



**First United Methodist Church**  
*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.*  
*To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;*  
*all who are lonely and need companionship;*  
*all who want sheltering love, all who sin*  
*and need a Savior; and whosoever will*  
*—we open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15am Easter Sunday Worship	April 20, 2025
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE	Ryker McCombie
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART	Vivian Eaton
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** LaVona Grissinger  
L: Sometimes the news we receive is so good that we have a hard time believing it.  
**P: That's true. Too often, we are skeptical about positive happenings.**  
L: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.  
**P: Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.**  
L: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.  
**P: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.**

**\*HYMN #307 “Christ is Risen!”**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** LaVona Grissinger  
**Gracious Lord, Easter was such a high point. We walked through the weeks of Lent and then boldly marched with Jesus into Jerusalem. Our steps hesitated and faltered during Holy Week when we ate with our Lord and then ran from his crucifixion. It was so hard for us to really believe in the miraculous event of Easter when our beloved Lord was raised from the dead. We, like Thomas, wonder if it was real or something made up from desperate longing. Help us to listen to your words with our hearts and our ears. Remind us that the Lord brings his peace to us all. Amen**

**\*THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881** LaVona Grissinger  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and**

**earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended Into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME	Rev. Bonnie Davies
SCRIPTURE	Acts 5:27-32 (NRSVUE) LaVona Grissinger
GOSPEL	John 20:19-31 Pastor Fernando
L: The Word of God for the people of God. <b>A: Thanks be to God!</b>	

VIDEO: “Me on Your Mind” Matthew West

MESSAGE: “Peace Be With You” Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS  
PRAYER FOR PEOPLE  
THE LORD’S PRAYER  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OURSELVES  
**\*DOXOLOGY #95**  
**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**  
**God, from you comes every bounty. Every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, We pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creations Until the whole world is redeemed by your love.**

**\*HYMN #514 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**  
**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**  
**\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD** Vivian Eaton

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Herb & Ben Pratt, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli (Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkers, Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham & Kandi (Paul Mayer’s sisters), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), John Norse, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Ron Miller, Jamie Harkness Townsend, baby Wesley and family, Paul & Charlene Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin), Martha White, Rhonda Eickert, Tim Cavanagh, Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin), Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Bill Eyerly (Cori Moore’s dad), James, Kim, & Amanda Gonzalez, Derek Osborn, Nadine Law Renfro, Beatrice Johnson (Kim Gonzalez’ mother-in-law), Vicki & Micheal Thomas ( Paula Mayer’s friends), Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, 5 firefighters injured from area fire departments, the Lars Colgan family, and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**  
May 4 – Jon Floming

**CALENDAR**  
Monday, April 28  
8:30 to 11:30 am – Office Open  
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
Tuesday, April 29 (Earth Day)  
9 am to 12 noon – Office open  
Wednesday, April 30  
8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open  
Thursday, May 1 (Pastor gone)  
9 am to 12 noon – Office open  
9 am – Bible Study  
Friday, May 2 (Pastor gone)  
8:30 to 11:30 am – Office open  
Sunday, May 4  
8:30 am – Prayer group  
9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10:15 am – Worship  
5 to 6:15 pm – Youth Group

WORSHIP HELPERS

	May 4	May 11
Acolyte	Blaine Johson & Boyd Law	Joseph Pasch
Liturgist	James Gonzalez	Noah Johnson
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Tom Michels
Coffee Hour	Ron Miller & Shirley Hastings	Rhonda Law & Kelly Johnson
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 41/80

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WC Food Pantry** –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community that are food insecure.

**Blessing Basket** – We are in need of paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissues. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**The Women's Group** is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

**Prayer Group** – Pastor will hold an in-person prayer group at 8:30 am every Sunday morning. Feel free to attend!!!

**New Member Class** – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

**Choir Practice** – will be **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**.

**Veteran’s Meeting** – will be **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**

**Pastor will be out of the office May 1 & 2, 2025**

**Thursday Bible Study** – will resume on **May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:12 am**. We will be using the book “One Minute After You Die” by Dr. Erwin Lutzer. See the office about obtaining a book.

**Adult & Youth Sunday School last day is May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Blood Drive** – will be on Thursday **May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 to 6 pm** at FUMC. See posters or the office about signing up.

**Volunteers Are Needed** –volunteers to man the Savanna Food Pantry **May 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 9-12 noon**. If you can help please call Molly Andersen at 815-541-6852.

6-12th graders, come have a blast at our

# IMPACT YOUTH GROUP BOWLING BASH

4:00 PM  
TRIPLE PLAY  
1601 9TH AVE,  
FULTON, IL 61252

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

MEET QUINN & APRIL @ 1<sup>ST</sup> UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN SAVANNA BY 3:30 IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RIDE

**9 Holes of Golf 2 Person Scramble at the Palisades May 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

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- Club House Games & Prizes
- Breakfast Only Tickets \$10.00 (9:00 am - 11:00 am)

**Participating Sponsors:**

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Hole 1- First Lutheran Church, Mt Carroll  
Hole 2- Manny's Pizzeria  
Hole 3- Fidelity Bank  
Hole 4- Timber Lake Resort - The Answer Fitness  
Hole 5- Dr. David Purdy DDS  
Hole 6- The Savanna-Bureau Catholic Church

# BLOOD DRIVE

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**Savanna First United Methodist Church**

**Thursday, May 15th**  
**3:00PM-6:00PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
2100 Chicago Ave

To book appointment, scan QR code, visit [bloodcenter.org](http://bloodcenter.org) or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.

Group Code: 2891  
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 3/20/25

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# First United Methodist Church

Sunday, 10:15 am

April 27, 2025

## Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others”

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