

Good News

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URGENT NEED!

Our envelope giving as of the end of July is down \$7,500! What does that mean? That means we are taking money out of our PIP fund to meet our basic needs. We still have insurance to pay, salaries to pay, rent to pay, pension and healthcare, water bills, you get the idea. This should be a time when we have no money worries, but it's worse than we ever were! ***If we can't afford to pay our bills now, what is going to happen when we have to support the new building?***

So, please bring your pledges up to date. If you are up to date and can spare a little extra, please do that. We need EVERYONE to help out.

The Leadership Team

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Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

End-of-summer vacation blessings to you all! I have enjoyed seeing and hearing about the travels of our Plymouth people over the summer months (Facebook is wonderful for seeing what you are seeing!), and appreciate the worship bulletins from other churches that you have brought in.

Last night we had our annual Songs and S'mores around the campfire on our Moholt property. It was so good to be back, to stand on our grass and watch our animals and enjoy the outdoors while singing and eating and enjoying fellowship. Many of you who were there commented on how good it felt to be back, even if just for the night.

Our building project continues. We have an appointment with the State of Wisconsin to look at our plans on August 28, and we'll hear a few days later if they have been approved. We will also be sending our plans out to contractors for bids.



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September Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

Sunday, September 3

13th Sunday after Pentecost

St Francis Food Pantry offering

Exodus 3:1–15 or Jeremiah 15:15–21;
Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c or Psalm
26:1–8; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew
16:21–28

Sunday, September 17

15th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Exodus 14:19–31 or Genesis 50:15–21;
Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 or Psalm
103:(1–7), 8–13; Romans 14:1–12;
Matthew 18:21–35

Sunday, September 10

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Exodus 12:1–14 or Ezekiel 33:7–11;
Psalm 149 or Psalm 119:33–40;
Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20

Sunday, September 24

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2–15 or Jonah 3:10–4:11;
Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalm
145:1–8; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew
20:1–16

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on September 3. Join us for this Labor Day weekend pot luck. Bring your favorite pot luck dish. Just remember, we don't have access to ovens or stove tops, but you can bring crock pots.

We will be collecting our Food Pantry offering on September 3 as well as having communion. Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards. Check with Pastor Mike for other needs for our street ministry.

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In September, we are praying for these individuals/families: Kenny (Annette) Polden, Gloria Polden, Aurora (Matt) Robison, Mel & Bobbie Rude, Doug & Nancy Salter, Lil Savage

September Birthdays

2	Steve Strassman
6	Katelyn Phillips
9	Nicole Ivkovich
13	Benji Stygar
20	Keith Zehms
22	Kathryn Hamilton
25	Jim Bliss
29	Nancy Salter
30	Audrey Salter

Memorials

Gifts to the General Fund

In memory of Ardith Starr: Sommerfield, Mariner, and Sheth Families, Michael & Lisa Starr

Designated for Quilters

In memory of Gladys Ulry: Lynne Milward and Family

Pastor's Pen continued...

September brings some of us back to school as students and teachers and staff, so to all of you who will be filling the classrooms and walking the halls of our public schools and universities I wish a year of success and growth! Our denomination's roots include the ones that gave us Harvard and Yale and many other colleges, including Wisconsin's Lakeland, Ripon, Beloit, and Northland colleges, and were instrumental in creating public education in this country. Education has been viewed in high regard by our tradition, and continues to be so. So I pray for a good year for you all!

Some things to look for:

On September 27, we are holding a picnic fundraiser at the park in the Westridge Neighborhood Association to raise money for some playground equipment to be installed there. This will be a freewill offering dinner, and we'll need many hands to help make it work. This is our ministry to our neighborhood, with some help from our neighbors, and a great way to remind our neighbors that Plymouth is still around and cares about our neighborhood. We will send out more details and talk about it more in worship as we finalize our plans.

On September 16, the group Indivisible is hosting a workshop from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Grace Lutheran on non-violence. For anyone interested in how to engage with the world and make change in non-violent ways, which could include how to handle potentially volatile disputes at work or school or the grocery store, this will be a great learning event. More information at their Facebook

event page at
<https://tinyurl.com/y9ubwf4a>.

Also on Sept 16 is the Out of the Darkness walk to prevent suicide at Carson Park from 8:30 A.M. to 12 P.M. I will be volunteering at it, and we could use some more. Please call or send me an email if you would like to help out as a volunteer that day. It says that it goes until noon, but usually the clean up is all done well before that. You may also walk in support of suicide prevention and gather donations if you like. See their Facebook page:
<https://tinyurl.com/y7s7uvfp>

Lastly, the Stand in the Light choir for people with dementia begins its second season on Thursday, August 31. As last year, we have a good cadre of Plymouth volunteers helping with hospitality during the rehearsals and providing snacks. Their fall concert will be November 16 at 6:30 P.M. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Blessings,



Leadership Team Minutes

August 2017

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

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction. The Treasurer's Report stated we were down \$750 from last year. That was for June only! Year to date, we are down approximately \$7,500.



Financial Reports:

As of July 31, 2017

Year to Date Income	\$52,035.19
Year to Date Expenses	\$52,795.55
Ahead (Behind)	(\$760.36)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for July was \$5,554.53; expenses for July were \$6,085.51. We had a loss for July of (\$530.98). July income was down from last year \$1,427.00. Some monies were received from insurance that will cover lost income from this year and for replacement for some of Mimi and Pastor David's items lost in the fire. Breakdown will be figured out. With some of these monies we will be able to catch up on OCWM, Food Pantry, and pay 3rd quarter pensions, etc.

Bank balance end of July:	(\$401.21)
Reserve Fund Balance:	\$1,036.00
Memorial Fund Balance:	\$9,125.03

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Lawn is being mowed. Some large weeds need to be taken care of, maybe some Round-Up.

Stewardship:

The Nut Sale will be here before too long. Regarding Scrip cards, there will be some changes in store policies and we're working on new plans.

Worship:

Outdoor Worship will take place at our church location on August 23. There will be s'mores and songs.

Service:

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

Pastor's Report:

Community Table serving went well. We will have a baptism on September 10 for new baby Grace Rose Cartmill. Aurora Robison's baby girl may be baptized later this fall. The next Interfaith Prayer Service will be October 4 at Grace Lutheran at 7:00 P.M. Clergy Retreat will be October 1-3. Pastor David will be on vacation October 5-11.

Old Business:

- Plans to help the neighborhood association maybe September 27. David is working with them.

New Business:

- Per architects: Madison has our plans on schedule for August 28 as the date they will hopefully okay our plans. Deb and Pastor David will meet with Benedict's regarding vents and sinks. Also, David will meet with audio people. In addition, we discussed a letter Rob received about lightning rods for the new building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Next meeting is September 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2017</h1> 						
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3 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	4 Labor Day  Office Closed	5 10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
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24 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27 Westridge picnic fundraiser	28	29	30