



# Good News

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## Pie & Ice Cream Social



Wednesday, June 5  
11:30 A.M.–6:30 P.M.

PIE & ICE CREAM

BRAT, BEANS, POTATO SALAD,  
PICKLES/CARROTS, BEVERAGE

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## GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

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

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

### June Worship Notes

**June 2**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

1 Kings 18:20–39; Psalm 96;  
Galatians 1:1–12; Luke 7:1–10

**June 9**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Prayers for the People*

*Hymn Sing*

1 Kings 17:8–24; Psalm 146;  
Galatians 1:11–24; Luke 7:11–17

**June 16**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*OCWM offering*

1 Kings 21:1–21a; Psalm 5:1–8;  
Galatians 2:15–21; Luke 7:36–8:3

**June 23**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 19:1–15a; Psalms 42 & 43;  
Galatians 3:23–29; Luke 8:26–39

**June 30**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14; Psalm 77:1–2,  
11–20; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke  
9:51–62

**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

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### Food for Thought

There will be no pot luck in June, but join us at the Pie & Ice Cream Social on June 5.

We will gather our offering for St Francis Food Pantry on Sunday, June 2.

Mark your calendars: We will serve at the Community Table on Saturday, September 21. About a dozen volunteers will be needed, and we need to collect \$100 for our donation.

### Pastor David will be away

Pastor David will be at the WI Conference Annual Meeting and then Moon Beach from June 7 through June 15. Rev. Dave Stratton from Truax UCC will cover any pastoral emergencies during this time.

## 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
17	Linda Ross
19	Morgan Jaenke
20	Denny Shepler
27	Jim Welk Harlan Hartwich
29	Stephanie Leipnitz

## Hymn Sing

**Sunday, June 9**

Join us for a song-filled worship experience and come prepared to request the singing of your favorite hymns!

## SCRIP card improvements coming soon

As you probably know, SCRIP cards are available for Mega, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Right now we make a 3% profit on Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% on Kwik Trip cards. As this newsletter goes to press, we have made over \$500 so far in 2013.

But things are going to get even better. Mega will now offer grocery store cards at a 5% profit and Mega Holiday convenience store cards at a 10% profit. Once our application is processed we will make these cards available. Please watch for them on Sunday mornings.



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. Toilet paper
3. Garbage Bags-XL

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!

## PASTOR'S PEN

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Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We come into summer, and summer generally includes a few things that happen every year. One is the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting in Green Lake, which is June 7–9, and which I will attend as one of the clergy of this wonderful Conference. Please keep your denomination, its leadership, and its members in your prayers over those days. Then we have our youth summer camps at Moon Beach, which this year are June 9–15. I am blessed to have been asked again to help lead the junior/senior high camp, and so will be spending a week as I do most summers ministering to Plymouth's children as well as many other from around the conference. While I am away, Rev. Dave Stratton from Truax UCC will be covering in case of emergency.

On June 9, we will have a hymn sing, and you get to choose the hymns! Our incredible musician Lynn McFadyen is taking the helm of leading worship which will be a celebration of our tradition of congregational singing. Did you know that the modern hymnal as we know it comes out of our Congregational past? The famous pastor and abolitionist Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, NY, believed that congregational singing was necessary to proper worship. He suggested that hymnals could be printed that had words and music on the same page (as our hymnals are printed now), allowing the people in the pews to join with the choir and organ without having to be fed lines from a song leader. So he and some others created it! It was called "The

Plymouth Collection of Hymns and Tunes; for the Use of Congregational Churches," printed in 1855, and was the forerunner of the Pilgrim Hymnal (and our New Century Hymnal). Many of you grew up with one version or another of the Pilgrim Hymnal. It also, not surprisingly, suffered the critique aimed at all hymnals and church music: complaints asking why it had so much new popular music (Beecher used a lot of recent American hymns instead of old European ones) instead of filling it with the good old serious hymns... ironically, Beecher's oft challenged newfangled popular hymns are now our grand old hymns of the church. But so it is with music and the church. Even the organ, an instrument that is now almost solely associated with church music, was not allowed in churches for more than a thousand years because it was thought to be the Devil's instrument and inappropriate for Christian worship. So come June 9 and call out for your favorite hymn or hymns and enjoy a morning of uplifting song!

And don't forget our Pie and Ice Cream Social on June 5.

Many blessing as we begin our summer months, and may they be warmer than we have had,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dave Stratton".

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2013

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Kay Stecher, Deb Zehms, Louise Partlow, pastor David

Barb called the meeting to order at 7:00. The April minutes were read and approved.

**Financial Reports:**

As of April 30, 2013

Year to Date Income	\$36,563.91
Year to Date Expenses	\$36,217.45
Ahead (Behind)	\$346.46

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income for April was \$8,901.23; expenses were \$8,995.84 for a loss of (\$94.61).

**Reserve Fund Report:**

The balance is \$2,135.88.

**Memorial Fund Report:**

The balance is \$2,300.31.

**Building Fund Report:**

The balance remains \$5,902.22.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

**Building and Grounds:**

Spring clean-up: Church members will be working during the week when they can.

**Christian Education Commission:**

Adult Ed is finished for the year and will begin again in September. Thank you to George Stecher for his thoughtful leadership and thanks to all who participated! The confirmation class, along with Pastor David, Tami,

and Kay, visited Peace Lutheran Church to compare worship styles. We had a good discussion about the differences we observed. The confirmands helped with the Thrift Sale, worship-Festival of the Christian Home, and Pentecost. Teacher Appreciation and Camper Recognition Sunday is May 19.

**Stewardship Commission:**

Thrift and Bake Sale went well. Working on Pie & Ice Cream Social. Will again be doing noon delivery of food; regular social will be 3:00-6:30 on June 5.

**Worship Commission:**

Banner will be changed tonight to our regular summer (dove) banner.

**Service Commission:**

Visits ongoing. Weather making things much better.

**Women of Plymouth:**

Bake sale was over \$280. No meetings recently.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor David reported on the N.W. Association Annual Meeting. Our church has received monies for tech grants. Pastor David and Joanne Lowry elected to offices. WI Conference Annual Meeting will be June 7-9.



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*Council Minutes  
continued ...*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Barb prepared use of property guidelines. Council reviewed and voted to approve the guidelines in the event we have someone interested in using our building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Partlow

**Be a sponsor!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2013</h1> 						1
<b>2 St Francis Food Pantry offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	3	4  10:00 A.M. Quilters	5  Pie & Ice Cream Social 11:30–6:30	6	7  Pastor David gone through 6/15	8
<b>9 Prayers for the People</b>  9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship/ Hymn Sing	10  7:00 P.M. Executive Council	11  10:00 A.M. Quilters	12	13	14	15
<b>16 OCWM offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship	17  7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	18  10:00 A.M. Quilters	19	20	21	22
23  10:30 A.M. Worship	24	25  10:00 A.M. Quilters	26	27	28	29
30  10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission						