

# April 2024

## Sigourney Christian Church

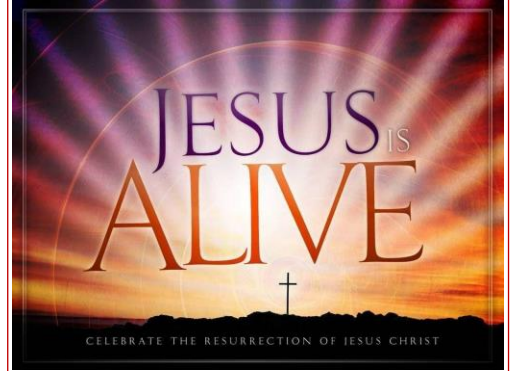
“He must increase, I must decrease.” - John 3:30

As we have just walked through the Easter season, looking at Jesus and His life, I find myself so often wondering what it would've been like to be there watching his life happen. We read through Scripture and we glimpse into amazing things about Jesus' life and all that happened to those around him. I get chills when I think about watching his display of love, grace, truth sharing, and obedience to whatever his Heavenly Father directed him to do. So, each Easter season, I find myself in a posture of awe and wonder. The hope-filled joy of knowing who holds the pen to the pages of my life and who walks alongside me through all my seasons. This my friends, is good news.

If you're like me, I love thinking of Jesus's whole life, not just his years of ministry. I can hardly imagine watching Jesus take his first steps as a wobbly toddler or watching him walk up to be baptized by John the Baptist or to see him feed the 5,000, or to have the honor of hearing Him teach the Sermon on the Mount. All of these amazing things we hear and picture but wow, to actually see them in the flesh sounds like such a gift, a gift that I'd give just about anything to see.

And while that would be an amazing gift, I am reminded that we have the greatest gift of living on this side of the cross. This side of the cross allows his Spirit to live inside you and me, this side of the cross is where death has no more sting. The gift of living on this side of the cross is a gift that we cannot overlook. We have the Word of God in written form that we are able to dig into to learn more about who our Creator is, what his son's life was really like, and why we needed a Savior to take our place.

It's sitting in that awe and wonder that I am reminded of one of my favorite verses, one that has changed my life forever: John 3:30. “He must increase, but I must decrease.” These are seven life-changing, powerful, needed words spoken by John the Baptist. These seven words continue to be a reminder to me of the gift Jesus is to all of us daily. Because of Jesus and His life we are able to live our lives in the posture of decrease so that



**Following are Scheduled April Events**

### Upcoming Events

April 10 CWF Meeting at 530

April 10 Board Meeting at 6:30

April 27 Women's Retreat

**Please visit our Website  
Check out the Daily devotionals on  
the Website**

[www.sigourneychristianchurch.com](http://www.sigourneychristianchurch.com)

**Christian Cupboard  
Hours of Operation  
Monday to Thursday 8:00 to 12:00  
Thursday Evening  
5:00 to 7:00**

our lives increase in Him. How amazing is that? Our Heavenly Father sent His perfect, sinless son Jesus to come and take on the penalty of all we would ever do just so we would have the opportunity to be made right with Him and live eternally together. This leaves me speechless. Jesus had to come and take on all you and I would ever do so we could be eternally right with God forever. He had to

What a powerful, all-consuming love story this is and it's offered to you and me. We get the choice to accept Christ and all His life was, is, and is to come. Because, Jesus's life, death, and resurrection is what tethers us to eternity. Without one part of it, there would be no opportunity to have the gift of grace and mercy. There is no defeated grave without the cross. The magnitude of John 3:30 carries so much importance of who Jesus is and what His life means to us. Everything He calls us to is so that our lives would be ones that soak up the goodness of God and all He has for us, this means we have to decrease. His life calls us to not be afraid to pick up our cross and follow Him. It calls us to love Him more than anyone or anything and walk to always hand in hand with His spirit as we point others back to Him. This is what an increase of Christ looks like in our lives. When we die to self to make Him known. This is what we get invited into, and this my sweet friends is something to celebrate and celebrate we will.

