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April 9

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30 A.M. Worship

April 13

Maundy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

April 14

Good Friday

12:00 P.M. Worship

First Congregational UCC, 310 Broadway

April 16

Easter

8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning

9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship

April Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

Sunday, April 2

5th Sunday in Lent

St Francis Food Pantry offering

Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45

Sunday, April 9

Palm/Passion Sunday

Prayers for the People

Palm service: Matthew 21:1–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Passion service: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

12:00 P.M. Worship at First Congregational UCC, 310 Broadway

Food for Thought

There will be no pot luck in April. Join us for our last Soup & Scripture on April 5 at 6 P.M.

Easter week begins with Palm Sunday, followed by Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday at First Congregational Church. Join us Easter morning to celebrate the risen Christ. Muffins will be served at 8:30 with our service beginning at 9:30. Please note the time change!

Our Street Ministry can always use money or gas cards. Check with Pastor Mike for other needs. Our Food Pantry offering will be received on April 2.

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

Celebration worship at 9:30 A.M.

OCWM offering

Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10

Sunday, April 23

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22–32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31

Sunday, April 30

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 116:1–4, 17–23; 1 Peter 1:17–23; Luke 24:13–35

In April, we are praying for these individuals/families: Michael (Alba) Green, Cindy (Jerry) Halfen, Kathryn Hamilton, Bea Hancock, Harlan & Charlene Hartwich, Gordy & Audrey Heimstead

Magnificent Muffin Morning

Join us Easter morning for muffins, juice, milk, and coffee at 8:30 A.M. Donations for Easter breakfast will go to offset fees for our campers. Please note that there will be no “take home” sales of muffins as we have done in the past. However, *if* there are “leftovers” from the breakfast, those will be available for purchase after worship.

April Birthdays

1	Eleanor Robison
5	Rose Shepler
13	Pat Sexter
14	Steve Leipnitz
21	Joanne Miller

Feed My People's Open House & 35th Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off

Thursday April 6, 4:30-6:30 P.M.
2610 Alpine Road, Eau Claire

2017 marks Feed My People's 35th Anniversary. Continued community support over the years has helped FMP to reach a greater number of low-income children, families, and seniors with the food that they need to live healthy and productive lives. Please join us in celebrating the generous community that we are all a part of.

Feed My People board members and staff are excited to welcome both long-time supporters and new faces to the food bank for the Open House. At the event, community members will have the opportunity to see what's new at the food bank, take a tour, and enjoy refreshments. Call 715-835-9415 or visit www.fmpfoodbank.org for directions or more information.

Memorials

Gifts to the General Fund

In memory of Sharon Miller: George and John Stecher, Carl & Nancy Rasmussen, Warren & Millie Rathbun, Mark & Susan Jaderstrom, Maria Patton, Judy LaFave

In memory of Maria Patton's brother Heinz: Maria Patton, Theola Sands, Clarice Campbell, Judy Ballard, Family & Friends

In memory of Vera Stecher: Dorothy Gilbertson

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Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

I am excited to let you all know that we have taken on Lien & Peterson as our architects for the new building, and we have had our first meeting with them to discuss what we would like and not like in a new building. They will come back to us with a number of possible designs to look at and modify in early April. We will continue to keep you updated on what's happening.



As we approach our celebration of the day that Jesus rose from the dead, offering us all new life and rebirth, we are beginning our talks about a new building from which to continue our ministry of new life in Eau Claire. I think that is a fitting concurrence!

And speaking of Easter, please note that our Wednesday night Soup and Scriptures will end on April 5 as we finish our discussion (and finish creating our art!) about the stations of the cross. Come see the artwork we have been making. Better yet, come make art with us! Soup at 6 P.M., and discussion following.

April 9 is Palm/Passion Sunday, starting Holy Week. We will begin worship with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, then move through Jesus' passion with a dramatization by some church members and some guests. We'll sing many of our favorite Holy Week hymns, and Cathy Reitz will share her musical talents with us as well. This is always a moving and holy service.

Thursday, April 13, is Maundy Thursday worship at 7 P.M. with Communion and Tenebrae and including music by Cathy Reitz and Sam Zehms. This is a dramatic

worship service that finishes with extinguishing lights as we read the story of Jesus' crucifixion, ending in complete darkness and silence. If you have joined us for this service, you know how moving it is. If you haven't, I highly recommend that you join us this year.

Friday, April 14 is Good Friday, and our worship will be at First Congregational at 12 noon (310 Broadway).

Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday give the proper context for the miraculous resurrection day of Easter. The hopelessness of Jesus' final week, that darkness of death and time in the tomb, and his absence on Holy Saturday make the joy and hope of Easter morning all that much more real and hopeful!

Then April 16 is Easter! Join us that morning at 8:30 A.M. for a breakfast of muffins, juice, milk, and coffee, then celebration worship at 9:30 A.M. We have spent Lent talking about gratitude in good times and in dark times. That can all come to fruition on Easter morning! Show your gratitude and reconfirm your desire to follow Jesus by joining us for worship that will include Cathy Reitz and Sam Zehms singing and our Plymouth Brass Trio on horns. Please do note that we have been worshipping on Easter at an earlier time, and will continue that tradition this year: 9:30 A.M.

Have a blessed final weeks of Lent and a joyful, hopeful, gratitude-filled Easter season!

Blessings,
Pastor David

Leadership Team Minutes

March 2017

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

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Financial Reports:

As of February 28, 2017

Year to Date Income	\$13,919.05
Year to Date Expenses	\$13,931.84
Ahead (Behind)	(\$12.79)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for February was \$5,154.74. This is down approximately \$2,700 from the previous year. We had a loss of (\$12.79) for February.

Bank balance at the end of February:
\$346.36

Reserve Fund Balance: \$1,033.31

Memorial Fund Balance: \$6,977.23

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

We discussed insurance changes during our time at Grace Lutheran. See Old Business.

Stewardship:

A letter will be sent to members regarding pledges as there were a lot less this year.

Worship:

Lenten Services—Wednesday soup suppers are ongoing. We could use more participants. We are coloring posters regarding stations of the cross after a very good meal.

Service:

Keep calling and visiting members and let Mimi know if you have contacted someone. Thank you.

Pastor's Report:

He reminded us of the Annual Association Meeting in Wausau on April 29. Business will be voting on changes to the by-laws. (They are already done—just need to be voted on.)

Old Business:

- RE: New insurance plan---It will be temporary because of rental space and not our whole building. We will receive approximately \$7,700 in credits applied when our payments are made.
- The contract has been signed with the architects, Lein & Peterson.

New Business:

- We are looking into short term investment of some of the monies received from the insurance company to date.
- We will be meeting with the insurance company and the architects as soon as it can be set up. When we get some plans, we can talk to builders.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

The next meeting is Monday, April 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow





Stand in the Light Spring Concert

Thursday, April 20
6:30 P.M.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
1120 Cedar Street

Cathy Reitz, Director
Nancy Wendt, Accompanist

Stand in the Light Choir is for people in the early to mid-stages of memory loss and their care partners. They are invited to sing, enjoy music, and socialize with others living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The spring concert will include lots of fun songs and audience participation.

Don't forget your SCRIP cards!

We have SCRIP cards 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 cards, 5% on Gordy's and Kwik Trip cards, and 10% on 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 2016 we earned over \$1,200! This is a great way to add to our income without feeling the pinch.

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