



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church

for April 2019

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.”
(1 Corinthians 13.13 [NIV])

MPR's *Pipedreams* host Michael Barone is guest lecturer during education hour April 28

On Sunday, April 28 during the education hour between services, American Public Media's *Pipedreams* host Michael Barone will be our guest. Members of First Presbyterian have invited Michael to be our guest lecturer as a tribute to Lee Afdahl's long tenure as Director of Music and Organist and forthcoming retirement.

Pipedreams is heard regionally on Minnesota Public Radio, Sunday mornings from 6 a.m. until 8 a.m. Mr. Barone has announced with Minnesota Public Radio for over fifty years and *Pipedreams* for over thirty years.

With our commitment to leading worship in our customary traditional worship practices, the pipe organ remains the central most effective musical instrument in leading the congregation in song. We share our beautiful Casavant organ with the community as an instrument for organ instruction and performances, through our *A Festival of Music* Concert Series, Lenten recitals and student recitals. In 2018 we celebrated the twentieth year of our Casavant pipe organ.

Mr. Barone will be speaking in the social hall. Members and guests of the congregation are invited.

Mr. Barone's appearance is underwritten by the Sheldon Jackson Lectureship Fund of the Endowment Fund.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make this ministry possible

Alaska - Presbyterian Hunger Program

Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) provides leadership training and technical assistance to Alaskan Native women concerned about the health effects of toxic contamination from chemicals and pollution that disproportionately affects the traditional food sources of Arctic indigenous peoples.

Through ACAT, you are supporting a trained cadre of advocates for the right to toxic-free food and providing urban residents with training to grow food organically.



Maundy Thursday, April 18

Service of Communion and Tenebrae at 7 p.m.
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 19

Ecumenical Good Friday service from noon-1 p.m.
at First Presbyterian Church
Join with believers from across the city as we commemorate Christ's death.

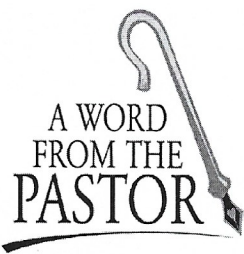
Saturday, April 20

Easter Egg Event from 9:30-11 a.m.
There will be crafts for all ages and an egg hunt for children through fifth grade. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come too.

Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
T. J. Parlette, preaching
Easter Brunch served by the youth group (8-11 a.m.)
*No Sunday school classes will be held.
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.*

Christ the Lord
is risen today,
Alleluia!



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

April 2019

As I write this article, we are just getting the first hint that perhaps this winter will one day end and we can think about putting away the snow blowers for the winter. This thought makes me happy. This has been a seemingly longer than

normal winter, especially with the record-breaking snow we've had this February. So now I am ready to think some happy thoughts. In that spirit, I want to share a couple of stories that appeared in the March 13 issue of the *Christian Century*. One of the regular features of *Christian Century* is the Century Marks section – a collection of little stories that you probably wouldn't find on the major newsfeeds.

One story came from the Pacific Standard newspaper on February 8. It talked about a new study that has shown that quitting Facebook has positive effects on participants' happiness and life satisfaction, and it reduces anxiety and depression. Deactivating Facebook accounts freed up about an hour of time each day. Those who returned to Facebook decreased their time on this social medium by 23 percent. Melting snow can be a source of happiness. Apparently, so can quitting Facebook!

The other story that brought a smile to my face was from RNS – the Religious News Service. It told the story of Castle Church Brewery Community in Orlando, Florida, which is reportedly the first brewery whose mission includes the formation of a congregation. A Lutheran congregation of about 50 people gathers each Sunday for worship in the brewery garden, followed by a time of fellowship, which includes samples of beer. The brewery's Reformation-themed drafts include Indulgences double IPA, Wittenberg wheat porter, and Katie's Kolsch ale, honoring Martin Luther's wife, who was head brewer in the Luther household. Innovative indeed! As Martin Luther was said to say (also attributed to Ben Franklin) "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Think happy thoughts my friends. New life is just around the corner.

Peace, T. J.



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.

Stewardship Alive!

What Easter Does

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death, and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace, and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

~ Newsletter / April 2019

Financial Statement February 2019

General Operating Budget

Balance (2/1/19)	\$83,533.18
Receipts (February)	+68,797.11
Disbursements (February)	- 53,178.04
Balance (2/28/19)	\$ 89,152.25



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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
Associate Pastor	Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music	Lee J. Afdahl
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Susanna L. Stone
Office Administrator	Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager	Harry E. Coleman
Custodian	Tyler Sczurek
Part-time music assistants	Katie Kuisle (Calvin and Cherub Choirs) Janine Yanisch (First Players)
Part-time custodians/security	Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn
Child Care Workers	Esther Lebron, Brenda Thorson
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

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

**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.**

One Great Hour of Sharing supports churchwide programs

"You shall be called repairers of the breach..."
from Isaiah 58

In Isaiah 58 God issues a call and a challenge to open our doors and share what we have with those in need. The church's identity reflects the call of Isaiah to become repairers of the breach.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share, to repair, to bring hope. It is the single largest way Presbyterians come together to become the church with all the people we see.

Through OGHS we open our doors to join those dependent on outsiders for food, those who now receive seeds and silos to sustain a future for their children and communities, to partner with those whose land and livelihoods are threatened and who now receive legal aid and protection for the land that is rightfully theirs, and to work alongside those whose homes and loved ones have been lost to a catastrophic event, offering hands to help rebuild and prayers to help restore.

This offering supports three programs:

1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and provides support for refugees.
2. The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) takes action to alleviate hunger, cares for creation and works on the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
3. The Self-Development of People (SDOP) invests in communities, responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice.

The offering will be received on Maundy Thursday, although you are welcome to contribute any time through May.

~ Sylvia Swede / Mission Committee



Take "Note"



REMEMBER FRIDAY, MAY 3

On that evening we will celebrate **Lee Afdahl**, with a dinner and program, to highlight his 28 years as our Director of Music. If the dinner reservations have reached capacity, you are welcome to attend the program at 7:30 p.m.

5:30 Arrival ~ 6:00 Dinner ~ 7:30 Program

For those of you residing at Charter House who can't be at the church on May 3, we have planned a special video showing of the program at 1 p.m. on May 21 in the Northview Room. Lee and Jay will both be there to join the "Retirement #2" and refreshments will be available. Watch for your invitation!

Thanks to all of you for your support, everyone!

~ Connie Polk and Jan Hosier /
Co-Chairs of Retirement Committee

A Festival of Music welcomes Bells of the Lakes Handbell Choir

Time: Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m.

Place: First Presbyterian Church sanctuary

FESTIVAL
OF MUSIC



Bells of the Lakes was founded in 1996 to promote musical excellence through the medium of handbells. It also provides an opportunity for highly skilled English handbell ringers to perform advanced level music. Membership is by audition and

includes ringers from throughout the Twin Cities. Director William H. Mathis is a nationally known conductor and arranger of handbell and choral music.

Bells of the Lakes performs public concerts, records demonstration CDs of newly published handbell music and organizes local educational events, including a winter massed ringing event and a summer seminar. The ensemble commissions original compositions for handbells from known and emerging composers and offers premiere performances of new musical arrangements for English handbells.

William H. Mathis is the retired Minister of Music and Fine Arts at the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. Bill is an active clinician in both the choral and handbell fields, giving special emphasis to teaching rehearsal technique and musicianship. He is the founding music director of *Bells of the Lakes* and presently serves on the national board of Handbell Musicians of America.

The concert is open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the social hall. There is no admission fee, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

~ Connie Larson and Britta Youmans / FOM



Bells of the Lakes Handbell Choir
First Presbyterian Church
April 28 / 4 p.m.

*When all the people in the world love one another,
then the strong will not overpower the weak,
the many will not oppress the few,
the wealthy will not mock the poor,
the honored will not disdain the humble,
and the cunning will not deceive the simple.*



Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music
Katie Kuisle, Cherub and Calvin Choirs
Janine Yanisch, First Players


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

FOM continues Lenten recital series

During the 2019 Lenten season, First Presbyterian Church is again sponsoring organ recitals each Wednesday from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!

Recitalists in April are

April 3 **John Varona**, organist
Christ United Methodist Church / Rochester
April 10 **Lois Marsh**, freelance organist
Rochester, Minnesota

 Singing and ringing schedule for April 2019			
	8:30	11:00	Both
April 7.	Chancel Choir	Cherub Choir	Joyous Praise
April 14. <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Chancel Choir	Calvin Choir	Alleluia Rngrs
April 18. <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Worship and communion at 7 p.m. Chancel Choir and Jubilate Deo		
April 19. <i>Good Friday</i>	Ecumenical Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church ~ noon-1 p.m. Chancel Choir		
April 21. <i>Easter</i>	Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Chancel Choir (both services) Jubilate Deo (both services) Calvin Choir (8:30 a.m.); Cherub Choir (11 a.m.)		
April 28.	Special Music	Chancel Choir	Joyous Praise

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make this ministry possible

San Juan, Puerto Rico
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Presbyterian Hunger Program
Self Development of People

Through Fidelcomiso, you have enabled community members to recover from hurricanes and protect their livelihoods through collective land ownership. As gentrification threatens to price people out of their homes, Fidelcomiso's staff and its community residents assist with relocation and land ownership, to secure the homes and livelihoods of residents.

First Players welcomes SEMYO's Chamber Strings to concert April 23



Janine Yanisch
First Players
Director

The First Players' Spring Concert will be Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m. In addition to the Beginning Band and Concert Band, we will be hosting SEMYO's (Southeast MN Youth Orchestra) Chamber Strings orchestra. Concert Band will rehearse with SEMYO on April 8 (at FPC) and April 13 (at Century) to prepare the pieces they will be playing together. All First Players

students are working hard to make beautiful music together and would enjoy seeing you at the concert!

On Monday, April 29 the Concert Band will perform at The Homestead at 6 p.m. Our plans to do so in early March were derailed when the weather (i.e. snow days) interfered multiple times with our Monday rehearsals.

I would LOVE to have more students in First Players next year. Word of mouth is a great way to grow our numbers, so please spread the word:-) We now have a lovely, colorful brochure that can be handed out; please let me know if you'd like some!

Thank you for your support!

Peace,

Janine

from the FPC Parish Nursing program

Eggcellent Egg Safety in April



Are you looking forward to an egg hunt and an Easter feast? After a long winter of chili and soup, we can start thinking about egg salad, potato salad and the staples of summer! Eggs once got a bad rap for cholesterol but eggs are packed with protein and vitamins.

However here are a few reminders...

- 1) **Raw eggs can carry Salmonella**, a powerful bacteria for food poisoning. So avoid raw eggs in cookie dough, pudding, brownie batter, or recipes that call for undercooked egg. You may be able to use pasteurized egg or egg substitute if desired.
- 2) **Pick a good egg - no cracks!** They are best if kept refrigerated at 40 degrees or less and eaten within 3 weeks.
- 3) **Cook eggs and egg dishes to 160 degrees.** That means firm centers and no runny eggs!
- 4) **Keep hot eggs hot and cold eggs cold.** Don't leave those boiled eggs out for more than 2 hours, 1 hour if it's over 90 degrees. Hide plastic eggs! Also don't forget that mayonnaise is an egg product!
- 5) **Egg-regious Errors** - if you hide real eggs, DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU PUT THEM. That makes for a stinky surprise!

Happy Easter!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing coordinator

Vacation Bible School: Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus

Monday, June 10-Friday, June 14, from 6-8 p.m.

New this year: Intergenerational VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be open for ALL, from the youngest to the oldest. There will be traditional VBS programming for youth entering kindergarten-grade 5, while adults will have separate educational offerings, and middle and high school youth will have an opportunity to assist with VBS and have time for fellowship with each other. Additionally, child care will be offered for those younger than VBS age.

Save the date: VBS will be held Monday, June 10-Friday, June 14 from 6-8 p.m., with 30 minutes of snacks and group fellowship each night from 8-8:30 p.m.

For more information and to register, visit the FPC webpage (fprochester.org) and click on the VBS banner announcement at the top of the homepage. We are asking ALL youth (from ages 0-18) to register, whether for child care, VBS programming, or the Middle / High School program. Also, any VBS volunteers should register and check their volunteer preferences and availability. Adults attending the adult VBS programming need not register.

~ Susanna Stone / Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 a.m.

Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a wide variety of topics and interests!

Adult classes will not meet April 21 (Easter)

Bible Study (South Fireside)	The Kerygma Class continues a study of <i>The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church</i> . The class is led by Jane Goodfriend and Ruth Walts.
Current Issues (Lounge)	<i>Current Events: Clipped from the papers</i> is the theme for the 2018-2019 year. The discussion is led by Al Depman.
Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:45 p.m.	
Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)	<p>April 3 - April 17 A Lenten Study led by Rev. T. J. Parlette <i>Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple</i> by Adam Hamilton.</p> <p>April 24 <i>Cain and Abel: murder revisited</i> led by Al Depman</p>



April Youth Group News

March kept the Youth Group busy, even with a week off for spring break!

Susanna Stone
Coordinator of Youth
& Christian Education

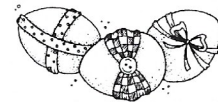
We celebrated Ash Wednesday together with Lenten trivia, followed by attending the Ash Wednesday worship service as a group.

The Youth Group then happily served at the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner the next week. Our last meeting in March was spent preparing for various Youth Group activities coming this spring. As always, the Youth Group also enjoyed games, laughter, fellowship, and fun!

The FPC Youth Group will meet 4 times in April: April 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 5:45-7 p.m. Any youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us!

Easter Egg Event Saturday, April 20

Plan to attend the Easter Egg Event for children through 5th grade from 9:30-11 a.m. April 20. Activities include egg dyeing, crafts, games, reading of the Easter story, and the Easter egg hunt. Kids should bring their own hard boiled eggs to dye and a basket for their eggs, candy, and crafts. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come with their children, particularly those of pre-school age and younger.



Easter Brunch Easter Sunday, April 21 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Egg bake, fruit, breads, coffee, and fellowship!

Join us starting at 8 a.m. in the social hall on Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Brunch. Proceeds from a freewill offering will be used by the youth group for service projects in the Rochester community.

If you would be willing to help – with donations of food, volunteering to serve brunch, or volunteering for set-up and clean-up – please contact **Susanna Stone** (stone.susanna@FPCRochester.org).

IMAGINE

A SPECIAL MORNING

with

Mr. Michael Barone

April 28, 2019

*"You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one.
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one."*

John Lennon

Imagine a church without sacred music. Clearly, sacred music has been a vital part of Christian worship services at First Presbyterian Church and of the church since the earliest days of the church. Records indicate sacred music began with Gregorian Chants in the 7th, 8th, and 9th centuries. Organ music has played a major role in defining sacred music since the time of Thomas Aquinas. Marinus Sanutus, who lived at about the year 1290, first brought the use of wind organs into the church.

Not everyone after the Reformation was as enthusiastic about having instrumental music within the Christian church services. John Calvin, whom Presbyterians have a close theological tie with historically, strongly opposed any instrumental music within the church. In fact, while laboring in Geneva, Switzerland, the city of Geneva forbid any musical instruments for 200 years. Fortunately for us, organ music became an instrument of great magnitude and appreciation within the Christian church services.

Sacred music (i.e. any music composed or performed for religious ceremonies) has been more than routine music at First Presbyterian Church (FPC). For many years, FPC has been uniquely fortunate in having Mr. **Lee Afdahl** as our music director, organist, and pianist. Lee has been so very special in directing choirs, handbells, while also performing at the wonderful Casavant organ.

Lee's role has been to proclaim the musical part of the liturgy rather than merely filling the space with background music. Music that happens prior to worship as the members gather; music to accompany rituals of the Presbyterian Church such as the presentation of the offering or the distribution of the Eucharist; and music that sends FPC members on their way at the end of the service. In addition, music soothes us at times of sorrow and creates the joy of weddings and baptisms. In summary, Lee's music has reflected the Spirit of the liturgy and has allowed us the opportunity for personal reflection not normally found in our chaotic days.

On Sunday, April 28 (9:30 – 10:40 a.m. between services), we will have opportunity to further reflect on sacred music of the organ with Mr. **Michael Barone** being present to discuss the role of the organ in sacred music. Mr. Barone is the preeminent host of the MPR program, "Pipedreams." "Pipedreams" is a weekly Sunday morning hour long nationally distributed program of organ music that began in 1982. As part of the American Public Media programming, Mr. Barone has introduced and engaged listeners in performances that encourage listeners to listen and gain a greater appreciation of the pipe organ in the performance of sacred music. He selects concerts and performances recorded in locations from around the world.

Mr. Barone started his professional career, after graduating from Oberlin College with a degree in music history, at St John's University as music director of KSJR-FM, which evolved into Minnesota Public Radio. In 1970, he hosted and produced a weekly Sunday night broadcast of organ music. That program evolved into the very successful program, "Pipedreams," in 1983.

Among Mr. Barone's accomplishments, for which he modestly acknowledges, are being the advisor and consultant of the pipe organ installation at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. He has commissioned a cycle of preludes and fugues for organ music from composer Henry Martin. In 1996 he was awarded the biennial President's Award for "outstanding contributions to the art of the organ" from the American Guild of Organists. In 1997 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Historical Society.

In 2001 his "Pipedreams" series was awarded the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publisher's Deems Taylor Radio Broadcast Award for Excellence. In 2002 he was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. And on August 20, 2018, Mr. Barone celebrated his 50th anniversary of being associated with Minnesota Public Radio. In addition to his "Pipedreams" program, his role at MPR has included roles as music director and announcer as well as producer and host for programs such as *The New Releases*, the national and local broadcasts of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and more recently, the annual live Christmas broadcast of *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* from King's College in Cambridge, England.

It is our great delight that we will welcome Mr. Barone for an hour of interesting discussion and highlights from his fascinating career. Please be prepared to be engaged in a lively discussion with questions that you might have about the historical perspective of organ and sacred music.

Mr. Michael Barone

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:30 – 10:40 a.m.

Social Hall / First Presbyterian Church

~ Ken Aalderks

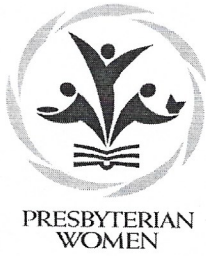
Social Concerns Committee supports local service programs

This month, the Social Concerns Committee is making donations totaling \$5,000.00 to three organizations we have supported in the recent past: Community Food Response, Crisis Nursery and Family Promise.

Community Food Response, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, rescues prepared food from providers in the community and distributes it to needy families. **Crisis Nursery** serves at risk children and babies in our community on an emergency basis. **Family Promise** aids new families by providing support at their Day Center, by providing life skills classes to adults and children, and by overseeing more than 10,000 volunteer hours at both Family Promise and the Interfaith Hospitality program in 2018.

To learn more about these worthy organizations or the other ones that we support, please contact one of the committee members or Lucinda Cutrer.

Thank you for your continued care and support for these and other programs! ~ Lucinda Cutrer / Chair, Social Concerns



News from Presbyterian Women

* *Sylvia Swede, facilitator*

Circles continue in April. New members are always welcome. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2018-2019 Horizons Bible study is

God's Promise: I Am with You.

Esther Circle: April 15 at 1 p.m. in the lounge. This will be a Travel Party for all. Please bring something you found or bought on one of your travels. Your travel committee is **Elizabeth Remfert, Char Davis, and Alice Kerr.** Devotions: **Ginger Kirby.**

Priscilla Circle: April 17 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. Hostesses: **Jan Hosier** and **Melissa Walk.** Program: **Gregg and Becky Erickson** will talk about their work with the Neurofibromatosis Network. Gregg and Becky founded a local chapter of the Network in 2016 after their son Gus was diagnosed with the genetic disorder. Project: Birthday Offering.

Ruth Circle: Saturday, April 13 (please note date change because of Easter and the time change) at 9:30 a.m. in the south fireside room. Hostesses: **Lea Jennings** and **Gayle Jones.** Program: **Mary Bayrd** (Lesson #8 in the Bible Study *God's Promise: I Am with You*).

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. the lounge. Join us Thursday, April 11 for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** or **Susie McClocklin** if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

Registration opens for Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women June 20-23

Registration has begun for the Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women June 20-23 in Ames, Iowa. The theme for the Gathering is from John 7:38: "Out of the believer's heart shall flow streams of living water." Synod of Lakes and Prairies includes MN, IA, WI, NE, ND and SD. The meetings will be held at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames.

The registration fee of \$200 includes meals and all programming. Room is in addition; information about the availability and cost is in the registration booklet. Each circle leader has a copy of the registration booklet and one is posted on the PW board in the social hall. You can also check the Synod website (www.lakesandprairies.org/resources_women.html).

PW has some scholarship money available which will be divided among those going. Let **Peg Parsons** know when you register so we know how many women will be attending.

Church Family News

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Clyde Newton** who will celebrate his 94th birthday April 21.

Happy Birthday to **Constance Bowen** who will celebrate her 99th birthday April 27.

Happy Birthday to **Jennie Orvis** who will celebrate her 98th birthday also on April 21.

Happy Birthday to **Don Scholz** who will celebrate his 98th birthday April 30.

Deaths

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Susan Holcomb**, who died March 1. A memorial service for Susie is pending later this spring or summer.

The memorial service for **Arnold Schroeter**, who died February 14, will be Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m.

Calling all crafters!



Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, April 17 at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Come join us as we make seasonal greeting cards for the C.A.R.E. members of our congregation. The design and all materials are provided.

~ *Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator*

Bdecan Team thanks PW members for fleece book bags and hygiene kits

The Bdecan Bible School Team thanks all PW members who have sewed fleece book bags for the VBS kids. These will be great to hold their VBS projects, and they can then take everything home to show Mom and Grandma. They will also be able to save them to carry school supplies in the fall.

Thank you also to PW members who have gathered supplies for the hygiene kits for the kids from the Spirit Lake Reservation who go to residential school. They often go off to school without needed items like combs, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. We will include a small donated Beanie Baby and a prayer card to let them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them.

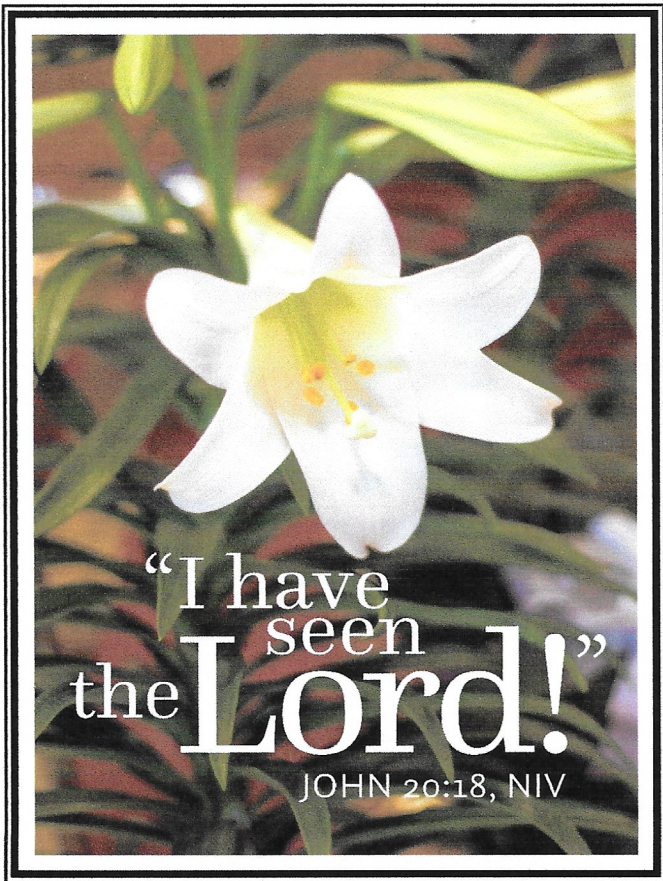
Thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity. It is much appreciated.

~ *Marilyn Aalderks / Bdecan Team coordinator*

Forgiveness is the well from which we draw water to wash others' feet.

~ *D. Siler*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> FPC@Community Food Response	<i>2</i> Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	<i>3</i> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 12:15 PM Lenten recital/J Varona 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study (led by TJParlette)	<i>4</i> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
				Ideas are great arrows, but there has to be a bow. (Bill Moyers)		
<i>7</i> Communion Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:30 PM Kitchen Guild	<i>10</i> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 12:15 PM Lenten recital/L Marsh 6:30 PM Bible Study (led by TJParlette)	<i>11</i> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>12</i> 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	<i>13</i> 9:30 AM Ruth Circle/south fireside
<i>14</i> Palm Sunday Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Alleluia Rngs rings (both) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 11:00 AM Calvin Choir sings	<i>15</i> Newsletter items due 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge	<i>16</i> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	<i>17</i> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study (led by TJParlette)	<i>18</i> Mauudy Thursday One Great Hour of Sharing 6:00 PM Jubilate Deo rehearses 7:00 PM Chancel Choir sings 7:00 PM Jubilate Deo rings 7:00 PM Worship and communion 8:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearses	<i>19</i> Good Friday Noon - Ecumenical Good Friday service @FPC 12:00 PM Chancel Choir sings	<i>20</i> 9:30 AM EasterEggEvnt
<i>21</i> Easter Sunday Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) Chancel Choir sings (both) NO Sunday school 8:00 AM Easter Brunch (8-11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Calvin Choir sings 11:00 AM Cherub Choir sings	<i>22</i> 7:00 PM First Players Spring Concert Church closed	<i>23</i> 9:30 AM Staff meeting	<i>24</i> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	<i>25</i> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Joyous Praise rings (both) 9:30 AM M Barone organ lecture 11:00 AM Chancel Choir sings 4:00 PM FOM/Bells of the Lakes	<i>29</i> 6:00 PM First Players Concert Band performs at The Homestead 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	<i>30</i> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild 7:00 PM Forum@First	Sunday morning 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/High School youth 7:00 p.m. J Praise bells (intergenerational)	