

# Good News

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## A word of thanks...

Plymouth received this “thank you” email for our volunteers at the Empty Bowls event:

*Hi Everyone,*

*While this email comes from me, it's really from everyone at Feed My People, its board of directors, Empty Bowls committee members, and the people served by Feed My People. THANK YOU for volunteering on last Thursday at the Empty Bowls event benefitting Feed My People. This event would/could not have been as successful as it was without the 205 volunteers who contributed. That said, The Florian Gardens provides the most incredible venue and personnel to assist and make it all seem so easy. We served 2,373 people—a 13% increase over last year. Those of you who worked the lunch shift definitely saw the increase! We raised over \$67,000—a 22% increase over last year. You all worked so hard to make this happen. KUDOS and THANK YOU.*

*Connie Fick,*

*Feed My People Empty Bowls Volunteer Coordinator*



The beautiful spring flowers that adorned the sanctuary on Easter were given by the following people: **Mary Burns** in memory of Dana Burns, **Donald Erickson** in memory of his mother Beverly Erickson, **Dorothy Gilbertson, Rev. David Huber, Larry & Barb Kleist** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. August Kleist and Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Hinz, **Cathy Lee & Family** in memory of Loren & Esther Lee, **Louise Partlow** in memory of Christena Strandt and Leol Partlow, **Mimi Pederson** in memory of parents George & Hazel

Bosley, sister Trudy Brewer, and Kay Stecher, **Mel Rude** in memory of Pluma Biesecker, **George and John Stecher** in memory of Kay Stecher and in honor of Dorothy Gilbertson and Vera Stecher.

## Getting ready for church

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### April Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

**April 3**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 150 or Psalm 118:14–29; Revelation 1:4–8; John 20:19–31

**April 10**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:1–6 (7–20); Psalm 30;  
Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19

**April 17**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

**April 24**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35

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

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### Food for Thought

Spring is here! It's time for a Spring pot luck. Please join us on Sunday, April 3 for a pot luck after worship. Bring a dish to remind of us Spring. Our St Francis Food Pantry offering will also be taken on April 3.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always, the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards or water.

### Memorials

● Gifts to the **Memorial Fund** directed to the General Fund: *In memory of Kay Stecher on her birthday:* Dorothy Gilbertson

## April Birthdays

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

## Eau Claire Memory Café

The Eau Claire Memory café offers a comfortable way for you and your care partner to have fun and socialize with others who have mild cognitive impairment, early to moderate Alzheimer's or other dementia, and those who worry about memory problems. The café offers a social connection with others having a similar experience, peer support, and free valuable information and education in an informal, relaxed and stigma-free environment. The café is open the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30–11:30 A.M. at the Chippewa Valley Museum Auditorium in Carson Park and the fourth Monday of each month from 1:30–3:30 P.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1804 Highland Avenue. The program is free and sponsored by Our House Senior Living and Eau Claire County Aging & Disability Resource Center. Call Lisa Wells at 715-839-4750 for more information.

## Plymouth Tee Shirts

Did you miss out on ordering the new Plymouth tee shirts? It's not too late! We have already had a few people who would like to order. So let Mimi, Pastor David, or Deb know the size/s and numbers, and as soon as we get six requests for tee shirts, we will be able to place the order. Payments go to Mimi. Checks should be made out to Plymouth UCC. The cost per shirt is \$10, and order forms are available on the table outside the sanctuary.



## The Spring Thrift Sale is coming up May 14

Mark your calendars! May 14 is our spring thrift sale. We need lots of goods to fill the church. Start cleaning out your closets, cupboards, basements and garages. If you have a friend or neighbor who is having a sale before ours, let them know we would be happy to take their leftovers. We will even pick it up!

## ***Pastor's Pen***

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Dear friends and family of Plymouth,


I write this during Holy Week, that space between Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to shouts of "Hosanna!" and the following Sunday on which the women in Jesus' life discovered his tomb to be empty and their friend to have been raised from the dead. Two moments of great joy, the entry and the resurrection, but the time in between was not so great. During Holy Week are moments of anger, betrayal, a celebration of the Passover, denial, abandonment, crucifixion, and burial. There is in Holy Week a sort of summation of human life. Moments of joy and amazement interspersed with the moments of pain and suffering. Weddings, baptisms, births, magnificent sunsets, and holiday meals with loved ones. And funerals, diagnoses of cancer, accidents, job loss, and watching our loved ones suffer.

But Holy Week ends with resurrection. It ends with Jesus' defeat of death. It ends with the new covenant, the promise of new life for all God's people, the promise that God is always with us, and that God's love for us is constant no matter who we are or what we do.

Easter is also not just a one day event, but an entire season! Easter lasts for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, which this year is May 15. The Easter season is a time to remember that Jesus is always with us, present in our lives in love and grace. It is also ten days longer than the season of Lent, giving more weight to the celebration of new life and resurrection than to the lead-in to betrayal and death.

As you begin your fifty day journey through the Easter season, may you do so with a sense of hope and a feeling of Jesus' love for you. And as you travel through Easter to Pentecost, may you spend time meditating more deeply on the ups and downs of life, to awaken your memory of God's presence and power in our lives, and look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation.

He is risen! Easter blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor David". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

## Executive Council Minutes

March 14, 2016

Members present: Rob Jaenke, Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, Deb Zehms, and Pastor David

Plymouth's Leadership Team met on Monday, March 14 at Culver's on Folsom Street at 7:00 P.M. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction. The date for serving Community Table March 29 was incorrect. It should have been March 19.

### Financial Reports:

As of February 29, 2016

Year to Date Income	\$20,459.94
Year to Date Expenses	\$20,373.83
Ahead (Behind)	\$86.11

### Treasurer's Report:

Income for February was \$12,232.57. This includes \$5,500.00 from Reserve Fund. Total expenses for the month were \$12,120.27, leaving us with a February gain of \$112.27. Envelope income was up approximately \$1,000.00 from last year.

### Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$345.86.

### Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$919.82. (No change from January)

### Street Ministry Report:

The balance is \$4,770.21.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

### Building and Grounds:

Oven door in the kitchen is broken. Larry will buy what is needed and repair. June 4 has been selected for a Clean-up Day for yard, windows, etc.

### Christian Education Commission:

Preparing for Easter Muffin Morning and our Brass Trio is practicing for their performances.

### Stewardship Commission:

Starting to prepare for Thrift Sale on May 14. We need as many sale items as possible.

### 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:

Palm Sunday 10:30 A.M. service: a drama will be presented at sermon time. Maundy Thursday, March 24—7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service. Easter service at 9:30 A.M.—one service. Come early for Muffin breakfast at 8:30 A.M.

### Women of Plymouth:

There will not be a Cabin Fever event because there are plenty of other things going on related to Easter, Thrift Sale, election, etc. We will have a bake sale on Tuesday, April 5 Election Day. Plymouth bakers start your ovens! Thank you again!



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*Council Minutes  
continued ...*

**Pastor's Report:**

Lenten season and Easter still ongoing. Working with Mike on Street Ministry to organize a board to help with record keeping. Annual Association Meeting in La Crosse on April 9. Don Erickson is going with Pastor David. If anyone is still interested in going, please contact Pastor David.

**Old Business:**

- Tee shirts—still waiting to see if any more are needed.

**New Business:**

- Another Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, April 25

Next meeting of the Council will be Monday, April 18 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 Holiday, Gordy's, Festival, 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 3% of what is paid for Festival, 5% 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 Gordy's card, we pay \$95 and keep \$5 to help pay our bills. In 2015, we earned over \$1,500! This is a great way to add to our income without feeling the pinch.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>April 2016</h1> 						
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<b>3 St Francis Food Pantry offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 a.m. Pot luck	4	<b>5 Election</b>  (NO quilters)	6	7	8	9
<b>10 Prayers for the People</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship	11  5:30 P.M. EC Garden Club	12  10:00 A.M. Quilters	13	14	15	16
<b>17 OCWM offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship	18  7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	19  10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	21	22	23
24  10:30 A.M. Worship	25  7:00 P.M. Neighborhood Association meets here	26  10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	29	30