiful baby boy.*





Upcoming Bake Sale

Get those recipes out, warm up the oven, and get ready to start baking! Hello everyone! The Women's Guild is sponsoring a Bake Sale on Saturday, May 16th, which is the same day as the Chilton Firemen's Brat Fry. There's always a lot of support for their fundraiser and what a better time to do a bake sale when there's a lot of foot traffic going past Ebenezer. The Bake Sale will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If the weather is nice, we may even move outside for it.



Bake Sale items can be bars, cookies, cakes, pies (they'll be sold by the slice), breads, cupcakes, snack mixes, etc. anything goes. The doors to the Fellowship Hall will be open on Thursday, May 14th, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday, May 15th, from 9 a.m.-Noon for you to drop bakery off. We'll be packaging the bakery that afternoon from noon until we've got everything packaged and priced. You do not need to bring anything on plates or other containers. We'll have plenty of carryout containers on hand to package everything up. If you want, you can even bring bakery in their pans and we'll take it from there. Any bakery brought in pans or other containers will be cleaned up and returned to you--just make sure your name is on the container.

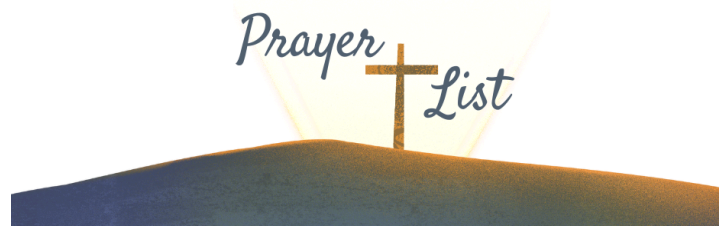
Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go towards the Women's Guild, OCWM, and the new electronic sign for church. If you would rather make a donation instead of baking something, that would be appreciated as well. Donations can be sent to: Ruth Aebischer, Women's Guild Treasurer, W851 Aebischer Road, Chilton, WI 53014 or just give it to her when you see her in church. You can also drop off donations at the church office. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Checks can be made payable to: Ebenezer's Women's Guild/Bake Sale

Feel free to stop in May 16th on your way to purchase take-out at the fire station, and buy some bakery as well. I'm sure something will catch your sweet tooth to purchase.

If you have any questions about the Bake Sale, please contact Ruth Aebischer at 920-849-9427 or email her at draebischer@outlook.com.

Thank you so much for your help in supporting our Bake Sale!

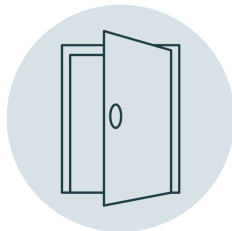
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Jamie Plate 4/15	Marshall Head 4/22
	Jim Gleason 4/26



Ushers

APRIL 5 - Council
APRIL 12 - Zach, Kelly
APRIL 19 - Karen, Glen
APRIL 26 - Dino, Ellie



Readers

APRIL 5 - Jordan
APRIL 12 - Mark
APRIL 19 - Stephanie
APRIL 26 - Kristi

March Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 21, 2026
Ebenezer Council Meeting

Nick Kuhn called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM

Attendance: Shirley Lisowe, Nick Kuhn, Brian Adamietz, Lexi Pagel, Aubrey Plate, Andy Hofmeister, Glen Pingel, Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave led us in prayer

Brian Adamietz made a motion to approve the agenda. Shirley Lisowe seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

Pastor Dave gave the following Pastor's Report:

February Recap: Worship-wise, nothing remarkable. We held Ash Wednesday worship and had either 11 or 12 people. Joint Mid-week worship is proceeding.

A couple of early scheduling notes:

As of this moment, my next vacation/time off will not happen until after Easter and the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting

Holy Week Worship, Maundy Thursday: I have been approached by Shirley to lead a Maundy Thursday worship at a slightly earlier time than 7:30. I provided her a template to use and giving her latitude to tweak the format, subject to my oversight. I also agreed to pre-consecrate the elements before worship; therefore, communion will need to be prepared prior to Maundy Thursday. I understand that Ruth will be playing the organ for this service. If this goes well, this may pave a path forward for future opportunities.

