



# The Good News

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RUNNELLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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**WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM**

**Limited In-Person or Livestreamed on YouTube or Facebook Live**



You are Invited to a  
Graduation Open House for:  
**Carly Phipps**  
May 22 from 4:00-7:00 pm  
The Beattie Barn  
3560 SE 96th St., Runnells



You are Invited to a  
Graduation Open House for:  
**Lauren Pfister**  
May 8 from 3:00-6:00 pm  
Toad Valley Clubhouse  
237 NE 80th St., Runnells

You are Invited to a  
Graduation Open House for:  
**Jacob Martin**  
May 29 from 1:00-4:00 pm  
Runnells Christian Church



You may congratulate  
**Myles Beattie**  
by leaving a card at the church  
or mailing it to his home address

**Graduation Recognition  
Sunday, May 16, 10:30am**  
Please join us as we recognize  
our graduates during worship.

# GRADUATION

# Pastor Katie's Notes

Dear RCC,

Easter isn't over!

The day we typically call "Easter" (it was April 4 this year) is more accurately called Resurrection Sunday because Easter is actually a whole season long! This is why we have kept the "Alleluia! He is risen!" banners up at the front of the church. This is why I keep wearing my white Easter stole. This why I have invited you into worship these last few weeks—whether you are worshipping with us in-person or online—by saying, "Welcome to the second/third *Sunday of Easter.*" We will keep celebrating Easter until Pentecost on May 23!



But once the Easter lilies leave the sanctuary, the chocolate bunnies have all been eaten, and the baskets and eggs are packed away until next year, it may feel like Easter is over. We might have to work a little harder to keep that Easter joy—the joy of new life—flowing in and through us in the weeks following Resurrection Sunday.

During Lent, many of us fasted, gave something up, or tried to be more intentional about prayer or scripture reading. What if we gave the season of Easter the same amount of care and focus? If Lent is a season of reflection and repentance, then Easter is a season of celebration and proclamation! Find ways to celebrate life this season and share the Good News with others, like:

- Planting flowers in your garden
- Inviting a friend or neighbor for a walk on a nice spring day
- Volunteering
- Reading a spiritual book or daily devotion
- Starting a gratitude journal
- Engaging in a small act of kindness for someone else each day
- Talking to the church leaders about getting involved in something new at church; there will be a lot of opportunities this summer!

However you choose to celebrate Easter, keep celebrating! The gift of new life in Christ doesn't happen for one day only—it lasts always.

Easter Blessings,

*Pastor Katie*

*Easter 2021*



## *Our Thanks to Everyone who Purchased an Easter Lily*

Jerry Adams	In memory of Carole Adams
Bracewell Family	In memory of all those lost to Covid-19
Jon and Tammy Gaudette	In memory of Donald Kain
Ilene & Floyd Hays	In memory of W.B. Tabor In memory of Howard & Dorothy Hays
Sherry Johnson	In memory of Lola Bullington In memory of Jim Bullington
Pamula Jordan	In memory of Trevor Jordan
Janice Kain	In memory of my husband, Donald Kain
Mary Beth Martin	In memory of Mary & Bob Aernam In memory of Georgia & Leon Klemish In memory of Marion Martin
Susan, Dale, & Nick Martin	In memory of Carol, Dick, & Bob Aernam In memory of Nick's grandparents
Tom and Joyce Miller	In memory of our Parents
Bernie Mills	In memory of Delbert Mills and Clair Bowers
Cheryl Northway	In memory of John, Eric, our parents and families
Cherrie Porter	In memory of Shirley & Bill O'Brien In memory of Steve Hurd In memory of Hazel Warren
Jill Simonsen	In honor of Betsy Simonsen & Deanna Cole In memory of George Cole
Katie Temple	In memory of Beulah Temple



## **RCC BOOK GROUP**

On **Wednesday, May 28 at 7 pm** we will discuss our May book: *The Midnight Library* by Matthew Haig

From Amazon: **The New York Times** bestselling **WORLDWIDE phenomenon** | Winner of the Goodreads Choice Award for Fiction | A Good Morning America Book Club Pick | “A feel-good book guaranteed to lift your spirits.”—*The Washington Post*  
**The dazzling reader-favorite about the choices that go into a life well lived, from the acclaimed author of *How To Stop Time* and *The Comfort Book*.**

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our

lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

June—*Beach Read* by Emily Henry

July—*Becoming* by Michelle Obama

August—*The Last Anniversary* by Liane Moriarty

September—*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

October—*Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man* by Fannie Flagg

November—*Seven Days of Us* by Francesca Hornak



# EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT



The Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt was a success! We had 8 church members volunteer their yards to hide Easter eggs and we had 18 children participate, with lots of parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles tagging along!



