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Prayer Chain

Do you want to be apart of the church Prayer Chain and the power of prayer?

Here is how it works...

~ When a prayer request arises, the Prayer Chain is activated.

~ You will be notified and asked to offer prayers and contact the next person on the chain.

If you are interested in being put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Char Gilland (640-0210) or Julie Fiala (430-3849) to join.

Friendship Dinners

Future dinners:

July 9

September 17

December 24.

Mark your calendars. Dinners will be funded by the Matthew 25 Committee.

Weekend Food Bags

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this project so successful over the years! We couldn't do it without all of you!

We are still seeking donations of "add-ins" for the bags. We are requesting just Ramen noodles, or any pre-packaged dried noodles. We also would like to request ONLY Tersteeg's or Target bags. Unfortunately, the Wal-Mart bags are not sturdy enough for the kids to bring home. Thank you again to everyone who has helped with this project!

Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars and start cleaning your closets.

The church is having a rummage sale May 18-20!!!

Imagination Library

Are you an "Imagination Angel"?! It only takes \$30 to bless a child for one year with the gift of reading.

You can mail donations to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 444, RWF, MN or give online at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> (make sure to designate Redwood Area to receive your donation).

Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with "Imagination Library" in the memo line. Thank you!

We are looking for more individuals to learn how to use the church camera. If you are interested, please let Pastor Scott or Lee Davis know. Thanks! Pastor Scott

THIS AND THAT

Mark Your Calendars

The Deacons are planning an outdoor worship service for July 16, with a potluck to follow. More information to come!

FPC Memorial Committee's Scholarship Fund

With graduation right around the corner we want to remind every one of the Memorial Committee's Presbyterian Scholarship Fund. This fund has been set up with the purpose of providing graduates from our church financial assistance in their pursuit of higher education. Graduates are asked to submit their request to the committee and upon approval, a \$500 scholarship is sent to the college they are choosing to attend. If you would like to take part in helping to further the education of our young members, you can donate to: FPC Memorial Fund (MEMO: Scholarship Fund). Donations can be put in the offering plate or sent to Nathan Stephens (Memorial Committee moderator) 509 Valley View Dr., RWF. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office or Nathan Stephens.

Synod School

Have you ever considered going to Synod School? This year it is being held on July 28-31 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. All ages are welcome. They have full programming for children. There are several classes to choose from for adults from a gigantic array of topics. Check out the Synod School catalog in the narthex. They have inspirational morning and evening worship services and a convocation speaker. You stay right on campus and eat in the college cafeteria. There are scholarships available for first-time attendees. Please consider going! You will love it! ~ Pastor Scott

Valley Bridge

Sign up to receive the Valley Bridge, our Presbytery newsletter, in your inbox! Just email our Presbytery Administrator, Karen Lange at karen@minnesotavalleys.org and she will add you to the mailing list! We are starting some Presbytery wide groups to bring people with common interests together. We would love to have more of our church members reading the newsletter so they will know as these things happen and we can build our sense of fellowship and friendship throughout the Presbytery. You can read the Valley Bridge anytime on our Presbytery website: minnesotavalleys.org under "News and Events".



Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels project volunteers bring a noon meal to shut-ins in our community. The Deacons are in charge of meal delivery for **the second half of June; June 16-30.**

If you can help out please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, **name and number please!!**

We need two groups (of two - a driver and a runner) per day!!!

It is necessary to be at the RACC, north doors (hockey arena), by 9:45 am. It will take approximately 30-40 minutes.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dan Tiffany, Deacon Moderator, at 640-0993.

