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SAVE THE DATE...

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

12:00 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Join us as our church family will be sharing in a
Sabbatical Send-Off luncheon for the Loveall
Family.**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I was watching the NBA playoffs on television the other day, marveling at the consistency with which a particular player made practically every shot he took. I have never been a good basketball player and consistent shooting is not something for which anyone would give me credit. Listening to an interview with a player, however, I learned my greatest mistake in shooting. I am aiming to get the ball in the hoop. “Of course”, you may say, “that is the goal.” But it is not the goal of great shooters. Great basketball shooters, like great golfers and great bowlers, are not focused on the end result. They are focused on the little things that happen right up to the point that they let go of that ball. After that, things are out of their control and the end result will take care of itself. If their position was correct, their grip just right, their release point accurate, their stance proper, and so forth, then they have done all they can do to be successful. That is why they practice and practice. To get the little things right so that the big thing will take care of itself.

Raising children can be like shooting a basketball. You cannot control what happens in the life of a child. You cannot be responsible for the decisions she/he makes. But if you get the little things right, there is a better chance things will turn out well. If you can be an example of love, patience, compassion, grace, integrity, principle, and peace, working on and perfecting those values in your everyday life, you give the child a much better chance of having those same values. The Christian life is the like that as well; particularly evangelism, that is the sharing of our faith with others. We often think of evangelism as preaching with words, tracts, signs and posters, but evangelism is taking place every time someone connects your actions of mercy, peace, grace, and love with your faith in Jesus Christ. When people know we are at the soup kitchen serving because of our love for Christ, then we are evangelizing. If someone knows we are tutoring children and helping them learn to read because of our love for Christ, then we are evangelizing. In evangelizing, though, it is very easy to get overly concerned with results, with numbers of people that start coming to church, with amounts of dollars added to the budget or even, usually in other contexts than Presbyterian, numbers of souls saved. All of that, however, is out of our hands. We have to focus on getting the little things right like showing love, treating others with patience and kindness, being thoughtful with our actions and words, letting our faith dictate our behavior, and so forth. We can practice these things, of course, in church, reading the Scriptures, with prayer and

meditation, and Christian fellowship so that when the time comes we are ready to do the little things that help demonstrate the love of Christ in our lives. But we are not responsible for how that message sticks to others, how they receive it, IF they receive it, or what they choose to do with it after that. All we can do are the little things that give the Gospel message the best chance of hitting its mark right up to the time we turn it over. But we do have to do those things. We have to practice and get the little things right. If we are mean, sharp-tongued, shady in our business practices, without integrity, harsh, thoughtless, or hateful in our speech the love of Christ we work to share may never hit its mark. We need to get those things right. What happens after that is up to God.

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## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Met with Confirmation students – Maddie Berry, Emma Brueckert, Emma Conran and Mia Prince – and accepted them as active members of the congregation
- Approved Sara Miles for the CRE program of the Presbytery of Milwaukee
- Approved the purchase of up to 230 copies of Glory to God (The New Presbyterian Hymnal)
- Approved the awarding of the Lillian Lundin Scholarship to Evan Infante and Kevin Koesser
- Discussed build dates for the mission garden (May 6<sup>th</sup> and possible May 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Reviewed the financial reports and Pastor's report
- Discussed financial logistics during the Sabbatical months

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Operating Fund

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 3/1/2017 | \$51,281.50        |
| Receipts                   | \$24,007.70        |
| Disbursements              | <u>\$21,807.90</u> |
| Ending Balance 3/31/2017   | <u>\$53,481.30</u> |

Building Reserve Fund

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 3/1/2017 | \$35,446.59        |
| Receipts                   | \$ 78.00           |
| Disbursements              | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                   | <u>\$ 1.50</u>     |
| Ending Balance 3/31/2017   | <u>\$35,526.09</u> |

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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

Shalom Center Food Ministry: The first Tuesday of the month we volunteer for soup kitchen, except for the months of April and November. Please sign up, so we know how many are helping. In April we donated 6 bags of groceries. We did not volunteer for soup kitchen in April. Our next soup kitchen is May 2nd. The Souper Stars are making the soup on Sunday, April 30th, after church. Please let us know if you would like to help. Please contact Brenda Langerman or Carole Serpe, or the office for the month you would like to volunteer. The Souper Stars are always ready to help.

Chains of Prayer: Call Judy Wynstra 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 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: We donated \$185.00 for a golfer participating in a Golf Outing to raise money for Youth for Christ.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of my church family for the many cards and calls that were received during this time of sorrow in the loss of my husband, Jerry Natzke. It meant so much to know that we were in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless all of you,
Jackie Natzke and Family

CHURCH GARDEN

Time to build our garden!! Design plans are finished and will be posted on Mission Bulletin Board. Build dates are Saturdays with goals as listed:

May 6 - 9AM -?2PM - Mark plot, build boxes, lay netting, place boxes, fill entire area with 3 inches of mulch (=4 yards), fill boxes with dirt/compost mix (10 yards)

May 13 – 9AM - Fencing, place trellis/teepee, square foot matrices, possible water drip lines, rain barrel, gutter garden structure, plant hardy plants

May 20 - Makeup rain date, finishes, possible further planting if warm enough

We anticipate May 6th will be the most labor intensive day. The wood will be precut 2”x6” boards cut to 4’ or 8’ lengths. We will assemble with deck screws into boxes and stack 3 or 4 boards high for 18” or 24” bed depth.

Tools needed: Wheelbarrows, drills, shovels, rakes, hoes, gloves

Many hands/ bodies make lighter work. Those who want to participate in a less physical way could bring treats for everyone – I’m thinking summer garden type food such as salad, pasta, veggies, fruit. It would really be nice to see an all church, all generation turnout – a great way to be productive together, and I know this bunch loves a food incentive☺

See you there!!

NEW HYMNALS

The church will be getting new hymnals. We would like to give the congregation the opportunity to purchase a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$20.00. If you dedicated a blue hymnal in the past, you will be able to keep it. Let the office know if you would like to purchase a hymnal, or fill out a form at church.

DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

MAY 2017

- May 1** – Psalm 97, 145, 124, 115; Dan. 4:19-27; 1 John 3:19-4:6; Luke 4:14-30
- May 2** – Psalm 98, 146, 66, 116; Dan. 4:28-37; 1 John 4:7-21; Luke 4:31-37
- May 3** - Psalm 99, 147:1-11, 9, 118; Dan. 5:1-12; 1 John 5:1-12; Luke 4:38-44
- May 4** – Psalm 47, 147:12-20, 68, 113; Dan. 5:13-30; 1 John 5:13-20; Luke 5:1-11
- May 5** – Psalm 96, 148, 49, 138; Dan. 6:1-15; 2 John 1-13; Luke 5:12-26
- May 6** - Psalm 92, 149, 23, 114; Dan. 6:16-28; 3 John 1-15; Luke 5:27-39
- May 7** - Psalm 93, 150, 136, 117; Gen. 18:22-33; 1 Peter 5:1-11; Matt. 7:15-29
- May 8** – Psalm 97, 145, 124, 115; Jer. 30:1-9; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 6:1-11
- May 9** – Psalm 98, 146, 66, 116; Jer. 30:10-17; Col. 1:15-23; Luke 6:12-26
- May 10** – Psalm 99, 147:1-11, 9, 118; Jer. 30:18-22; Col. 1:24-2:7; Luke 6:27-38
- May 11** - Psalm 47, 147:12-20, 68, 113; Jer. 31:1-14; Col. 2:8-23; Luke 6:39-49
- May 12** – Psalm 96, 148, 49, 138; Jer. 31:15-22; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 7:1-17
- May 13** – 92, 149, 23, 114; Jer. 31:12-17; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 7:18-28(29-30)31-35
- May 14** – Psalm 93, 150, 136, 117; Isa. 32:1-8; 2 Thess. 2:13-17; Matt. 7:7-14
- May 15** – Psalm 97, 145, 124, 115; Jer. 32:1-15; Col. 3:18-4:18; Luke 7:36-50
- May 16** – Psalm 98, 146, 66, 116; Jer. 32:16-25; Rom. 12:1-21; Luke 8:1-15
- May 17** - Psalm 99, 147:1-11, 9, 118; Jer. 32:36-44; Rom. 13:1-14; Luke 8:16-25
- May 18** – Psalm 47, 147:12-20, 68, 113; Jer. 33:1-13; Rom. 14:1-12; Luke 8:26-39
- May 19** – Psalm 96, 148, 49, 138; Deut. 31:30-32:14; Rom. 14:13-23; Luke 8:40-56
- May 20** - Psalm 92, 149, 23, 114; Deut. 32:34-41; Rom. 15:1-13; Luke 9:1-17
- May 21** – Psalm 93, 150, 136, 117; Deut. 15:1-11; 1 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Matt. 13:24-34a
- May 22** – Psalm 97, 145, 124, 115; Deut. 8:1-10; James 1:1-15; Luke 9:18-27
- May 23** - Psalm 98, 146, 66, 116; Deut. 8:11-20; James 1:16-27; Luke 11:1-13
- May 24** - Psalm 99, 147:1-11, 9, 118; Deut. 19:1-7; James 5:13-18; Luke 12:22-31
- May 25** – Psalm 47, 147:12-20, 68, 113; Ezek. 1:1-14, 24-28b; Heb. 2:5-18; Matt. 28:16-20
- May 26** – 96, 148, 49, 138; Ezek. 1:28-3:3; Heb. 4:14-5:6; Luke 9:28-36
- May 27** – Psalm 92, 149, 23, 114; Ezek. 3:4-17; Heb. 5:7-14; Luke 9:37-50
- May 28** – Psalm 93, 150, 136, 117; Ezek. 3:16-27; Eph. 2:1-10; Matt. 10:24-33, 40-42
- May 29** – Psalm 97, 145, 124, 115; Ezek. 4:1-17; Heb.6:1-12; Luke 9:51-62
- May 30** – Psalm 98, 146, 66, 116; Ezek. 7:10-15,23b-27; Heb. 6:13-20; Luke 10:1-17
- May 31** – Psalm 99, 147:1-11, 9, 118; Ezek. 11:14-25; Heb. 7:1-17; Luke 10:17-24

FIRESIDE FRIENDS

Fireside Friends will meet on Tuesday, May 9th at 11:00 a.m. (note time change) in Fellowship Hall for our annual Salad Luncheon. Our theme will be “Good Words Matter”, something that’s been emphasized a lot lately. Think back to your favorite phrase, a nonsense word, or a memorable Mom or Dad “ism”, so you can add it to our conversation. So, please bring your favorite salad, if you can, and your favorite words. If you have questions, please contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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## **SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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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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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 2	157
April 9	174
April 16	215
April 23	126
April 30	tba
Sunday Average	168

PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawl will meet at church on Wednesday, May 17th at 10 a.m. All knitters and crocheters welcome!

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## **GRADUATE INFORMATION**

If you or your child is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school and would like this accomplishment to be recognized in our June newsletter, please send your information to our email, [k1stpres@yahoo.com](mailto:k1stpres@yahoo.com), by May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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B-I-N-G-O

On Friday, May 19th at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. we are having a BINGO Night. There is no cost to come and play and there will be prizes for the winners. We are hoping to see BINGO players of all ages. There will be snacks and drinks served. Come join the fun.

PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT



Please join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m. Pizza,

popcorn and soda will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the movie(s) will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. The movie *Unbroken* will be shown in Fellowship Hall for the adults. (A children's movie, *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*, will be shown in the Link at the same time.)

Louis Zamperini is an Olympic athlete who joined the Armed Forces during the second world war. While on a rescue mission, his plane crashes and he is picked up by a Japanese military ship. He is sent to a POW camp, where he must fight for his freedom.

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!

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

There are only a few weeks left of our weekly Bible study before we take a break for the summer. If you would like to join us to finish 2 Samuel we meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. Otherwise, join us in the Fall when we start up again. All are welcome!

## **VBS**

Join Us At VBS This Summer! June 12-16, 9:00-11:30

Do Good! Seek Peace and Go After It!  
Psalm 34:14

We are excited to see our church transformed into Hero Central where the children will have a fun filled week learning all about how God's Heroes have Heart...Courage...Wisdom...Hope and Power!

We are currently in need of cardboard paper towel tubes. We will need many volunteers and helping hands.

Thank You!

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Renee Brueckert

Molly Bergnach

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SOUP KITCHEN



On Tuesday, May 2nd, 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.

Happy Anniversary 1st Presbyterian Prayer Shawl Ministry

Can you believe it? 10 years ago, last month, our Prayer Shawl Ministry dedicated its first shawls. Over the years we have made and dedicated more than 500 shawls, scarves and baby sweater sets.

Of the original 18 members, 6 remain. Others have joined us through the years bringing us to a pretty steady nine members that meet and create each month.

On average it takes 1 to 2 months to complete a shawl (though our crocheters are quicker than our knitters!). Approximately 600 – 900 yards of yarn (5 – 6 skeins) go into creating each shawl. The softest, bulky acrylic yarn we can find is used so that worries over allergies and care aren't issues. We are blessed to have not only prayer support from the congregation, but financial support as well.

Our recipients have come from our local church and our Presbytery. They are family members, friends, work associates and strangers that God has led us to. We, the members, feel blessed every time someone receives a shawl. We have prayed healing, comfort, joy, peace and love into each wrap. Most times we don't know who will receive it but we do know and trust that God has a particular recipient in mind.

Thank you, fellow church members, for supporting the work we do. Please feel free to join us, to pray for us and to request a shawl. God has given all of us the wonderful ability to love and care for each other. May you be hugged by His love and grace every day!

