



## **Jesus Has Risen**—Luke 24

**24** On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ”

### **Prayer for Peace**

Resurrected God: Would we recognize you?  
Would we understand the incredible power you have over death? Grant us the peace that was present in the garden in those moments before your resurrection, and may we spread the peace as the women did who first saw you alive spread the news of your resurrection! Help us to recognize opportunities for peace that once seemed extinguished now as new soil for growing peace. Clear away our doubts that peace may not come to pass and show us how to work to create peace in places across the world. Amen.

### **Mission Prayer**

God, where will your Spirit lead today? Help me be fully awake and ready to respond.

Grant me courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace.  
Amen.

(Where is God’s Spirit leading you today? Listen for God’s voice.)

Welcome to the first edition of “SHOUT THE NEWS” since the pandemic. Thank you, Gaelane Rosinski, for accepting the challenge of being the editor.

Kent and I have enjoyed meeting many of you in person and many of you on Zoom meetings. We want to thank you for your continued support as we move into the future. We live in trying times, I ask that you remember the words found in Mathew 7:7 “Ask and you will be given, Seek and you will find, Knock and the door will be opened.”

We hope this newsletter will be a way to stay connected with each other and to share events happening in your congregations.



## The Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation Church History Tour of Italy

October 4-14, 2024

The 10-day journey will explore the historic sites and museums in Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Florence, Pisa, and more. Guests also have the option of extending their travels abroad with a pre-tour to the Amalfi Coast and a post-tour to Switzerland. Journey with us to Italy for an unforgettable experience filled with history, art, fellowship, delicious foods, and more! For more information go to the website:

<https://www.historicsitesfoundation.org/2024-tour-of-italy.html> or call (800) 247-0017 ext. 500  
or by email at: [eo@travelwithus.com](mailto:eo@travelwithus.com)

### Highlights of the Italy Tour

As you make your New Year's Resolutions for 2024, be sure to include an exciting church history tour of Italy. Join the Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation as we explore history in Italy this October 4-14. History will come alive as our tour guests:

- Explore the ancient city of Rome
- See Augustus' Altar of Peace and Piazza del Popolo
- Experience Vatican City, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel
- Enjoy a walking tour of Assisi and visit to the Basilica of St. Francis
- Relish your time in Florence exploring the Museum of the Works of the Cathedral
- Witness the beauty of historic masterpieces by artists Michelangelo, Ghiberti, and Donatello
- Learn about Community of Christ's past connections to the Waldensian as you travel to northern Italy and visit a historic Waldensian community that was once home to an early RLDS missionary, John Avondet.
- Visit Pisa, Pinerolo, and so much more on this unforgettable tour of Italy!

## Around the Mission Center

### Muscatine Congregation:

**Please join us as we congratulate Deb Wykert** on her retirement effective March 31. Deb plans to spend more time with her grandkids and volunteering more at church and the local quilt guild. Hopefully, Deb can finish quilts that she has started.

**Congratulations go out to Larkin Chapman, who has been** inducted into Muskie Athletic Hall of Fame. Larkin has many accomplishments including band, choir, theater, and cross country track where she accumulated multiple awards. In 2020, Larkin graduated from Iowa State University with a double major in French and Anthropology, with a minor in Russian. She then received her Masters of Science in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 2023, and she is currently a Ph.D. student in Archaeology at the University of New Mexico pursuing a doctorate.

### Quad City Connection:

Was privileged to host Vince & Linda Lewis as guest ministers for a weekend retreat in February. Vince will also be the guest minister at the MC Reunion at Camp Nauvoo this year.

Quad City Connection hosts the following events:

- Family night each third Wednesday which is a big draw. There is food, games, and plenty of fellowship.
- Once a month we “Feed the Hungry” with meals at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport.
- An Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 20th.

### Iowa City Congregation:

On Saturday, March 30th at 10 AM, the Iowa City congregation will again host an Easter Egg Hunt for the community. People are invited into the gym following the hunt, where there will be prizes for the children, snacks, photo opportunities, and crafts.

The following young ladies will be graduating from high school this year:

**Emma Hartman** who is graduating from Tipton High School plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa.

**Airi Thompson** will be graduating from Iowa City West High School and will be attending Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) next year in Beppu, Japan. The university is well-known as one of the best international schools in Japan. It has about 6,000 students with half of them being international students who come from more than 100 different countries.

**Maddie Otis** will be graduating from Iowa City West High School and plans to attend the University of Iowa

### Hannibal Congregation:

The Hannibal congregation has breathed new life into their women’s group that was affected by Covid. About 15 women have committed to the program that meets on the first Tuesday of each month. While much of the meeting time concentrates on the wellbeing of the members, they also seek out projects in community outreach, including blessing bags for the homeless.

Cedar Valley Nauvoo Mission Center Events!

**SUMMER CAMPING EVENTS 2024**

\*Reunion @ Camp Nauvoo: June 15-21

*(Note: Only 1 reunion this year!)*

[Click here to register online](#)

[Click here to download a paper registration form](#)

[Click here for additional information](#)

\*Jr Camp @ Camp Nauvoo: June 22-26

\*Jr Camp @ Cedar Valley Grove: June 30-July 3

\*Family Gathering @ Cedar Valley Grove: July 4-7

\*Jr High Camp @ Cedar Valley Grove: July 7-11

\*SPEC @ Graceland University: July 13-20

\*Sr High Camp @ Cedar Valley Grove: July 28-Aug 3

[Click here for more information on the youth events](#)

**CVG PAINT YOUR HEART OUT #2**

**FUNDRAISER**

May 3-5, 2024

Location: Cedar Valley Grove Campground

Cost: \$55/person for food and supplies

Contact: Gaelane Rosinski

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[Click here for more information](#)

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**Need something to do?**

**There's a lot to do  
around Cedar Valley  
Grove Campground!**

Everyday is a workday at CVG, but especially the third Saturday of each month. If you can help, please call Kent LeVan or just show up on the third Saturday. We need electricians, plumbers, construction workers, cleaners, and lawn workers!  
Kent: (319) 350-4394

**Camp Nauvoo has tasks  
too!**

Dawn Durgin says she will take help anytime someone wants to volunteer!

During the April 5-6 workday there will be a lot to do to prepare the grounds for the summer camping season. Cleaning cabins, tiny houses, the lodge, and cleaning outside (removing boards from the upper level of the deck for new deck boards to be put down late in April, etc.).

Helpers will need all tools and mostly a lot of hands willing to work. Dawn: (217) 453-9930



## **2024 COMMUNITY LEADERS**

A community leader is a liaison between the pastors and the mission center co-presidents. They support the pastors with at least quarterly visits to their congregations, not necessarily as a speaker, but to get to know the congregation. The pastors are to utilize them as sounding boards for ideas and problems they are experiencing. Please feel free to call them as needed.

### **Prayers of Healing for the sick and afflicted...we pray...**

Father we ask blessings for those who are on our hearts and minds that they may find peace in healing and resolutions to the things for which they are prayerful. May their hearts, spirits, and souls be healed and may they feel your hand upon them.

Amen

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