Happy BIRTHDAY

1st: Kory Schneider

2nd: Sue Nearing, Lois Tiffany, Henry Bentson,
Anika Martin, Owen Mathiowetz

3rd: Mark Oja, Brandy Toomer

4th: Nathan Prouty

8th: Lauren Karnitz

9th: Ryan Becklund

11th: Brennen Fuhr, Greg Dording

13th: Dallas Kleinhuizen, Savannah Kleinhuizen

18th: Joyce Goodyear, Larry Wessels

22nd: Dan Fuhr, Jim Plamer

25th: Preston Brozek

30th: Lucas Fuhr

31st: Ralph Revier, Curt Meyers

Happy Anniversary

1st: Nathan & Kristi Zimmerman

4th: Gerry & Deb Hess

8th: Winston & Rosie Venable

19th: Bruce & Ann Tiffany

20th: Dave & Corrine Gertsema

25th: Claire & Curt Meyers

28th: Brandy & Jeff Toomer

May Greeters

Deacons of Month: Dan Tiffany

7 Bob & Sonya Alexander

14 Dan & Maria Alexander

21 Bruce & Ann Tiffany

28 Dale & Sandy Starr

May Ushers

Head Usher: Gary Hindt,
Greg Dording, Stephen

Dording, Kim McKay,

Tom & Barb Stough,

Julie Rienstra, Shawn Corder,

Leann Heimer, Paul Hagen,

Nick Brozek

May Communion Servers

Ruling Elder Michael Joldersma,
Rhonda Joldersma,

Shawn Corder, Julie Rienstra,
Shannon Sweetman, Dan Tiffany,
Sonya Alexander

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor Scott-Synod Meeting Farmington	2 Pastor Scott- Synod Meeting Farmington	3 *NT B. Study *Piecemakers *Pastor Scott: Worship at GG *OT B. Study *YC *Meal *YFA-Park	4 *Pastor Scott: Zoom Meeting @9am *Personnel Meeting @7pm	5	6
7 Youth Sunday *SS/Choir *Worship-HC	8 *Pastor Scott: Rotary, Tape "Thoughts for Today" *Session Meeting	9 *Christian Education Committee Meeting @7pm	10 *NT B. Study *OT B. Study *YC *Meal *YFA-Potluck *Pastor Scott: Presenting at Evening of the Stars	11 *Pastor: Visits *Deacon Meeting	12 *Pastor: Dollars for Scholars Meeting @7am	13
14 *Choir *Worship *Packing Weekend Food Bags-Martin	15	16 Ruby's Pantry 4:30- 6 pm	17 *NT B. Study *Piecemakers *Pastor Scott: Worship at GG *OT B. Study *YC-Park *YFA	18 *Pastor: Visits Church Rummage Sale	19 Church Rummage Sale	20 Church Rummage Sale
21 *SS/Choir *Worship	22 *Pastor: Rotary	23	24 *NT B. Study *OT B. Study	25 *Pastor: Visits	26	27
28 *Choir *Worship-Cake for Pentecost *Packing Weekend Food Bags-Meyers	29 Church Office Closed: Memorial Day	30	31 *NT B. Study *OT B. Study			

Pastor's Visitation Schedule

If you have a scheduling conflict please contact the church office.

May

May 11 Pastor Scott Visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am

Wayne Mann at 11:00 am

Merlin Goudy at Noon

Gary & Jennifer Hindt at 1:30 pm

Leon & Sharon King at 3:00 pm

Todd & Kathy Peterson at 7:00 pm

May 18 Pastor Scott Visits:

Ralph Revier at 9:00 am

Richard Aakre at 10:00 am

Sally Dording at 11:00 am

Bunny Nolting & Dorthy Symes at 2:00 pm

Bob Nolting at 2:45 pm

Millie Bunting at 3:15 pm

Sue Tiffany at 4:00 pm

Randy & Lynn Juell at 7:00 pm

May 25 Pastor Scott Visits:

Marlys Mathiowetz at 9:00 am

Don Dagner at 10:00 am

Scott & Laura Kohler at 11:00 am

Dan Tiffany at 2:00 pm

Char Gilland at 3:00 pm

Scott & Joyce Goodyear at 4:00 pm

Dan & Shari Fuhr at 7:00 pm

June

June 8 Pastor Scott Visits:

