

2nd Ave Church Scroll

A Global Methodist Congregation

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Pastor's Letter

Church, it is hard to believe that we are in the month of April. Spring is in the air, birds are chirping, flowers are blooming, allergies are acting up, and life is returning. As a church we just finished a passion filled, emotional journey with Jesus to the Cross and eventually the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. This is our story and our redemption. It can be tempting to want to move on or move past the Cross and Empty Tomb. Stay there, Church. Be blessed by the power and beauty of what Christ has done and what He continues to do for you and me.

As we put away the Easter decorations it can be tempting to take a break from your journey of discipleship. Don't fall into that temptation. Continue to grow. Continue to serve. Continue to remember that we are a Christ-centered, Holy Spirit empowered church that worships boldly, serves joyfully, and fellowships always. Let's not be people who languish and wait for the next spiritual high after Easter Sunday, let's enthusiastically pursue Jesus with everything we are and let's invite others to join us. As we get ready for our next sermon series let me introduce you to CS Lewis.

This sermon series will begin on 4/14. It will feature CS Lewis' theology accompanied by scripture as well as a lot of his written work. Clive Staples Lewis was born on November 29, 1898, in Belfast, Ireland. As a child he was always fascinated with anthropomorphic animals, and that fascination would lead him to write some of the most compelling characters in the Chronicles of Narnia. Lewis was a close personal friend to JRR Tolkien, a college professor, and a prolific writer. Many have called him the most influential Christian mind of the 20th century. You will be blessed and challenged in this sermon series from April 14th to May 26th. Invite a friend to join you.

Blessings,
Pastor B



Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is open the last Friday of every month (donations of non-perishable, in date food items are always taken—call the office to make arrangements). For April the date will be Friday the 26th. We begin at 11 AM. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the church office.

Monthly Luncheon

A free soup & sandwich luncheon is held the this Saturday every month from 11:30 AM-1 PM—you can dine it or take out. All are welcome! If you're interested in preparing a soup, please sign up in the sanctuary. April's date is Saturday the 20th.



Pastor Brian will be away the first week in April if you have a pastoral emergency please contact the church office or Wendy Lucas directly and they will connect you to the pastor on call.

Pastor Brian will begin a new Sunday school class on one of CS Lewis' most influential works Mere Christianity on 4/14. Acquiring the book beforehand is encouraged but not necessary.

Sign up today for Second Ave Night at Morrison's Cove on 5/1. For \$2 per game you can bowl (shoes include) and \$2 to go roller skating. It would be amazing to have many join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

April Counters:
Priscilla Heidler
Larry Rupp

Giving Options:

Mail in to: 130 2nd Ave,
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You may also visit our website
2ndavechurch.org and click on "Give"

Staff:

Lead Pastor: Brian Sandell
Office Manager/Media: Jill Lang
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Chris Ferguson
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Youth: Nic Harclerode
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In Office Hours Mon.-Thurs.
8 AM-2 PM

Available by email M-F until 4 PM
Sunday Services:

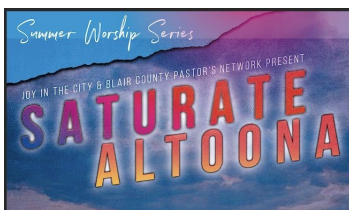
8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

9:30 AM Sunday School

Youth Group 6th-12th grade Sundays
6-7:30 PM

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home screen! You can
contact us, send prayer
requests, listen to our pod-
cast go to our website and
more! Scan below!***



*Every Sunday in June at
Heritage Plaza*

2nd Ave Kids

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Easter Egg Hunt. We had a lot of fun!

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. Signups will be posted on the 2nd Ave Kids page in the near future. VBS will be July 8th through July 12th from 6pm -8pm.

Since we have so many kids participating in junior church, we are in need of some drinks and snacks. You can view our Amazon list of the 2nd Ave Kids Facebook page for ideas on what to get.

If you are interested in volunteering your time in any of our Children's Ministries, please reach out to me at ashleymiller1228@gmail.com.

-Ashley Harclerode

Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped with the Fish Frys. We couldn't have done it without all of you. We will be planning a few other fundraisers over the next couple of months to help cover the remaining costs.

Signups for the mission trip are complete. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this.

If you or someone you know is interested in coming, you can reach out to Nic Harclerode for more details. We are so excited for the growth of the youth group already and can't wait to see where it leads.

Nursery Schedule

The nursery is staffed during our 10:45 AM service with volunteers who have had clearances and Safe Sanctuary training and is available for ages newborn-age 3.

4/7 Rob Miller & Cassie Sweeney | 4/14 Nic Harclerode & Ashley Wombacher

4/21 Ashley Harclerode & Taylor Lawson | 4/28 Janna Detterbeck & Jody Langguth

The ROCK

The last ROCK of the 2023-2024 school year will be May 15th. We have had a great steady group of kids attending the ROCK each week. We are doing wonderful things to help grow the ministry. Please follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with all our activities.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me at ashleymiller1228@gmail.com. We encourage families to join us on Facebook/ @TheROCKat2ndAve.

-Ashley Harclerode, ROCK Director

Save the Date—Block Party

The Block Party will be back on August 24th! Mark your calendar today! This year, we are looking to add craft vendors to our lineup. Craft vendors would have to pay to rent a space, but then would keep all their own profits. See Jody Langguth for more information.