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DATED MATERIAL
May 1, 2019



Join us on Friday, May 31st starting at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a movie. We will be watching the movie *Coco*, which will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I am a fan of music from the 1980's and as such I was/am a big fan of the Go-Go's. They are considered by some to be the most successful all female rock band of all time. They were pioneers for female bands in rock. They had a wildly successful first album in 1981. Then it all fell apart. Success hit them hard, but jealousy hit them harder. The band members began to turn on one another in jealousy. The song writers and instrumentalists became jealous over the attention being paid (and credit being given to) Belinda Carlisle, the lead singer. She became the face of the band and those who had so much to do with its success yet were being placed behind her were starting to feel the rage of jealousy. Eventually this tear led to the downfall and breakup of what could have been a band that ruled music for decades.

This illustration came to me after the funeral we held here celebrating the life of Ruth "Lee" West. Her son spoke of how in their very musical family she would join in and sing harmony. In the sermon I said that summed Lee up pretty well. She did not need credit or the limelight. She sang the harmony of the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. That is a difficult thing to do – support the ministry of the church quietly, doing what you can, what you feel called to, but without need for recognition and without jealousy of those who are more out front. The truth of the matter is this church is weaker without the participation of everyone in the church. Your presence, your stewardship, your ideas, your work, your worship is all important to what we do as a church. But some people lead from the front while others support from behind the scenes. The hard part is to not become jealous of those who are more visible and to whom much credit is given: a pastor, the elders or deacons, a committee chair, or Sunday school superintendent. The truth is, without all of us doing our vital parts in the church, the ministry is not nearly as effective. If we become jealous or at least distracted by the attention someone else is being paid, we lose sight of the overall ministry of the church and the important part we play in it.

Jealousy is a difficult emotion to deal with. Yet nothing can bring a successful group/ministry/event down faster than the infighting caused by jealousy from someone else's recognition. Don't let that be a part of your life. Do not let that be a part of church. Let us all play our parts and do our part to promote the ministry of the church and the Kingdom of God on earth.

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Treasurer's Report:

General Operating Fund

Beginning Balance 3/1/2019	\$43,547.42
Receipts	\$31,363.52
Disbursements	<u>\$22,169.86</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2019	<u>\$52,741.08</u>

Building Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 3/1/2019	\$60,170.03
Receipts	\$ 80.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Interest	<u>\$ 4.77</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2019	<u>\$60,254.80</u>

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## GARDEN UPDATE

Our 2019 mission garden is underway! Thanks to Karie Murawski for delivering our organic fertilizer and top soil to refresh the beds, to Lance and youth for spreading the above to prep our beds, to Mark Putrow for getting our rain barrel ready, and to Linda Putrow and Pat Meinhardt for helping with seeds and planting, which will hopefully begin, weather permitting, this week. Also thanks to Lydia Spotswood for looking into future plans for a drip watering system, now pending estimate and availability. Ron Meinhardt donated some fence for trellising, and the Edenhofer family has graciously agreed to arrange for replenishing our mulch for pathways. Also, a huge thanks to those who have volunteered to water each week. We are still looking for a Saturday volunteer to water and for more pickers and sellers (really not as hard as you would think). As you can see this is definitely a project that requires many hands to make the work lighter, but has rewards of healthy eating, contact with nature and the circle of life, and benefits of team building/ relationships and service to others who benefit from our produce. Thanks again to all and join in the mission.

## DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### MAY 2019

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

## **SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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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FIRESIDE FRIENDS

Fireside Friends will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. (note time change) on Tuesday, May 14th for our annual Salad Luncheon. If you can, please bring your favorite salad to share. Otherwise, just join us, there's always plenty. We'll also have a special time to remember our first leader, Lee West. 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 21<sup>st</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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PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawl will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

<p>The next blood drive is Monday, June 3rd from 2-7 pm, here at the church. Please consider being a donor. More information will be coming soon.</p>
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CHECK IT OUT by Sheryl Becker

The latest new books in our library include one suggested by Sara Miles. Sara is attending the May 21 Presbytery meeting featuring a lecture by Dr. Robin D'Angelo. In preparation, she has read Dr. D'Angelo's book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People to Talk About Racism*, and highly recommends it.

The other book, *Educated*, by Tara Westover, is an amazing book about the power of education to change one's life. Westover grew up the child of survivalists in Idaho. She helped prepared for the end of the world rather than go to school, and she never saw a doctor or a nurse. Through pure willpower, she managed to prepare for and take the ACT and attend college both here and abroad. It is a truly inspirational book that you won't be able to put down. I certainly couldn't!

Both of these books will be in our church library the first week of May. If you have enjoyed any of the other new books in our library, be sure to let me know so I can pass your opinion on. Happy Spring!

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## **GRADUATE INFORMATION**

If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school and you 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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LOOSE COIN

Our bank no longer accepts coins with our deposit. Any coins given will be put in the donation bottle in the office and counted as loose offering.

READY FOR JAM YET? TIME FOR THE JAM MIN TO START UP!

Thanks to the Ash Wednesday Chili Contest, the Jam Ministry has already begun its 2019 fund-raising for missions. People are saying that they have little or no Jam Min jam left and are wondering when there will be some available. Their (im)patience will be rewarded soon!

The process has begun and by mid-May there will be a Jam Table in the Link with a variety of jams (blackberry, mango, orange, etc., and whatever prepared fruit Lance saved when the freezer failed – and we had forgotten about!).

At this point we have plenty of empty jars, but they will soon be filled so please continue to *bring back any empties* – that saves us almost \$10 a dozen. If you wish, you can just rinse the jars without taking the labels off, then let them air dry before putting the (unwashed) tops and bands back on. If you want to put the jars in the dishwasher, that's fine, as long as you soak the jars in hot water for five minutes and remove the labels – if you put a jar with labels in the dishwasher, the label may come off but more likely the glue will be baked on to the jar and will take more trouble to get off. Again, don't wash the tops and bands in the dishwasher and, if you wash them by hand (and you don't have to), please dry them off carefully and let them air dry before putting them back on the clean, dry jars, otherwise the bands will rust and be useless. Of course, the gift of new jars or tops is always appreciated.

Volunteers are welcome to help make the jams (just talk to John) and to help out at the Jam Table. I don't know how we can match the donations of the last two years, but the people of this church continue to astonish with their generosity.

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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.

## **FALL RUMMAGE SALE 2019**

Our annual church rummage sale will be held on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, merchandise donated by our congregation will be augmented with excess donations from the Lake Forest Presbyterian fall rummage sale.

As our church has increased the amount of merchandise for our rummage sale, we need to increase our number of volunteers. Our schedule this fall is to pick up merchandise after the Lake Forest sale on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, then bring the merchandise up and park the trucks overnight in our parking lot. After fellowship hour on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we'll set up tables, unpack the trucks, and begin setting up merchandise. Member donations should be dropped off Sunday 2-5pm, and Monday and Tuesday 9am-8pm. We will set up merchandise Sunday 2-5pm, and Monday and Tuesday, 9am-8pm. We will price merchandise Wednesday 9am-8pm and Thursday from 9am to 6pm, and have a "members only" sale on Thursday evening 6-8pm.

We need new volunteers, men and women, young, middle aged, or "less young", be it only a couple of hours in the morning afternoon or evening for one or two days. No particular qualifications, just a desire to work and help raise funds for mission. Along with sign-up sheets, we are going to be asking people, directly, if you can help. Thank you to those who have already graciously volunteered.

Charlie Leicht and Pat Koesser

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VBS

VBS will take place at the church Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21st from 9-11:30 a.m. for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. This year's VBS theme is "To Mars and Beyond", where kids will discover the wonders of God's universe.

To register a child, or sign up to volunteer, the website is www.myvbs.org/kenoshafp2019.

PRESBYTERY SPEAKER

Milwaukee Presbytery has some excellent speakers lined up for their Presbytery Gatherings this year. YOUR first opportunity to attend will be May 21st at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church. This is what the material from the Presbytery says: “Robin DiAngelo, author of the New York Times best-selling book *White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism*, will join us on May 21 at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church as we work to recognize the behaviors and often unconscious bias that perpetuates racial division. Dr. DiAngelo will describe the way race shapes the lives of white people, explain what makes racism so hard for white people to see, and identify common white racial patterns that prevent us from moving towards greater racial equity. Weaving information, analysis, stories, images, and familiar examples, she provides the framework needed to develop white racial literacy. Although the focus is on white racial identity development, people of color may also find the analysis valuable as it is one that is rarely affirmed or provided in mainstream society. Dr. DiAngelo has been a consultant and trainer for over 20 years on issues of racial and social justice.”

May 21, 2019 · 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church · 2366 N. 80th Street · Wauwatosa, WI 53213. To register, go to <https://www.pbymilwaukee.org/>. There is also information there on the speakers for the September and November Gatherings. If you have questions, contact Lydia Spottswood or Sara Miles.

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## **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Please note the following change to your copy of the church directory:

Edith Kosman  
Brookside Care Center  
3506 Washington Road  
Room 218  
Kenosha, WI 53144

IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT  
Tower Topics  
Kenosha, WI 53143  
Issue #258



## May Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> ..... Lydia Spottswood  
 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Oliver Pierce  
 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Kathie Mandry  
 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Kortnie Ruth  
 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Barb Grund  
                     ..... William Dougherty  
 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Erika Behling  
 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Erin Spottswood  
                     ..... Jayne Spottswood

### DEACONS

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Teddi Griffin, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham\*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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|----------------|-----|
| April 7        | 117 |
| April 14       | 154 |
| April 21       | 236 |
| April 28       | 120 |
| Sunday Average | 156 |



## ANNIVERSARIES May

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Ralph & Theresa Kamphuis  
 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Don & Nancy Quist  
 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Dave & Julia Robinson  
 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Jim & Brenda Langerman  
 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Rod & Karen Rasmussen

### 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\*)  
 Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)  
 Jodi Prince (Fellowship and Membership)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \* indicates Team Leaders



# **MAY WORSHIP**

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

### **May 5<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Teddi Griffin  
Greeters: The LeFebves  
Reader: Lance Loveall  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Becky Henn  
Nancy McGovern  
Nursery Helper: Darleen Sluga  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team  
Comm. Prep.: Kelly Andrichik

### **May 12<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Nancy McGovern  
Greeters: Karen Leggin  
Reader: Sheryl Becker  
Sound System: Walter Deignan  
Counters: Becky Henn  
Nancy McGovern  
Nursery Helper: Volunteer Needed  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

### **May 19<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Sherry Craig  
Greeters: The Lehmans  
Reader: Sara Miles  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Becky Henn  
Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Mandy Bergeson  
Fellowship Host: Fireside Friends

### **May 26<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: TBD  
Greeters: Charles Leicht  
Reader: Lydia Spottswood  
Sound System: Todd Kotten  
Counters: Becky Henn  
Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Christi Deignan  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**