



Good News

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Beautiful the Sanctuary

Please help beautify the sanctuary this spring/summer. Many of you have beautiful flower gardens. Feel free to bring a bouquet of flowers in any Sunday. We have many places to put them in our building. Or if you do not have flowers and would like to contribute, the Farmers Market has beautiful bouquets for only \$5 or \$6. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barb Kleist.



Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on July 20. Let's celebrate summer! Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Brats, burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Our St Francis Food Pantry offering will be taken on July 6.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Immediate needs are water, food and gas cards!

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

July Worship Notes

July 6

4th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 or
Zechariah 9:9–12; Psalm 45:10–17 or
Song of Solomon 2:8–13 or Psalm
145:8–14; Romans 7:15–25a; Matthew
11:16–19, 25–30

July 13

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Genesis 25:19–34 or Isaiah 55:10–13;
Psalm 119:105–112 or Psalm 65:(1–8),
9–13; Romans 8:1–11; Matthew
13:1–9, 18–23

July 20

6th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Genesis 28:10–19a or Isaiah 44:6–8;
Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 or Wisdom of
Solomon 12:13, 16–19 or Psalm
86:11–17; Romans 8:12–25; Matthew
13:24–30, 36–43

July 27

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15–28 or 1 Kings 3:5–12;
Psalm 105:1–11, 45b or Psalm 128 or
Psalm 119:129–136; Romans 8:26–39;
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

In July, we are praying for these individuals/families: Christena Strandt, Steve & Jeanne Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue (Tom) Thompson, Gladys Ulry

July Birthdays

- 2 Joanne Lowry
- Jeanne Strassman
- 4 Deb Zehms
- 7 Dorothy Preston
- 8 Rob Jaenke
- 10 Carter Jaenke
- 13 Floyd Sexter
- Adam Wendt
- 15 Gordy Heimstead
- 19 Morgan Jaenke
- 20 Denny Shepler
- 27 Jim Welk
- Harlan Hartwich
- 29 Stephanie Leipnitz

As you head off to vacation, please remember that the church needs your continued financial support throughout the summer.



Is your pledge up to date? Second quarter statements will be available on Sunday, July 6 or you can call or email Mimi in the church office if you want to check before then.

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

I have just returned from a week of directing one of our summer camps, the Music Art Dance and Drama camp at Moon Beach. Four of our young people were also there, and we had a magnificent time! We are so blessed to have two amazing year-long camps/retreat-centers in our Conference. Thousands of youth and adults come closer to God and to one another at the many camps, retreats, workshops, and other gatherings that take place at Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center. Take a look at their offerings at <http://www.ucci.org>—you might find something that would interest you, with activities for children like summer camp, but also family camps for families of any size and ages (children not required); and activities year-round for adults like golfing, quilting, cooking, Wild Women, song writing, health and wellness, and retreats for those over 60. Part of Our Church's Wider Mission donations goes to support our camps, and through the Conference's generosity over the years we have updated them to be modern in amenities while maintaining a spiritual sense of peace and calm.

I was also at our Conference's Annual Meeting, which is always a fun family reunion of a few hundred people from around the state. We voted for the Conference to be Open and Affirming, which was more a validation of how we have operated for the past 20 or so years than anything new. We also celebrated 20 years of our Lay Academy and the 200+ graduates, some of whom are now serving churches as licensed pastors, and

most of whom are serving their congregations as dedicated and educated lay leaders. We heard reports from our search committees about their processes in finding a permanent Conference Minister and two Associate Conference Ministers, which searches are ongoing, hopefully to be filled by next summer. And we had our usual excellent worship services, some other business (like passing a budget), and a lot of fellowship time as the gathered church.

Here at Plymouth, we continue to work on our evangelism and outreach, with some new members to be added in the coming weeks. Our street ministry has been very busy, especially helping a few new mothers through their pregnancies and births, and also the many others of our brothers and sisters living on the streets who need food, water, clothing, rides to job interviews or help with finding work, and so on. We are doing some powerful ministry here in Eau Claire, thanks to our dedicated volunteers and many of you who have provided food, clothing, and money donations. We can always use extra money for gas—or better yet, gas cards, which will help Plymouth twice: our income from the scrip, plus the help to our street ministry.

Good things are going on for Plymouth and our denomination. You probably know someone who would love to join in on what we are doing—invite them! Lots of people are not in churches on Sundays, and a recent statistic I saw said that one reason they aren't there is because most of them have never been invited.

Many blessings,

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>July 2014</h1> 						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 <i>St Francis Food Pantry offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship	14 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters	16	17	18	19
20 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	21	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters	23	24	25	26
27 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	28	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters	30	31		

Dear Plymouth family,

Many of you have expressed the desire to provide food for George and John during this difficult time of Kay's illness. They are ready for us to help 2–3 times per week...so let's do Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If I can connect with George in time, we will take tomorrow. Then let's begin the group effort next week. Please email or call me with your day and date preference if you have one...and what you will be making. If you have no preference, I will plug you in where needed most. We should do a meal that will last a couple of days and a dessert. I will be happy to pick up your meal and bring it to the family for you if needed.

Dates: Monday, June 30

Wednesday, July 2

Friday, July 4

Monday, July 7

Wednesday, July 9

Friday, July 11

Monday, July 14

Wednesday, July 16

Friday, July 18

We can start a rotation after a couple of weeks. Also, if you are able to help with the pick up and delivery, please let me know.

All people willing to help can call me at (715) 835-6897 or cell 715-829-4098 or email me at debzehms88@charter.net.

Thanks so much!

Deb Zehms