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Worship around the campfire!

Please join us for outdoor worship
on Thursday, August 14.

We will gather at 6:15 P.M.

Snacks will be provided.



CAMP NEWS

To our Plymouth friends:

We thank you all for the kindness we've been shown during this difficult time of Kay's illness and death. The words of comfort, the wonderful meals, or just being with us in your thoughts and prayers has meant a great deal to us. Thanks so much to the "kitchen ladies." Thank you, Pastor David, for your many visits and "Kay's sermon!" Our church family has eased this journey so much. Again—thank you.

The families of Kay Stecher:

*George and John, Dorothy Gilbertson, Paul and Gay,
"Aunt Kay's boys," Emily*

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

August Worship Notes

August 3

8th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21; 1 John 4:7–21;

John 15:9–11

Cathy Reitz, special music

August 10

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28; Psalm 105:1–6,

16–22, 45b; Matthew 14:22–33

August 17

10th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Genesis 45:1–15; Psalm 133; Matthew

15:21–28

Cathy Reitz, special music

August 24

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124; Matthew

16:13–20

August 31

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26,

45c; Matthew 16:21–28

In August, we are praying for these individuals/families: Len Weisfeld, Jim Welk, Ron & Nancy Wendt, Marie Williams, Keith & Deb Zehms

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on August 17. The theme will be “Your Favorite Pasta Dish.” We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on August 3.

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

The date for serving at the Community Table will be announced next month. Watch for it.



Pastor David will be on vacation from August 18 through September 7. Pastoral emergencies will be covered by Rev. Mark Pirazzini (Aug 18–28, Sept 2–7) and Rev. Dave Stratton (Aug 29–Sept 1).

August Birthdays

6	Carter Hulke
8	Steven Green Burt Shepler
16	Sam Zehms
24	Mary Stygar
25	Peggy Norris Sue Thompson
29	Sharon Miller
31	Matt Gilbertson

5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember the ark was built by amateurs; the *Titanic* by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you're with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Beautify the Sanctuary

Please help beautify the sanctuary this 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. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Kleist.



Everything we need to know about life, we can learn from Noah's ark.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600-years-old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Thank You!

"Thank you for helping me get to camp. It is really fun to go."

Travis Eisberner

"Thank you for supporting me, John, Morgan, and Travis and helping send us to camp this year. We had a lot of fun this year. I can't speak for everyone else but I believe that my cabin had a lot of fun. I made a lot of new friends and talked to friends from other years. I want to go back for as many years as I can. It has always been a lot of fun. Thank you again for helping send me to camp this year."

Love, Carter Jaenke

"Thank you for sending us to camp. I had lots of fun. I made new friends and learned new games and can't wait to see or play them again!"

Morgan Jaenke

PASTOR'S PEN



Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

A smattering of thoughts:

We had the great joy two Sundays ago of welcoming two new members: Cindy Halfen and Jens Nielsen. Both have been active in our street ministry since they started worshiping with us, and have been active in other ways as well. It was good to “officially” welcome them into the Plymouth family!

Please be sure to join us for our outdoor worship around a campfire on Thursday, August 14 at 6:15 P.M. We have so much fun every year enjoying s’mores and other treats, lots of talking and singing, and then an informal worship of mostly music. Bring a lawn chair if you have one! And an instrument, too. You can play along with us!

Local singer Cathy Reitz will be offering special music on August 3 and 17 to enhance our worship experience.

I will be on vacation from August 18 to September 7. Rev. Mark Pirazzini will be covering in case of emergency for most of that time, though Rev. Dave Stratton will have a couple days. In case of emergency, Mimi will know who to call. If she’s not in, the phone answering machine will have the proper information.

As part of our evangelism efforts, I am going to Atlanta from August 6–10 to the Center for Progressive Renewal. They are hosting a seminar on Entrepreneurial Church Leaders, leading the church into the 21st century. The

Wisconsin Conference is sending me and a number of other pastors in the Conference to help build up our own congregations and help all our congregations in the Wisconsin Conference. This is your OCWM (Our Church’s Wider Mission) money at work! Thanks to the generosity of the 250 or so congregations in the Conference, we can support pastor training like this.

For those of you who will be traveling, may you have safe journeys and be blessed wherever you go! (And please bring me bulletins from whatever churches you worship at on your travels—I really enjoy receiving them from you and seeing what other churches are doing). For those of you staying here, stay cool and may you be blessed in your homes!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dave Stratton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the word "Blessings,".

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

July 14, 2014

Members present: Deb Zehms, Jim Welk, Rob Jaenke, Louise Partlow, and Pastor David.

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The May Council minutes were reviewed and approved as Council did not meet in June.

Financial Reports:

As of June 30, 2014

Year to Date Income	\$64,403.07
Year to Date Expenses	\$60,400.87
Ahead (Behind)	\$4,002.20

Treasurer's Report:

Income was up for June due to \$1,500 from PIP. Actual envelope income was down. Offerings for the Food Pantry have been paid out.

Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$354.88.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$1,548.00.

Street Ministry:

The balance is \$134.86.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Ron will fix the mower and Jim will mow this week.

Christian Education Commission:

VBS with Good Shepherd and First Presbyterian. Plymouth had no participants, but our teachers helped. Hopefully this will be continued in coming years.

Stewardship Commission:

Hasn't met. Will do so soon.

Worship Commission:

Outdoor worship is scheduled for August 14, a Thursday evening. A pot luck will be held August 17.

Service Commission:

Visits and phone calls are ongoing. Remember to fill out visitation cards—even for phone visits. Thank you!

Women of Plymouth:

They have set November 15 as the date for the Bazaar. They may have a work day for making cards soon.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David will be on vacation from August 18 through September 7. We have received two new members and hope to have more.



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*Council Minutes
continued ...*

Old Business:

- Evangelism Committee will meet soon
- Church Rental: Ron Wendt and Deb are working on yard prep for weddings, etc.

New Business:

- Joanne Thompson wants to meet with us—maybe after church—to help us attract new members, etc.

Next meeting of the Council will be Thursday, August 14 following the Outdoor Worship.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Partlow

SCRIP cards update

SCRIP cards are available for Mega, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: On Sunday, you buy Scrip cards for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. You pay with cash or check made out to Plymouth. We are able to keep 5% of the money that is paid for Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% of what we get for Mega Holiday and Kwik Trip cards! So far in 2014, we have made a total profit of over \$1,000.00!

Be a sponsor!

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a weekly bulletin, or the illumination of the cross on the front of our building in memory or in honor of someone or in honor of a special event, or even just because! Bulletin and newsletter sponsors will be recognized in the issue they sponsor. Cross sponsors will be listed in all publications for the month of sponsorship. Support a bulletin for \$15, a newsletter for \$50, or illuminate the cross for \$50. Call the church office at 715-835-5475 or email Mimi at



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<h1>August 2014</h1>					1	2
3 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	4	5 10:00 a.m. Quilters	6 Pastor David at conference in Atlanta through August 10	7	8	9
10 Prayers for the People 10:30 A.M. Worship	11	12 Election 10:00 a.m. Quilters	13	14 6:15 P.M. Outdoor Worship Executive Council meets after	15	16
17 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	18 Pastor David will be on vacation Aug 18–Sept 7	19 10:00 a.m. Quilters	20	21	22	23
24 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26 10:00 a.m. Quilters	27	28	29	30
31 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission						