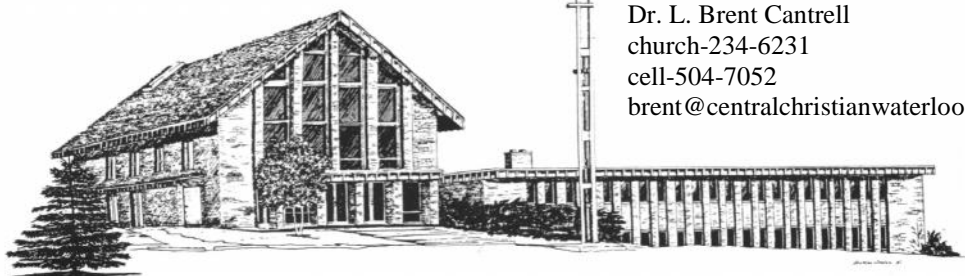


# The CONNECTOR



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Connecting friends and family of Central Christian Church with each other, the community, and beyond.

## From the Pastor

### Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend our Lent/Holy Week Services. It will all kick off with a Procession of Palms on Palm Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm will be a special celebration of the Lord's Supper with special Music by the Alleluia Choir. Speaking of the Alleluia Choir and Handbells, they are doing an Easter Cantata on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and you won't want to miss that special service.

It is going to be a special Easter Season this year at Central Christian Church. Make plans to attend all three services.

Then on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> it will be Youth Sunday with the youth leading us in worship. There is also a potluck luncheon following worship that Sunday. Be watching for more information on these happenings.

Happy Easter,  
Pastor Brent



**Easter Cantata**  
**Easter Morning 9:30 am**

## At the Ninth Hour

Spring has sprung and we are officially in the middle of the Easter season. It's almost time to put away our winter coats and snow shoes and break out our jackets, Frisbees, grills and other spring paraphernalia. Oh, and don't forget the lilies! More important than all of these things, though, is the representation of rebirth and renewal. Tree leaves begin to grow green, new blades of grass begin to push through thawing tundra and bulbs lie in wait, eventually to burst open in a cascade of reds, yellows and other hues to bring life and color to our dull landscape. Such is nature, as is the nature of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Around Easter, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice that God's son made for us, the final sacrifice so that we would be free from sin. He showed us what it means to lead, to truly save a people, and what it means to be a follower of God. We are called to follow this path to become better followers of God. Not only were we saved from sin, but we were shown that we are given a second chance through forgiveness, much like rebirth. However, the journey to this point of renewal is often arduous and filled with strife, discord, doubt and pain. Yet if we can survive the walk to the end, we will find ourselves renewed and restored in God's word.

This year's cantata, "At the Ninth Hour," outlines the story of Jesus' crucifixion and subsequent resurrection through narration and music. The work begins with "Hosanna," celebrating Jesus' arrival and culminates with "On the Third Day," a powerful piece that shows the glory of Christ's return to our world. We get a glimpse into the emotions and aspects of various individuals who were present at the time, going through a journey of praise, anger, trial, frustration, sadness, surrender and joy.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 16th, and come with us through this journey that is the end of Jesus' life and the beginning of God's renewed world.

## Let's Have a Potluck and Kick Off 2017 RELAY FOR LIFE

It has been too long since we have been together and shared a meal and fellowship. Mark your calendars for Sunday April 23. Main meat entrée will be provided. The rest of the meal will be potluck style. So get out your cook books and find those yummy dishes that you would love to share. There is sure to be lots of laughs and conversation. Come bring your family and friends relax and enjoy. Meal will be served following church service. This is also Youth Sunday, so make sure to invite all who may have extra family at services that day.

Our newest member, "The pig" will be joining us for its first potluck and would love for you to feed it some yummy coins or dollars also. The pig is so excited it may have to get all gussied up for the occasion. All donations will go to Relay for Life.

The Hospitality Committee

## F.R.O.G. Pad: Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt

The Wednesday Evening F.R.O.G. Pad will have an Easter Party and Egg Hunt on April 12 beginning at 5:45.

All are invited and encouraged to join in the fun.

## Youth Sunday

The children and youth of our Wednesday night children and youth ministries or F.R.O.G. Pad will be leading us in the special Easter season service of worship on Sunday, April 23rd. Plan to be here to share in this special service.

# Vendor & Craft Sale

## April 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sub>am</sub> – 2<sub>pm</sub>



## Central Christian Church 3475 Kimball Ave. Waterloo

- \*Over 30 Vendors and Crafters
- \*Raffle (\$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets)
- \*Cinnamon and Pecan Rolls 9am until sold out
- \*Sloppy Joes and Home Made Chicken Noodle Soup served 10:30am to 2pm

# Lent at Central Christian Church

## Palm Sunday

April 9th — 9:30 a.m.

Come experience Jesus' glorious entrance into Jerusalem to begin Holy Week with a Procession of Palms.



## Maundy (Holy) Thursday

April 13th — 6:30 a.m.

On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



## Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase and donate an Easter Lily for our Easter service, please sign the sheet on the church office window. We will order the Lilies from Petersen and Tietz as we have in the past. The cost is \$11.00. If you would like it to be in honor or memory of someone, please designate that on the sign up sheet



## Easter Sunday

April 16 — 9:30 a.m.

Come experience the glorious resurrection of Jesus our Savior. A special treat on this Sunday will be a cantata presented by our Music of Ministries ensembles.

## Church Camp

It's time to start thinking about Summer Church Camp!! Registration forms are in the church office or go to [uppermidwestcc.org](http://uppermidwestcc.org) to print a form. Check out the poster on the church office window for descriptions of the camps. As in the past the church will pay half the cost. You may talk with Pastor Brent if you feel you need more assistance. Please turn in your camp registration forms to the church office no later than April 24 so they can be processed before the regional deadline of May 1.

Let the church office know if you plan to attend camp.

**Grand Camps (Ages 4 through Grade 1 Plus Grandparent (s))** \$50 per person

July 16-17

July 14-15

**Pee Wee (Completed Grade 2)** \$110

July 5-7

**Junior Camp (Completed Grade 3-5)** \$220

#2 June 11-16

#3 June 18-23

#4 July 9-14

#5 August 6-11

**Chi Rho (Completed Grades 6-8) (rustic)** \$220

#7 June 11-16

#8 June 18-23

#9 June 25-30

#10 July 16-21

**Cabin Chi Rho (Completed Grades 6-8)** \$220

August 6-11 (sleep in cabins)

**Chi Rho ADAM; Art, Drama & Music (Completed Grades 6-8)** \$220

July 23-28

**CYF (Completed Grades 9-12)** \$220

#15 June 25-30

#16 July 16-21

#17 July 30-August 4

**CYF ADAM: Art, Drama & Music (Completed Grades 9-12)** \$220

July 23-28

**Adventure Camp! (NEW!) (Completed Grades 6-12)** \$150

July 30-August 2

**Family Camp (Ages 0-18 plus adult family member (s))** \$25 per person/\$100 per family max

August 18-20

**Senior Adult Retreat (age 55+)**

June 26-28

## Attention: Graduating Seniors

The Central Christian Memorial Scholarship is now available to seniors who have been active as a member of our congregation.

Application forms are available in the church office for up to \$1000 in funds. Applications are due in the church office by April 1, 2017.

## Thank You

We thank Mike Papenthien for scheduling a contractor to come and fix eleven of the pews in the sanctuary. They needed reinforcing and fixing and Mike saw to it that they got the attention they needed! We also thank him for getting someone to come and fix some leaks in our roofing.

Great job, Mike! We thank you!

## Thank You

Gary's life and 45 year faith journey at Central was recognized with a beautiful Celebration of Life. Thank you to each and everyone for the prayers, the conversations, the hugs, the cards, the flowers, the food, the memorials and the music. God is good.

Sharon, Leslie, Janel, Sandy and all the family members, including Adam, Ashley, Rylie and Gary (GarBear) felt the love.

## Prayer Concerns

### Please pray for.....

Margaret Olds	Mike Deters
Sue Geisler	Ann Hewitt
Linda Sharp	Corrinne Brody
Chet Fredin	Jeanne Yeager
L. Brent Cantrell	Buzz Blake
Darrel Baker	Jim Brody
Ron Ewoldsen	Norma Brody
Glen Casteel	Maxine Weichers
Mary Canfield	Tammy Newcomb
Reva Fredin	Shannon
Helen Miller	Bev Donels
Ledger Dalton	Gloria Kammeyer
Ann Kirk	Benjamin Wellborn
Rachel Kahn	Mark Sawyer
Jaxton Engstrom	Jan Sawyer
Ramona Adolfs	Becky
Zeke Bessire	
Dale & Bobbie Buhl	
All military personnel	

## \$Dollars & Sense\$

It's the end of March but March hasn't quite ended. That doesn't make much sense but what it means is the final figures for March are not yet calculated. As I write this there are a couple of days left in March. I can give you the income but not the expenses.

