

# Good News

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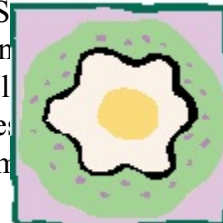
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## *Magnificent Muffin Morning*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Magnificent Muffin Morning on Easter Sunday was another huge success! Our Moon Beach campers and their families worked very hard to present a tasty breakfast for all who celebrated Easter here at Plymouth, and their hard work paid off—we raised a record setting \$578.00!!! Special thanks to our sweet bakers: Tami Eisberner, Dorothy Gilbertson, Pastor David Huber, Linda Jaenke, Dorothy Kruschke, Faye La Pean, Joanne Lowry, Louise Partlow, Emily Rogers, Kay Stecher, Nancy Wendt, and Deb Zehms. (Please let Kay know if anyone who baked was omitted from this list.) These generous folks made over 300 muffins!

During the week of June 24–30, Adam Wendt, Sam Zehms, Hannah Zehms, Travis Eisberner, John S Jaenke will attend MADD Camp and Jun Beach. Your support of our wonderful Plymouth is very much appreciated. Their experiences give them cherished friendships and memories a lifetime! Thank you!



## *Recognition Sunday*

The Christian Education Commission invites you to a very special morning of recognition and appreciation on Sunday, May 20. During worship we will recognize our high school and seminary graduates, show our appreciation to all those who serve as Christian educators at Plymouth, and wish a “bon voyage” to our Moon Beach campers! You are welcome to join us for cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

## GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

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**10:30 A.M. Worship**

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

**May 5**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 22:25–31;

1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8

**May 13**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*Mother's Day*

*Prayers for the People*

Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98;

1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17

**May 20**

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*OCWM offering*

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Psalm 1;

1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19

**May 27**

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Strengthen the Church offering*

Acts 2:1–21 or Ezekiel 37:1–14;

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b;

Romans 8:22–27 or Acts 2:1–21;

John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15

**In May, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Eileen Polden, Kenny (Annette) Polden, Gloria Polden, Dorothy Preston, Jim & Linda Ross, Mel & Bobbie Rude, Doug & Nancy Salter

### May Worship Notes

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### Food for Thought

May 6 will be our next pot luck. As requested, it will be a cook out! Bring a dish to go with brats and burgers!

During the months of March and April, St Francis Food Pantry received a matching grant for all the money donated. They will also get money toward any canned item donated. To date, Plymouth has donated \$1,096.00 in March and April. Good job Plymouth!

As you travel, remember that the food pantry needs those travel size shampoos, etc that motels/hotels provide.

## May Birthdays

- 1 Tami Eisberner
- 6 Tyrone Stygar
- 7 Eileen Polden  
Sandy Moore
- 8 John Stecher
- 11 Ann Leipnitz  
Tony Shepler
- 15 Azariah Ivkovich
- 16 Lilah Eastzman  
Paul Gilbertson  
Ericka leipnitz
- 18 Micah Adams
- 30 Linda Jaenke

## Honoring grads

If you have a son, daughter, or grandchild who is graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know! On Sunday, May 20 we will honor our graduates. Call or email Mimi with the name of your graduate and their school so they can be included in our special day.

## An evening with the Eau Claire Express

The Executive Council thinks it would be a good idea to have a Plymouth night at an Eau Claire Express baseball game this summer.

The Express are offering different options. We can have a picnic buffet prior to the game and then go to our Grand Stand seats to watch the game. The cost for this would be \$15.00. The next option would be Grand Stand seating which is \$6 per person, and then you purchase any food you wish. The third option is an all Eau Claire Church night which is to be on July 28. They don't have any of the details yet, but will soon.

The Council is wondering if there is any

interest in this type of an outing. For rides, we could meet at church and car pool. Most of the games are in the evening at about 6:30. Please let Pastor David or Barb Kleist know if you have any interest in this event.

## Your church needs you!

Join us for a cleanup day on May 5 starting at 9 A.M. until ??? Lunch will be provided. Projects to be completed:

- Pulling weeds
- Spraying weeds
- Raking
- Cleaning off patio
- Washing windows inside and out

This can be a fun day and full of plymouth family fellowship. There will be something for all members to do, whatever your age.

## May 13

## Festival of the Christian Home

The Festival of the Christian Home is a celebration of family and a fitting way to also honor mothers on Mother's Day. As part of the celebration here at Plymouth, the Sunday School kids will present a special gift to folks who are here for worship on Sunday, May 8.



## PASTOR'S PEN

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Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Our journey through Lent this year was a special and meaningful one. Our Soup and Scripture Wednesday night gatherings on the Lord's Prayer were filled with lively and thoughtful conversation, as well as great good and wonderful table fellowship. Palm Sunday's dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative set in motion our Holy Week. Maundy Thursday's communion and Tenebrae service took us into the shadow of Good Friday, and then Easter morning's resurrection celebration was a joy-filled hour of praise. I offer many, many thanks to all of our faithful and dedicated members who put in many hours setting tables, preparing food, reading, setting up our worship space, getting the word out, and doing all those things that make our shared life together here happen. Thank you all for making Lent the special season that it is.

