



Good News

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2 Maundy Thursday
7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

April 3 Good Friday
12:10 P.M. Worship
First Congregational UCC

April 5 Easter Sunday
8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning
9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship
10:30 A.M. Muffin Sale

Getting ready for church

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

April Worship Notes

April 5

Easter Sunday

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43; John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

April 12

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31

April 19

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36b–48

April 26

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18

In April, we are praying for these individuals/families: Jens Nielsen, Peggy Norris, Edmund & Alice Noyes, Ashley Page, Louise Partlow, Maria Patton, Erma Phephles

Food for Thought

There will be no pot luck in April. Please join us for the Magnificent Muffin Breakfast on Easter morning. Proceeds will go to our campers. We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on April 5 also, so make sure you show your support for those in need of food with your offering.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Large size hooded sweatshirts and sleeping bags are needed. Please contact Mike Henry if you would like to help. As always there is a need for water and gas cards!

Memorials

● Gifts to the **Memorial Fund** directed to the General Fund: *In memory of Gladys Green:* Alice Noyes, Maria Patton

April Birthdays

- 5 Rose Shepler
- 10 Mike Henry
- 13 Pat Sexter
Shawn Barnhardt
- 14 Steve Leipnitz
- 21 Joanne Miller



The Spring Thrift Sale is coming up April 25

Riding lawn mower needed

Plymouth needs a new(er) riding lawn mower. Do you know of a good used mower for sale? If so, please contact the church office and let us know. We are also asking for monetary donations toward this new mower when we find one. You can make a check out to Plymouth and write "Mower" in the memo. Thanks!

Now is the time to check your closets, attics and garages for all the extra items you no longer want or need.

Pre-priced items should be brought to church beginning April 20 for this all-important money raising event. Please watch for the sign-up to help at the sale too!

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,



Easter! Easter is upon us! He is risen, he is risen indeed! This is the holiest of days in the Christian calendar. The day that we celebrate that Jesus defeated death and rose from the tomb. This is always a festive and exciting day, and this year will be no different. We will sing the great Easter hymns, have other special music, read the words of scripture of the women going to the tomb and finding it empty and encountering the risen Jesus. All the pain of Maundy Thursday, all the suffering of Good Friday, all the despair of holy Saturday, completely blown away and erased by the joy of Easter resurrection! It is a good day to worship with your fellow followers of Jesus. And a wonderful day to bring your family, to invite your friends, to invite anyone you come across to hear the good news about God whose love is so overwhelming and boundless for us. This is the greatest story ever told, so make it a day to bring your self and to bring someone else. To a world so full of brokenness, suffering, hopelessness, the Easter story brings healing and hope. That's worth sharing.

Our Easter worship service will be an hour earlier than our usual Sunday worship, starting at 9:30 A.M. But think of worship as starting with breakfast! Our Magnificent Muffin breakfast that begins at 8:30 A.M. This is a fund raiser for our children to go to summer camp.

I hope to see you, and a friend or two, on Easter morning as we say the words together "He is risen! He is risen!"

Blessings of new life and hope,

Executive Council Minutes

March 16, 2015

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Jim Welk, Rob Jaenke, Louise Partlow, and Pastor David

Before the meeting, there was a presentation presented by Rev. Jacoba Koppert and a member of her congregation regarding the capital campaign to upgrade and improve our outdoor ministry at Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center. More information will become available soon.

Barb called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. The February Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of February 28, 2015

Year to Date Income	\$12,934.70
Year to Date Expenses	\$11,768.64
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,166.06

Treasurer's Report:

Income for February was \$12,934.70. Total expenses for the month were \$11,768.64, leaving us with a February gain of \$1,166.06. Income includes 2014 Nut Fund profits of \$1,475.50 and 2014 Scrip profits of \$2,377.50.

Reserve Fund Report:

February balance is \$317.52.

Memorial Fund Report:

February balance is \$9,265.51.

Street Ministry Report:

February balance is \$349.98.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Nothing to report at this time. Maintenance is being taken care of. We need to look for a better lawn mower (new or used).

Christian Education Commission:

Rob will be the new signer on the CE checking account. Film Festival is still ongoing. Easter Muffin Morning is being planned before the 9:30 worship.

Stewardship Commission:

Thrift Sale will be April 25. Announcement starting in church this week.

Service Commission:

Visits are ongoing by Pastor David and other church members. Please remember to fill out a visitation card—even for phone visits. Sending cards would be appreciated also.

Worship Commission:

Wednesdays' noon and evening Soup and Scripture ongoing. Easter worship at 9:30 A.M.

Women of Plymouth:

No report. Will be working on the Thrift Sale.

Pastor's Report:

Plymouth has joined the Chamber of Commerce in Eau Claire. He is meeting with them on Tuesday, March 17. The Lenten Soup and Scripture is keeping him busy.



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**Council Minutes
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Old Business:

- Vote on the new constitution—not much feedback at this time.

New Business:

- Pastor David and Barb Kleist went to a workshop—How to Reach New People. You will hear more on this. Council is discussing.

Next meeting of the Council will be Monday, April 20 at Culver's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Partlow

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. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary.

Don't forget your SCRIP cards!

SCRIP cards are now available for Mega, Mega Holiday, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: They are available for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. We keep 5% of the money that is paid for Mega, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip cards, and 10% for Mega Holiday cards. And at Kwik Trip, when the card is used *inside* the store (with some restrictions like tobacco, alcohol, stamps) they will deposit a 10% rebate into our bank account. So, for example, if you buy a \$100 Mega card, we pay \$95 and keep \$5 to help pay our bills. This is a great way to add to our income without feeling the pinch.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>April 2015</h1>						
5 Easter Sunday <i>St Francis Food Pantry offering</i> 8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning 9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters	8	9	10	11
12 Prayers for the People 10:30 A.M. Worship	13	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters	15	16	17	18
19 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	20 7:00 P.M. at Culvers Leadership Team	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22	23	24	25 Spring Thrift Sale 8 A.M.–4 P.M.
26 10:30 A.M. Worship	27	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30		

