



Good News

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The Pie and Ice Cream Social will soon be here. This is an important fund raiser for our church and an opportunity for everyone to be involved. There are many ways to support this event: offer to bake a pie or two, donate money to help cover the cost of buying the food supplies, help prepare the food, volunteer to work in the fellowship hall clearing the tables and connecting with the people who have joined us for the meal, or invite your friends and family to come to Plymouth for brats, hot dogs, and our delicious pie!



**Both on Wednesday, June 10
11:30 A.M.–6:30 P.M.**

Plant and Garden Sale



There will be a large selection of perennial plants, both sun loving and shade loving, as well as some house plants. We'll also have other "goodies for the garden" such as ceramic pots, bird feeders, trellises, bird houses, shepherd hooks and more!

Getting ready for church

June Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

June 7

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

1 Samuel 8:4–20 (11:14–15) or Genesis 3:8–15; Psalm 138 or Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20–35

June 14

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 or Ezekiel 17:22–24; Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13), 14–17; Mark 4:26–34

June 21

4th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49 or Job 38:1–11 or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16; Psalm 9:9–20 or Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32; 2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:35–41

June 28

4th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27; Psalm 130 or Lamentations 3:23–33 or Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7–15; Mark 5:21–43

In June, we are praying for these individuals/families: Floyd & Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry & Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, Jamie Stafford, Ardith Starr

Food for Thought

There will be no pot luck in June. Please join us on June 10 for the Pie & Ice Cream Social and Plant Sale. We need lots of help all through the day. It's a great time to socialize with many of our family while working for a good cause. We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on June 7, so make sure you show your support for those in need of food with your offering.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Please contact Mike Henry if you would like to volunteer. Items needed by the ministry include: umbrellas; sleeping bags; back packs; food cards, especially for Subway; gas cards for the ministry van, food cards from Mega or Gordy's for large families that we shepherd; size 2 diapers; adult bicycles, nothing fancy but in reasonable, rideable shape; money; shorts (athletic kind with elastic); hairbrushes (VERY clean or new); tennis shoes, in decent shape and clean; men's boxers.

June Birthdays

- 2 Joanne Lowry
Jeanne Strassman
- 4 Deb Zehms
- 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

Memorials

- Gifts to the **Memorial Fund** directed to the General Fund:

In memory of Dorothy Preston:

Dorothy Kruschke

In memory of Kay Stecher:

Dorothy Gilbertson

New Lawn Mower

We have purchased a new (to us) lawnmower, and we need your help in paying for it. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope so that we know what it is for. Also, if there is anyone who would like to help with the mowing, please contact Larry Kleist or Pastor David.

Clean up Time

The church property needs its spring cleaning. Rather than have one specified day, we are asking those who are interested to come on a day when it is convenient for you and work on a project. Things that need to be done are: weeding of the flower beds in front of the church, along the garage and on the Sunday School side of the building; weeding by the sign in front of the church; washing windows inside and out; sweeping the patio area and anything else you think needs to be done. Please help us clean up our property by June 10 when we have the Pie & Ice Cream Social and Plant Sale.

Express Game

We will be going to the Eau Claire Express Game as a group on Wednesday, July 15. Please join us for this fun time and bring along friends. We will sit in the Grandstand, and the cost will be \$9 for the tickets. Please mark your calendars. There will be a sign-up sheet at church in June.



Pastor's Pen



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We have left the season of Easter, and now enter into the long church season that runs between Pentecost and Advent that we call by the very ordinary name, Ordinary Time. We call it that to differentiate it from the other seasons which are special in one way or another: Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. It is a reminder that most of our year, just as it is with our lives, is spent in rather ordinary time. Most of our days are rather ho-hum and mundane compared to the occasional days of celebration, and compared to our occasional days of sorrow. I like that term, Ordinary Time. Even for the church, which is charged with proclaiming the greatest story ever told, we live a lot of our year in a time we call ordinary.

That's a gift. If half of our church year is spent being ordinary, then that means that God is most findable in the ordinary times. Where is God? Surely God is in the great events of the world, and in the joyous special occasions, and in the terrible moments. But God is also in the ho-hum of daily life. We can look for God in the extraordinary, but let us look even more for God in the ordinary. The normal drive to work, a regular evening dinner with the family, another trip to the grocery store or the dry cleaners or the doctor's office, the same old interactions with the same old people at work or at school, another sink of dishes to be washed, another lawn to be mowed, another reading of the newspaper. Moments of life that become rote, and in which we can be very much not aware of the moment we are in. And

by not being aware, we can easily miss the presence of the Divine in our midst. But wherever things are ordinary, that's where God is, because God is wherever we are.

As we enter this season that is ordinary, and which encompasses all of the summer months, it can be easy to let the ordinary take over and forget about God and our church community. But because God is always present, the Church is always present. Plymouth continues its ministries— quilting, street ministry, worship and music, building beautification, pie and ice cream social, fellowship, pot lucks, an Express baseball game outing. Summer time, ordinary time, might slow down for some of us, but not for the church. We will continue to be here to serve our community in the ordinary, because that's where people's lives are lived out. Take some time this summer to be present in the ordinary—make sure to join for worship (and if on vacation, find a church, and bring me back a bulletin!), join the quilters, mow the lawn, do some yard work, volunteer for our street ministry, pray for your church and the people in it, invite someone to come with you, offer someone a ride, and above all, seek God in the ordinary moments of life. You might discover that your faith will grow in unordinary ways.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor David".

Leadership Team Minutes

May 11, 2015

Members present: Jim Welk, Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Deb Zehms, Louise Partlow, and Pastor David

Plymouth's Leadership Team met on Monday, May 11 at Culver's on Folsom Street. Deb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of April 30, 2015

Year to Date Income	\$34,057.65
Year to Date Expenses	\$35,167.71
Ahead (Behind)	(\$1,110.06)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for April was \$7,024.63.
Total expenses for the month were \$6,867.39, leaving us with an April gain of \$157.24. Income includes Thrift Sale profit of \$1,546.97.
Envelope income was about the same as last year.

Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$2,764.24.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$6,811.09.

Street Ministry Report:

The balance is \$268.44.

The Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

An electrician has been called to check our sign lighting by Moholt. We have tree problems with a neighbor. Tree limbs need to be cut as they are over the neighbor's yard. Larry will call someone and Jim will meet whomever comes to see what needs to be done. Jim may have

found a slightly used lawn mower about a year old. We are not having a Clean-up Day. Everyone is very busy right now. Volunteers will continue to work when they can.

Stewardship:

Thrift Sale was a big success. They are working on the Pie & Ice Cream Social on June 10 from 11:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Pastor's Report:

We have a renter for the building for the library at \$200 a month. Plymouth has a new phone and internet service that saves money and works very well. Pastor David will attend MADD Camp in June. May 24 is Pentecost—wear red.

New Business:

- Barb gave a report on the workshop for church growth, "How to Reach New People." We cannot implement changes over night. To change our congregation to an invitational one will take time and will not be easy. As leaders we need to come into this together with the idea of building a stronger, better church. (If you would like a copy of Barb's report, she or Mimi will get one for you.)
- We have tentative plans to attend an Eau Claire Express game on Wednesday, July 15. More info later.

Next meeting of the Team will be Monday, July 13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Partlow



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2015</h1> 						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3	4	5	6
7 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	8	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10 <i>11:30 A.M -6:30 P.M. Pie & Ice Cream Social</i>	11	12	13
14 Prayers for the People 10:30 A.M. Worship	15	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters	17	18	19	20
21 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23 10:00 A.M. Quilters	24	25	26	27
28 10:30 A.M. Worship	29	30 10:00 A.M. Quilters				