










April 2017



Emily Wesleyan Church

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8:15 AM Worship Team Practice 30 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Happy Birthday! Sarah Russell </div>	7:00 p.m. LBA Meeting	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Looking Ahead: Junior High Camp—June 11-16 Senior High Camp—June 18-23 Cedar Springs Camp, Floyd, IA  </div>	

**Church Clean Up Day
April 8th**

We would like to request your help as we prepare for our Easter guests. On Saturday, April 8th we will be doing a special cleaning as well as some special projects. As usual there is a sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Sign up for a job to be done on or even before April 8th. Please contact Bruce Hite at 763-516-1499 if you have questions or to talk about a special project that you might be able to help with. Thank you!



**The Power of The Cross
Easter Celebration 2017**

Easter is a great time of celebration. It is a time when people are interested in church and many have a tradition of coming to church. So it is a great time to give out personal invitations. We will have special Easter invitations ready by April 2 for you to make invitations to family, friends, neighbors or anyone you believe could use an invitation to church.

- ◆ Friday evening at 7:00 pm Jon Friesner and the youth group will be sharing the Good Friday Service.
- ◆ Saturday evening at 6:00 pm, we are inviting people to join us for the movie "Risen". We will provide free popcorn, snacks and a movie you bring your family and friends.
- ◆ Sunday morning starts out with a Sunrise Service at 7:00 am followed by a breakfast at 8:00 am. At 9:00 am we have our traditional Easter Service with special music and a special message.
- ◆ Come join us and invite family and friends to join us for this great Easter Week of Celebration.

Volunteers Needed for:

The Care N' Share ministry is seeking volunteers on Wednesday evenings, 3-5 p.m. or 5-7 p.m., to help with dishes and/or clean up. For information or to volunteer contact Gordy Huff at 218-851-2876.



Remember to visit the church website:
www.emilywesleyan.org



Connections

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*Connecting.....to each other
.....to the community
.....to the Lord*



"Follow"

Some years ago a friend, named Milo, took me on an ATV ride in the winter with some of his friends. As the day wore on it was time for me to get back and Milo had to have his ride trailered back due to mechanical difficulties. His friend offered to lead me back since I was not familiar with the trails. As it got dark all I could see to follow was the tail lights of his ATV. We were sliding around corners moving at a pretty good clip. I tried to stay close enough to him to not lose him but far enough not to run into him. At one point he was going a bit too fast and I was a little too close. He slid off the trail and I followed him, right into the deep snow, and bumped into his stuck machine. It was a little embarrassing. Well we got ourselves unstuck and back on the trail and made it safely home.

That's the issue of following sometimes you end up in places you might not want to be. In situations that would not otherwise be chosen by you. Yet to get home you have to follow all the way.

It is the same way when we become a Christian. We become a follower of Jesus Christ. He is to be the one who leads us through life. The Scripture calls him the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd is one who leads the sheep and the smart sheep are the ones who follow.

I'm not sure what the disciples had in mind when they answered the call to "Come follow me..." I'm sure that they may have had a lot of questions; What does this mean? Where will this lead? What if I don't like Jesus after I begin to follow him? But I'm also quite sure that they didn't expect it to involve the crucifixion of their leader.

The disciples route took many unexpected turns. There were surprises and disappointments all along the way but they were committed to following Jesus. They found themselves preaching, healing the sick, and casting out demons. But they also found themselves at odds with the ruling religious community and watching Jesus die on the cross. But they also witnessed a resurrection Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They had the good and the bad.

Following Christ isn't always easy. Sometimes he leads us in ways we wouldn't otherwise go, or puts us in situations we might not choose for ourselves. But he knows what is best for us and he is with us all the way leading us, giving us the strength to go ahead. The end result is a "well done good and faithful servant," and eternity with God in heaven.

Let us continue to be strong followers.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff