

Women's Fellowship

In our Bible Study lesson on March 3, Women's Fellowship discussed the first of two narratives on Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary was a woman on the "outside" and vulnerable. Yet she was also brave and strong, and through her actions, she enabled God's continuing story of hope and salvation.

Barely beyond childhood, Mary found herself facing an arranged marriage and a pregnancy "from the Holy Spirit!" Death by stoning was the typical punishment in that situation, and either Joseph (her betrothed) or her father could have chosen to expunge her shame and maintain the families' honor through her death. But Joseph, having been told in a dream that Mary was pregnant through the Spirit, demonstrated his righteousness through mercy, rather than strictly following the law.

Joseph learned that the child to be born was not only from the Holy Spirit but was to be the savior of his people! As prophesied in Isaiah (7:14), "...You will call him Immanuel," meaning "God with us," Joseph was instructed to name the child Jesus, meaning "Savior," and we see the joining together of humanity and divinity. The presence of God, now taking on human form, is certainly "God with us" in every possible sense.

In our mission efforts, Women's Fellowship is continuing to sew school totes and gather supplies, providing school and hygiene kits to Church World Service and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Plans also continue for our Easter brunch following the service on April 17, as well as our Women's Sunday service on April 24. We also hope to attend the presbytery-wide gathering of women in Superior on April 28. Phew!

All women of the congregation are most welcome to come to our meetings on the first (Bible Study) and third Thursday of each month at 9:30am. We have lots of fun and would love to have you join us!

Kay Suffron, Moderator

APRIL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE!

The Deacons will be collecting items for the Boulder Junction Food Pantry all month long!

Ironically, they are asking for donations of personal care supplies (and not food)! Please place any donations in the box marked for this purpose on the Outreach/Missions table in the Fellowship Hall. They should be new and in their packaging. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a deacon.

Please search your market's aisles for:

Deodorant	Mouthwash
Hand cream	Lip balm
Feminine hygiene products	Bar soap
Toothpaste	Tissue
Floss	Toothbrushes

RHUBARB COBBLER

1 ¼ c pancake mix, divided
1 tsp lemon zest
1 2/3 c sugar, divided
4 c rhubarb, chopped into ½" pieces
1 egg, beaten
¼ c butter, melted

Mix ½ c pancake mix with lemon zest, 1 cup sugar, and rhubarb. Pat into a 9" square pan. Mix ¾ c pancake mix, beaten egg, and 2/3 c sugar and spread over first mixture. Drizzle with melted butter.

Bake at 375 for 35-40 mins. Serve warm with whipped cream.

This is a lovely spring recipe from Nancy Bilder, who passed away in 2017. Her recipe can be found on pg 204 of the MWCPC Cookbook, which has so many amazing recipes from members and friends of the church. Please see a member of Women's Fellowship or Heather if you are interested in purchasing a copy!

APRIL

Happy Birthday!!

- 2nd Bobbie Nash, Tony Schilling
4th Lucian Gindorff
5th Lexiana Gindorff, Maija Schellinger
6th Bob Strauser
7th Katy Ellingson, Tom Erickson
8th Rick Eble, Ted Pierce
10th Susan Schroeter, Richard Smith
13th Joan Galloway, Olga Lee
14th Galen Brownell, Sue Rodell
15th Don Psenicka
16th Lloyd Glynn, Sharon Lukas
17th Hannah Semmerling
18th Sam Cayo, 21st Krista Slemmons
23rd Kay Krans, Gail Speer
25th Ronald King, 26th Emily Bokern
29th Beth Kost, 30th Barbara Schroeder,
Heather Suffron



Happy Anniversary!

- 10th – Steve & Mary Wilson
11th – Jeff & Kristin Semmerling
12th – Thomas & Susan Schroeder
13th – Jim & Dee Cayo
14th – Chips & Suzanne Paulson
16th – Denny & Kathy Kieper
17th – John & Karolynn Ross
19th – Warren & Barbara Johnson
22nd - David & Lori Frandy
24th – Dan & Nan Bloch
27th – Richard & Sue Straus

Update on The Search

It is never easy when a pastor leaves a church and the congregation is faced with finding a new one. Although in some denominations, the bishop or governing body selects a new minister, and that person must lead a new congregation whether it's a good fit or not, the Presbyterian Church keeps much of the autonomy with the people, which is nice, but it also has some disadvantages.

Like an arranged marriage vs. finding someone on your own, our pastoral search takes time and discussion and more time. We know that it is a frustrating process, and we are sometimes frustrated, too, but we want to follow the established protocols, and we want to get this right.

Please know that we are working on this even when it might seem like we are not. We haven't given up. This will happen. It just takes time. And there are a few things that need to take place before an active search can begin.

***The PNC must be approved.** Without enough people present for a **Congregational Meeting** quorum on March 6, we will need to hold another meeting so the Pastoral Nominating Committee can be approved. This has been set for **Sunday, May 1**, following the service. Please do try to attend. We cannot make any significant progress without this step being completed.

***The Mission Study must commence.** Before we work on finding a new pastor, the Presbytery has advised that we need to complete a Mission Study. This will help us define who we are and what direction we'd like to head. Knowing this information will aid us in searching for a pastor, and it's another important step along the way, but it also does take some time. Be aware that leaders of the church will likely reach out to you in the upcoming weeks to learn more about your vision for our church.

Once these steps are tackled, the search can begin in earnest, and this will entail discussions about the possibility of yoking, in one way or another, with the Community Church of Lac du Flambeau – an arrangement that will have both pros and cons to consider.

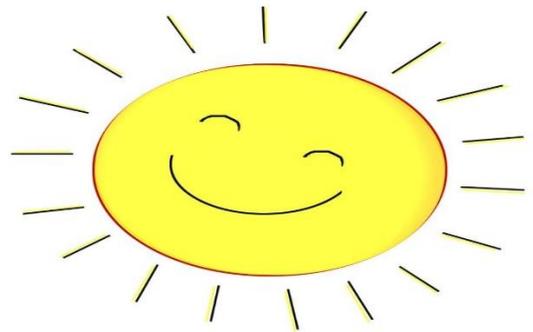
We are trying to keep you in the loop when and if there is information to share, and we ask – and thank you – for your understanding and continued patience! In the meantime, feel free to contact Lois, or another Session member, if you have questions.

~ Lois Bauers/Heather Suffron, OBO Session

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*"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."
~William Shakespeare*

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We welcome your call.**

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Volunteer Opportunities

Announcements:

April 3 – Joyce Hoehn
April 10 – Rose King
April 17 – Kay Suffron
April 24 – Rose King

Liturgists:

April 3 – Margo Perkins
April 10 – Dave Edgcomb
April 17 – Rose King
April 24 – Kay Suffron

Counters:

April 3 – John Hanson & Eric Koster
April 10 – Dave Vogt & Lois Bauers
April 17 – Lois Bauers & Nan Bloch
April 24 – Mary Koster & Carol Stone

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Per Capita is a set amount of money per member that congregations send to the Presbytery so it can perform its functions. In this way, we all share in the cost of running the Presbyterian Church! For 2022, the amount is \$32/member, and the blue envelopes can be found at the front of your offering box right behind the Initial Offering envelope, which helps pay for the envelopes! If you have any questions, please contact Heather or Lois.



## LOOSE COIN OFFERING

April – June: DOVE  
Domestic Violence Escape

## Rebirth & Renewal..... EGG!

Hope shares some messages.

### Easter bonnets!!

Easter hats are optional for Sunday service, but... since it is such a joyful celebration, it would be fun if we wore them. Go big, go small, go for a fascinator, go for a ball cap, decorate it or not. It's up to you. Just enjoy the day and the fellowship!

### Get thee to a committee!!

If anyone is interested in helping out on the Mission or Worship Committees, please let us know! It's fun to join in and learn how we run different things in church, and we can always use the help. Get involved in assisting with worship or with our outreach efforts!

Mission Chair is Joe Sanks/Worship Chair is Hope Dougherty

### Greeters needed!!

Another opportunity to serve! We are asking for volunteers to greet people coming into church on Sunday. We've missed that personal touch and are glad to reinstate it. Please let Hope know if you are interested or take a peek at the sign-up sheet

## Have you checked out our SERRV Table?

It's a bit of a mouthful, but SERRV stands for Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation, and it was established in 1949 to help European refugees secure an autonomous income after WWII. SERRV still helps refugees all around the world, and we carry a number of their delightful creations in the Fellowship Hall! If you have questions or are interested in helping out at the table, please speak with Rose King: 715 583 9979.

# Jesus Christ is risen!

## He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Matthew 28:5** The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

The major holidays of the Christian faith center around the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Passover meal – Last Supper – that Christ shared with His disciples before going to the garden to pray and being turned over to the authorities for interrogation and torture. Good Friday marks the day of Jesus’ crucifixion, death, and burial. Understandably, its name has caused some debate, with some claiming that it comes from “God’s Friday” and others arguing that it is called good because that day was necessary in order to culminate in the true joy of resurrection a few days later. Christians observe Easter every spring in celebration of Christ’s resurrection, His victory over the grave – and our salvation where we too, are not lost to death but can have eternal life through His sacrifice on the cross. Easter Sunday can fall anywhere between March 22 – April 25. It often coincides with the Jewish tradition of Passover and always falls on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, the first full moon of spring.

Jesus’ resurrection symbolizes victory over death and a new beginning. Let us take this time to be grateful for the gift given to us – God’s salvation was bought at an enormous price. And we are saved because of it. Let us strive not to let God down. He puts His trust in us. Let us try to work toward our potential. We are each distinctive individuals, with gifts and talents and quirks uniquely our own. Let us share them with others. In a world that is often dark and sad and plagued with conflict and division, let us find ways to use our skills for good.

## Happy Earth Day 2022!

Just as we are cleansed of our sins by His sacrifice and can start fresh, so too, the earth renews itself with life after a long, cold winter. Tiny buds appear on dainty branches. Bright green shoots peek up out of the newly thawed ground. Delicate blooms quiver in the dew. Earth takes a deep breath and springs into life again! Let us rejoice in the world around us – so resplendent with diverse flora and fauna, so precious, necessary, and astonishing. So fragile and damaged. Another miraculous gift is at our fingertips, and we so often take it for granted or actively deplete its strength. As far as we know, this is the only planet we have. Let us step up to the plate and work to celebrate and protect our home!

Started on April 22, 1970, Earth Day turns 52 this year, and there are so many ways you can get involved and help out along the way – from one-time activities to donations of any amount to recurring volunteer assignments with local organizations, planting a tree, or just spreading the word. A good place to start can be found here: [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org). Even though it gets kind of muddy, and spring can be a volatile season around here, it’s all part of laying the groundwork for the cycle of life, of planting and harvesting, of birth and rebirth. Each of us can make a difference in the life of our planet!

WHAT'S BIG, EXCITING, TAKES A LOT OF PREPARATION, AND HAPPENS (ALMOST) EVERY YEAR!!!

If you said **Fleazaar**, give yourself a pat on the back! The countdown is on! Fleazaar is 3 months and three weeks away, so..... Save the date for **July 20**, plan your spring cleaning schedule, start thinking about how you can help out, and contact the Kiepers with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WHAT: FLEAZAAR  
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Spring is coming – despite the weather, we are confident of that – and spring means Fleazaar! We will begin accepting donations on Saturday, May 7, from 9am-12pm. We've received numerous calls asking when people can bring in their donations, so we expect to have another good and busy season. As always, many helping hands will be needed! Saturday donation days will continue through Saturday, July 9.

Also, we have agreed to pick up a rather large donation ahead of time – tentatively Saturday, April 9 (assuming the weather cooperates and the barns are accessible). Help is needed that day, as well! Please contact Denny if you are willing and able to help. Since we are on vacation before the craziness begins, e-mail is preferred: [kiep53@yahoo.com](mailto:kiep53@yahoo.com). You can also leave a message here: 715 476 2196 or cell: 715 581 4538.

Thank you for your continued support of this fun and very important project for our church!

~ Denny & Kathy Kieper

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?!?

### HE IS RISEN!

Easter envelopes are included with this mailing for our Easter Offering!

Reminder: Session Members and Deacons will meet at church on **SUNDAY, APRIL 3 @ 11:00am** for their annual retreat. Lunch will be provided!

### Save the date!

Apr 17: Women's Fellowship is hosting a lovely brunch after the worship service!  
May 1: Special Congregational Meeting following the worship service to approve the PNC!

## An Easter Prayer: Love Overcame

Love overcame

Emerging from a cold tomb

All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God

Transforming a broken heart

Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden

The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love

Jesus resurrected and restored

Comforts a weeping woman

Speaks with travelers on a journey

Meets with his faithful friends

And they bow down before Christ alive

And acknowledged that the savior has arrived

That the word of God has come alive

And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth is complete.

— *Julie Palmer*

### Angel Frost Punch

12 oz. package of frozen strawberries,  
sliced

1 12-oz. can frozen pink lemonade

2 c. water

1 quart vanilla ice cream

14 oz. lemon-lime carbonated  
beverage (Sprite, 7-Up)

Blend everything but the soda  
in a blender. Pour into punch  
bowl, then add the soda,  
pouring slowly down the sides.  
Gently stir to mix.

Garnish with strawberry slices.

ENJOY!

P.S. Sharing this recipe from Heather's godmother, who passed away in Sept 2021.

**PRAY:** God of mercy, justice, and peace

Our spirits are heavy with sorrow, our souls shocked at the sudden and breathtaking violence, the invasion of Ukraine by their neighbor, Russia.

We pray for lives caught in the grip of war, Who hear the bombs in the night, the ominous movement of troops on the road into town, the whistle of incoming shells, for a cry from a desperate neighbor or a shout of warning. For those who huddle in subways and basements or flee for the borders, clutching their children's hands

We pray for families separated from fathers, brothers, and sons who must remain to fight and protect their homeland.

We pray for neighbors in Eastern and Central Europe as their hearts and doors open to these refugees

That strained resources will become an abundance of hope

That fears and struggles with racism will yield to a generosity of profound welcome

That communities of faith with Ukraine will be protected from harm and sustained in their efforts to feed and shelter their neighbors.

That peacemakers and protesters in Russia will be heard and their lives preserved.

May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.

May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.

May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope, and peace.

And in this season, when we walk the way towards death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts towards justice and peace.

~ Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance