



# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for April 2016

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"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!"  
(Matthew 21:9 [NRSV])

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*Christ the Lord is risen today,  
Alleluia!*

### **Palm Sunday, April 9**

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

*The Passion of Our Lord in Word and Song*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 13**

Tenebrae Service with Communion at 7 p.m.

Rev. Jay Rowland, preaching

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received.

*As is our tradition we gather around the table of the Lord and recall the deepening shadows of the night of his betrayal and the shattering darkness of his coming death.*

### **Good Friday, April 14**

Ecumenical Good Friday service at Zumbro Lutheran Church from noon-1 p.m.

*Join with believers from across the city as we commemorate Christ's death.*

### **Saturday, April 15**

Easter Egg Event from 9:30-11 a.m.

There will be crafts, games and an egg hunt for children through fifth grade.

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come with their children.

### **Easter Sunday, April 16**

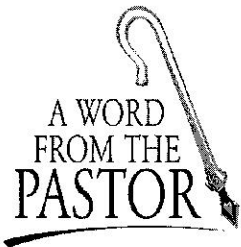
Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Rev. T. J. Parlette, preaching

Easter Brunch served by the youth group (8-11 a.m.)

*No Sunday school classes will be held on Easter Sunday. Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds will be provided throughout the morning. Children's Activities will be offered for children four-years-old through third grade at both services.*





by Rev. T. J. Parlette

April 2017

Back in 2006, comedian Stephen Colbert invented a word that eventually found its way into our cultural lexicon. Perhaps you remember the term "truthiness." Eleven years ago it won the distinction of "Word of the Year." Colbert has defined truthiness as

"believing something that feels true, even if it isn't supported by fact."

Both Dictionary.com and The Urban Dictionary add a different shade of meaning to their definitions. Both include a nod to the idea that truthiness involves believing something based not on fact or evidence, but on one's own intuition, opinion or perception. Truthiness comes about when we believe something based on what we wish to be true, rather than what the evidence will support.

I've been thinking a bit about truthiness over the last couple of weeks. Perhaps you've noticed that major news outlets, such as CNN, seem to coin a new phrase every day to describe how our political leaders present issues to the country. I've heard phrases such as "alternative facts" (which I suppose lead to alternative truth), "counterfactual," "reality distortion" and "evidence-free claim." And of course, we've all become familiar with the term "fake news." All of this leaves me wondering where to turn when we look for what is true.

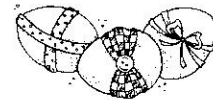
In July 2016, Katharine Viner wrote an article in The Guardian called "How technology disrupted the truth." In that article she wrote, "What is common to these struggles between truth and falsehood, fact and rumor – and what makes their resolution an urgent matter – is that they all involve the diminishing status of truth. It simply means that we cannot agree on what those truths are, and when there is no consensus about the truth and no way to achieve it, chaos soon follows. Interestingly, what counts as a fact is merely a view that someone feels to be true – and technology has made it very easy for these 'facts' to circulate with a speed and reach that was unimaginable even a decade ago."

It seems that truthiness, which started as satire, has become a reality of everyday life.

We are nearing the celebration of our Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday. This is the season in which we celebrate some truths that we hold dear. Our Christian truth is that God loves and values each of us. God loves us so much, that God gave up the Son for us. Jesus, God's Son, came to show us how to live life as God wants us to live – even if it means going against the powers that be in this world, even to the point of death. And the greatest truth of all is this. Ultimately God is in control! Not even death has the final word. God always triumphs. And that, my friends, is not "fake news." That is Good News!

By the way – don't be too surprised to hear some of this come Easter Sunday.

Peace, T. J.



## Easter Brunch

Easter Sunday, April 16  
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Egg bake, breads, coffee, and fellowship oh my!

Join us at 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Brunch. Proceeds from a freewill offering will be donated to a local charity of the youth group's choosing.

We need your help with donations of brunch food and people to volunteer to serve and clean up!

