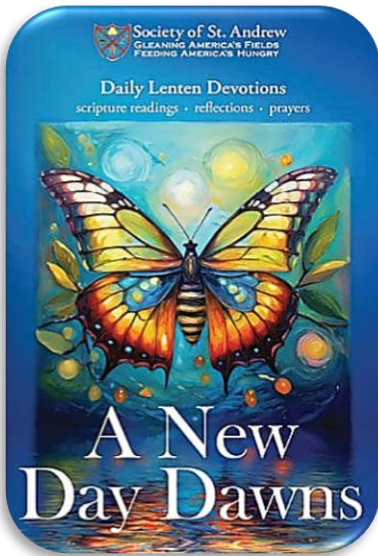


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April 13, 2025



LOUDY DAYS ARE GOOD DAYS TOO

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

Paul's letter to the Corinthians has taken on new meaning to me, along with most of my older family members

and friends, as we've aged. Almost all of us are experiencing health problems and the effects of aging. Accepting the realization our physical bodies aren't what they used to be makes Paul's words even more relevant to us. Looking inward and allowing God to renew us each new day is comforting, especially for those living in constant pain and/or debilitating diseases now. Though our bodies may fail us, God's love does not and continues to give us the needed strength and hope we seek.

Recently, I found myself looking forward to my simple daily task of opening the blinds around the house. Being fortunate to have clear views of the sunrise from my windows, seeing the bright sun in the eastern sky brings a peaceful feeling to me. I'm reminded of God's radiance, eternally with us, which certainly sets my thoughts on a positive, hopeful path. However, cloudy mornings can still bring strength and renewal to us, too. Even though we don't see the sun from behind the clouds, we know the sun and God are still there, in full glory.

Prayer: Lord of all, this Lenten season, may we turn our thoughts from the momentary troubles in our lives and focus on the sacrifices of Jesus for us and that miraculous first Easter morning. May we find wisdom, strength, and hope from the eternal promises Christ gave us. Amen.

Julie Erickson | Olathe, KS

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Service Attendance ~ April 6, 2025

In Person: 51 Live Online: 22
Social Media Hits: 83

Sunday, April 13 ~ Service Information

Luke 19:28-40

"The whole multitude of disciples began to praise God joyfully."

Sunday School @ 9:30 ~ Fellowship Time @ 10:30
Services @ 8:30 & 11:00



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Soup Supper and Communion Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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| 8:30 am | Lakeside Worship Lake Ponca Shelter House 5 |
| 9:30 am | Breakfast Fellowship Hall |
| 10:00 am | Flowering of the Cross 5 th and Cleveland Outside Steps |
| 10:30 am | Easter Games West Lawn (inside if it's wet) |
| 11:00 am | Worship in the Sanctuary |



2025 EASTER OFFERING

At the break of dawn, the women came to the tomb, expecting to

find the lifeless body of Jesus. Inside the tomb, the story takes an unexpected turn and invites us inside the story. In the solemn silence where death was presumed to dwell, the disciples instead encounter awe — a wonder that stirs their hearts and shifts their understanding. The resurrection ignites in us that same wonder, the wonder that gripped the first witnesses of the empty tomb — the wonder of love that conquers death, of hope that defies despair, and of a risen Christ whose presence transforms the world forever.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on April 13 and 20, 2025, provides vital support for the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your generous gift helps equip college students for leadership, strengthens global mission partnerships, sustains health and social service ministries, supports the formation of new congregations, cares for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Your gift has the power to transform lives and extend the love of Christ around the world. Give online today or through your congregation. Thank you for making a difference.

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Giving in Review

As of March 31, 2025

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| Income Received YTD | \$88,934.75 |
| Actual Expenses YTD | \$75,669.80 |
| Budgeted Expenses YTD | \$88,611.74 |