

May Encounter 2025

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A Word from Pastor Eric – May 2025

As we step into the month of May, we are surrounded by the beauty of renewal. Spring is in full bloom, reminding us of the endless creativity of God, who calls us to embrace new beginnings. The Resurrection story we celebrate during Easter continues to unfold—not as a single event in history, but as an ongoing call to transformation in our own lives.

In the spirit of renewal, we are invited to reflect on how we live out our faith in action. Our faith challenges us to embody the radical love of Christ in ways that uplift justice, compassion, and inclusion. As Micah 6:8 reminds us, we are called “to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.”

We would do well to consider: How are we embracing renewal in our lives and community? Are we extending welcome to the marginalized? Are we advocating for the vulnerable? Are we standing boldly in the face of injustice? Our faith is not passive—it is dynamic and alive. It moves us to create a world that mirrors God’s vision of peace and wholeness – the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed.

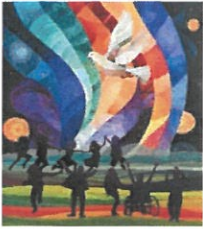
As a church, we are always faced with the challenge of exploring ways to deepen our commitment to justice and reconciliation. I invite you to be mindful of opportunities to serve our neighbors, advocate for justice, and grow together in spiritual community. Let us step forward with courage, knowing that the Holy Spirit is always at work within and among us.

May this season of renewal inspire us to be bold in love, steadfast in hope, and unwavering in our call to justice.

Your Companion on the Journey,

Eric

MISSIONS



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. If the mission and ministry of Jesus is to continue, it is upon us, his disciples to keep it going and prepare for the future. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and world.

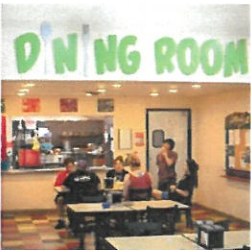
60% of this offering will be used to support children, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. APC will retain 40% of this Offering to use locally. The APC Mission Committee has chosen to contribute these monies to the **Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (IHYC)**, a YSS organization, seeking to eliminate homelessness among children, youth and young families in central Iowa. To learn more about the work of the IHYC, see their website [Iowa Homeless Youth Centers](http://www.iowahomelessyouthcenters.org).

Please consider giving generously to this important Offering. The Pentecost Offering will be collected during worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. If you wish to give electronically, you do so by texting PENTECOST to 91999 or online at pcusa.org/give/Pentecost.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

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IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER



"...We are so grateful for these meals. Our cook resigned a few weeks ago so all meals that get donated really makes a difference to our staff..."

Gabe Tena, IHYC Community Engagement Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the meal that was delivered to the Youth Center in April.



Each month APC delivers a home cooked meal to the Center. **The meal for May will be Sloppy Joe's, chips, fresh veggies, fresh fruit and dessert** and will be delivered to the Youth Center on Monday, May 12th. Sign-up sheet for food contributions is on the Mission table. Use your own family favorite recipe or a recipe can be provided for you.

In addition to the meal, any personal care items or clothing placed in the bin beneath the Mission table will also be delivered. The Center seeks donations of the following:

- Undergarments and socks (adult sizes)
- New or gently used clothing, suitable for work or school- adult sizes
- Hygiene products (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving supplies)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- Bedding
- towels

Direct any questions, or suggestions to Carla Yeager at (515) 669-8620 or yeagercc@msn.com.

LOVE LUNCHES



If you would like to volunteer for Love Lunches to help serve or kitchen duties, please copy the information below and paste into your google search.

Summer 25 Love Lunches Serving Opportunities

What is Love Lunches?

During the school year, some students receive free/reduced hot lunch provided by the school districts/state. This service may not be provided during the summer months, causing financial strain and added stress on families. During the summer months, Hope partners with three other churches in this ministry. Love Lunches serves the children and families of Ankeny, Iowa by providing a meal and opportunity to build relationships with others in the community. Love Lunches provides a varying menu consisting of hot meals, deli sandwiches, and grill-out days. Students and their families are able to enjoy a meal and build community with one another. Love Lunches serves every day except for July 4, and serves between 50-190 meals everyday!

On Site Love Lunch Servers: Lunches are served behind Ankeny Presbyterian Church at 317 SE Trilein Drive. Volunteers are needed from 11:00 am-1:00 pm to help prepare and serve the lunches. **Please sign up all children 10 or older as an individual volunteer.**

[On Site Love Lunches Volunteer Link](#)

Off Site Meal Prep Volunteer:

Bring a dish HOT in a DISPOSABLE pan to the back entrance of Ankeny Presbyterian Church (317 SE Trilein) at 11:00 am on the day you sign up for. Recipe will be provided. - or -
Package 10 or more PNB and Jelly Sandwiches and deliver at 11:00 am on the day you sign up.

