



# RIVERSIDE CURRENT

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### Liturgists:

April 3 — Rebecca Bliss  
 April 10— Lauren Bliss  
 April 17 — Dena Cannon  
 April 24 — Kim Terry

### Greeters & Ushers:

April 3— Barb & Larry Robertson  
 Jana Hausch, Angie Peterson  
 April 10 — Lauren Bliss, Ann Harshbarger  
 Rebecca Bliss, Mike Mauzy  
 April 17 — Dena & K.J. Canon  
 Kim Terry, Bruce Brandt  
 April 24 — Gary & Barb Altgillers  
 Steve & Jeanne McMahan

### Acolytes:

April 3 — Anthony & Elizabeth Potratz  
 April 10 — Drew Hymes, Ethan Marshall  
 April 17 — Molly Montgomery, Gabe Miller  
 April 24 — Gracie Briscoe, Emily Fuller

### Nursery Helpers:

April 3 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over  
 April 10 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over  
 April 17 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over  
 April 24 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over

Elder Host: —



*If you are unable to serve as listed, please find a substitute and inform the church office.*

*If you'd like to serve in one of these areas, please let us know! Thanks!*

## *From our Pastor...*

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2*

Lent is to Easter what Advent is to Christmas. It is a time of expectation and preparation. Lent begins 40 days before Easter and this year it begins on March 9. Then Palm Sunday and Easter fall on April 17 and 24. Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21. It is later than usual this year.

Lent is a period of self-examination and preparation for the Easter events. The sinfulness of humankind is most clearly exposed in the cross of Jesus Christ. Because of this, Lent takes on an atmosphere of humility and repentance, rather than the expectant joy of Advent.

Lent is the season in which we walk with Christ, the road which led to the cross. We remember that Christ walked the road for us and for our salvation. Because of his ultimate sacrifice, we humble ourselves, and may choose to make a private sacrifice during this time. Lent is a time for self-discipline -- a time when we look at our lives and make some permanent changes.

The color for Lent is purple, indicating penitence. You will see purple in the cloths used on the Communion table. The color black is used for Good Friday, changing to white for Easter. Some symbols for the Lenten season are: ashes – symbolizing sorrow and repentance; a cup and bread for the Last Supper; and a towel and bowl – to represent the suffering servant of Christ's nature. Other symbols are a crown of thorns, three nails, the cross of agony, the rooster, the bag of coins, and the whip. May this season of Lent truly be a season of spiritual growth as we journey to the cross with Christ.

May you know the everlasting peace and steadfast love of Christ.

CU@Church

Pastor Alice



## CAMP WYOMING

Camp Wyoming will host a **Confirmation Retreat** from Friday, February 25th at 7:30PM until Sunday, February 27th at 11:00 am. The cost is \$85 per student. Chaperones are free. The registration deadline is February 15th and forms can be found on our website at [www.campwyoming.net](http://www.campwyoming.net).

There will be an **Open House** April 16th from 10am to 2pm. Families can visit and see the facilities, meet the staff, and participate in activities

**Volunteer Work Day** is Saturday, April 30th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Camp will provide lunch. Folks will perform projects such as painting, clearing trails splitting and stacking wood, and carpentry.

Camp brochures are available. See Dena if you are interested.

## Per capita

<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
<b>Synod</b>	<b>4.90</b>
<b>Presby. East Ia.</b>	<b><u>19.00</u></b>

**Total due per member \$30.40**

**It would be very helpful to have each member contribute. The church is obligated to pay \$3,496 per capita. Please put per capita in memo of check. This is a major expense for the church.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGE!!!

PLEASE NOTE:

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-K THRU 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WILL MEET DURING THE 10:30 A.M. CHURCH SERVICE RIGHT AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME BEGINNING:

FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

A HELPER SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO ASSIST PRE-K-1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>- 5<sup>TH</sup>, OR NURSERY.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL STILL MEET AT 9:30 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH PASTOR ALICE.

PLEASE SEE DENA IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

# Church Family News

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 \* Melody Burke  
 \* Olive Davis  
 \* Billy Jutte  
 \* Dorothea Kultala  
 \* Bonnie McLaughlin  
 \* Amber Myers (Bobby Myers' daughter)  
 \* Kevin Peterson  
 \* Chris Wright  
 \* Jo Anne Yoder  
 \* Karen Wetzel  
 \* Ken Dick  
 \* 832nd Engineer Company in Afghanistan  
 \* Missionaries around the globe  
 \* Nick Oren ( Aileen Jinkens' Grandson) who is serving in  
 \* Afghanistan  
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

## FINANCIAL REPORT

December 1 through January 1, 2011

### Deposits

Contributions	\$ 6,968.29	
Investments	2,501.74	
Other Income	200.00	
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>9,670.03</b>

### Expenses

Pulpit Supply	1,880.08	
Organist	360.00	
Building/Maintenance	1,408.49	
Presb. Per capita	4,046.00	
Utilities	7,444.88	
Postage	61.60	
Telephone/Internet	115.16	
Copier Lease	142.72	
Supplies	205.57	
Property Insurance	3,019.50	
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Outreach	408.52	
Payroll	5,886.01	
Other ( Atterberg Taxes, Scholarship Roeglin , ads)	5,582.71	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>23,885.61</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>-14,215.58</b>

## April Birthdays

- 2 Jana Hausch
- 3 Sara Shaffer
- 4 Marianna Derr
- 8 Alicia Peterson
- 16 Jo Anne Yoder
- 21 Melody Burke
- 23 Jay Koeber  
Bonnie McLaughlin
- 24 J.H. Wilkins
- 25 Stephanie Koeber
- 27 Ashley McMahan



## Anniversaries

- 4 K.J. & Dena Cannon



If you have an anniversary or birthday that is not listed, please let the office know.



# ***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

As I am busy preparing to go on vacation and escape it all for a few weeks, I got to thinking, I need to thank God for...

**The elderly in our church.** Without them, we have no wisdom or experience to lean on.

**The young adults in our church.** Without them, we forget how it was to be young and passionate about life.

**The children in our church.** Smiling, hugging, laughing and crying. Without them, our church has no future.

**Our new members.** Who come with fresh, new attitudes and wonderful and willing spirits.

Our dedicated **church staff** who attend to the many office duties, play our unique organ, and care for our babies.

**Our Pastor,** who has such a calm, kind, and committed outlook.

**Our Session members.** A devoted group of individuals who volunteer their time and energy for the well being of our church.

**The committee groups and individuals** that organize the worship services, plan outreach events, educate our youth, budget our financial obligations all to keep our church alive.

And, I can't forget the **volunteer maintenance man** who I've been married to for 30 years.

I'm sure you can keep adding to this small list. We have so much to thank God for at the Church by the River!

Have a great month!

Dena

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