By: Chelsey DeMatteis

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## SIGOURNEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### Announcements:

The Nominating Committee Will be appointed by the Chairman of the Board and confirmed by the Board at the April Board Meeting. The Nominating Committee will then begin working to fill Board positions for the coming year. Anyone interested in serving on a Board Position should submit your name and position desired before April 10. You can leave this information with the Church Secretary and it will be given to the Chairman of the Board. At the May Board Meeting nominations for positions will be approved by the board and submitted to the congregation for vote at the annual congregational meeting which will be held on June 9 Now is the time to consider how you want to serve.

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SIGOURNEY

February 14, 2024

Meeting was called to order, with 11 members and Pastor Dan Glandon present, by Chairperson Lonnie Bell at 6:31 pm.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Dan.

Minutes from last meeting on December 13, 2023, were read. Motion to approve was made by Jill Moore and seconded by Mike DeWeese. Motion passed.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Pastor Dan reported the following:

- Christian Cupboard - Zoom meeting tomorrow with the State of Iowa Food Pantry, so we can purchase food cheaper.
- A refrigerator and a freezer have been donated for the Christian Cupboard.
- News-Review will be coming this Friday to do a story on the church and food pantry.
- Our church service was “live” on Facebook last Sunday.
- “The Better Question” study by Andy Stanley will be on March 3, 10, and 17 following church service
- Pastor Stephen Croft will be here this Sunday giving the message.

ELDERS REPORT: Deb Strait-Clarahan reported the Elders met and discussed the following:

- Suds of Love - Our church is responsible for March 25, July 22, and November 25
- Nursing Home visitations - Our church is responsible for April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, and December 12
- A new laptop has been purchased for the sound booth. Will be using Geek Squad for technical support.
- Youth Group - Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Sundays after church at 12:15 pm
- Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Yenruogis
- Coat Pantry - Seeing if a business would let us hang coats outside of their business for community members to take.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Jill Moore reported:

- The Good News Club was held this afternoon at the Sigourney Elementary School. Our church is responsible for the program on March 13th.
- The Sunday School classes joined together this past Sunday. The lesson was on Fear.
- This past Sunday evening the youth Sunday School class made banana bread and Valentine cards for several people in our community.

WORSHIP: Jill Moore reported the following:

- Will be decorating the church for Easter this coming Friday

FELLOWSHIP: Kim DeWeese reported the following:

- Easter Breakfast will be held on March 31, 2024, following the Sunrise Service at the church.

MISSIONS: Lucas Meier reported the following:

- Pancake Supper - Served 71 community members, 10 helpers, and had 5 take-out orders

CWF: Kim Meier reported the following:

- CWF meeting was held before the board meeting and had six members present
- Four cards were sent
- Blessed to serve at Janet Fairchild’s funeral. Thank you to everyone who served and donated salads & bars.
- Take & Bake Fundraiser - Will make the ham balls and party potatoes on March 9, 2024. RSVP by March 3, 2024. Pick-up will be on March 9, 2024, from 2 pm to 4 pm.

- Women's Retreat - "Prayer Beyond Amen" will be held on April 27, 2024. The guest speaker will be Murette Jorgenson.

TRUSTEES: Mike DeWeese reported the following:

- Electricity in the elevator still needs to be done, so we can plug a phone in the elevator.
- Ceiling fans need to be purchased and installed for the sanctuary.

FINANCE: Lucas Meier reported the following:

- Expenses for the month of December - \$4051.24
- The income was \$10,354.96
- Savings balance is \$7360.47
- Checking balance is \$15,943.77
  
- Expenses for the month of January - \$3589.78
- The income was \$5911.37
- Savings balance is \$7360.80
- Checking balance is \$17,453.15

PERPETUAL FUND: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Kim DeWeese, seconded by Mike DeWeese at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Annette Bell

Board Members

Present: Lonnie Bell, Jill Moore, Kim DeWeese, Mike DeWeese, Kim Meier, Lucas Meier, Harrison Moore, Ruth Manchester, Pauline Bell, Annette Bell, Deb Strait-Clarahan, and Pastor Dan Glandon.

Absent: Larry Ross, Bill Meier, Karen Morris, and Barb Tornow

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