



# Good News

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## A Word from the Pastor...

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

As you have likely heard on the news, or in worship, our building has been demolished, and has now been completely hauled away. As I have said elsewhere, the process of the demolition has had me thinking of finality. Watching the building being torn down has really reinforced the reality that it did indeed burn. And sad as it was to watch the demolition, I also had the feeling of letting go of the past. For the last few months it has felt like I have been standing, or perhaps that we have been standing, with one foot in the past and one foot poised to step into the future of raising a new building to house our ministry. With the building razed now, we are truly stepping into the future. The land that our building was on is empty, a tabula rasa of exciting opportunity waiting for the rebirth that will come. And there will be rebirth! That is the Christian story: life after death, rebirth, new life, new opportunities, because our God is a still speaking God and the Holy Spirit continues to blow God's people in new directions, while strengthening us to make it through the pain and difficulty of change. The Holy Spirit is in indeed with us, and with your church leaders.

And through all of this, our ministries continue: our quilters, the street ministry, and the Standing in the Light choir for people with dementia. And I put out a special request to anyone who sings, especially men, to join the Stand in the Light choir. They are in need of some more volunteers, especially men's voices. This choir is a wonderful ministry that started last fall at Plymouth, and provides socializing and fellowship on the healing power of making music to our neighbors who are suffering dementia.

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Coming up, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1. We will have our soup supper before worship starting at 6:00 P.M. and then worship at 7:00 P.M. with communion and imposition of ashes. Then during Lent we will have our Wednesday night soup and scripture series beginning at 6 P.M. each of the Wednesdays of Lent.

More exciting news: on Sunday, February 12 we will be having our first potluck gathering since we moved to Grace Lutheran. We will very much be looking forward to breaking bread together again!

Blessings,

Pastor David

### **Suicide Prevention Benefit Dinner**

The Chippewa Valley Prevent Suicide Coalition is holding a benefit dinner at Olive Garden on Tuesday, February 7, 4:30–8:00 P.M. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$5 for children and are available from Pastor David. Advance purchase requested. Tickets include a “build your own pasta” buffet (one serving each) and unlimited breadsticks and salad.

### **Snacks for Standing in the Light Choir**

We will provide snacks for the choir on February 3. We need sausage, cheese, and muffins for 18–20 people. Let Barb Kleist know if you can help.

## **February Family Prayer Ministry**

During the month of February, we will pray for the following families/individuals: Patty (John) Cartmill, Kevin & Kristina Champion, Steve & Nancy Champion, Lilah Eastzman, Tami (Chris) Eisberner, Donald Erickson, Jerry (Mary) Foote

## **February Birthdays**

5	Jean Phillips
13	John Moore
16	Kristina Champion Charline Kozlowski
18	Joshua Champion Travis Eisberner
19	Jeff Green Gloria Polden
28	Kenny Polden

## **Food for Thought**

There will be a pot luck February 12. We will celebrate Valentine’s Day. Bring a dish to pass, either a salad or dessert. We have a limited number of outlets, so we could use a few crock pot meals. We do not have access to ovens or stoves. Invite someone to share a meal with us.

Please don’t forget our homeless friends. As always, the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards. Check with Pastor Mike for other needs.

Our Food Pantry offering will be received on February 5.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>February 2017</h1>						
			1	2	3	4
<b>5 St Francis Food Pantry offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	6	7  10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Peace at Plymouth	8	9	10	11
<b>12 Prayers for the People</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	13	14  10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Rock Creek at Plymouth	15	16	17	18
<b>19 OCWM offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot Luck	20	21  10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at St Mark	22	23	24	25
26  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	27	28  10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Baptist Evang. at Plymouth				

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