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Please make an appointment if you'd like to come in at any time outside of business hours

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He is 
Risen

THE BEACON

April 2025 Newsletter

Psalm 119:36 states, "Include my heart to Your testimonies and not to covetousness." This verse resonates with me, especially considering how many Americans today seem spoiled rotten. We live in a culture that consistently tells us to prioritize ourselves - messages like "stand up for your rights" and "have it your way" surround us daily.

Our lives are bombarded with advertising, TV shows, and social media that cater to our every whim. This relentless focus on self has morphed into an unhealthy obsession, leading us to a level of self-centeredness that may surpass any other time in history, perhaps even the days of the Roman Empire.

But we must confront a sobering question: has this self-absorption truly brought us happiness? Are we genuinely content with our lives? The stark reality is that it hasn't. Despite the abundance of comforts and luxuries, many of us find ourselves grappling with a profound sense of emptiness and dissatisfaction.

The real antidote to this sense of being spoiled is shifting our focus away from ourselves and serving others. True fulfillment comes from acts of sacrifice and kindness. Like in a strong marriage, having what you dream of requires self-denial and a commitment to your partner.

Philippians 2:4 reminds us to "look out not only for our own interests, but also for the interests of others." This verse echoes the sentiment of Psalms 119:36, which asks God to "Include my heart to Your testimonies and not to covetousness." Both verses encourage us to shift our focus from ourselves to others. Taking a step back to appreciate others in our lives can reveal just how much they contribute to our happiness.

Let's take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of our spouses, friends, and family. Let's truly see what they do for us and make a conscious effort to express our gratitude. This simple shift in perspective can help us break free from our self-centered mindsets and cultivate deeper connections that lead to genuine happiness.

For the Kingdom,
Pastor Josh

Some women from Harvest Church joined a women's conference in Clear Lake at the end of March!



Prayer Night



GOOD FRIDAY



HARVEST CHURCH
6:00 PM

Inclusive Easter Egg Hunt

April 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Kindness Square Inclusive Park
New Hampton, IA

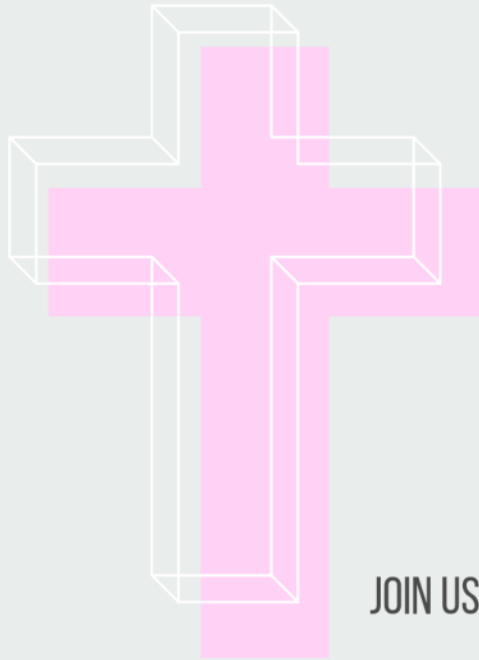
SPECIAL NEEDS children up to 12th grade

There will be sensory, traditional, and wheelchair accessible egg hunts.

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R E S U R R E C T I O N

Sunday



JOIN US APRIL 20TH AT HARVEST CHURCH
8:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 A.M. CHURCH SERVICE

APRIL 20TH AFTER CHURCH

SIGN UP YOUR FAMILY
UNDER THE BLACKBOARD

E A S E R

Branch

Harvest

First Quarter Business Meeting

Sunday, April 27th After Church
-No Potluck-

Bonfire Night

Kids (parents too) are invited to a bonfire at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 30th at Harvest Church!

Bring a friend!

Plus... there will be a bounce house!!



SHIFT THE DRIFT

*"Rekindle your marriage
with intentionality."*



gracemarriage

Marriage is God's idea—a reflection of His love and plan for us. But let's be real: life gets busy, and it's easy to drift apart. Work stress, kids, and unspoken frustrations can quietly create distance. The stressors of life can also steal the joy from our marriage. The good news? You can shift the drift and continue to prevent it from happening. Grace Marriage is a Christ-centered ministry designed to help couples reconnect, communicate better, and strengthen your relationship through intentional investment. No matter your age or how many years you've been married, there's always room to grow in deeper levels of connection. You'll grow in your marriage, talk together and walk alongside other couples doing the same thing. We will start on May 14th at 6:00 p.m. and will meet monthly. Cost is \$189/couple. Go to our website or use our Harvest Church app to sign up!

Happy Birthday!

Ann Knoll - April 1st
Amy Sabelka - April 6th
Pastor Josh Jacobs - April 20th
J.J. Brecurier - April 22nd
Linda Tiemessen - April 30th

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Barb Sauser - April 5th
Paul & Christine Knoll - April 15th

APRIL Greeter Team

Jake and Elizabeth	4/6
Scott and Lori	4/13
Rachel and Bonnie	4/20
Dean and Judy	4/27

If you are unable to greet, please find someone else to take your place, or call Elizabeth at (563) 593-5171

Remember: if you're in Sunday School to leave 10 minutes early to be at the entry on time.

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	3	4	5 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Harvest Church
6 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	7	8 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	9 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	10 5:30 p.m. Coordinat- ing Council Meeting	11	12
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	14	15 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	16 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered)	17	18  6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Harvest	19 11:00 a.m. Inclusive Egg Hunt at Kindness Square Park 
20  8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service After Church Easter Brunch	21	22 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	23 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!) Last Class!	24	25	26
27 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service After Church Quarterly Busi- ness Meeting 5:00 p.m. HARVEST SUNDOWN	28	29 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	30 6:00 p.m. Bonfire and Bouncy House @ Harvest! 			