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2011 Eau Claire CROP Walk Hike & Bike



The CROP Walk will be held October 9 at 2 P.M. in Carson Park. The walk is for 1–3 miles or an 8-mile bike loop. All participants will walk the “Mighty Mile Loop” in Carson Park. After that those who will be doing the 3 mile walk will go on with that and the bikers will pick up their bikes and continue on their ride. This is a major fund raiser for the Feed My People Food Bank in Eau Claire. Twenty-five percent of what is raised in the walk stays here and goes to the food bank. The rest goes to help people around the world and in the USA.

Last year the money raised on the walk bought over 23,000 meals in the Eau Claire area. Feed My People supplies food to the area food banks, including St. Francis Food Pantry. The demand for food in our troubled economy is growing every day. Please donate generously to our walkers: The Jaenke Family, The Eisberner Family, and Joy & Darrick Carter.

If you would like to donate and haven't been contacted, please contact Barb Kleist or the church office.

Halloween Party!



You are invited to join us for our annual “spooktacular” evening of Halloween fun! On Sunday, October 30 we will begin with a scary supper at 6:00 P.M. Then we will watch “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!” We will end the evening with a chilling cake walk with ghoulishly good treats for the winners! Costumes are not required, but they are highly encouraged so you don’t get “booed” out of the building! We are

charging \$3.00 per person to cover dinner. Please watch for a sign-up sheet at church or call your reservation in to Mimi by October 28.

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

October Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

October 2

16th Sunday after Pentecost
St. Francis Food Pantry offering
Neighbors in Need offering
World Communion Sunday

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 9

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Prayers for the People

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 16

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sabbath
OCWM offering

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 23

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

October 30

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

In October, we are praying for these individuals/families: Cyndi Bradbury, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Bonnie Carter, Kevin & Kristina Champion, Steve & Nancy Champion, Claire Cramblit

Food for Thought

The next pot luck will be October 2. The theme will be "Italian." Bring your favorite dish that brings out that good Italian flavor.

Don't forget we will also be taking our monthly offering for St. Francis Food Pantry. As you travel, remember that the food pantry needs those travel-size shampoos, etc that motels/hotels provide.

Shut-in visits

The Service Commission has been expanded to include all members of Plymouth. If you visit, call, or even send a card to one of our shut-ins or another member of the congregation, we'd like to know (so that no one "falls through the cracks"). Visitation Report cards are available on the table and are easy to fill out. If you feel that something should be brought to the pastor's attention, there's even space to jot it down on the back of the card. Completed cards can be dropped into the manila envelope marked for them.

October Birthdays

- 1 Larry Shepler
- 2 Jen Adams
- 3 Joy Lobo-Carter
- 4 Gladys Ulry
Hannah Zehms
- 5 Jamie Stafford
- 7 Len Weisfeld
- 9 Maria Patton
- 14 Kayla Leipnitz
- 18 Sadie Hulke
- 20 Ardith Starr
- 22 Kay Hestekin
Denice Shepler
Nathan Stygar
- 23 Joe Gilbertson
- 24 Cyndi Bradbury
- 26 Justin Champion
- 28 Bobbie Rude
- 29 Nancy Wendt
- 30 Audrey Heimstead
- 31 Lindsey Phillips
Lori Phillips

Plymouth church wants you!

The Nominating Committee for 2012 is starting to work on the 2012 nominations for officers and commission members. If you would like to have your name placed in nomination for one of the commissions: Worship, Stewardship or Christian Education, or even for the Executive Council, please speak up! We do have an opening for Moderator Elect. Chances are, if you do not call me, I will call you!

Barb Kleist
Moderator-Elect

SCRIP now from Mega *and* Gordy's

For the last several months, some members of Plymouth Church have been participating in the Scrip program. It began with Mega and is now available for Gordy's as well. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: On Sunday, you fill out a form requesting Scrip cards for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. You pay for the cards when you order, with cash or check made out to Plymouth. We are able to keep 3% of the money that is paid for the cards, and pay Mega or Gordy's the remaining amount. So, if you buy a \$100 card, we pay \$97 and keep \$3 to help pay our bills. The next Sunday, your gift cards will be waiting for you at church to spend at Mega, Mega Holiday, Gordy's or Gordy's gas at their full value. They work just like cash, so if you use them to buy gas, you get that cash discount and help the church at the same time!

This is a fundraiser that costs you nothing, requires almost no effort on your part, and can save you money. From May through August, we have earned \$215.25. We hope that more members of the church will be willing and able to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. If you are a shopper at Festival, and would be willing to buy Scrip cards for that location, please let Larry Kleist know this.

Scrip order forms are on the table by the entrance to the sanctuary. See Larry or Deb Zehms if you would like help with your order form. Please consider buying Scrip. What an easy way to help our church pay the bills!

PASTOR'S PEN



Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

October is just around the corner, and Plymouth will be active as it usually is.