If you have any questions or to volunteer to help, please contact **Kristen Perkins** (perkins.kristen@mayo.edu).



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The Good News is published the first of each month for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church (FPC).

The newsletter tells the story of the church, promotes its programs, and publicizes opportunities to live out one's faith.

Deadline for submission of material is the fifteenth of the preceding month.

### Church Staff

Pastor	Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
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Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Education classes: Sundays at 9:40 a.m.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Visit our WEB site at [www.FPCRochester.org](http://www.FPCRochester.org).

**The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

## Spring is the season for One Great Hour of Sharing!

First Presbyterian Church will be collecting donations to One Great Hour of Sharing throughout April and dedicating them on Maundy Thursday.

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering is dedicated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People. OGHS allows us to show God's love to people in need that live near to us as well as those that live around the world. OGHS funds are being used for programs in places such as Detroit, Michigan; Oakland, California; Auburn, Maine; Uganda, Malawi, Syria, and India.

One Great Hour of Sharing provides relief to those affected by natural disasters and food to the hungry. It also works to empower the poor and oppressed.

Please consider making a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing this month! You can make your check to "First Presbyterian Church" and put it in an offering plate or mail it to the church office.

*~ Information provided by PCUSA  
~ Marylynn Aalderks / Mission Committee*

## games \* egg dying \* Easter story \* crafts \* egg hunt Come on out to the Easter Egg Event!

Join us the Saturday before Easter (Saturday, April 16) from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. for the annual Easter Egg Event! Children through fifth grade are invited.

The morning will start with egg dying, crafts, and games. Then, we'll listen to the Easter story and finish with the famous egg hunt!

Kids should bring their own hard-boiled eggs to dye and a basket to fill with candy and prizes.

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come with their children, particularly preschool-age children.

*~ Rick Morris / Coordinator Youth and Christian Education*

Celebrate our Easter Garden with a donation of \$15. To contribute, put your check (note for Easter flowers) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Following Easter services the Deacons will deliver the plants to our C.A.R.E. members.

## Current Issues schedules class on Workforce Housing Initiative

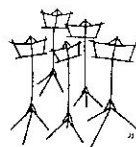
What would you like to know about Olmsted County Workforce Housing Initiative? Come to the Current Events Class on April 30, when **Steve Borchardt** will be our guest and will present information on the Initiative as well as answer your questions. The class meets in the lounge from 9:40-10:50 a.m.

## Brass Roots Trio closes 2016-2017 A Festival of Music season

**Time: Sunday, April 2 at 4 p.m.**

**Place: First Presbyterian Church sanctuary**

FESTIVAL  
OF MUSIC



Brass Roots Trio's colorful programs are a fusion of classical, jazz, Americana, and Latin styles. With trumpet, French horn and piano, they create symphonic sounds that melt into sultry jazz, making three instruments sound like a small orchestra. The trio not only thrills its audiences with instrumental virtuosity, but also offers the bonus of a brilliant operatic tenor.

Concert programs by the trio encompass a wide range of styles in unique arrangements of such notables as Gershwin, Piazzolla, Caccini, Copland, Brubeck, Rossini and Fauré. Their commentaries are informative and often humorous.

Now in its 13th season of concerts, Brass Roots Trio has played to standing ovations and rave reviews in every corner of the United States and Canada. In 2009 they were honored to perform at the White House. **Travis Heath** (trumpet and flugelhorn), **Douglas Lundeen** (French horn and vocalist) and **Rosetta Senkus Bacon** (piano) infuse their music with passion and exuberant energy and their warm-hearted presentation establishes an immediate connection with the audience. Their engagements have included the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in New York, the Guinness Jazz Festival in Ireland, and Cultural Centers and festivals throughout Europe and Asia.

Exhilarating performances and imaginative programming have established Brass Roots Trio as one of the most compelling ensembles of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The concert is open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the social hall. A free will offering will be received.



Brass Roots Trio

in concert

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 2 - 4 p.m.

## Liturgists needed for Sunday worship services

Friends in Christ,

Have you ever considered serving as a liturgist for one of our church services? It is an easy and fun way of participating in our weekly church services. We are in serious need of liturgists for April, May, and June!

The Worship and Music Committee is using the application SignUpGenius to empower folks to sign up whenever they are available.

Here is how it works...

1. In your web browser, enter the address [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)
2. At the top of the page, locate the yellow button that says "Find a Sign Up" and click it.
3. From here you have two options. You can search by email using my email address [duffer45@gmail.com](mailto:duffer45@gmail.com) or if you are already a member, you can log on to the website using the same credentials you use for other sign up activities.
4. If you use the search by Email function, you will get both the 2016 and the 2017 liturgist sign up lists. Simply open the 2017 list and follow the instructions to sign up. You can also use these instructions to change your sign up if necessary.

Of course, if you would rather, you can avoid all the technical on-line stuff by simply calling, texting, or e-mailing me directly (Paul Steger) at 507-259-5137 or [duffer45@gmail.com](mailto:duffer45@gmail.com) and I would be happy to help you.

So, if you have ever considered serving as a liturgist, I hope you take the time to either sign up on-line or contact me, Paul Steger, so we can keep this important part of our weekly church services staffed. Thank you.

~ Paul Steger / Worship and Music Chair

*"Faith In Action"*

## Forums@First offers "Intro to Human Libraries"

Do you remember Rev. Parlette's recent sermon that included the "Human Library" highlight? As you recall, Human Libraries work like regular libraries except the books are people. The Human Library is an interactive exploration of what makes us unique and what makes us all human.

Watch for more details as we approach the F.P.C. spring "Forums@First" on Tuesday, May 30 for an "Intro to Human Libraries." Think about what "book" you might want to check out.

~ Ken Aalderks / Social Concerns Committee

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

"...getting to know you"



**Kara Bjur** (419 7th Avenue SW / Rochester 55902 - 775-813-7980) joined First Presbyterian in December by letter of transfer from The Gathering in Rochester, Minnesota. Kara is a physician at Mayo specializing in pediatric anesthesia in the Pediatrics Intensive Care Unit. Her family lives in Reno, Nevada, and she's lived in Reno, Rochester MN, Baltimore MD, and Denver CO. Kara's hobbies include running, hiking, viola, and Bluegrass. You may have seen Kara in the orchestra for the cantata.

**Patrick Dinneen** (5554 Highway 61 / Silver Bay MN 55614 - 612-419-7155). Although Patrick currently lives in Silver Bay, he grew up in Rochester and his family still lives here. A self-employed attorney, he's in the process of transitioning back to this area from northern Minnesota. When he joined First Presbyterian he said he was particularly interested in the church services and communion and education for Jazmin as well as the spiritual experience.

**Jessica Saled** (911 7th Avenue SW / Rochester 55902 - 507-254-2409) was raised Methodist and is joining by reaffirmation of faith. Jessica is an RN at Mayo and lists her hobbies and leisure activities as outdoor activities, biking, and hiking. She has one daughter, Jazmin, three years old. Jessica is looking forward to church services and VBS.

**Katie Kruger** (1204 7th Avenue NE / Rochester 55906 - 507-272-5464) is already well-known to our congregation as Music Assistant and director of First Players and the Calvin and Cherub Choirs. She also teaches music in the Rochester Public Schools system. Katie was born in Omaha and grew up in Rochester. Her leisure activities include running, playing and listening to music, teaching, and making people laugh.

**Alex Kuisle** (1204 7th Avenue NE / Rochester 55906 - 507-951-2699) is a paraprofessional in the Stewartville Public Schools. Although Alex was born and raised in Rochester, he has roots in both far northern Minnesota and southeastern Minnesota. When not at school activities, Alex enjoys running, writing, music, and cooking. Alex and Katie Kruger will be married in our sanctuary on December 29.