This tag is included on every Prayer Shawl:

“This Prayer Shawl was made for you by the Prayer Shawl Ministry of First Presbyterian Church in Kenosha. As it was created, we prayed for you. We asked the Lord to give you many blessings of courage, strength and peace. May this shawl wrap you in comfort just as the Lord wraps you in His love. You will remain in our hearts and prayers.”

PARISH NURSE NOTES

May...May?!! When did that sneak up on us? It really is looking like spring now. The scillas are almost done for the year, the daffodils and tulips are accenting yards, and the blossoming trees are adding their loveliness everywhere we look. So much beauty of nature—all we have to do is take a drive or look out our windows.

The sun is higher in the sky, so I must repeat again—use that sunscreen! SPF30 is a good strength to use any time you are going outside, and not just on sunny days. You can get a sun burn on cloudy days, or even when it is foggy. It is important to remember to reapply the lotion periodically, and don't forget to use it on the tops of ears, back of the neck, and exposed scalp areas. Another reminder is that there is not really such a thing as a "healthy tan"—any tanning of our skin means that there has been some degree of skin damage....sad, but true. Eyes can also be damaged by UV rays, so invest in a good pair of sunglasses!

I don't have any further news about the blood drive, so please watch the bulletin inserts for information. Neither I nor the coordinator at St. Paul's have heard from the Blood Center yet. Please keep this on your "to-do" list for May.

Enjoy your life—do activities that make you happy, develop strong social relationships, get those 6-8 hours of sleep every night, plan meals that you enjoy, keep that body moving, say your prayers of thankfulness for all you have, don't "sweat the small stuff"...as a recent Ziggy cartoon said, "When it comes to enjoying life...the sooner we get started...the longer we get to enjoy it!" Good advice for all of us!

Blessings,

Karen Sorenson, Parish Nurse



May Birthdays

1st Andrew Smith
 6th Lydia Spottswood
 7th Zachary Dickow
 11th Kathie Mandry
 15th Brad Dickow
 16th Kortnie Ruth
 18th Barb Grund
 William Dougherty
 20th Bill LeFebve
 28th Erika Behling
 31st Erin Spottswood
 Jayne Spottswood

DEACONS

Kathy Anderson, Tana Baldwin, Lynn Faulk,
 Jane Frost, Nancy McGovern, Penny
 Ingraham, Julie Iorio*, Brenda Langerman,
 Carole Serpe

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of counters for the summer months. We are looking for 2 counters for the month of June, 1 counter for July 2 and 9, and 2 counters for Aug 20 and 27. If you can help, please let the office know. Thank you.



ANNIVERSARIES May

13th Don and Nancy Quist
 20th Dave and Julia Robinson
 25th Jim and Brenda Langerman
 26th John and Kia Hauter
 29th Karen and Rod Rasmussen

SESSION

Gary Anderson (Fellowship)
 Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel*,
 Nominating)
 Ron Bauman (Stewardship & Finance*, Building
 & Grounds, Personnel, Nominating)
 Erika Behling (Worship & Music)
 Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education*, Mission*)
 Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds)
 Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance)
 Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel)
 Shari Infante (Fellowship*, Mission)
 Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music*, Personnel)
 Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)
 Paul Spottswood (Fellowship, Worship and Music)

() indicates committee assignments; *indicates
 Team Leaders

Mark Bourque is moderator



MAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE



Head Usher: Alan Frederick

May 7th

N. Door Greeter: Kathy Anderson
Greeters: The Lehmans
Reader: Sandy Billingsley
Sound System: Walter Deignan
Counters: Darlene Doil
Julie Iorio
Nursery Helper: Linda Putrow
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team
Comm. Prep.: Carole Serpe

May 14th

N. Door Greeter: Tana Baldwin
Greeters: Charles Leicht
Reader: Miriam Johnson
Sound System: Jerry Jones
Counters: Darlene Doil
Julie Iorio
Nursery Helper: Karen Edenhofer
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

May 21st

N. Door Greeter: Carole Serpe
Greeters: The Lovealls
Reader: Tana Baldwin
Sound System: Todd Kotten
Counters: Darlene Doil
Julie Iorio
Nursery Helper: Mandy Bergeson
Fellowship Host: Fireside Friends

May 28th

N. Door Greeter: Brenda Langerman
Greeters: Joyce Cunningham &
Ron Luthman
Reader: Paul Spottswood
Sound System: Don Mandry
Counters: Ann King
Julie Iorio
Nursery Helper: Dana Berry
Fellowship Host: Mariners

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!