

The Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RUNNELLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 9 AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15—WORSHIP 10:30



March Events at-a-glance

- Mar 1st—7:30 am Elders Breakfast at Sheila's
- Mar 1st—5:30 pm Youth Group
- Mar 2nd—7 pm and every Monday in March—Lenten Bible Study
- Mar 3rd—7 pm and every Tuesday in March—Choir
- Mar 11th—7 pm Council
- Mar 22nd—11:30 am Potluck
- Mar 25th—7 pm Book Group
- Mar 29—10:30 am 5th Sunday Project during worship
- Mar 29th—11:30 am Youth Group
- Mar 30th—5-6pm Simple Supper

Holy Week at RCC



April 5 - Palm Sunday (Youth Sunday) - 10:30 am
April 9 - Maundy Thursday with Altoona Christian Church - 6:30 pm
April 10 - Good Friday Cross Raising on the Lawn - 7:00 pm
April 12 - Easter Sunrise Service @ Hwy 316 Overlook - 6:25 am
April 12 - Easter Worship in the Sanctuary - 7:30 & 10:30 am

Pastor Katie's Notes

Dear RCC,

In three of the gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do *people* say I am?” And they answer, “Oh, the rumors are that you might be John the Baptist, or Elijah, or one of the other prophets returned to earth.” Then Jesus asks the question again—but it’s not exactly the same question—“Who do *you* say I am?”



“Who do *you* say I am?” may be the foundational question for every follower of Jesus. I think Jesus asks it again because he wants his disciples to know that this is a question they must answer for themselves. It’s not enough to know what other people think or say about Jesus; we have to be able to answer the question from our own hearts.

Our Lenten worship series this year asks that question: Who do you say I am?

Each week in worship we will explore one of the “I AM” statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John. He says:

- I AM the Bread of Life (March 1)
- I AM the Light of the World (March 8)
- I AM the Good Shepherd (March 15)
- I AM the Vine (March 22)
- I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life (March 29)
- I AM the Resurrection and the Life (April 12 – Easter)

These are all different answers to the question, “Who is Jesus?” Each offers us a new way of seeing what Jesus reveals about himself and about God. Each offers us a new way of getting to know Christ for ourselves.

I hope that you will worship with us each Sunday of Lent. I also hope you might consider joining our Lenten Evening Bible Study on Mondays in March at 7 pm, where we will be studying the “I AM” statements even more closely. I hope that when Easter comes, we will each be able to offer our own, unique, faithful answer to Jesus’ question: Who do *you* say I am?

*Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Katie*

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

2020 Lenten Worship Series
Runnells Christian Church



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RCC Youth Group News

In February...

The Youth Group met twice in February. On Super Bowl Sunday we celebrated the Puppy Bowl by making toys and "adopt me" bandanas for dogs at a local animal shelter.



On February 16 we had a day of fun snow tubing at Sleepy Hollow.



In March we will prepare for Youth Sunday, which will be Palm Sunday (April 5) this year. We ask that every youth group member who would like a part in Youth Sunday to be at these two meetings OR contact Pastor Katie to discuss how you would like to participate. We will meet at 5:30 on March 1 and 11:30 on March 29. We still need someone to provide a meal for the youth on March 29th.

We will **NOT** meet on the third Sunday in March (March 15) because of spring break.

Pastor Katie is exploring joining with the Youth Group from Altoona Christian Church for a mission trip with Rippling Hope Ministries in Detroit, July 12-18. Any youth who has completed grades 9-12 and is interested in this trip should contact Pastor Katie.

—Submitted by Pastor Katie

Upcoming Youth Events

March 1—5:30 pm at church to prepare for Youth Sunday.

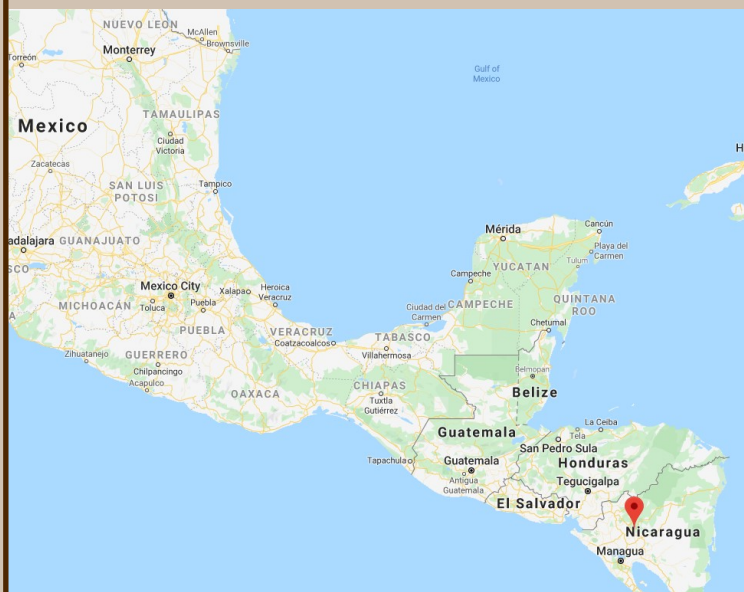
March 29—11:30 We will meet at the church immediately following worship.