# Thank you

Dear RCC,  
Thank you so much for the prayers, calls and cards. Everything is a positive progress one day at a time, with God at our side Leonard is working hard to return to a normal life.  
Love,  
Leonard, Linda & Families

Dear RCC,  
Thank you for celebrating my birthday with balloons and flowers and treats! Jake and I loved getting to feast all week on the Jaarsma pastries and we look forward to visiting Coco & Nini's soon--it's one of our favorite restaurants. I am so grateful for the ways this church always makes special occasions more fun.  
Thank you!  
Pastor Katie



# Prayer Concerns

## All Military Personnel and Veterans

Gary Beck  
Jeanne Beck  
Doris Boos  
Jason Boos  
Brian Chittendon  
Connie Dunn  
John & Norma Grinstead  
Ann Hammen's mother  
Tami Hess  
Leonard Northway  
Alicia Robbins & her baby, Beau  
Jeri Sanburn  
Dan Schultz  
Jennifer Sieck  
Betsy Simonsen  
Tristan Spangler-Dunning  
Jackie Tate  
Tom & Marilyn Wilson

In an effort to keep our prayer concerns current, names will remain on the list for four weeks. At that time names will be removed unless you have called the office to ask that a name remain on the list and give an update on the person's well-being. If a name is removed and you'd like it on the list again, just contact the church office.  
Thank you for your help!

## Online Giving

- 1.) Send the Church your offering through your online banking and bill pay.  
Set the Church up as a payee: Runnells Christian Church  
Your account number is your Phone # with area code.  
Example: 515.123.4567,  
Address: PO Box 30, Runnells, IA 50237-0030
- 2.) Give through Paypal on our website:  
[runnellscc.org/give](http://runnellscc.org/give)



# Runnells Christian Church

The Body of Christ:



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Here

## Runnells Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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### Church Staff:

Ministers: The Congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Katie Russell Hainline**

Council Chair: Tammy Gaudette

Church Admin/Bookkeeper: Deb Bracewell

Choir Director: Mike Miller

Children's Choir Director: Tammy Feeley

Bell Choir Director: Sheila Aukes

Pianist: Tammy Feeley

Custodian: Leonard Northway

Nursery Attendant: Ann Hammen

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posted!

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## 2020-2021 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tammy Gaudette—Chairperson

Bill Ingle—Vice Chairperson

Pam Jordan—Secretary

Deb Bracewell—Elder Chair

Jon Gaudette—Finance Coordinator

Kristin Danley-Greiner/Denise Pfister

—Education Co-Coordinators

Tiffany Phillips

—Membership Coordinator

Sheila Aukes

—Missions/Evangelism Coordinator

Jeff Robbins/Blair Phipps

—Property Co-Coordinators

Jill Simonsen/Katie Temple

—Worship Co-Coordinators

## APRIL 2021—COUNCIL SUMMARY

The council met on April 14th, 2021 at 7 pm in –person and Zoom.

Planning for VBS will start after next Covid committee meeting.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success and will plan to continue going forward.

Katie Temple mentioned upcoming mission trips to Haiti.

Church parking lot signs will be going up and property has a request for someone to lend a large broadcast spreader to deal with weeds before additional rock is put down in parking lot.

Fire extinguishers were serviced and replaced.

Youth group will deliver May baskets on 5/2 and mini-golf scheduled for May 16th following worship

Bill & Larry Grove are working on changes to current sign, Bill will also meet with Kevin Seiberling from ETC graphics in Carlisle for sign options. A portable sign to coordinate with current sign was also discussed.

New Council structure update- Reviewed Proposed Governance Model including budget structure. A resolution will be drafted for Council to vote on before introduction of the Governance Model to the congregation.

Pastor Katie reported she will be on vacation April 25 and we will hear a pre-recorded sermon from our regional minister; that will be offered both in-person and streamed. Graduate Recognition Sunday will be May 16. Worship will follow the lectionary readings until at least Pentecost, May 23.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 12 at 7 pm and all are welcome to attend.

—Submitted by Pam Jordan