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Come one, come all to ...



at your church

Saturday, May 4 (weather permitting)

9:00 A.M. until ???

Lunch will be provided

Projects to be completed include picking up sticks and pine cones, raking pine cones, cleaning out flower beds, raking, cleaning off the patio, and washing windows inside and out. This can be a fun day and full of family fellowship. There will be something for all members to do, whatever your age.

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GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

May Worship Notes

May 5

6th Sunday of Easter

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation
21:10, 22–22:5; John 14:23–29

May 12

7th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the People

Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97; Revelation
22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

May 19

Pentecost

OCWM offering

Strengthen the Church offering

Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b;
Romans 8:14–17; John 14:8–17 (25–27)

May 26

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15

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

Food for Thought

We will have our pot luck on Sunday, May 5 to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Bring a favorite Mexican dish or just a favorite dish.

That Sunday is also our monthly offering for St Francis Food Pantry.

Coming soon: a date for serving at the Community Table. Watch for it in your next newsletter.

Wear red for Pentecost

We celebrate Pentecost as the day that the Holy Spirit came down in tongues of flames and lighted upon the crowd, allowing everyone to understand each other, even though they spoke many different languages. We also consider that day the birthday of the Church. Because of the flames, the color for Pentecost is bright fiery red. So as you come to worship on May 19, wear as much red as you can and celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church.

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

These meetings are far more than just business—they are more like a big family reunion filled with worship, singing, workshops, great food, and laughter, all happening at a beautiful retreat center. The cost is normally in the \$35–40 range to attend, as well as the cost of lodging and food. Those of you who have gone know that this really is a fun weekend to make connections and learn an awful lot about our denomination and the incredible ministries we have happening in the Wisconsin Conference.

If you would like to represent your Plymouth family as a delegate to either or both, please talk to Pastor David.

Opportunity to Serve the Greater Church

The Northwest Association and the Wisconsin Conference both have annual meetings coming up, and Plymouth is allowed delegates to each. The Northwest Association meeting is Saturday, May 4, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. in River Falls. We are allowed one voting delegate to that meeting, though anyone who wishes to attend is allowed. The only cost is \$8 for the meal that will be provided.

The Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting is June 7–9 at the Green Lake Conference Center (formerly the Baptist Assembly Grounds, across the lake from our own Pilgrim Center). Plymouth is allowed two voting delegates to this meeting, though anyone who wishes to attend is free to do so. This year the program will focus on worship and music, and will be led by Bryan Sirchio and his friends who have been leading the Music and Worship workshops that Lynn and Pastor David have attended.

SCRIP cards update

SCRIP cards are 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 2013, we have made a total profit of \$384.30!

PASTOR'S PEN



Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

Spring is still hiding, but it is right around the corner. That's what the weathermen in the area keep telling us, anyway. But it will come. I imagine waiting for spring is somewhat like what Jesus' disciples went through after Jesus' resurrection. They had been told that Jesus would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to them, but it took a while. It took fifty days from resurrection to the when the Holy Spirit came down upon a large gathering of people on Pentecost. We are in that time of waiting as well as we sit between Easter (March 31) and Pentecost (coming soon on May 19). When those first disciples and the crowd of thousands were gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost, they were there to celebrate the day that God gave the law to Moses after walking out of Egypt. The law came 50 days after the exodus, hence it was called Pentecost (in Greek: pente meaning 50). In Hebrew it is known as Shavuot, and is still celebrated. But we celebrate Pentecost as the day that the Holy Spirit came down in tongues of flames and lighted upon the crowd, allowing everyone to understand each other, even though they spoke many different languages. We also consider that day the birthday of the Church. Because of the flames, the color for Pentecost is bright fiery red. So as you come to worship on May 19, wear as much red as you can and celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church, which inches ever so closer to its 2000th year.

And have a blessed spring when it comes! Just as I was typing that line, a bright red Cardinal and a beautifully bright goldfinch came to my bird feeder. The signs are here!



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 2013

Members present: Jim Welk, Kay Stecher, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, Deb Zehms, Rob Jaenke, Mike Henry, and Pastor David

Barb called the meeting to order at 7:00. Pastor David led us in prayer. The March minutes were read and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of March 31, 2013
 Year to Date Income \$27,662.68
 Year to Date Expenses \$27,221.61
 Ahead (Behind) \$441.07

Treasurer's Report:

Income for March was \$8,523.03; expenses were \$8,514.84 for a gain of \$8.19.

Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$3,780.69.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$2,300.21.

Building Fund Report:

The balance remains \$5,902.22 which includes first quarter interest of \$8.88.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

No report.

Christian Education Commission:

Our Magnificent Muffin Morning was another resounding success! Donations for breakfast and the tie-dye sale reached \$590! Many thanks to our camper families, bakers, and

everyone who came and made it a great morning. We had a fun "lock-in" on March 22. We tie-dyed, watched a movie, ate lots of pizza, and actually got a little sleep. Adult Education will start a new series on the parables on April 14. Join George at 9:15 A.M. in the library.

Stewardship Commission:

No report. Will be meeting on Sunday, April 14.

Worship Commission:

Have been busy planning Easter events and services. All Lenten, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, and Easter went well.

Service Commission:

Really long winter is slowing down visits. Hopefully will change soon.

Women of Plymouth:

A board meeting was held March 10. Council approved the addition of a \$1 per plate charge for funeral lunches. This amount in addition to a charge for the cost of food.

Pastor's Report:

Lent and Easter went well. There were some great discussions at the Lenten services. Our new banner is here and was up for Easter.



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*Council Minutes
continued ...*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kay Stecher went to the auction at the Fall Creek Church and purchased some items for our church.

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New Business:

- We received a letter about “Load-a-Truck.” Council decided to stay with St. Francis food Pantry each month.
- Adjacent lot development— We received a call about residential area at the end of our parking lot. Nothing needs to be done at this time.
- Mike mentioned that some of our elderly members may be interested in getting together for cards, exercise, or other activities. More on this later.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow

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.

Philippine Immersion Trip

Date: June 10–24, 2013

Prof. Eleazar Fernandez, who preached here last summer, is offering a trip to the Philippines to broaden global understanding and deepen commitment to greater well-being in a globalized world. Participants will live with the Filipino people, listen to their stories, learn about people’s movements, share their faith and hopes, engage in dialogue about global issues, and explore ways of global solidarity, and also be exposed to ministry of churches in the Philippines.

Cost: \$3,199.00. This includes air fare, lodging, meals, transportation in the Philippines, and other expenses directly related to the partnership/immersion trip.

If interested, please contact Eleazar S. Fernandez Professor of Constructive Theology United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Minnesota 55112
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May 2013</h1> 						
			1	2	3	4 Spring Clean-Up 9:00 A.M. NW Assoc. Annual Mtg.
5 St Francis Food Pantry offering 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters	8	9	10	11
12 Prayers for the People 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	13 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters	15	16	17	18
19 Pentecost OCWM offering 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	20 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22	23	24	25
26 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30	31	