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Volunteer opportunities for Feed My People

4th Annual Chippewa Valley Rib Fest

Swimrite Pools and Spas, 5705 State Road 93, Eau Claire
This is a family event including a rib grilling contest, great food, and more! All proceeds go to Feed My People. We are in need of volunteers to help with concessions and other tasks. Various shifts are available. Come work with our staff and enjoy this fun event!

Stamp Out Hunger - Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Look for more information in your mail box on this annual food drive.

Everyone can be part of our fight against hunger! We need folks to help us sort donations at Feed My People. Various shifts are available from 2–7:00 P.M. Children five and older are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please contact Maggie at maggie@fmpfoodbank.org or 715-835-9415 if you can help or have any questions.

Thank you!

I'd like to express my thanks to the members of Plymouth, the Leadership Team, and Pastor David for the thoughtful gifts and flowers for Administrative Professionals' Day. A special thanks to Barb and Larry Kleist who, every year, surprise me with a gift each day of the week! I haven't felt so spoiled since I was a child in Grandmother's kitchen!

Mimi

Getting ready for church

10:30 A.M. Worship
Communion the first Sunday of the month

May Worship Notes

May 3
5th 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 10
6th Sunday of Easter
Mothers Day
Prayers for the People
Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–6;
John 15:9–17

May 17
7th Sunday of Easter
OCWM offering
Acts 1:15–17, 21–16; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19

May 24
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b;
Romans 8:22–27; John 15:26–27,
16:4b–15

May 31
Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17

In May, we are praying for these individuals/families: Kevin & Jean Phillips, Kenny (Annette) Polden, Gloria Polden, Dorothy Preston, Aurora (Matt) Robison, Mel & Bobbie Rude, Doug & Nancy Salter

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on Sunday May 3. Please bring a dish of your favorite picnic foods to pass. We will have our first cookout of the year. Hopefully, it will be nice and warm. Brats and burgers will be provided. We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on May 3 also, so make sure you show your support for those in need of food with your offering.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Large size hooded sweatshirts and sleeping bags are needed. Please contact Mike Henry if you would like to help. As always there is a need for 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
- 22 Ashley Page
- 30 Linda Jaenke

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We have passed through the darkness of Lent and into the light and new life of Easter. The day of Easter is rightfully set in the springtime (in the Northern Hemisphere, that is; the unfortunate folk in the southern one get to celebrate Easter in the fall and Christmas in the middle of summer). Much as Jesus rose from the tomb with renewed life, so also does the nature that has been dormant around us. Trees are budding, flowers are poking their heads up, the birds are building nests, and the animal world is focusing on producing the generation. The scent of grills has been much more noticeable. Garage sales have started (including our own thrift sale, which will be over by the time you read this). The winter coats are getting stored away. Some of our own snowbirds of Plymouth have returned from their winter retreats, and it has been good to welcome them home.

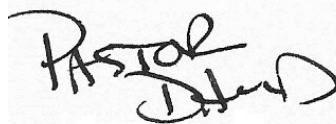
It is a time of new life and hope, this time of spring, and a good time to be part of Plymouth. We have been busy bringing new life to our congregation who live on the street, helping to find housing, medical care, and assistance with government agencies. Plus our constant vigil to keep our people

hydrated, warm with proper clothing, fitted with good shoes, and sweet treats, books, and more. Our street ministry was also just recently gifted with a van (please offer a prayer of thanks to our anonymous donor). Our quilters continue to ensure that homeless families have warmth in their beds at night. Our giving to St. Francis Food Pantry is keeping people fed, which means not only continued life but that their children can concentrate at school better, they can fight disease better, and don't have to live in anxiety.

New life is what the Church is all about, and it is what we live here at Plymouth. As Jesus gives us new life of hope and freedom, we go outside the walls of our sanctuary to provide new life and hope to the community that we are in, spreading God's love through acts of love.

Thank you for all your gifts, tithes, donations, pledges, and your time to make Plymouth a good model of what Jesus' church ought to be about.

Blessings,



Pastor David



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May 2015</h1>					1	2
3 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	4	5 10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
10 Prayers for the People 10:30 A.M. Worship	11 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team meets at Culvers	12 10:00 A.M. Quilters	13	14	15	16
17 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	18	19 10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	21	22	23
24 10:30 A.M. Worship	25 Memorial Day Office closed	26 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	29	30
31 10:30 A.M. Worship						