Can you provide a meal for the youth on March 29th?

Contact Lynn Phipps at lynn.phipps@southeastpolk.org

International Mission Trip to Nicaragua

Continue to pray for Katie Temple and her son, Seth Reeve, while they are on their mission trip to Santa Emilia, Nicaragua, February 29 through March 7. Katie will be sharing with us during worship on April 26th.



Fifth Sunday Project for March 29th

For our fifth Sunday project in March, we will collect items for Youth Emergency Shelter & Services in Ames, IA. YSS provides emergency crisis and shelter services for newborns through adolescents. They are the only emergency shelter for newborns, toddlers and young children in the state of Iowa. They also provide the largest shelter services for adolescents. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will collect new toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner, and socks for infants through kindergarten. We will also collect new and gently used children's books. Thank you for contributing to this service project.



-Submitted by Sheila Aukes



Please remember
the Food Pantry
this month!

MY HEART ♥ ♥ REUSABLE BAG

SUPPORTING

CARING HANDS
mobilizing compassion

MARCH 2020

Each time a customer purchases a \$2.50 red My Heart Reusable Bag with the Giving Tag at the Altoona Hy-Vee, a \$1 donation will be given to Caring Hands Outreach Center!

HyVee
EMPLOYEE OWNED

This program is designed to make it easy for customers to give back to their local community while supporting the environment.



HVAC Update

In the fall RCC had to replace the two HVAC units that sit on the roof of the sanctuary. This repair cost \$15,500. We are happy to share that, as of Sunday, we have raised \$13,676 for this project! This includes \$1,128.85 generated from the Soup Supper on February 15. Thank you to everyone who helped in the effort to pay down this bill! **Our goal is to reach \$15,500 by May 24, 2020.**

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HVAC Costs Replenishment Campaign

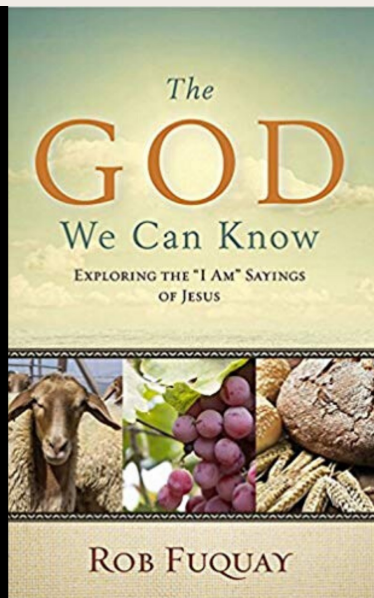
Campaign Ends May 24, 2020

GOAL AMOUNT:	15,500.00	
	14,500.00	
	13,500.00	AS 02-16-20 \$13,676.41
	12,500.00	
	11,500.00	
	10,500.00	
	9,500.00	AS OF 01-01-20 \$9,216.41
	8,500.00	
	7,500.00	
	6,500.00	
	5,500.00	AS OF 12-1-19 \$5,425.00
	4,500.00	
	3,500.00	
	2,500.00	
	1,500.00	
	500.00	
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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS IN MARCH
7 PM

Video & discussion series
based on Rob Fuquay's book
"The God We Can Know"



All Church Potluck

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Please bring a dish to share.
Coffee, tea, water, and table service will be provided.
We hope to see you there!

The RCC Book Group will meet
Wednesday, March 25 at 7 pm
to discuss the book

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart.

From Amazon: A beautiful and distinguished family.

A private island.

A brilliant, damaged girl;
a passionate, political boy.

A group of four friends—the Liars—whose
friendship turns destructive.

A revolution. An accident. A secret.

Lies upon lies.

True love.

The truth.

