



Good News

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Wednesday, June 13
11:30 A.M.–6:30 P.M.

PIE & ICE CREAM

BRAT OR HOT DOG,
BEANS, POTATO SALAD

Takeouts available!

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GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

June Worship Notes

June 3

Trinity Sunday

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29;

Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17

June 10

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

1 Samuel 8:4–11, (12–15), 16–20;

Psalm 138 or Genesis 3:8–15; Psalm

130; 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark

3:20–35

June 17

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Father's Day

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13; Psalm 20 or

Ezekiel 17:22–24; Psalm 92:1–4,

12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10, (11–13),

14–17 or 2 Corinthians 5:6–17; Mark

4:26–34

June 24

4th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49;

Psalm 9:9–20 or Job 38:1–11; Psalm

107:1–3, 23–32; 2 Corinthians 6:1–13;

Mark 4:35–41

In June, we are praying for these

individuals/families: Floyd & Pat

Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry &

Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, Isa

(Jesse) Small, Jamie Stafford, Ardith

Starr, George & Kay Stecher

Pastor David will be away

Pastor David will be at Moon Beach and

then officiating at the wedding of Stacy

Kleist from June 23 through June 30.

George Stecher will preach on June 24.

The outgoing message on the office

answering machine will have

information regarding who is covering

for pastoral emergencies.

Food for Thought

On June 3, we will celebrate Cyndi Bradbury's graduation from seminary with a pot luck after worship. Bring your favorite dish or ask Cyndi what her favorite dish is! Cake and ice cream will be provided.

We will also gather our offering for St Francis Food Pantry on that Sunday as well.

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

June Birthdays

- 2 Joanne Lowry
- Jeanne Strassman
- 4 Deb Zehms
- 7 Dorothy Preston
- 8 Rob Jaenke
- 9 Ruth Blake
- 10 Carter Jaenke
- 13 Floyd Sexter
- Adam Wendt
- 15 Gordy Heimstead
- 16 Onita Jorgensen
- 17 Linda Ross
- 19 Morgan Jaenke
- 20 Denny Shepler
- 27 Jim Welk
- 29 Stephanie Leipnitz

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.

Take me out to the ball game!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 18. Plymouth will be attending the Eau Claire Express baseball game. More information will follow in the July newsletter. A sign up sheet will be at church in June.

Shut-in visits

The Service Commission includes 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.

SCRIP cards a hit!

SCRIP cards are now available for Mega, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: On Sunday, you buy Scrip cards for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. You pay with cash or check made out to Plymouth. We are able to keep 3% of the money that is paid for Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% of what we get for Kwik Trip cards! Mega cards are good at Mega and Mega Holiday, Gordy's cards are good at Gordy's or Gordy's gas—all 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! So far in 2012, we have made a total profit of \$504.80!

Lawn mowers wanted ... the people, not the machines!

Plymouth will soon have a new (to us) riding lawn mower and we need volunteers to come and drive it around the yard when the grass gets long. Sign up on the calendar on the table. Questions? Ask Larry Kleist.



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

On May 20 we celebrated six graduates, our teachers, and our summer campers. I offer again many thanks to our teachers and Christian Education Commission. You put in tremendous amounts of labor and love in the teaching ministry of this congregation. And now they receive a well-earned break. The end of the school year means summer will be on us soon and we will enjoy another season of vacations, travels, camp, lazy afternoons, and weekends away.

As we come into summer and our many distractions, I ask your forbearance to allow me a simple reminder not to be distracted from your faith life and not to forget your church during these wonderfully lazy months. Summer worship will include lots of special music by our musicians, new hymns and songs to sing, and we will explore the prophets and their relation to Jesus. A few guest preachers will make appearances. We will try some different worship experiences. Plus there is the pie and ice cream social, an outing to an Eau Claire Express game, evening worship around the campfire, vacation bible school, and a ragtime worship service with our sister churches at First Congregational on August 26 led by "The St. Louis Stompers." We also offer you an opportunity this year to help mow our lawn. (See elsewhere how to sign up to help.)

I also ask that you not forget your pledges and offerings to this congregation. We often have a dip in summer giving as we go away on vacations and our minds are focused on other things. Our ministry does not slow down, however, and so a more even flow of giving helps us and our treasurer. We went all of 2010 without sending a Red Letter asking folks to catch up on pledges and/or offer an extra gift. So far this year we are staying even—thank you for your generosity! Let's keep that up through the summer months and the rest of the year. We are almost halfway there!

I also ask that as you travel and worship with other churches, please grab an extra bulletin and any promotional materials the churches are offering. I'm always interested to see how others worship, and a number of us are curious what other churches do for self-promotion, etc.

May you find your vacations, travels, or other summer activities to be relaxing, rejuvenating, and renewing, and filled with all blessings,

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 14, 2012

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, Jim Welk, Kay Stecher, Rob Jaenke, and Pastor David Huber

Barb opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The April minutes were approved with the following correction to the Christian Education Commission Report: Kay reported that Magnificent Muffin donations were \$578, not \$540 as reported earlier.

Financial Reports:

As of April 30, 2012

Year to Date Income	\$36,774.32
Year to Date Expenses	\$36,936.43
Ahead (Behind)	(\$162.11)
Building Fund Balance	\$10,847.91
Memorial Fund Balance	\$4,191.05

Treasurer's Report:

Income for April was \$9,299.99, expenses were \$9,558.20 leaving us with a April loss of \$258.21.

Reserve Fund Report:

Balance not available.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of March is \$4,191.05.

Building Fund Report:

The balance remains \$10,847.91.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

They are preparing for their special service on May 20 to recognize our graduates, thank our Christian

Education staff, and hand out camper bags. There will be cake and coffee after the service to celebrate all of these wonderful people. Klezmazel will be here. Next up: VBS 2012, August 7-9! Kids want to paint and update their room. (Growing up)

Stewardship Commission:

Planning Pie and Ice Cream Social. Lunch will be offered this year. Hours will be 11:30 A.M. to 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. Scrip card sales are going good. Last month we earned \$170.00 profit.

Worship Commission:

Planning a Summer Worship with campfire on August 22. Also joint service with First Cong., Truax, Plymouth and Peace Church on August 28 at First Cong.

Service Commission:

No report.

Building and Grounds:

Motion lights: We will try one to see how it works. We discussed lawn mowing. Kay moved we investigate purchasing a mower to replace our 17-year-old riding mower. Larry seconded. Motion passed. Tree removal: Still working on finding someone to do this. The sign from our side yard (Plymouth UCC sign) will be placed along the driveway after some repair. Still working on replacement of siding. A sample was selected with as near a match as possible.



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Women of Plymouth:

No report.

Pastor's Report:

The group working on "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" has had their last meeting. More information will be coming. Cyndi Bradbury is graduating on Sunday, May 20. We will have a party for Cyndi on June 3 as part of our pot luck. Pastor David will be in Madison June 29 and 30 to officiate at Stacy Kleist's wedding.

Old Business:

- Congregational ideas—advertising space for use on Craig's List. Working on policy before that.
- Express game: Probably in July, on a week night

NEW BUSINESS:

- WI Conference Annual Meeting is June 8–10. We will pay Cyndi's delegate expense.

The next meeting is June 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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!

*Council Minutes
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2012</h1> 						
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3 St. Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot Luck	4	5 Recall Election 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8 Pastor David gone until June 11	9 Conference Annual Meeting
10 Prayers for the People 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	11 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	12 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters	13 Pie & Ice Cream Social	14	15	16
17 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	18 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Commission	19 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	21	22	23 Pastor David gone 6/23–6/30
24 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	25	26 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	29	30