Now that Lent is finished, we are in the time of Easter on our way to Pentecost on Sunday, May 27. Be sure to wear red to worship that day! Pentecost's color is red to symbolize the tongues of flames that came down upon the people on the first Pentecost Day.

We will have some other special worship services in May. May 13 is the Festival of the Christian Home, and our children will be doing something special for us. On May 20 we will celebrate our graduates, thank our teachers, and

provision our campers. Lynn and I have also been busy searching out some new music that we will share with you this month, and through the summer.

Lastly, our spring church clean up day is Saturday, May 5. Please help keep our facility and our campus beautiful, and enjoy some fellowship time with your church family.

Many blessings of resurrection and new life to you throughout this Easter season,

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

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 9, 2012

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, Charline Kozlowski, Kay Stecher, Deb Zehms, and Pastor David Huber

Barb opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Pastor David led us in prayer. The March minutes were approved with the following correction to the Pastor's Report: The Music Event in July will be July 27–30, not 24–30.

**Financial Reports:**

As of March 31, 2012

Year to Date Income	\$27,474.33
Year to Date Expenses	\$27,378.23
Ahead (Behind)	\$96.10
Building Fund Balance	\$10,847.91
Memorial Fund Balance	\$4,190.87

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income this month was \$9,299.54, expenses were \$9,262.49 leaving us with a March gain of \$37.05.

**Reserve Fund Report:**

Balance as of 3/31/12 was \$2,203.28. Deposits in March totaled \$3,860.61. \$2,000 was transferred to General Fund in March.

**Memorial Fund Report:**

The balance for the end of March is \$4,190.87.

**Building Fund Report:**

The balance at the end of March (First Quarter) was \$10,847.91. That included interest income of \$20.33.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

**Christian Education Commission:**

Easter Sunday's "Magnificent Muffin Morning" breakfast was another great success! We collected \$540 in donations to help our Moon Beach campers! THANK YOU to all who baked, set up, cleaned up, and ate on a beautiful Easter morning. April 22 has been designated as "Youth Sunday" at Plymouth. May 20 will be a day of recognition for our Christian educators and all students graduating this spring. If you have a member of your family graduating from high school or college this year, call Mimi in the church office with their name and school. We will also be recognizing our Moon Beach campers on this day.

**Stewardship Commission:**

Will meet next Sunday. SCRIP cards are now in stock. We added Kwik Trip—we receive 10% back on these along with 5% on Gordy's through April and 3% on Mega. The Thrift Sale is coming soon—April 27–28. Suggestions on a Chicken Q or Famous Dave's with Pie and Ice Cream social will be talked about at the next meeting.

**Worship Commission:**

Maundy Thursday and Easter services went really well. Working with Christian Education on April 22—Earth Day.

**Service Commission:**

No report.



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*Council Minutes  
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**Building and Grounds:**

Discussed tree removal. Still looking for someone to clean out and cut dead trees. Regarding siding replacement on a part of the building: Larry ordered a sample and we'll wait to see if it matches. Company will pay for siding and labor.

**Women of Plymouth:**

Meeting April 18 at Joanne Lowry's home to plan bake sale and thrift sale—workers, etc.

**Pastor's Report:**

Thanks to everyone for all the help for Lent and all Easter related services. Pastor David is looking for a time to go to Japan—probably the first three weeks in September for vacation.

**Old Business:**

- Congregational ideas—still looking at options.
- Membership review: Barb and Louise will work on this.
- Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 5

The next meeting is May 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Larry moved to adjourn and Kay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Louise Partlow

**The Need List**

The following is a list of items that are needed by the church. Next time you are in the grocery store and see these items, pick one up and donate it! This is one way to help out with the church budget!

1. Paper towels
2. Kleenex
3. Hand soap
4. Toilet paper
5. Garbage Bags-XL
6. "The Works" toilet bowl cleaner
7. Pledge Wipes
8. Pine Sol
9. Lemonade
10. Napkins
11. Hand sanitizer

Here is another way to help: Instead of donating these items, buy a SCRIP Card from Mega Foods and then someone can buy the items as needed. The church will get the items needed plus make a little money on it!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May 2012</h1> 						
		1 9:00 A.M. Bible study  10:00 A.M. Quilters	2	3	4	5 9:00 A.M. Spring Clean-up
6 <b>St. Francis Food                      Pantry offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	7	8 <b>Primary Recall                      Election</b>  9:00 A.M. Bible study  10:00 A.M. Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 <b>Prayers                      for the People                      Festival of the                      Christian Home</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	14  7:00 P.M. Executive Council	15  9:00 A.M. Bible study  10:00 A.M. Quilters	16	17	18	19
20 <b>OCWM offering                      Teachers and Grads                      Recognition</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	21  7:00 P.M. Christian Education Commission	22  9:00 A.M. Bible study  10:00 A.M. Quilters	23	24	25	26
27 <b>Pentecost                      Strengthen the                      Church offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	28 Memorial Day  Office closed	29  10:00 A.M. Quilters	30	31		