[Off Site Volunteer Link](#)

Love Lunch Site Coordinators: This is a great opportunity for those wanting to volunteer at least once a week. Our goal is to have two site coordinators serving each day who take on more of a leadership role sharing the following tasks:

- Show up a few minutes before the other volunteers (10:45) to read through the menu and ensure all supplies are available.
- As other volunteers arrive, assign serving roles and tasks
- During serving time, keep the the serving line stocked with food
- During the serving time, welcome and mingle with the community
- Supervise clean up.
- Reference the next day's menu and check supplies. Communicate with the site coordinating team if there is anything needed.
- Most days your serving time concludes by 12:45-1:00.
- Occasionally pick up groceries at Fareway or supplies from Sam's Club

Opportunity for children's ministry: Donate chips (individual sized bags), granola bars, fruit cups

If you are interested or want to know more please reach out to Melanie Hill, melaniehill01@gmail.com.

Other ways to help:

Donation of Fareway or Sam's Gift Cards

Does your company have interest in supporting Love Lunches? Let us know!

WELLNESS



JUNE 1: OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Rebecca Morris, MSN, RN will be holding a hands-on CPR, Stop the Bleed, and Heimlich maneuver class at 10:50 am on Sunday, June 1 in the church Library. Please consider attending the class, valuable information for everyone. Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the mission table in the Fellowship Hall.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

New this spring: Recycling Drop-Offs - Metro Waste Authority

Ankeny Spring Clean-Up is May 19-20 at Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center. Bondurant's is May 17. (Polk City had theirs April 24-25). For more details, or if you missed your city's date, check Spring Cleanup 2025

What's Accepted?

Items that can be set at your curb include:

- Couch
- Desk
- Lamp
- Toys
- Mattress
- Chairs
- Doors
- Carpet (must be cut into 4' long x 18" diameter rolls)
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What's Not Accepted?

Items that should not be set out at your curb for Spring Cleanup include:

- Appliances
- Hazardous waste
- Yard waste
- Broken glass
- Tires

VACATION

I will be on vacation from May 14th - 20th and will return to work the 21st and 22nd.

Kris Jackson, Administrator



2025 GRADUATES OF APC

Elizabeth Ann Flaugh will graduate from Ankeny High School on Saturday, May 31, 2025. While in high school,

Elizabeth was on the Ankeny varsity dance team where she earned her varsity letters and academic letters. During the dance team, she was also given the team role model award. Elizabeth also received an academic excellence award from her high school as well as distinguished academic achievement from the Iowa High School Athletic Association. Elizabeth also did studio dance at Ankeny Dance and Performing Arts Academy since she was 3 years old. She danced on their triple threat competition team and even made their prestigious ensemble called the Star Dancers. Elizabeth will attend the University of Iowa this fall when she goes to Iowa City to study business. We love you and good luck Elizabeth!

Abby Housker graduated from the Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and English. Abby has an apprenticeship this summer at Open Arms of Minnesota, a nonprofit that prepares and delivers medically tailored meals to critically ill Minnesotans and their loved ones. Abby will be an apprentice under the Farm Manager helping with the urban farm operations in the Twin Cities area. Following the apprenticeship, Abby hopes to obtain a permanent position in her field.

Adda Morris is graduating from Bondurant Farrar High School. She will be attending DMACC for two years then plans to transfer to Iowa Medical school to continue her studies for forensic pathology.

Brayden VanderWilt: I am a graduating senior from Ankeny Centennial High School and will be attending Central College this fall, where I will compete on the cross-country and track & field teams. While I have not yet declared a major, I am excited to explore my interests and choose a field of study.

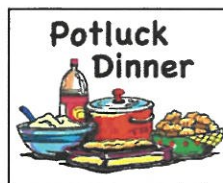
Throughout high school, I have been a member of the National Honor Society and a four-time academic letter winner. I have participated in

donation runs benefiting Blank Children's Hospital for the past four years and have supported local outreach efforts through the Ankeny Service Center and Foster Squad over the last two years.

Athletically, I am a three-time varsity letter recipient in both cross country and track & field. I am a two-time state qualifier in both sports and a two-time Drake Relays qualifier in track & field. In my senior cross-country season, I earned 3rd-team all-conference honors.

My life has been shaped by many things including the people of Ankeny Presbyterian Church. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me throughout the years

Neiley-Joy Forkah-Musoro is the daughter of David and Sue Forkah-Musoro. During her years at Centennial Neiley-Joy participated in many activities including choir, show choir, track and field, Large Group and Individual Speech events, volunteering, and leading in the Student Council, where she served as a chair member. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. She was also involved in every school play and musical, portraying leading and supporting roles and was also head of the Hair/Makeup Crew. Neiley-Joy's achievements include receiving the French Seal of Biliiteracy, the Centennial Academic Letter Award, the Spirit of the Jag Award, the DMACC presidents list award, and earning a scholarship to study abroad for a theatre program in London. Outside of school, her hobbies include dancing, acting, traveling, and hair styling. After graduating, Neiley-Joy plans to attend the University of Iowa and pursue a career in acting.



NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH POTLUCK!

When: May 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Details: Please bring a meat dish OR a side dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.

Food for thought: Jesus often shared meals as a part of his outreach ministry. When our church gathers around the table, it is important that we do more than eat together with our fellow members. Following the example of Jesus, we are called to invite and include outsiders. We will be putting a special invitation on our church sign for those from our church neighborhood. Do you know someone who would like to be included at our table?

HOSPITALITY FOR MAY

Greeters:

4th: Ron & Sue Faerber, Ken Nelson
11th: Sam & Heather Housker, Marge Hennings
18th: Mark & Marcia McAdoo, Susan Turnbull
25th: Dale & Jan Smith, Audrey Kobus

Ushers:

4th: Dan & Brenda Hucka
11th: Jay & Jill VanderWilt
18th: Ken Nelson & Pam Slippy
25th: Chuck & Karen Miller

Worship Leader:

4th: Alice White
11th: Renee McClendon
18th: Karen Miller
25th: Mark McAdoo

Welcome Desk:

4th: Cathy DeMoss
11th: Del Konopka
18th: Mary Weeks
25th: Jo DeHart

Home Communion:

Allyn Lamp - Owens
Sonya Maxwell - Browns
Joyce Mc Cloud - Mary Kleis & Jan Klinker
Al & Cathy Overbaugh - Cathy Bucklin & Jane Middents
Verne & Kelly Murray - Snooks
Emily Wycoff - Lola Peters & Marge Hennings

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Dale Smith
2nd: Carla Yeager
4th: Rico Da Veiga
4th: Jan Smith
5th: Samuel Tekoe
8th: Ruth Wagner
10th: Edna Todd
12th: Jerry Brown
12th: Chuck Miller
14th: Martha DeVries
14th: Karen Pedersen
15th: Jeanne Beardsley
15th: Theo Housker
16th: Cathy Bucklin
17th: Aaron Selby
18th: Verne Murray
19th: Heather Sanders
21st: Jane Wood
22nd: Abby Housker
22nd: Eric Rust
23rd: Yaw Frimpong
23rd: Gail VanderWilt
27th: Jean Campbell
27th: Jane Middents
27th: Wyatt Nutt
28th: Elizabeth Flaugh
29th: Jan Heetland
30th: Randy Korn
31st: Bil Eden





Anniversaries

3rd: Steve & Virginia Maxwell
8th: Jim & Jean Haberichter
25th: Bill & Linda Wehage
27th: David & Sue Musoro
29th: Warren & Beth Brooks



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
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				9:00-11:00am Office Open 9:00am Quilters & Crafters 2:45pm May Day Baskets 5:00 Iowa Youth Choir 6:30 Optimist Group 7:00pm Ankeny Comm Chorus	Office Closed	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Worship/ Communion/ Annual Meeting/ Meet Your Deacon	9:00am-2pm Office Hours 9:00am Morning Bible Study 1:00pm Afternoon Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Mission Comm Mtg	9:00am-2:00pm Office Hours 1:00pm Yoga 2:30pm Gentle Yoga	9:00am-2:00pm Office Hours 10:00am Congregational Life Comm Mtg 1:00pm Afternoon Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	9:00-11:00am Office Open 5:00 Iowa Youth Choir 7:00pm Ankeny Comm Chorus	Office Closed	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day 9:30am Worship 	9:00am-2pm Office Hours IHYS Meal 9:00am Morning Bible Study 1:00pm Afternoon Bible Study 7:00pm Session	9:00am-2:00pm Office Hours 1:00pm Yoga 2:30pm Gentle Yoga	9:00am-12:00pm Office Hours 1:00pm Afternoon Bible Study 5:30pm Worship Comm Mtg 6:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Men's Bible Study Kris on Vacation	8:30am Facilities Comm Mtg 9:00-11:00am Office Open 9:00am Quilters & Crafters 5:00 Iowa Youth Choir 6:30 Optimist Group	Office Closed	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Worship/ Celebrating Our Graduates 10:45am Bible St. 5:30 Neighborhood Potluck	9:00am-11:30pm Office Hours 9:30am PW Bible Study 1:00pm Afternoon Bible Study 2:30pm Deacons	9:00am-11:30pm Office Hours 1:00pm Yoga 2:30pm Gentle Yoga 5:00pm Discipleship Comm Mtg	9:00am-2:00pm Office Hours 1:00pm Afternoon Bible Study	9:00-2:00am Office Open 5:00 Iowa Youth Choir 7:00pm Ankeny Comm Chorus	Office Closed	
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Kris on Vacation