



**REINBECK
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Reinbeck Community Church

“Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise”

We have celebrated Easter but before we move on there is one story that is easily overlooked. It took place in the last few minutes before Jesus' death on the cross. Recorded in Luke 23:33-43. As His life ebbed away, He could hear the insults of the religious leaders. ***‘He saved others, but he couldn't save himself’***. On either side of Jesus hung two thieves also crucified and about to die. One hurled insults at Jesus. ***‘Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’***

The other rebuked him. ***‘Don't you fear God?...we are punished justly...but this man has done nothing wrong.’*** He then said to Jesus, ***‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’***

Jesus answered the man, ***‘Today you will be with me in paradise’***.

No matter how we are judged by the world, our God seeks to save us from sin and death.

This conversation is still taking place today. There are those who do not humble themselves before our Lord or seek forgiveness for their sinful nature. There are also others like the repentant thief. They see their situation clearly and reach out to God for forgiveness and new life. If you know this gift of new life, then you too have humbled yourself before God. You have asked the Lord to remember you in God's Kingdom. The promise Jesus made to that man is yours as well.

Our time on this earth is but a breath. What a shame to think that this is all there is: that our life only consists from when we first open our eyes until we close them for the last time. That is not God's plan. We were not created to die, but to live as companions to God. However, God also left that choice to us. We have free will and the ability to choose to not trust in the Lord or give our life to Him.

Is there someone you are praying for that they also will seek redemption and give their life to Our Lord? Lift their name to Our Lord that the Holy Spirit may show them the way. It is God's wish that no one is lost, and we know that no one is beyond redemption.

Blessings

Pastor Harry

UPCOMING KIDS CLUB

Wednesday, May 1st

MOVIE NIGHT

Centre Theatre, Grundy Center

Reinbeck Kids Club kids AND their families are invited to a free movie to wrap up our 1st year of Kids Club. Two movies will begin at 6:30 p.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

May Donations are:
Small coloring books
Small picture books
Yo-yos
Matchbox cars
Flashlights
Harmonicas



If you would rather have someone else do your shopping, place your donation in an envelope marked Operation Christmas Child (see table in back of sanctuary) and we will do the shopping!!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

May Schedule

Sarah Circle – May 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Nana Rosa's

Faith Circle – May 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the church

Christian Community Women (CCW) – May 23 at 9:30 a.m.
for brunch at the church

Memorial Funds

As Memorial Chairman, I keep a record of all memorials received and disbursements made. Family members are contacted before any purchase is made to get their approval. Recent purchases include the outdoor patio furniture, our new Christmas tree, and the furniture in the foyer.

Memorials are a special way to honor our members who have left a significant presence in our church. Let me know if anyone has any ideas where memorial funds could be used and I will take them to my committee for consideration.

Marie Schildroth



We would like to recognize our Graduating Seniors from 2024.

Xander Anderson

Max Anderson

Xander and Max, we wish you all the best as you graduate, and you move on to the next chapters in your lives. Congratulations!

CCW Garage Sale and Bake Sale

May 3 and May 4

CCW will have a garage sale and bake sale here at the church
(During City Wide Garage Sale Weekend)

Friday, May 3

8 am to 5pm

Saturday, May 4

8 am – noon

All donations are welcome as early as possible in the week prior to the sale. Don't forget Bake Sale donations are needed also. If anyone is able to help with set up this week and for tear down at noon on Saturday, it is greatly appreciated.

The goodwill truck is scheduled and will be in the church parking lot on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for any drop-offs. Please consider volunteering to help at the truck. Thank you! 😊

RCC Website

www.reinbeckcommunitychurch.org

Our website is a good resource to find church information, copies of our Newsletters, E-news, Schedule of Sunday Servants, the link to our livestream, contact information for the church and staff, and other links will be added as needed. Let us know if you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns.



Follow Us of Social Media

Our worship services can be viewed at
<https://www.youtube.com/@ReinbeckCC>

You can also follow us on Facebook “Reinbeck Community Church”

“The Community Connection”

Twice each week we send out an email communication “The Community Connection” with reminders and updates of what’s happening. Are you receiving The Community Connection email? If not, there are a few of ways to get signed up. If you go to our church website, you can sign-up to receive the “E-News” on the link posted there. You can fill out the Welcome-Connect card found in the pews if you are in worship, or you can email Deb at deb.d.oleson@gmail.com with your contact information.

Volunteer Opportunity

There is an opportunity to volunteer for the Grundy County Mobile Food Pantry. It is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Grundy Center. The times volunteers are needed to help unload the truck and help with distribution is 4:15 - 6:30 pm. Food distribution starts at 5:00 pm, for those that may be in need of food assistance. The next date is Tuesday, May 21st. See the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more info.

Electronic Giving



What could be easier than giving electronically???? Have you considered that option? Currently the options available are to set up a monthly or weekly donation using your online banking or talk to a teller

about automatic withdrawals.

Of course, you can still give each Sunday in the offering plate BUT should you forget the checkbook or not have the cash your electronic gift will still reach us no matter what.

