May 28, 2023 **Pentecost Sunday** **9:30 am**

PRELUDE *"When Johnny Comes Marching Home"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.
P: God created all that is!
L: We celebrate that great love of God.
P: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.
L: Rejoice and be glad today!
P: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings.

***OPENING HYMN #110** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

OPENING PRAYER
God, you are God forever. This alone is cause for celebration, but we also know that we are your people! As we feel your love washing over us now, may we love you with every part of our being: heart, mind, body, and soul. We celebrate your love in our lives, and we ask for your help as we try our best to boldly share the good news of your love with others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who models the way for us. Amen.

***APOSTLES CREED** #881

ANTHEM (congregation sings Memorial Day hymns)
Hymn #697 *"My Country Tis of Thee"*
Hymn #717 *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"*
Hymn #710 *"Faith of Our Fathers"*
Hymn #696 *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of grace, forgive us for our choosing to walk the road that we want, rather than the road you have laid out for us. Forgive us when we use words and actions which shatter the hearts of others, while our hearts slowly wither from lack of the breath of your Spirit. Merciful God, may we have nothing up our sleeves, but offer all we have to others in need. May we speak the words you give us, as we share the good news of grace. May we seek to love you as completely and trustingly as did Jesus the Christ, who loved us as sisters and brothers in your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF PARDON
*Gloria Patri #70

CHILDREN'S SERMON
(Please sing *"Where Children Belong"* as the children come up & leave.)

***SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON *Our Irreducible Core – Part I*

HYMN #529 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

THE OFFERING
Offertory
*****Doxology

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
God who guides us on the journey, we offer our tithes and offerings to you, and pray that the gifts we give might be used to bring your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen us, by your Spirit, to stay true to the journey, and to look toward the destination, not with our eyes or ears but with our hearts. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus, our Rock and the light of the world. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS: Carol Williams, Wesley Duhn, Teri Hall, Lynn Anderson, Denny Moore, Sharen Cassem, Marilyn Ostheimer, Jerome Millsap, Todd Hobert, Amy Herr, Darvin Schnell and Jerry Thompson.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespasses)

***CLOSING HYMN #572** *"Pass It On"*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Shalom!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 28	Pastor Kevin gone until June 4
9:30am	Worship with Jeff Griffith
10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship Time
10:45am	Finance Committee meeting
11:00am	Central De Vida Worship
Monday, May 29	**Office Closed/Memorial Day**
2:00pm	Bible Study
Friday, June 2	Pastor Kevin at Annual Conference
Saturday, June 3	Pastor Kevin at Annual Conference
Sunday, June 4	Pastor Kevin at Annual Conference
9:30am	Worship with Jeff Griffith
10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship Time
11:00am	Central De Vida Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday 8:00am- 3:00pm

Estherville United Methodist Church

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Sunday, May 28, 2023

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Music Director: Randy Yackle
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GREETER FOR TODAY: Volunteer Greeters & Cookies

GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
LaVonne Slingerland Ardis Hanson Judy Iverson

USHERS:
Captain: Brian Miller Alex Miller
Cathy Miller Steve Lauritsen
Jerry Wiseman Becky Wiseman

Membership to date	639
Last Sunday	87
Same Sunday Last Year	93

Radio Broadcast: There is no sponsor for the radio broadcast today.

If you would like to use the ***Church Nursery***, it is open for you and your child/children. We will no longer have attendants/nannies available so a parent/guardian will need to stay with their children. There are speakers in the nursery so you will be able to hear the service if you wish.

The SPRC is now taking applications for a ***Church Custodian, Administrative Assistant and Treasurer***. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Deb Clague or Ryan Ross.

Media Team Needed! We are still looking for someone to train that would be responsible for Facebook streaming, running the sound system and managing the computer for visuals on the large screen. If you are interested in joining our media team, contact the office.

Lawn Care Volunteers Needed! Our church has been blessed with volunteers that have taken care of lawn mowing, weed eating and weed spraying for years. As of July 1, this is changing and the trustees committee is looking for new volunteers to take over the church and parsonage yard. This can be an individual or family that would like to serve the church with lawn mowing and weed eating. Please call or text Heidi Goebel to volunteer or with questions 712-209-2246.

The United Women in Faith would like to invite the women of our church and the women of other churches to their ***SPRING FLING & GUEST BRUNCH!*** This will be held here on June 9th from 9:30-11:00am with a program by Jackie Carpenter. Please call the church office to RSVP by June 5th.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE! The family of Darvin and Marilyn Schnell would like to invite you to a celebration for their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 11th from 2:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts please.

Be sure to join us on June 18th for worship and fellowship time to help celebrate ***PASTOR KEVIN'S RETIREMENT***. A card basket will be available.

Community Events

Relay for Life of Emmet County will be Friday, June 2nd from 5:00-10:00pm in the Library Square. The Community Meal begins at 5:00pm with to-go containers available and the cost is $10. Opening Ceremonies begin at 5:30pm. Call Nancy at 712-260-1440 to purchase a luminary.

Estherville Dinner Date has a new caterer! Come for lunch at 11:45am to 4 N 7th Street in Estherville. Please call the day before to reserve your meal 712-380-3716.

The ***Mobile Food Pantry*** will be Thursday, June 1st from 4:00-6:00pm at the Good News Church in Estherville. For questions, please call 712-362-4984.

Ardis Hanson would like to thank all
who sent her cards, gifts and acknowledged
her 90th birthday in anyway.
It all means so much.