On Saturday, October 1, we are cooking and serving lunch at Community Table, providing food to people who often cannot afford to cook for themselves. This is a wonderful ministry and serving there is a our opportunity to live as Jesus calls us to live.

Sunday, October 2 is World Communion Sunday, so wear something that represents your ancestral background or something else international for worship. We will have special music that Sunday, including our in-house klezmer band, Klezmazel, who are always a hit. We will also have a potluck dinner after, and receive our monthly offering for St. Francis Food Pantry.

At the end of the month on October 30 is our annual Halloween party for children and adults, with food, games, and screening of a Halloween favorite.

Add in the preparations for the holiday bazaar on November 5, and we will be a busy church doing the things that churches are called to do: gather for worship, to serve, and to enjoy fellowship with one another.

Have a blessed October,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor David".

Be a sponsor!

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a weekly bulletin, or the illumination of the cross on the front of our building in memory or in honor of someone or in honor of a special event, or even just because! Bulletin and newsletter sponsors will be recognized in the issue they sponsor. Cross sponsors will be listed in all publications for the month of sponsorship. Support a bulletin for \$15, a newsletter for \$50, or illuminate the cross for \$50. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary.



OCTOBER

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 12, 2011

Members present: Deb Zehms, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Kay Stecher, Char Kozlowski, Jim Welk, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, and Pastor David Huber

Deb called the meeting to order. The August Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2011

Year to Date Income	\$76,945.03
Year to Date Expenses	\$76,802.82
Ahead (Behind)	\$142.21
Building Fund Balance	\$15,759.26
Memorial Fund Balance	\$4,125.69

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$5940.75, expenses were \$6361.60; leaving us with a August loss of \$420.85 and a check book balance of \$176.24. \$1000.00 was transferred from the Reserve fund. \$59.25 was deposited from the Mega SCRIP cards. Envelope giving is down approximately \$6000 year-to-date compared to 2010.

Reserve Fund Report:

Balance of \$599.00 at the end of August.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the August is \$4,125.69.

Building Fund Report:

The balance at the end of July was \$15,759.26.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

We are getting ready for Rally Day on Sept. 18. Sunday School begins for both youth and adults at 9:15 A.M. During worship time we will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" for all of our students and teachers.

Stewardship Commission:

Larry reported that the Mega SCRIP cards seem to be working well. We made \$59.25 this month, \$215.25 year-to-date. SCRIP has now been set up for Gordy's as well. The goal is to make \$1000 in the first year. They are discussing new ideas for a Stewardship Campaign. The red letter sent out was not as effective previous years.

Worship Commission:

Barb reported that the outdoor worship was amazing! Rally Day will be Sept. 18, and include the Blessing of the Backpacks with a potluck following. They are planning to rearrange the front of the sanctuary and asked for opinions on the current chair set-up, which was favorable.

Service Commission:

We will continue to announce the new cards for the Service Commission record keeping. This helps us keep track of which shut-ins are being visited by members of the congregation, so that we can be sure no one is missed. Discussed setting up an email notification/caller tree for when people are in the hospital/need prayers. The lists would only be notified with the person's permission.



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*Council Minutes
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Building and Grounds:

Larry is working on the warranty packet for the siding. The street side sign has now been painted and looks great, a big thank you to Deb and Hannah! Discussed adding the website to the bottom of the sign so people could access more information about us. Jim replaced the light bulbs in the meeting hall, thank you! One of the cupboard doors is broken and needs to be fixed.

Women of Plymouth:

Char reported that they met to start working on the Bazaar, which will be Nov. 12. The greeting cards will also be re-stocked soon.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David thanked everyone for the vacation. The Wednesday outdoor worship was a lot of fun, and looking forward to having more people next year. Yuki will be arriving and there will be a reception at the church Thurs. Sept. 22 for everyone who would like to welcome and meet her.

Other Business:

- The Nominating committee is starting again. Anyone interested in being involved in a commission or committee should contact a member of the council.
- Community Table will be October 1, and we need to raise \$100 for the offering.
- Crop Walk is October 9, and we need walkers. You can walk either the 1 or 3 miles; there is also an 8 mile bike option this year.

- We received a letter that the wooded lot needs to be tidied where it is dropping on neighbors' lawns.
- We are looking at fixing the electricity to the lighting for the current sign vs. installing a new lit sign.
- Paul from First Congregational UCC visited and is part of a team there that would like to set up some interviews with both Plymouth and Truax to see if there are any joint community concerns we could all work on together. They are hosting an "Act Out Our Faith" event on November 12, 9am-12pm and we are all invited.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Aurora Bradbury-Schoening

**August
Financial Summary**

Income:	\$5,940.75
Expenses:	\$6,361.60

August loss: \$420.85

- \$59.25 was deposited from Mega SCRIP
- Envelope giving is down approximately \$6,000 YTD compared to 2010.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2011</h1>						1 Plymouth serves the Community Table
2 St. Francis Food Pantry offering Neighbors in Need offering World Communion 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	3	4 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters	5	6	7	8
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