### Summer worship hours set for 2017

The Session has again accepted the recommendation of the Worship and Music Committee to have one Sunday service of worship at 9:30 a.m. during the summer (from Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day Sunday).

## Health care mission trip offers opportunity extraordinary

When your mind wanders to "faraway places" or you think a new experience would be a very good challenge, you may have been stymied by the lack of a good opportunity. There is now such an opportunity.

The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF), a mission component of PCUSA, is organizing a health care team to go to Haiti, where the group will be working in Leogane. Dr. Rudy Roth is the leader and has led teams there four times. The dates for this year's trip are October 7-14.

The base will be Hôpital Sainte Croix. This hospital is supported by MBF and is a major provider of health care in this part of Haiti. The hospital is also the site where the nearby Nursing School, also supported by MBF, does their clinical training. It is the only BSN School in Haiti.

Dr. Roth indicated to me that Pediatrics, Internal Medicine and Family Medicine specialties and nurses "work best." There is also need for an Ophthalmologist. He also said that "but I have found that God provides whoever He will and we watch Him work." MBF wants to create a maternal child center so a Neonatologist, OBGYN, and perhaps labor and delivery nurses would be very helpful.

Dr. Roth indicated that the team will "likely go two days to schools in the country and do school physicals." At the hospital, team members can be matched with Haitian counterparts.

From personal experience this type of experience is both educational, enriching and, at times challenging. If you have any interest at all in this opportunity, I would be very willing to talk with you. I can be reached by email: jonclososon@outlook.com or by phone at 281-1144. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

~ Jon Clososon, MD / Mission Committee

*Thank you to all those who attended and helped with the Cabin Fever soup potluck in January and the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner in February. We served about 45 at the potluck and 55 at the pancake dinner. Both were well attended and enjoyed by many.*

~ Jane Murl / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

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### Christ risen and realized

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Author George Thompson tells of a Jewish rabbi's appeal to Christians during the tumultuous 1930s. On Easter Eve, the rabbi wrote in a newspaper: "I challenge the Christian world to measure itself by the standards of Christ. As long as any group is judged by its creed or color or country in place of its character, Christianity is a sacrilege rather than sanctity. To this end, I summon Christians everywhere to make this Easter to signify Christ realized and not merely Christ risen."

~ Newsletter/Newsletter / April 2017

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

## Spiritual fitness takes front and center in April



Physical, social, and emotional wellness are not the only predictors of our health. Spiritual health plays an important role too. A 2016 study showed that church attendance lowered risk of death by 33% in those who went more than once per week. Whoever is reading this article is in some way involved with church... but are we keeping "spiritually fit"?

1) **Spiritual diet** - It's important to look at what we are taking in. We are what we read! Are we learning at both church/Bible study and at home? Are we praying and listening to God?

2) **Spiritual exercise** - Are we practicing our beliefs? Are we "running the race"? Although we are saved by grace, works and service are the fruit of our faith.

3) **Spiritual fellowship** - Are we connecting with other believers? We call it the church body for a reason - we work together and support and love each other. Whatever our gifts are, there is a place for us and there are people to love and mentor us, and people who need our help.

Every believer is different but we definitely have one thing in common - Jesus! As our great festival of Easter comes, let us continue to pursue spiritual fitness the way we strive for physical, mental and social fitness.

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing Advisory Council

## Plan now to attend Mother/Daughter Tea May 13

Mark your calendar now for a Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m. in the social hall. Please feel free to bring a grandmother, sister, aunt, girlfriend, etc. if you don't have a mother or daughter available. We will have sign ups on Sundays April 30 and May 7.

Dress up is encouraged (hats and gloves) but not mandatory. We will have a program about women in the Bible and a dress up corner for the girls. Light tea snacks will be served.

We encourage you to bring a favorite teapot to be displayed. Please include a small card/sign with your name and a brief description of your teapot (history, why is it a favorite, where it came from). It will be a fun and festive afternoon for all who attend.

We are also asking for donations of girls and womens hats and gloves from all church members (to be borrowed/ returned) to be brought to the church starting Sunday, April 16 (Easter). A donation bin will be in the foyer.

We will be recruiting dads/men to help serve at the tea. Please contact **Jane Murl**, Welcoming and Nurturing Committee, with any questions.



## Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music  
Katie Kruger, Director of First Players,  
Cherub and Calvin Choirs

"Music comes from an icicle as it melts,  
to live again as spring water."  
(William Arthur Ward)

### FOM concludes Lenten recital series

During the 2017 Lenten season, First Presbyterian Church again sponsored organ recitals each Wednesday from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome! One recital remains in this year's series.

April 5 Rev. Matthew Lehman, organist  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, Minnesota

To accommodate those attending the Noonday Organ Recitals, please do *\*not\** park in the parking lot between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent. Thank you!

 <b>Singing and ringing schedule for April</b>			
	8:30	11:00	Both
April 2	Chancel Choir	Special music	No bells
April 9 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	No bells
April 13 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Jubilate Deo rehearses at 6 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. Worship and Communion at 7 p.m. with Chancel Choir and Jubilate Deo Chancel Choir rehearses Easter music at 8 p.m.		
April 14 <i>Good Friday</i>	Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Zumbro Lutheran Church at noon		
April 16 <i>Easter</i>	Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Chancel Choir (both services) Joyous Praise (both services) Calvin Choir at 8:30 a.m.; Cherub Choir at 11 a.m.		
April 23		Chancel Choir	Alleluia Rngs
April 30	Calvin Choir	Chancel Choir	Jubilate Deo

### Sitter Service is one year old!

Sitter Service reached a milestone on March 10. It was one year ago that we first started our new ministry to young families by offering a monthly evening of childcare.

On March 10 we had another great evening of fun, games and energy in our lovely activity center space with 14 children attending. Thanks so much to our faithful volunteers **Marylynn Aalderks, Jean Abels, Sarah Edgerton, Gayle Jones, Cindy Kunzman, Otis Laurberg, Bev Lewis, Allyson Maurer, Jane Murl, Melissa Walk, Vicki Wintheiser and Britta Youmans.**

Our next Sitter Service will be Friday, April 14 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sign up in the church atrium after worship on Sunday, April 9; by calling the church office by Tuesday, April 11 or by contacting **Gayle Jones** (mngjones@charter.net) or 507-993-2443) by Tuesday, April 11.

~ Gayle Jones / Sitter Service Coordinator

## Opportunities abound for adult study, discussion

<b>Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:40 a.m.</b>	
<b>Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a wide variety of topics and interests!</b>	
<b>Bible Study (South Fireside)</b> <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue their study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by <b>Jane Goodfriend</b> and <b>Ruth Walts</b> .
<b>Current Issues (Lounge)</b>	<i>Current Events: the Pros and Cons</i> is the overall theme for the 2016-2017 year. The Current Issues discussion is led by <b>Al Depman</b> . On April 30 Steve Borchardt will lead a presentation on the Olmsted County Workforce Housing Initiative.
<b>Parenting Support Group (Social Hall)</b>	The Parent Support Group is moving to a monthly format! Join us at our table in the social hall between Sunday, April 23. The discussion will be led by <b>Ariel Boswell</b> and <b>Lucinda Clements</b> .
<b>Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:45 p.m.</b>	
<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	April 5 and April 12 A Lenten Study led by <b>Rev. T. J. Parlette</b> <i>The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul</i> by Adam Hamilton.  April 19 and April 26 <i>Core Principles of Christianity</i> Led by <b>Al Depman</b> .

### Expanding our view of service

We often think of serving in terms of Matthew 25: supplying food and clothing; caring for the sick, incarcerated and other "least of these" members of society — serving Jesus in the process. But we also can serve him with our unique talents and by doing things we love.

For example, *Ged King*, a barber in England, devotes some of his time off to giving homeless people free haircuts. Imagine Jesus saying, "For my hair was long and scraggly, and you cut it" — or "My heart was lonely, and you played music to lift my spirits. I could no longer read small print, and you read to me. I have to work two jobs, and you invited my child to spend afternoons crafting with you. My car broke down, and you repaired it." Then the King will say, ... "Come, you who are blessed by my Father ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (based on Matthew 25:34, 40, NIV)

~ NewsletterNewsletter / April 2017



## News from Presbyterian Women

\* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

Circles always welcome visitors and new members! Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2016-2017 Bible study is *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*.

**Esther Circle:** Monday, April 17 at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Hostesses: **Martha Sessler** and **Marcia Dollerschell**. Devotions: **Ursula Thedens**. Bible study: **Sylvia Swede**. All are welcome to attend.

**Priscilla Circle:** Wednesday, April 19 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. Hostess: **Carol Evans**. Devotions: **Donna Lee**. Program: Presentations on Kemmerer Village, Su Casa De Esperanza, and NOROC. These are ministries that PW supports each year. Project: Birthday Offering. Visitors are welcome.

**Ruth Circle:** Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Hostess: **Molly Destro-Borgen**. Devotions: **Lucy Schmidt**. Program: **Phyllis Schmid** (chapter #8 in the Bible Study "Who is Jesus?").

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Join us Thursday, April 13 at 1 p.m. in the lounge for an afternoon of knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** (269-5272) or **Susie McClocklin** (288-7772) if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

## PTCA Presbyterian Women set Spring Gathering April 22 in Stillwater

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will hold their Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 22, at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The theme for this year's event is "Caring for Yourself and Caring for Others." The keynote speaker will be Carolyn Klaver, a registered nurse and community dementia care specialist from Lyngblomsten, a provider of healthcare, housing and services for older adults in the Twin Cities area. Gathering details are available at "Presbyterian Women."

PW will pay for the registration, which includes lunch, for all who wish to attend. Please register with **Peg Parsons**, PW treasurer, by April 13. The mission project for spring is baby kits that will go to the Rural Health Initiative in Sierra Leone.

### Financial Statement / February 2017

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (1/31/17)	\$ 82,770.71
Receipts (February)	+ 53,301.57
Disbursements (February)	- 61,305.65
Balance (2/28/17)	\$ 74,766.63

## Church Family News

### *Birthdays*

Happy Birthday to **Clyde Newton** who will celebrate his 92nd birthday April 21.

Happy Birthday to **Constance Bowen** who will celebrate her 97th birthday April 27.

Happy Birthday to **Jennie Orvis** who will celebrate her 96th birthday also on April 21.

Happy Birthday to **Don Scholz** who will celebrate his 96th birthday April 30.

## Crafters Group welcomes young and old!



The Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Come join in the fun as we make cards for the C.A.R.E. members of our congregation, with all supplies provided; or bring a project of your own to work on. All are welcome!

~ Mary Huie (282-9712) /  
Crafters coordinator

## It's Rummage Sale time; donations and help are needed



This year the annual P.W. rummage sale will be Saturday, May 20. Donations of good quality clothing, books, furniture, toys, and household miscellaneous can be brought to the church beginning Monday, May 8.

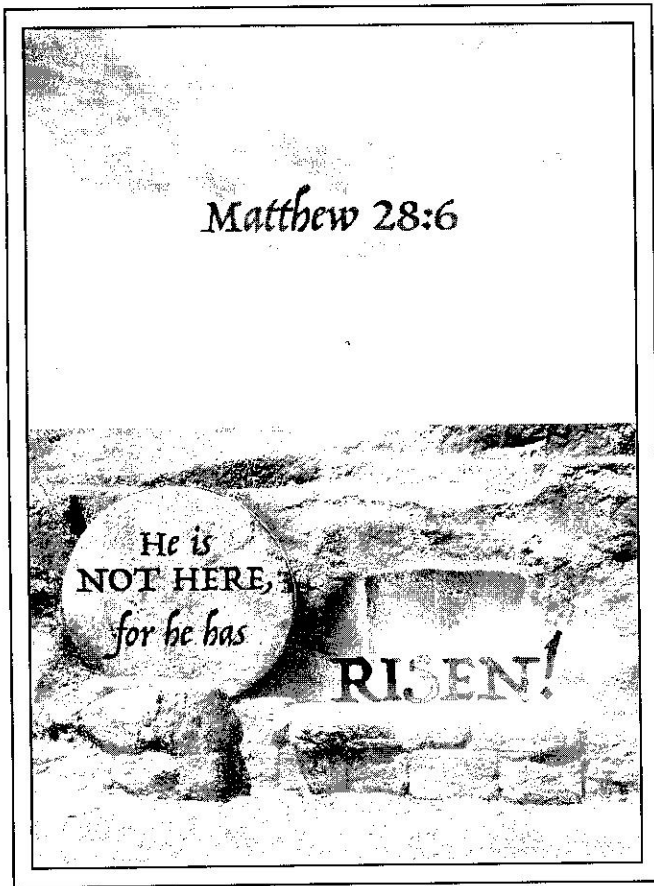
*Note that we cannot accept computers, microwaves, TVs or large exercise equipment.*

If you need to have items picked up, please contact **Sally Brooks** (281-5802) or **Judy Kruesel** (250-5128).

Besides your wonderful, quality and interesting donations, many helpers will be needed beginning May 15 to sort and set up the sale. Please mark your calendars to volunteer for this fun project! "Many hands make light work!"

Saturday will require sales staff in the atrium, lower level, and Boutique. A Clean-up Crew will be needed at 2 p.m. We are looking for co-chairs to coordinate the general (lower level) sale! All proceeds from the sale are used for a variety of excellent mission projects.

~ Judy Kruesel and Sally Brooks / coordinators



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## April 2017

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

**Sunday worship schedule**  
 Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
 Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m.  
 Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m.  
 Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m.

**Wednesday youth schedule**  
 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12)  
 5:45 p.m. Middle and High School youth  
 7:00 p.m. Joyous Praise bells (intergenerational)

2 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Communion 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 14:00 PM FOM/Brass Roots Trio	3 FPC@Community Food Response	4 Most committees meet/check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Guild Support Gp 7:00 PM Deacons south fireside	5 NO choir/bells/youth activities 12:15 PM Lenten recital/M Lehman 1:00 PM Chancel House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study w/ TJ Palette	6 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7	8
No school/Spring Break (3/31-4/7/2017)						
9 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings	10	11 9:30 AM Staff meeting	12 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place School dismissed after lunch 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study w/TJ Palette	13 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> One Great Hour of Sharing 1:00 PM Prayer Shalom Group 4:00 PM Jubilate Deo rehearsals 7:00 PM Chancel Choir sings 7:00 PM Jubilate Deo sings 7:00 PM Worship and communion 8:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsals	14 <b>Good Friday</b> Noon - Ecumenical Good Friday service@Zumbro Lutheran 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	15 IRS taxes 2016 due 9:30 AM EasterEggEvt 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
16 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Chancel/Youth Choir sings (both) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Calvin Choir sings 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	17 Newsletter items due 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge <b>Church closed</b>	18 9:30 AM Staff meeting 5:30 PM Confirmand dnr w/Session 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	19 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	20 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21	22 9:00 AM PW/PTCA Spring Gathering / Stillwater
23 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Alleluia Rngs rings (both) 11:00 AM Chancel/Youth Choir sings 11:00 AM Confirmation & Reception	24 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte 7:00 PM First Players Spring Concert	25 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	26 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	27 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	28	29
30 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 8:30 AM Calvin Choir sings 11:00 AM Chancel/Youth Choir sings	<b>Hope is a verb with its shirtsleeves rolled up. (David Orr)</b>					

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