

Good News

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F R O M T H E



PASTOR

Dear friends and family of Plymouth!

As we come into the summer months, and times when many of you are taking vacations and traveling around the country, I pray for safe travels for all of you and for good journeys. And as you travel, I hope that you will continue to spend time with God and with a faith community by finding a church in whatever town you are in and joining them for worship. It is good for the soul to stay connected through worship when one is away from home, and remind us of the breadth and depth of Christian expression. It can also be fun and interesting to see how other congregations worship and

what their ministries are. So please bring me back a copy of the worship bulletin, and any other literature at the church that you find interesting. I like to see what other churches are doing in worship and what their ministries to their communities are. I also like to see how they are advertising and talking about what they do. So please do bring back some literature with you! It's a great way to find new ideas, and it enriches our lives at Plymouth.

Our new building designs continue to move forward. We gathered our chief kitchen users and met with the architects to design our new kitchen. We are in the stage of determining what parts of the new building are covered by the replacement part of our insurance, what parts are covered by the "code upgrade" part of our insurance, and what are covered by the "greening the building" part of our insurance. It's all quite complicated, but your church leaders are doing a great job sorting through the complications and learning a lot about how insurance works. We are also learning a lot about patience in a process that is definitely not a quick or streamlined one. As I mentioned last month, the plans for the new building—including the new kitchen design—are on display in the chapel, and you may look at them any time the building is open and on Sunday mornings.

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July Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

Sunday, July 2

4th Sunday after Pentecost

St Francis Food Pantry offering

Genesis 22:1–14 or Jeremiah 28:5–9;
Psalm 13 or Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18;
Romans 6:12–23; Matthew 10:40–42

Sunday, July 9

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 or
Zechariah 9:9–12; Psalm 45:10–17 or
Psalm 145:8–14; Romans 7:15–25a;
Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Sunday, July 16

OCWM offering

Genesis 25:19–34 or Isaiah 55:10–13;
Psalm 119:105–112 or Psalm 65:(1–8),
9–13; Romans 8:1–11; Matthew 13:1–9,
18–23

Sunday, July 23

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10–19a or Isaiah 44:6–8;
Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 or Psalm
86:11–17; Romans 8:12–25; Matthew
13:24–30, 36–43

Sunday, July 30

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15–28 or 1 Kings 3:5–12;
Psalm 105:1–11, 45b or Psalm
119:129–136; Romans 8:26–39;
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

In July, we are praying for these

individuals/families: Joanne Lowry
Joanne Miller, John & Sandy Moore,
Jens Nielsen, Edmund & Alice Noyes,
Peggy Norris

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on Sunday, July 9. Join us for fellowship and to celebrate summer. Bring your favorite food for a picnic pot luck, remembering that we do not have access to an oven. We do have outlets for crock pots. Invite someone to church and to share the 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 for our street ministry. Our Food Pantry offering will be received on July 2.

Community Table

We will serve at the Community Table on August 12 and November 11. Both dates are Saturdays. We need to be there from about 9 till 2. Please mark your calendars as we need 10–12 volunteers each time. We also need to provide 8 gallons of milk for each day and \$125 each time. The sign-up sheet for the August 12 date will be available starting July 9. Please mark all your monetary donations “for the Community Table.”

July Birthdays

- 2 Alice Noyes
- 9 Louise Partlow
- 11 Mel Rude
- 12 Maggie Leipnitz
- 18 Kayla Stygar
- 19 Megan Eisberner
- 26 Bill Leipnitz
- 27 Chelle Green
Michael Green
- 30 Faye LaPean

Memorials

Gifts to the General Fund

In memory of Gladys Ulry: Dorothy Kruschke, Chuck & Cheri Case, Joanne Miller

Pastor's Pen *continued...*

Lastly, please note that the office is closed on both July 3 and 4. We will have worship on July 2 with Communion, but our usual first Sunday potluck is moved to July 9.

Safe travels to you all this summer, stay cool and safe if it gets hot, and have a happy fourth of July celebration!

All blessings to you this July,



Thanks!



This note was received from Angie Oplinger who organized the Westridge Neighborhood Association fund raiser at the Pizza Ranch:

Thank you and thanks to the volunteers from Plymouth at last night's fund raiser. Preliminary amounts show we earned over \$350! We appreciate your time and generosity!

Angie



Help open the doors of the Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Do you believe every person should have a place to live in dignity and safety? So does Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity, an ecumenical organization that builds homes for families in the Chippewa Valley. CVH4H is in need of volunteers to open CVH4H's ReStore, a resale shop for building supplies and home furnishings. Sales from ReStore will help support CVH4H's mission. If you could help as a cashier, a sale associate, accepting and/or cleaning donations for a few hours a week or a month it would go a long way to getting our doors open. We will find a flexible schedule that works for you. If you would like to volunteer email Kate Hartsel, kate@cvh4h.org or call 715-895-8177.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	3 Office closed	4 Independence Day  Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	10 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	11 10:00 A.M. Quilters	12	13	14	15
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