Endowment Fund Annual Disbursements

The endowment committee met on April 9, 2024 and decided what donations would be made for 2024. Donations are made from the interest earned on the Endowment Fund capital. The Endowment Committee members are: Jim Smoldt, Harry Wach, Craig Schildroth, Theresa Peterson, Alan Rhoades and Dixie Schildroth.

The donations were as follows:

\$1,000 Operation Christmas Child – Items for boxes/postage

\$1,000 Reinbeck Firefighters – Building Fund

\$1,000 Reinbeck Swimming Pool – Bathhouse Fund

\$1,000 Reinbeck Community Church – Capital Fund

\$1,000 Vision Reinbeck – Strohbahn Park Concrete

\$1,000 Grundy County Memorial Hospital – Building Fund

\$1,000 LOVE, INC – donation

\$1,000 Tunnel to Towers – donation

\$ 500 The Society of St. Andrew – donation

\$ 500 House of Hope (Waterloo) - donation



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Bryson McFarland, Luke Trepp
- 5 Rick Lockhart
- 6 James Smoldt
- 7 Bradon Trepp
- 9 Ron Koch, Dan Mohlis
- 10 Stephen Klinghammer
- 11 Diane Schildroth
- 12 Jessi Klar
- 16 Earlene Nosbisch, Chris Jans
- 17 Joan Fogt
- 21 Jacob Mohlis, Cindi Clark,
- 22 Wade VanHauen
- 24 Livy Moore
- 26 Marcia Fogt
- 27 Lisa Swanson, Lonn Kiehne, Steve Adair
- 28 Mary Petersen, Stacy Fogt
- 29 Paul Bowen
- 30 Dorothy Weltha

Please let the church office know your birth date if you have not been included in our birthday lists.



Newsletter Articles and Announcements

Do you have any news, pictures, or other information that you'd like to share in our RCC newsletter?

Do you have announcements that you'd like to be shared on Sunday morning or in the E-News.

We'd love to receive them.

Please send items to Deb Oleson at deb.d.oleson@gmail.com

Thank you!

PRAYER

REQUEST PRAYER AT ANY TIME

- CONTACT THE PASTOR: (voice or text)
- IN ANY WORSHIP SERVICE
- PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 8:30 am at the church



We welcome families to contact the church and ask that we share any prayer concerns with the congregation. We are able to do this with our E-News, which is sent by email twice per week. Or, in times of special prayer needs, we can reach out to our church family with prayers requests any time.

Committees and Church Council Meetings

❖ Leadership Team Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Wednesday, May 8

Leadership Team

April 10, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Harry, Tom Boheman, Mark Schildroth, Nancy Kiehne, Dixie Schildroth, Sheila Kiehne, Wade Van Hauen, Kress Boheman, and Marie Schildroth.

Pastor opened with prayer. Tom chaired the meeting. Kress moved, and Mark seconded, that last month's minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Communication: Tom mentioned that Baccalaureate will be May 8th at the UCC Church.

Treasurer's report & Finance Committee – Dixie Schildroth. The treasurer's report was presented in printed form and indicates a balance in the General Fund of \$54,094.15.

Report was submitted and approved. Al Rhoades is a new member of the Endowment Committee. They met on April 9th and distributed \$9,000.00 in interest received. Our Aid and Assistance fund was discussed and after discussion, Dixie moved, and Sheila seconded, that we give \$1,000.00 from this fund to the Inter-Church Council. Motion carried. Dixie has been added as an additional signer to all Veridian Credit Union and Lincoln Savings Bank accounts.

Program Ministry Reports:

Education was discussed and needs to be expanded and organized. Plans are to meet soon with Erin Schildroth and her staff to get their input. Special concern is caring for the Sixth graders who will be leaving Kids Club in the fall.

Outreach/Missions – Kress/Melinda. Operation Christmas Child emphasis for April is hairbrushes, combs and toy jewelry; May emphasis is coloring books and picture books.

Worship – Sheila. New members on the worship team are Mike and Stacy Fogt and Ruth Trepp. Sheila plans to have a meeting soon. Media volunteers are still needed.

CCW – Nancy Kiehne. Our next meeting is April 25th at 1:30 p.m. Our spring garage/bake sale will be May 3-4th. Discussion was held about recognition of graduating Seniors.

Administrative Reports:

SPRC – Mark Schildroth. He did visit with Chase Babcock, Emergency Management Director, and he will get back to Mark with recommendations on how to make our building even more secure. All staff is now under SPRC. The committee plans to meet soon.

Lay Leader's Report – Edie. Prayer group continues on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Trustees – Wade/Mark. The Reinbeck United Methodist Church has formally been dissolved. Correspondence will now go to Marcia's email at the church. Copyright licenses will all be renewed at the same time next year. The fan in the kitchen has been repaired. Pete Pease has offered to be on the trustee committee. Wade will look into options for a new church sign on the south side of the church and report back next month. The parsonage renters continue to work out well.

Sheila moved, and Kress seconded, that all reports submitted be approved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Sheila moved, and Kress seconded, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – The next Leadership Team meeting will be May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Schildroth, Secretary