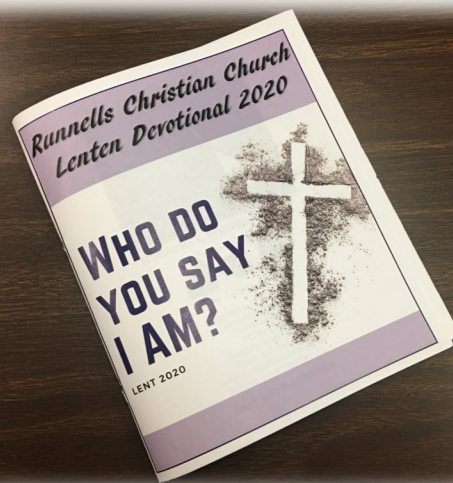
We Were Liars is a modern, sophisticated
suspense novel from New York Times
bestselling author, National Book Award
finalist, & Printz Award honoree E. Lockhart.
Read it.

And if anyone asks you how it ends, just LIE.

Everyone is welcome!



Remember to pick up your Lenten
Devotional at church!



EASTER LILIES

Return this form with a check, payable to RCC for \$9.00 per lily by Sunday, March 29! (You may pick up your lily after worship on April 12.)

_____ Lily / Lilies at \$9.00 each.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to dedicate this Lily(s)

in MEMORY of: _____

or in HONOR of: _____

Your order form and check may be put in the Offering Plate or Church Office. Thank you!



**CAMP REGISTRATION
DEADLINE is
Sunday, April 26!**

*A late fee will be assessed by the
Conference Center
if received after May 1.*

Runnells Christian Church
and our CWF
will pay **50% of one camp**
each child or youth wish to attend.

The camper pays 50%,
the Church pays 30%
and CWF pays 20%.



Church Camp

*For example:
If camp cost is \$230.00*

*Camper pays \$115.00
Church pays \$69.00
CWF pays \$46.00*

You may submit your completed
registration and your payment share
**(payable to RCC or
Runnells Christian Church)**
to the church office by **April 26**
or you may register and make your
payment share online at:

[https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/
copy-of-summer-camp-2018](https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/copy-of-summer-camp-2018)

Click on the
"Register Here for Camp."
If you have questions with
online registration,
please call 641-792-1266.

***New this year you can pay your por-
tion online and forward your confir-
mation email to the church. Please
print the form/receipt
for the church office.***

Pastor Katie counsels CYF1 (June 14-19)

SUMMER CAMP 2020



Live. Love. Camp.

Why send a child to Church Camp? Here are just a few reasons...

- The average kid gets more Christian education at one week of church camp than they do in 1 year of Sunday school.
- Camp builds strong peer relationships that can last a lifetime.
- Many children and youth say their first "mountain top" God moment occurred while at a summer camp.
- Camp is where we seek to live out God's perfect love and acceptance in the real world. Kids need that opportunity.
- Camp teaches kids to try new things and overcome new challenges.
- Camps brings children, youth and adults closer to God!

SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS AND DATES

Grand Camp
(Kids age 4 to Grade 2 who
attend with
one or more grandparents)
Session 1: June 12-13
Session 2: July 10-11

Family Camp
(Kids ages 0-18 who attend
with
one or more adults)
Session 1: June 26-28
Session 2: August 14-16

Beginner Camp
(Grade 2)
Session 1: June 29-July 1

Junior Camp
(Grades 3-5)
Session 1: June 7-12
Session 2: June 21-26
Session 3: July 5-10
Session 4: August 2-7

Middle School
(Grades 6-8)

Rustic Chi Rho 1: June 7-12
Rustic Chi Rho 2: June 14-19
Rustic Chi Rho 3: June 21-26
Rustic Chi Rho 4: July 5-10
Cabin Chi Rho: August 2-7
ADAM Camp: July 19-24
Adventure Camp: July 26-31

High School
(Grades 9-12)
CYF 1: June 14-19
CYF 2: July 12-17
ADAM Camp: July 19-24
Adventure Camp: July 26-31
Standing Rock Camp: June 6-13

Senior Adult Retreat
(Ages 55+)
Session 1: June 29 - July 1

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST



Christian Conference Center
5064 Lincoln Street
Newton, Iowa 50208
Phone: 641-792-1266
www.uppermidwestcc.org



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Ladies & Girl's
Valentine Tea
Feb. 9, 2020



Church
Potluck
Feb 23, 2020

In Sympathy

With Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy

Our prayers & Christian sympathy go out to
the family & friends of:

Donny Sanford

who passed away on February 5

THANK YOU

To RCC & The RCC CWF,
Thank you so much for all the thoughts, prayers, calls
& letters during mom's (Lola Bullington) passing.
The lunch provided by the CWF was nothing short of
amazing when our kitchen was under construction.
Love,
Sherry & The Bullington Boys

Runnells Christian Church,
I want to thank the ladies and children for the beautiful
valentine I received. I started to come to church and
stay for the Tea, but it started to rain. I thought maybe I
should stay home. Thank you again for thinking of me.
In God's Love,
Bernie Mills

Runnells Church Family,
Thanks to all who lifted up prayers and concerns dur-
ing the last two months after Gary's major stroke. The
many cards, calls, and visits have been greatly appreci-
ated by Gary and our family. Gary is now able to walk
with a walker and starts outpatient therapy soon. —
Jeanne, Gary, and family
P.S. Katie, Thanks for your hospital visit and prayers.
—Jeanne Beck

Noisy Offering Report

February donations of \$174.18
will be used for the
Caring Hands Simple Supper
that RCC serves on March 30th.

March Noisy Offering
donations will go toward the
RCC CYF Mission Trip.
Thank you for your generosity!

**All Military Personnel
and Veterans**

Merlyne Ackes

Jim Adams

Gary Beck

Lisa Bistline

The Boos Family

John Browers

Theo Bullington

Barb Calhoun

Debbie (friend of Sherry Johnson's-
paralyzed after back surgery)

Dennis (son of Marlene & Dick Smith
-friends of Jane Charls)

Greg Frye (nephew of Colleen & Jim
Adkins)

**Shannon Lane-St.Pierre's
father**

Jennifer Lessard

Dale Miller

Wanda Mitchell

Courtney Neal

Doug Redhead

Mari Rowe

Betsy Simonsen

Stan Simonsen

Lucile Stone

Tim (co-worker of Jack Merkle)

Tom (Tonya Boos father experiencing
health problems)

Jan VanDyke (Pam Jordan's friend
whose cancer has spread to her brain)

Jay Wilson

Prayer Concerns



Prairie Vista Village
2785 1st Avenue South
Altoona, IA 50009

Dorothy Bowers—#231

Bill Henry—#122

Doris Miller—#237

Nancy Moore—#242



Valley View Village:

Jeanne Vermie

2555 Guthrie Ave.

Bldg. C

Des Moines, IA 50317



Alex Gaudette

4792 W Braddock Rd,
Alexandria, VA 22311

Home Communion

Our elders are taking Communion once a month to those who
are homebound, in nursing homes or hospitalized.
If you are not receiving Communion or know of
someone who would like Communion brought to
them, please contact our elder chair,
Katie Temple at 515.966.2580.



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 un-
less you have called the
office to ask that a name
remain on the list and give
an update on the person's
well-being.
Thanks for your help!

Runnells Christian Church

The Body of Christ:



Building



Growing



Serving

Place
Stamp
Here

Runnells Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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P.O. Box 30
Runnells, Iowa 50237

*(Please use P.O. Box 30 when
addressing all mail to Church)*

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pastor.krussell@gmail.com
Website: www.runnellscc.org

Church Staff:

Ministers: The Congregation
Pastor: Rev. Katie Russell Hainline—515-669-6036
Council Chair: Tammy Gaudette
Church Secretaries:
Barb Miller/Sue Howard/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

Address Service Requested



Has your address
changed?



Keep us
posted!

(U. S. Post Office requires P.O. Box 30 on all church mail.)

FEBRUARY 2020 COUNCIL SUMMARY

The council met on February 12th,
2020 at 7:00pm

We have raised \$12,000 towards
the HVAC fund.

The Youth is going tubing at
Sleepy Hollow on the 16th.

The potluck is scheduled for
February 23.

Check your calendar for more
important dates in March.

The Personnel Committee
proposed a parental leave policy
for full-time employees and the
council approved.

Next council meeting is March
11th at 7:00pm.

All our welcome to attend the
council meetings.

Submitted by Tiffany Phillips

2019-2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tammy Gaudette—Chairperson
Bill Ingle—Vice Chairperson
Tiffany Phillips—Secretary
Jack Merkle/Sherry Johnson
—Membership Co-Coordinators
Katie Temple—Elder Chair
Kristin Danley-Greiner/Denise Pfister
—Education Co-Coordinators
Jon Gaudette
—Finance Coordinator
Sheila Aukes
—Missions/Evangelism Coordinator
Jeff Robbins/Blair Phipps
—Property Co-Coordinators
Marybeth Martin/Jill Simonsen
—Worship Co-Coordinators

Sunday, March 8th



SPRING
FORWARD

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!