We had quarterly insurance payments so that usually tips the ink from black to red for that particular month. We did have a reserve, so we'll see how that plays out.

The General Fund Income was \$15,593.00. With the expenses not being too great, I think income to expenses will be close.

The construction is now into probably the final two months of completion. Several odds and ends of jobs being completed.

Outside of the construction, several repairs and re-do's around the Church are being done. Eleven of our pews were taken apart and rebuilt. Leaks around the Church are being traced and fixed. New Computers and the system they will work from is being installed. We will update you on all of this in the next Connector in April.

And lets not forget to support the Vendor Show on April 8. Lots of wares to choose from and food also.

As always, we are thankful for that which we receive and pray we use it to the good of God's Kingdom.

Toots Weston, Treasurer

## Thank You

Dear Friend of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank,

On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$117.53 to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and those in need.

Because of you, we have been able to meet a growing need throughout Northeast Iowa. Together, we are making a difference on a daily basis in people's lives.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your generosity.

With Sincere Appreciation,  
Barbara Prather  
Executive Director

## Take Note

Now that most of our construction is complete, please take note of the new sidewalk on the north side of the building (upper parking lot). It is best to walk along the building on the new sidewalk before venturing out to the parking lot. There is a speed bump that we encourage you to be aware of and choose a path to the parking lot and into the church that avoids that speed bump!

## Northeast Iowa Food Bank Update

Thirty-five pounds of food items and paper products were delivered to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in January. Remember to bring your food items and paper products anytime and deposit them in the Food Bank Barrel in the foyer at Central. The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Bank Sunday but you are encouraged to bring items anytime!

Thank you to all who have supported this outreach program!

## Thank You

Greetings and blessings to you this day!

On behalf of The Salvation Army of Waterloo/Cedar Falls, thank you for your generous donation of \$450.00. Your gift will be used to support the many different programs currently offered by The Salvation Army. From nearly 250 daily meals shared with the hungry or lonely, to our youth character building activities, to our shelters, holiday, and emergency assistance to families, your gift will make a great impact in the lives of Cedar Valley residents.

There continues to be a great need for the services of The Salvation Army of Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Your gift is one of the many instances of Godly-provision that allows us to help others.

Thank you again for your generosity. May God richly bless your life and those you love.

In Him,  
Niki Letzel  
Community Resources Coordinator

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year, in addition to individuals filling boxes in October and November, we are collecting items throughout the 2017 year. We will be asking each month for a different themed item so that our FROG youth can pack boxes at the beginning of November (something they all enjoyed doing in 2016). For the month of April the suggestion is... Stuffed Animals!

A child from Central Asia said, "When I lifted the lid on my shoebox, the first thing I saw was a stuffed dog. I was filled with exuberant joy! I just remember hugging it."

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program.



## Days for Girls—Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm – Fellowship Hall

In many areas in the world, girls who cannot afford the monthly feminine supplies necessary to take care of their personal needs must often stay at home during the 4-5 days of their menstrual cycle. These girls are forced to miss school, often get behind and eventually drop out when they can no longer catch up to their classmates. Days for Girls is an organization attempting to remedy this problem by providing sustainable feminine hygiene solutions that provide protection that many of us take for granted. So far, Days for Girls has provided 640,000 women and girls with access to feminine hygiene.

If you are interested in finding out more about this exciting program and how we can help, plan to attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. **Sewers and non-sewers alike are needed** for this outreach project which will enable girls who cannot afford their monthly sanitary supplies to stay in school. Also, invite a friend.

Carol Mayfield, crfield@cfu.net

## Relay for Life 2017

It's that time of year again. Time to think about how we can help fight for a cure for cancer. To help us do this we have a new member at Central Christian Church. Elda has graciously decided that the pig should have a new home, and she has chosen to let the pig join our church membership permanently. So now it will be our responsibility to make sure the pig is safe, fed and tummy **always** full. So grab your change, grab your dollars and help the pig get fat in its new home.

Now on a more serious note. We once again need your help to find a cure for cancer. This last year has been a rough one in our congregation. We have lost precious members and have had new or re-diagnosed members in our church family.

Please help us find a cure so no one will ever have to hear those words **"YOU HAVE CANCER"** ever again. Do this in honor of those we have lost, those who are currently fighting and those who are survivors.