Richard Aakre at 9:00 am

Ralph Revier at 10:00 am

Scott & Laura Kohler at 11:00 am

Rosemary Bennett at 2:00 pm

Gary & Jennifer Hindt at 3:30 pm

Shawn Corder & Leanne Heimer at 7:00 pm

June 15 Pastor Scott Visits:

Dorothy Symes & Bunny Nolting at 9:00 am

Bob Nolting at 9:45 am

Millie Bunting at 10:15 am

Judy Curtis at 11:00 am

Sue Tiffany at 2:00 pm

Sally Dording at 4:00 pm

Wintson & Rosie Venable at 7:00 pm

June 19 Pastor Scott Visits:

Leon & Sharon King at 2:00 pm

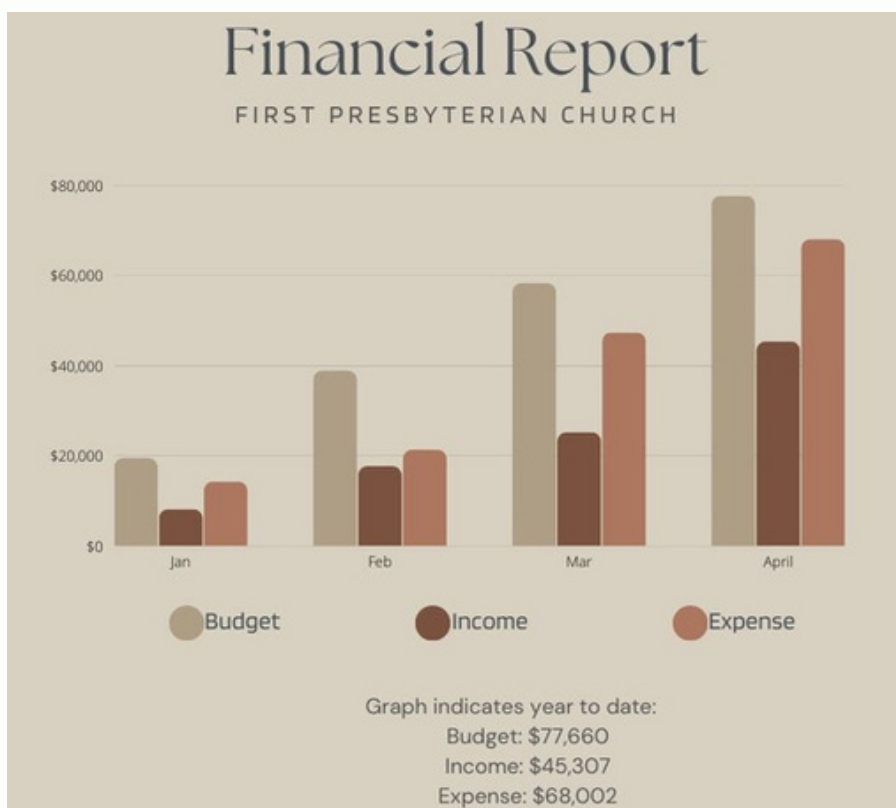
June 22 Pastor Scott Visits:

Julie Fiala at 9:00 am

Dale & Sandy Starr at 11:00 am

Mark & Dorie Oja at 2:00 pm

Drew Osborne & Linda Boyer at 7:00 pm



Marvelous May

Surprise someone on May 1st with an old fashioned May Day Basket. Make a paper basket filled with candy or perhaps flowers and drop it off on someone's door step and ring their doorbell and disappear. It is a fun tradition that is disappearing. Bring it back this year.

On May 6, our second child, Julia, graduates from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is majoring in Child Development, Family Studies. Time goes by too quickly. Please pray for her and all those graduating this month from school.

On May 7, we will have our Youth Sunday Program at 10:15 a.m. The kids and teachers are busy working on their program, the music, and their memory work. It is always such a joy to see the young children in action.

On May 14, it is Mother's Day. If your mother is still alive shower her with love. Don't take her for granted. Remember to pray for people that have recently lost their mother. Pray also for mother's that have lost a child.

The Bible tells us wonderful stories about incredible mothers including Sarah (Genesis 17:15-18:15, 21:1-7; Hebrews 11:11-12): Sarah was elderly when the Lord told her and Abraham that she would conceive and bear a son – so old, in fact, that she laughed at the prospect. She had struggled with infertility for many years and given up on having a child. However, the Lord fulfilled His promise and blessed them with their son, Isaac, whose name means “laughter”. We are told that Abraham was 100 years old at the time of his son's birth.

Jochebed (Exodus 2:1-10): As Pharaoh demanded that all the sons of the Jews be killed, Jochebed hid her son, Moses, for three months. When she was no longer able to hide him, she constructed a basket and set him afloat in the Nile River, trusting God to save him. Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter and grew up to be a great leader of the Israelites, leading them out of their captivity in Egypt.

Hannah (1 Samuel 1:1-2:21): Hannah prayed for a child and struggled for a long time as the Lord remained silent and her husband's other wife taunted her in her pain. When the Lord gave her a son, Samuel, she dedicated his life to the Lord, and he served in the temple. The Lord blessed Hannah with five more children, and Samuel became a great prophet.

Lois and Eunice (2 Timothy 1:3-5): The grandmother and mother of Timothy respectively, Lois and Eunice trained him in the word of God. Thanks to their spiritual guidance, Timothy grew strong in the faith and became a prominent leader in the early church. Paul states in his second letter to Timothy: “I am grateful to God, whom I worship with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, as I remember you constantly in my prayers, night and day. I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that I am confident lives also in you.”– 2 Timothy 1:3-5

Mary (Luke 1:26-56): The most well-known mother in the Bible, Mary conceived Jesus, the Son of God, through the Holy Spirit. She was visited by the angel Gabriel, who informed her of the unique privilege that she had of bearing God's Son. She responded in humility, rejoicing in the Lord's greatness, and He blessed her greatly.

On May 28, we will celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the church. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This important event in the Christian faith is described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31), the fifth book of the New Testament of the Bible. We will serve birthday cake after our worship service.

May 29th is Memorial Day when we remember those that died during active service. Often each community has a service or program. Memorial Day has become a day when we remember all of our departed loved ones with flowers upon their graves.

May this May be a marvelous month for you!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Scott Prouty

Vacation Bible School

"Bonds That Last"

A collaboration of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church & First Presbyterian Church

Ages 4 - 4th Grade (completed 4th grade)

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (lunch & snack provided)

9:00 am - Drop off at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 N. Lincoln St

3:00 pm - Pick up at Ramsey Park Lower Shelter

VBS Pool Party: Saturday, June 10, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Contact Information:

Gloria Dei: 507-637-2592 gloriadei@gloriadeilutheran.org

First Presbyterian Phone: 507-627-8751 churchofc@hotmail.com

**To register, please fill in below and bring to either church office.*



Child(ren) Registering:

Child's Name (First & Last):

Grade Completed: T-shirt Size:

Child's Name (First & Last):	Grade Completed:	T-shirt Size:

Allergies or special concerns: _____

Home _____

Address: _____

Parent(s): _____

Phone number(s): _____

My child(ren) have permission to attend VBS. I understand that my child(ren) may be photographed while at VBS and give permission for Gloria Dei Lutheran/First Presbyterian Churches to use any photos for brochures, newspaper, Facebook, etc.

I/we have knowledge of the hazards associated with physical activities and outdoor playground equipment. I/We have the choice to avoid these risks. I/we consent to my/our child(ren) participating in these activities and voluntarily assume the risks of these activities on behalf of my/our child(ren).

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

****Can you help on June 8? Please let the church office know if you are able to help with VBS ****