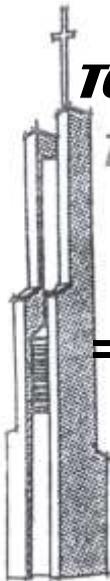


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TOWER TOPICS

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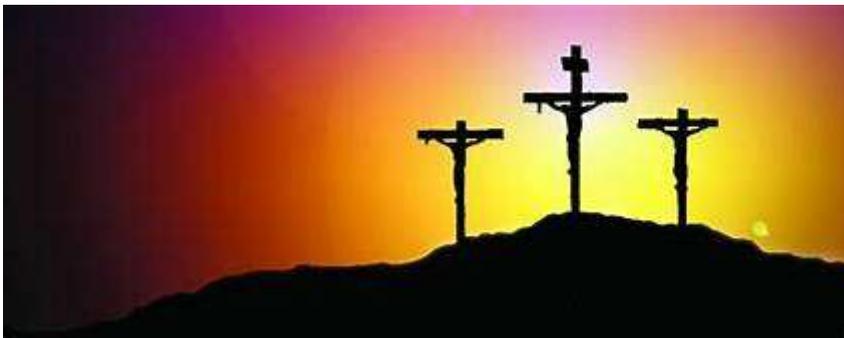
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LANCE LOVEALL, Pastor

DATED MATERIAL

January 31, 2018



Chili Cook-off

Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 pm

Lenten Soup Suppers/Devotions

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Feb. 21, 28

March 7, 14, 21, 28 and Thursday March 29



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I was speaking with some folks today who grew up and lived their youth in the Philippines. The woman asked if I ever had Philippino food and I said I had not and it began a discussion about Philippino culture. I admitted that the culture of the Philippines has always been a bit ambiguous to me, having so many influences. There is an Asian aspect, a Spanish influence, and a Western (American) influence that covers the indigenous culture of the people of the Philippines. It was a wonderful conversation but it got me to thinking deeper (uh oh!). Maybe it is my anticipation as I await the results of my 23 and Me test. But I began to think about how we are made up of many identities, and sometimes the true self we find in Christ gets lost.

I have many roles in life: father, husband, son, brother, pastor, chaplain, friend, colleague, community member, citizen, etc. Sometimes I lean more into one of those identities more than the others. My kids do not always need a lecture from the pastor, but a hug from their dad. A friend might not need my identity as a pastoral counselor, but rather someone who has their back. But none of these identities is who I truly am. For one thing, I am all of these things, taken together. But even more to the point, over and above all of these titles I wear the title “Child of God” or “Redeemed Sinner” or “Disciple of Christ.” And try as I might, which is sometimes not very hard at all, from time to time one or several of those other identities I have overwhelm and hide the true nature of who I am in Christ. I let the lesser identities in my life become the primary way I am known, or maybe even know myself, rather than hold up the central identity I have in Jesus Christ.

How might that change how I treat others as I act in those various and important roles that make up my life? What if I did not just see myself as father, but as a redeemed sinner who has experienced the grace of Christ who also happens to be Jacob’s and Emily’s dad? Would I be more patient? Would I be less likely to judge? Would I be more understanding? What if I remembered that I was a disciple of Christ (and thus a representative of Christ) when I am on the softball field or the basketball court? Would it change how I treat others even in the midst of competition?

In the heat of the moment my identity gets confused and fuzzy and I let myself become and be defined as something other than those core values I find in Christ. Perhaps as we approach the season of Lent I will try to be more conscious of how I show my true identity. Perhaps I will seek to live in a way that is truly consistent with how I want to be defined. I invite you to come along on that journey for yourself. You might rediscover YOU.

Lance

Treasurer's Report:

General Operating Fund

Beginning Balance 12/1/2017	\$50,056.75
Receipts	\$40,771.85
Disbursements	<u>\$45,228.70</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2017	<u>\$45,599.90</u>

Building Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 12/1/2017	\$41,940.65
Receipts	\$ 11,605.80
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Interest	<u>\$ 1.68</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2017	<u>\$53,548.13</u>

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## **SESSION NOTES**

- Approved the minutes from the December 17, 2017 stated session meeting
- Approved the Commission Ruling Elder job description
- Sadly removed Alan Frederick from the active rolls upon the date of his death (January 7, 2018)
- Accepted Roberta Galley, Russell and Tania Krimpelbein as active members upon reaffirmation of faith
- Accepted Becky Henn as active member upon letter of transfer
- Reactivated the membership of Karie (Jensen) Murawski
- Jourene Frederick will take on the position of Head Usher

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MISSION STATEMENT

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;

Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism, and service;

Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.

We welcome all to our community of faith.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

Chains of Prayer: Call Judy Wynstra at 262-605-1127 if you have a prayer request. If she is not home leave a message. She will make sure your request is taken care of. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain please contact Judy.

Card Ministry: The Deacons send cards to members who cannot join us Sundays in church, as well as those who may be sick, hospitalized for some reason, or are going through some rough times and need support. Please contact Tana Baldwin if you know of someone who needs a card. Donations of cards are appreciated. You may put any donations in Tana's mailbox. If you would like someone to call you, serve you communion, or visit, please let us know.

Local Missions: Deacons will discuss some local missions that could use our help.

Snowman Mitten Barrel: Thank you so much for your generous donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to the Snowman Mitten Barrel. A special THANK YOU to knitters for their many hand made donations. Anonymous monetary donations were used to purchase more mittens and gloves. We collected 375 items and these were distributed to nine elementary schools this week. The donations were greatly appreciated by all of the schools. Thanks again for helping to keep the hands and heads of many Kenosha children warm this winter!

DEACON'S SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

First Presbyterian Church volunteers at the Shalom Center, 4314 39th Avenue, on the first Tuesday of each month, except for the months of April and November. Volunteers make the soup, sandwiches, cupcakes, and serve the meal. In addition to this, the Soup Kitchen coordinators purchase the meat, cheese, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, and sandwich bags for that month. All are welcome to participate as they choose. The sign-up sheet, complete with serving times, is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

You may sign up for whatever you choose to do... bake cupcakes, arrive a bit early and make sandwiches or serve the meal. There is also a sign up on the bulletin board, around the corner, if you would like to make the soup that is served. The soup can be made at church, at home or at the Shalom Center and there are recipes and help available. If you are interested in making soup, sign your name on the sheet and give Carole Serpe a call at 262-344-3906.

On January 2nd, we served 72 adults and 20 children at the Shalom Center. The yummy soup was made by Jamie and Ann King and we had a total of 16 volunteers. **The February date for the Soup Kitchen is Tuesday, February 6th** and Cris and Darlene Doil have volunteered to make the soup.

Another way to help the Shalom Center is the grocery collection at church on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to donate, just look for the grocery bags in the Narthex and add your non-perishable foods to those bags. David Thompson delivers these bags to the Shalom Food Pantry at 8043 Sheridan Road. Thank you for your support in this important mission.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.

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## **MISSION UPDATE**

Our committee met in January and decided on some new projects. Nadia Ayoub has left the Ukraine and her work with the Roma children. Her new call is a Presbyterian Mission co-worker in Katerini, Greece working in partnership with the Evangelical Church of Greece. Here she will be ministering to the large number of refugees from Arabic speaking countries. This work will draw upon her long experience as an early childhood educator in mission service and her fluency in Arabic. Prior to her move, she will be in the United States and will hopefully have time to visit in Wisconsin.

Johnna Reader also left the Diabetes project we were funding in the Central Asia Mission region at the end of December. On advice of Mission co-workers from that region, we chose a new mission with the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy for our Central Asian commitment. Jam Ministry has chosen to support Jan Heckler's education program in Madagascar. The Garden Ministry will donate its funds to the Presbyterian Giving catalog; our goal of \$1300 will provide a Farm Bundle which gives animals, seeds, tools and training help people in need sustain themselves.

Leslie Pottorff has put up a new mission board in the Link, showing a large map of where your mission dollars are going. Check it out – we get around this big, wide world! Also posted are articles from Fresh Impressions, our Presbytery newsletter, regarding Faith PC in Franklin's garden and two opportunities for mission trips with other churches in our Presbytery.

Sandy Billingsley

## DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### FEBRUARY 2018

- Feb 1** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Gen. 23:1-20; Heb. 11:32-12:2; John 6:60-71
- Feb 2** – Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Gen. 24:1-27; Heb. 12:3-11; John 7:1-13
- Feb 3** – Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; Gen. 24:28-38,49-51; Heb. 12:12-29; John 7:14-36
- Feb 4** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Gen. 24:50-67; 2 Tim. 2:14-21; Mark 10:13-22
- Feb 5** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Gen. 25:19-34; Heb. 13:1-16; John 7:37-52
- Feb 6** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; Gen. 26:1-6, 12-33; Heb. 13:17-25; John 7:53-8:11
- Feb 7** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Gen. 27:1-29; Rom. 12:1-8; John 8:12-20
- Feb 8** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Gen. 27:30-45; Rom. 12:9-21; John 8:21-32
- Feb 9** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Gen. 27:46-28:4; Rom. 13:1-14; John 8:33-47
- Feb 10** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Gen. 29:1-20; Rom. 14:1-23; John 8:47-59
- Feb 11** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Mal. 4:1-6; 2 Cor. 3:7-18; Luke 9:18-27
- Feb 12** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Prov. 27:1-6, 10-12; Phil. 2:1-13; John 18:15-18, 25-27
- Feb 13** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; Prov. 30:1-4, 24-33; Phil. 3:1-11; John 18:28-38
- Feb 14** – Psalm 5, 147:1-11, 27, 51; Amos 5:6-15; Heb. 12:1-14; Luke 18:9-14
- Feb 15** – Psalm 27, 147:12-20, 126, 102; Hab. 3:1-10, 16-18; Phil. 3:12-21; John 17:1-8
- Feb 16** – Psalm 22, 148, 105, 130; Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32; Phil. 4:1-9; John 17:9-19
- Feb 17** – Psalm 43, 149, 31, 143; Ezek. 39:21-29; Phil. 4:10-20; John 17:20-26
- Feb 18** – Psalm 84, 150, 42, 32; Dan. 9:3-10; Heb. 2:10-18; John 12:44-50
- Feb 19** – Psalm 119:73-80, 145, 121, 6; Gen. 37:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-19; Mark 1:1-13
- Feb 20** – Psalm 34, 146, 25, 91; Gen. 37:12-24; 1 Cor. 1:20-31; Mark 1:14-28
- Feb 21** – Psalm 5, 147:1-11, 27, 51; Gen. 37:25-36; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Mark 1:29-45
- Feb 22** – Psalm 27, 147:12-20, 126, 102; Gen. 39:1-23; 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15; Mark 2:1-12
- Feb 23** – Psalm 22, 148, 105, 130; Gen. 40:1-23; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Mark 2:13-22
- Feb 24** – Psalm 43, 149, 31, 143; Gen. 41:1-13; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Mark 2:23-3:6
- Feb 25** – Psalm 84, 150, 42, 32; Gen. 41:14-45; Rom. 6:3-14; John 5:19-24
- Feb 26** – Psalm 119:73-80, 145, 121, 6; Gen. 41:46-57; 1 Cor. 4:8-20; Mark 3:7-19a
- Feb 27** – Psalm 34, 146, 25, 91; Gen. 42:1-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Mark 3:19b-35
- Feb 28** – Psalm 5, 147:1-11, 27, 51; Gen. 42:18-28; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11; Mark 4:1-20

## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends will meet Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room for Valentines fun and planning our monthly meetings this year. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. If you have questions or ideas, contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet at church on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All knitters and crocheters welcome!

## **HELPING HANDS**

Do you need a little extra help? The Helping Hands program offers various types of assistance to our members. Contact Donna Bauman to see if we can help.

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SOUP KITCHEN

On Tuesday, February 6th, our congregation is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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## **SOUP SUPPERS**

Beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be having Lenten soup suppers every Wednesday in Lent, plus on Maundy Thursday. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to bring soup.

IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT

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Issue #243

## **JAM MINISTRY LOOKS AHEAD**

After a hectic December, when we reached and surpassed our goal of \$1,000 in donations during the month, January has been a time off and much of February will be so too. We collected over \$6,200 in 2017 for our *4-S: Support South Sudan Schools* project and, though that project is over for us, there will be further updates on how things are progressing in that outreach.

So what will we do in 2018? Education is key for the future of developing countries and of the Christian churches in places like Congo, South Sudan, and . . . Madagascar. The Mission Team, following suggestions from the World Mission headquarters and mission leaders in Africa, has decided that the project for 2018 will concentrate on assistance for a new endeavor to upgrade the church-run education system in Madagascar, that weird and wonderful island off the coast of southeastern Africa.

The fourth largest island in the world, Madagascar is known for its fascinating biodiversity since 90% of its wildlife are found nowhere else in the world. It is home to about 25 million people of about 18 people groups, originating in Borneo, the African continent, and elsewhere. This former French colony, independent since 1960, is considered one of the least developed countries according to the UNO.

The French brought Catholicism to the island, but Protestant missions (notably the London Mission Society) had been there since 1818, though supposedly minor traditional beliefs still seem to dominate or mix in with Christian worship. Officially, 45% are registered as Protestant. The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (known as FJKM from the Malagasy name), with which Presbyterian World Mission is associated, was founded in 1968 as a Reformed church based on the work of three mission organizations and is the second largest denomination.

Want to learn more? Please look at this site:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/headmistress-teacher-educators-htes/>

In the meantime, please keep those empty jars coming back!

## **GARDEN NEWS**

Our Mission Garden is starting its second season soon. In planning, we would like to know what your favorite vegetables were and what new ones you would like to see for next year. We will also hold a planning meeting in March during coffee hour and would love to have your input. Also, the biggest need is for volunteers to keep the garden and harvesting going through the summer. What we are envisioning now is each week to have a person (or two, or a family) to harvest on Saturday (or if you're efficient, on Sunday morning) and man the sales table on Sunday morning during coffee hour. Watering, weeding (not much weeding was needed last year) and harvesting for Shalom Center or other food pantries can be done during the week and will also need volunteers. We shall plan a garden prep and plant day sometime in May. The blessing and challenge of this project is really that it is an ALL church project. We need your help! It was a lot of fun and very rewarding last year. This year's goal is to raise \$1300 for a Farm Bundle through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. This project provides people in need with a sustainable source of income and nourishment. The Farm Bundle includes chickens, goats, and other livestock, as well as seeds, tools and training to help support successful farming. Check out our Mission bulletin board – pictures and a story of another church in our Presbytery's Garden mission.

Sandy Billingsley

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MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, February 23rd. Pizza, popcorn and soda will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the movie will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. The movie "Eddie the Eagle" will be shown in Fellowship Hall for the adults. A separate children's movie, not yet determined, will be shown at the same time in the Link.

"Eddie the Eagle" is a feel-good, true story of an underdog ski jumper who never stopped believing in himself. With the help of his coach, he makes a historic showing at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

All members and guests are invited. Please sign up for Movie Night on the sheets in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall to give us an idea of how much food is needed. Hope to see you there!

PARISH NURSE NOTES

One month of the new year, packed up and done....whew! I hope that everyone has escaped the flu, colds, bronchitis and pneumonia. May February be less of a month of roller coaster temperatures, as well as fewer of these illnesses that seem to linger for weeks.

Wash your hands frequently, especially after being outside of your own home. This includes visits to the grocery store, the library, nursing home visits, school, being at someone else's home (they aren't dirty, they just have their own set of germs), church and restaurants (think about the person who last handled that menu). Sneeze or cough into the crook of your arm or a tissue. Do not use a handkerchief or tissue and then put it back in your purse or pocket—you have now contaminated that area. Remember that bacteria and viruses love to multiply in warm, dark places...like pockets or purses or tucked under pillows or up sleeves.

If you skipped a flu shot this year, you will find that most health providers will still suggest getting one. Check with your personal physician for advice.

Avoid people who are sneezing and coughing. If you are the person who is sneezing and coughing, please stay home! You are not doing anyone any favors by going out and spreading germs! There are no "perfect attendance" awards during flu season. If you run a high temperature, have a productive cough that won't quit, start to feel better and then feel worse, by all means talk with your physician or go to urgent care. Keep up your fluid intake and rest! Don't take the flu lightly; it can be a killer.

On a brighter note, it's only a little over a month until meteorological spring—March 1st. Of course, we Wisconsinites realize that no matter what a ground hog or polar bear tells us, real spring is probably still at least 6 weeks away. That can't (and shouldn't) keep us from dreams of crocus and tulips and baby birds and balmy breezes. Close your eyes and smile! Spring is on its way. Hang on!

Blessings and good health to all,

Karen Sorenson, Parish Nurse



February Birthdays

1st Eldon Lang
 6th Elaine Wright
 10th Deb Kotten
 11th Kellen Pottorff
 18th Todd Kotten
 20th Janice Steinseifer
 21st David Elmlad
 25th Vince Shuler
 Tom Berry
 26th Aimee Edenhofer
 28th Paige Loveall

DEACONS

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Jane Frost, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern, Carole Serpe

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### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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| January 7      | 130 |
| January 14     | 138 |
| January 21     | 135 |
| January 28     | 166 |
| Sunday Average | 142 |



## ANNIVERSARIES February

3<sup>rd</sup> ..... David & Jody Armstrong  
 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Paul & Lydia Spottswood

### SESSION

Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)  
 Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*, Nominating\*)  
 Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds)  
 Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)  
 Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds\*)  
 Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds, Nominating)  
 Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance\*)  
 Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel, Memorial)  
 Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission, Memorial)  
 Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*)  
 Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)  
 Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates Team Leaders



# **FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

## **February 4<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Sherry Craig  
Greeters: The Thomases  
Reader: Hanna Bergeson  
Sound System: Walter Deignan  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Kortnie Ruth  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **February 18<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Jane Frost  
Greeters: The Van Dahms  
Reader: Nick Drissel  
Sound System: Don Mandry  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Deb Kovachik  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **February 11<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Lisa Hawley  
Greeters: The Thompsons  
Reader: Grant Murawski  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Christie Deignan  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **February 25<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Lori Barnes  
Greeters: Julie Woodworth  
Reader: Shelby Prince  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Dana Berry  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**