Your participation will help to fund new cancer research, help with transportation to cancer treatments, 24/7 information and resources to the latest cancer information. This money also helps cancer patients with interactive online classes for patients and caregivers to get answers they need. The American Cancer Society also helps through a free program for people with active cancer that teaches ways to help with appearance related side effects, such as wigs etc. It also funds support groups which are so important to patients, family members and caregivers. These are all things that are so important when you are faced with the battle of your life.

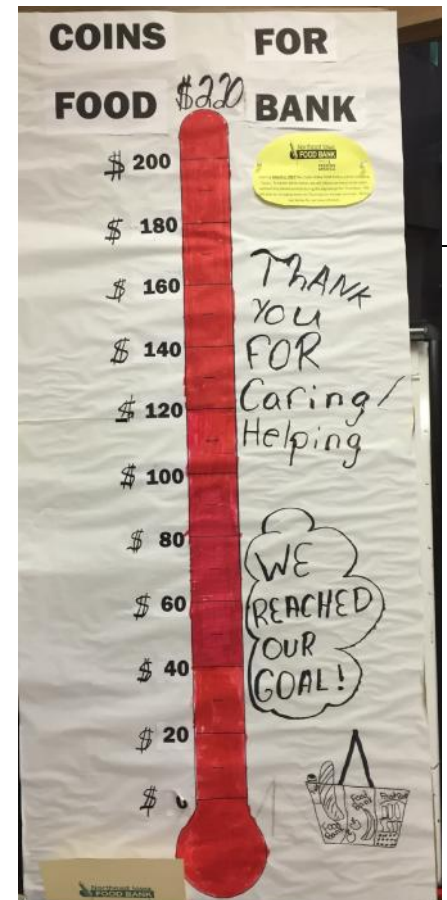
Central Christian has been such a wonderful supporter of the Relay for Life effort in the past. **For that I am so grateful.** Words will never be able to express how you make my heart feel when you rally behind me each year and we raise money for this very important cause. When I ask you give, so let's make it another year **to fill the pig to the top** and let's beat cancer. You never know it may be *your change that will find the cure!!!*

God bless you in advance for helping to find a cure.

Sue Geisler

## Coins for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Thanks to all the generosity on the 2nd Sunday morning the last 3 months. \$220.00 was collected for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. We surpassed our goal. Having the kids be a leader in this project is a way for them to be part of Central.



# APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>Hospitality Hour</p> <p>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:00 pm Small World Preschool Board Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 pm Days for Girls Organizational Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 pm Elders Mtg.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 am Partners in Ed Mtg. with Lou Henry School</p> <p>5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p> <p>6:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>Hospitality Hour</p> <p>Ministry Council Mtg.</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon Connector Articles Due</p> <p>6:30 pm DOEs Mtg..</p> <p>Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm Facilities &amp; Finance Mtg.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad Easter Party with Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p> <p>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p>	<p>14</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>Hospitality Hour</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Meals on Wheels Delivery</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p> <p>6:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Youth Sunday Potluck Lunch</p> <p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Hospitality Hour</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Noon - Connector Articles Due</p> <p>6:30 pm DOEs Mtg.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:45 pm F.R.O.G. Pad 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:15 am Worship Review</p> <p>6:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

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## Touching Others For Christ

### SERVING IN APRIL

#### COMMUNION FILL & WASH

2 Wendy Jordan  
9 Wendy Jordan  
16 Toots Weston  
23 Ashley Arnold  
30 Ashley Arnold

#### DOOR GREETERS

Upper: Bev Olds  
Lower: Sam & Nikki Annis family

#### ELDERS SERVING 2nd VISITING ELDER

2 Jerry Thordsen	Larry Durchenwald
9 Elda Watson	Robin Thomas
16 Mike Deters	Linda Sharp
23 Sharon Longhorn	Jerry Thordsen
30 Gary Eliason	Elda Watson

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Julianne Kahn	19 Debbie Wood
2 Roger Romine	19 Austin Mennen
2 Catherine Mayfield	20 Brittani Sapp
3 Pat Deters	20 Lauren Cleope
3 Jerry Thordsen	23 Chris Hanson
3 Amanda Medhaug	23 Laetyn Miller
3 Cooper Delveau	23 Emily Smalley
10 Nick Uhlenhake	27 Savannah Manning
12 Leslie Balvanz	28 LaMonta Weston
16 Tara Zager Hall	29 Nan Kane
18 Mark Cleope	29 Diane Forney

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

3 Jake & Emily Smalley
8 Francis & Peggy Moore
9 Mary & Malcolm Cleope
12 Neil & Julianne Kahn
14 Maurice & Marian Cook
20 Jack & Judy Mussett