Good Friday: Noon at Ebenezer Ecumenical Worship at Bethlehem UCC – Kiel – Fellowship at 5:30, Worship at 6pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday April 4, 6pm at St. John, New Holstein. Fellowship time to follow.

Easter Sunday: Sunday April 5, 8:45 a.m. at Ebenezer. Breakfast is before worship. Ms. Lori Knoespel will be the Keyboardist for this service. I will be meeting with her to review musical needs.

Schedule the week following Easter: The Wisconsin Conference of the UCC is having their Annual Meeting on April 10 and 11. I will only be available for emergencies for that entire week.

Confirmation: The progress of the confirmands is excellent. It continues to be my plan to hold the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 3, subject to the approval of both families. Emails and hard-copy letters have been sent out.

Pastor – Parish Relations Committee: I will be advocating for a meeting soon, to discuss some concerns I have

Meeting with Rev Andrew Werner: I have spoken to Rev Werner about reviewing our financials and offering investment suggestions and financial advice. This is a free service from the Wisconsin Conference. Understanding how much Ebenezer has drained from our reserves this last year, it might be helpful to have a 3rd party review and offer suggestions. He is not available on Sunday mornings usually; however, is available on Monday or Tuesday evenings. I also know that several members at large of the Ebenezer Congregation were also interested in listening in as well. Are we willing to host Rev Werner, and when?

Nick Kuhn had to step out of the meeting for a couple minutes during the report

Brian Adamietz made a motion to approve the minutes from February. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Brian Adamietz gave the following Treasurer's Report:

February Report

Income:	\$9728.95	
Expenses:	(\$9453.77)	
Checking Account Balance:	\$119,478.12	
Money Market Account Balance:	\$106,977.20	
		\$127.05 gained in interest
Total Equity:		\$226,455.32
Minus Special Giving Account:	\$79,271.41	\$147,183.87

Cambridge Accounts: \$83,690.41
 Parsonage Income: \$1545.00

February givings were deposited on 2/24/26 for the amount of \$6283.95. On 2/25/26, the bill for Scott's Towing for the amount of \$1289.00 was paid.

Shirley Lisowe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Andy Hofmeister seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Glen Pingel made a motion to approve the paying of the bills. Aubrey Plate seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education:

- Easter Program started rehearsals
- Program date is April 12

Worship and Music Committee

- Still looking for a new organist

Property

- Shed still incomplete

Pastoral Search Committee

- Discussion about publishing pastor position on church website and Facebook page

Old Business:

- Discussion on a Stewardship Campaign
- Discussion on Electronic Marquee/sign
- Church Partnerships were discussed
- The lift chair in the sanctuary is operational, and there was discussion on the chair lift to the Fellowship Hall

New Business:

- Discussion on Cottage Meetings
- Confirmation student, Riley Roehrig was at the meeting as part of the confirmation process

It was approved for the Parsonage renters to get a cat

The Eagle and the Bulletin will now include weekly statistics such as attendance and financials

Brian Adamietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lexi Pagel seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

February Finances & March Attendance

Income	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses
\$7,833.78	\$12,366.68	\$8,040.55

March 1	61
March 8	33
March 15	Service Canceled

March 22	41
March 29	

April Calendar of Events

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.	3 Good Friday Service @ 12:00 noon	4 Easter Vigil (SJUCC) @6:30 p.m.
5 Easter Breakfast (7:30-8:30am) Easter Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. w/ Communion No Bible Study	6	7	8 Office Closed 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	9 Men's Breakfast Group Meeting at 7 Angels 8:30 a.m.	10 WI Conf. Annual Meeting	11
12 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. • Easter Program Rehearsal Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Easter Program Bible Study @ 5:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	16 Women's Guild Meeting at 7 Angels 9:00 a.m.	17	18
19 Council Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. No Bible Study	20	21 Eagle Articles Due	22 Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Sunday School @ 8:00 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. Bible Study @ 5:30 p.m.	27	28	29 Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	30	Additional Services Maundy Thursday: 10:00 a.m. @St. John UCC Good Friday Ecumenical: 6:00 p.m. @ Bethlehem UCC	

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