



# Good News

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Sunday, May 4 will be Confirmation for Travis Eisberner, Carter Jaenke, Morgan Jaenke, and John Stecher. Join us as we celebrate these young people and this important milestone in their spiritual lives.



## Magnificent Muffin Morning a success!

Thank you to all who joined us for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Magnificent Muffin Morning on Easter Sunday! Your support of our Moon Beach campers is so appreciated. Special thanks to our bakers: Deb Zehms, Nancy Wendt, Faye LaPean, Linda Jaenke, Pastor David, Louise Partlow, Dorothy Gilbertson, George Stecher, and Tami Eisberner—your creations were delicious! Your donations totaled just over \$500, and our campers are eagerly anticipating their week at Moon Beach in June. This year Morgan Jaenke, Carter Jaenke, John Stecher, and Travis Eisberner will be representing Plymouth for another great year of fun and worship.

If you have access to the Internet, please consider reading this newsletter at the Plymouth website online (where it is in color!). We'll even notify you when the latest issue has been posted. Just contact Mimi at [mimi@pcucc.com](mailto:mimi@pcucc.com) to be put on the electronic mailing list. **Help save Plymouth's limited resources and the planet!**

## GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

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

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

### **May Worship Notes**

**May 4**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*Confirmation Sunday*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 116:1–4,  
12–19; 1 Peter 1:17–23; Luke 24:13–35

**May 11**

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

*Mothers Day*

*Prayers for the People*

Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter  
2:19–25; John 10:1–10

**May 18**

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

*OCWM offering*

Acts 7:55–60; Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16;  
1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14

**May 25**

Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:18–20; 1 Peter  
3:13–22; John 14:15–21

**In May, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Gloria Polden, Dorothy Preston, Mel & Bobbie Rude, Doug & Nancy Salter, Floyd & Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler

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### **Food for Thought**

There will be no pot luck in May. We will take our St. Francis Food Pantry offering on May 4.

Please join us for our Spring Clean-up on May 17. There will be something for everyone to do. Lunch will be provided.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Immediate needs are water and gas cards!

## May Birthdays

1	Tami Eisberner
6	Tyrone Stygar
7	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



Our annual Spring Clean-up will be done on May 17 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Come and help out—there will be something for everyone to do! Lunch will be provided too!

## Opportunity to Serve the Greater Church

The Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting is June 6–8 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. 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, please talk to Pastor David.

## 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

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Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

Easter has arrived, and what a wonderful worship we had celebrating our risen Lord! And just at a time when it seems that our overly long and miserable winter is actually over (or mostly over, anyway) and the new life of spring and warm days is on our front doorstep. Thanks to the many liturgists, musicians, and sanctuary decorators who made our Easter worship so special. And many thanks to our Christian Education Commission and our youth for the truly magnificent Magnificent Muffin Morning breakfast they served us.

Easter is the holiest of the days in the Christian calendar because it the day that Jesus defeated death and came out of the tomb, bringing us the promise of new life and the promise that nothing, not even death or our own foibles, can separate us from God's love.

I pray that you know and can trust in God's overwhelming love for you, and that you will share that love with your neighbors—sharing by doing acts of love, and sharing by inviting people to come to Plymouth and experience God's love—as we work together to make the world a more loving place.

All blessings and all peace be upon you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor David". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located to the right of the main text.



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2014

Members present: Deb Zehms, Rob Jaenke, Jim Welk, Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, and Pastor David.

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The March Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Financial Reports:**

As of March 31, 2014

Year to Date Income	\$33,269.27
Year to Date Expenses	\$32,348.74
Ahead (Behind)	\$920.53

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income for March was \$11,661.72. Expenses were \$12,179.31, leaving us (\$517.59) behind for March. General Fund bank balance for 2/28/14 was \$69.41, March loss was (\$517.59) leaving a balance on 3/31/14 of (\$448.18). Income is down \$1,500 from last year. Rob reported that all 2013 bills have now been paid.

**Reserve Fund Report:**

The balance is \$360.16.

**Memorial Fund Report:**

The balance is \$1,583.46.

**Street Ministry:**

The balance is \$148.33.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

**Building and Grounds:**

Jim is working on outside lights. Ron is cleaning up branches and the yard. A clean-up day is being planned for May 17 from 9:00 A.M. to ?? Lunch will be provided.

**Christian Education Commission:**

Confirmation students are working on Easter Breakfast and other Easter preparations. Confirmation Sunday is May 4.

**Stewardship Commission:**

The Thrift Sale went well. Over \$1,600 was raised. The Bake Sale raised about \$380. The Pie and Ice Cream Social will be June 11.

**Worship Commission:**

Lenten services went well. Attendance was up some because of the noon Soup and Scripture gatherings. Maundy Thursday service with Communion will be Thursday, April 17. Easter service is at 9:30 A.M.

**Service Commission:**

Visits and phone calls are ongoing. Remember to fill out visitation cards—even for phone visits. Thank you!

**Women of Plymouth:**

Planning the bake sales for election and the thrift sale. Both went well.

**Pastor's Report:**

David made 47 visits in March. He has been asked to be Clergy Representative for the Eau Claire County Coordinated Services Team for youth, special education, and troubled youth—adding visibility for Plymouth. He has been working with our youth to involve them in worship, both Lenten and Sundays.



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*Council Minutes  
continued ...*

**Old Business:**

- Evangelism Committee has not met yet, but will do so the first week in May. Barb Kleist is chair.
- Church Rental: committee is working on measurements of rooms in the church and post wedding photos, etc. A congregational letter will be sent.

**New Business:**

- Administrative Professionals' Day is April 23.

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May 2014</h1> 						
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<b>4 St Francis Food Pantry offering Confirmation Sunday</b>  10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	5	6  10:00 A.M. Quilters	7	8	9	10
<b>11 Prayers for the People</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship	12  7:00 P.M. Executive Council	13  10:00 A.M. Quilters	14	15	16	17  9:00 A.M. Spring Clean-up
<b>18 OCWM offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship	19	20  10:00 A.M. Quilters	21	22	23	24
25  10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	26  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	27  10:00 A.M. Quilters	28	29	30	31