



# Good News

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## **Garbage Dos and Don'ts**

If you haven't heard, we have a new garbage service. It's our small step in helping the environment. We now have three types of garbage cans: compostable, recyclable, and plain old trash. You will find one of each container in the bistro area and kitchen. In the bathrooms you'll find a compostable one and a small trash can. Our hand towels in the bathrooms are compostable. Any time you see a trash can with a green garbage bag in it, it will be for compostable items.



### What is compostable?

- Paper Towels
- White napkins
- White and brown place mats
- Bathroom hand towels
- Food
- Plants or flowers
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Vacuum cleaner contents and dust pan sweepings
- Cotton and wool fabric scraps

Questions??? There is complete list on the refrigerator in the kitchen. There is also a recycling list on the refrigerator. If what you are throwing away doesn't appear on those two lists, it is trash.

# February Worship Calendar

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

## February 6

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

**Community Table offering**

Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13); Psalm 138;

1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

## February 13

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

**Prayers for the People**

Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1;

1 Corinthians 15:12–20; Luke 6:17–26

## February 20

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

**OCWM offering**

Genesis 45:3–11, 15; Psalm 37:1–11,

39–40; 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50;

Luke 6:27–38

## February 27

**Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99;

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28–36  
(37–43)

## Prayer Ministry

**In February, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Meghan (Austin)

Cartmill, Patty (John) Cartmill, Nancy

Champion, Lilah Eastzman, Tami

(Chris) Eisberner

## Our Quilters

### have been busy!

On January 20, our Quilters gave Western Dairyland 13 children's quilts and 5 queen-sized quilts for needy families in our area. Thank you!

## February Birthdays

5 Jean Phillips

13 John Moore

16 Char Kozlowski

18 Travis Eisberner

19 Gloria Polden

Jeff Green

25 Graham Gilbertson

28 Kenny Polden

## Food for Thought

Communion will be February 6. We will also take our offering for the Community Table.

We are still recording our worship service live, to view on Facebook, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship. Please make sure you are vaccinated and boosted. This makes everyone feel safer and maybe we can get rid of COVID sooner. Even after you receive it, make sure you stay safe: wear your masks in a public places, social distance, wash your hands often, and use hand sanitizer.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. Mike and his crew are out checking on the homeless to make sure they are okay. Please keep them in your prayers. They especially need donations of money, warm clothes, hats, gloves, anything that will keep them warm at this time. We have a drop off box at church and whatever is donated will be taken to Good Shepherd weekly. The mailing address for monetary donations is: Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, you can go to the website, [chippewavalleystreetministry.org](http://chippewavalleystreetministry.org), and donate through PayPal.

Also, don't forget our Birthday Challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing. February birthdays, it's your turn!

We have changed our garbage carrier. We are now with Earthbound Environmental Services. This means we will have three types of trash cans. We will have a regular trash can, a recycling trash can, and a compost trash can. Each will be clearly marked with what can go in them. There is a separate article in the newsletter that goes into more specific details.

Coming up January 30 is our annual meeting—in person this year. Also, March 2 is Ash Wednesday!

Stay safe!

## Memorials

*Birthday Challenge:*

Larry & Barb Kleist, Lorin & Dorothy Ann Divine, Dorothy Gilbertson

*Special donation to Contingency:*

Louise Partlow

## General Fund

*In memory of Kenneth Polden:*

Gloria Polden

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

With February comes Groundhog Day, Candlemas, Super Bowl Sunday, St. Valentine's Day, President's Day, and the whole month is Black History Month. Usually, it also includes Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, but this year Easter is quite late so Lent does not begin until March.

So I'll use this space to talk about some other happenings in our community that I've been involved with.

**Day Center:** A group of faith organizations and government agencies were able to get together late last year and put together a warming Day Center for people living on the streets. With the generosity of Christ Church Cathedral, which offered some of their space, we were able to put together a safe place for people to gather during the day when Sojourners is not open. We had it up in time for Christmas Weekend, and then New Years Day weekend, and going forward it is open just on Sundays. Sundays were chosen because the buses don't run on Sundays, and many businesses downtown are closed, so there are few options for the people living on the streets to find warmth on Sundays. Our hope is to eventually have it open every day, but that will require a lot more money and a permanent staff along with a lot more volunteers. For all the ugliness happening around us in the world, it is always good to be reminded that extraordinary acts of generosity and love are being done far more often than acts of evil. If you'd like to be involved, please talk to me. Spending time with people who live on the street can be a life-changing experience of meeting Jesus.

**Afghan Refugees:** Last fall, Wisconsin received about 13,000 Afghan refugees, and work is being done to resettle them. The Wisconsin Council of Churches, Lutheran Social Services, and other groups are helping in this effort. An ecumenical and interfaith group formed in Eau Claire to explore if we could welcome some families here. We decided that we could indeed do so, and are working toward that goal now! You may have seen the article in the Leader-Telegram or the news segment on WQOW. We hope to settle 3 to 5 families in the Chippewa Falls area. It's a faithful way to show love to our neighbors. We have recently found a rental home and funding, and are working on finding more. There will be calls out to the community with help in filling their homes with furniture, cooking supplies, bedding and towels, and all the other things that homes need. Many of our new neighbors fled Afghanistan with little more than the clothing they were wearing at the time. As needs arise, we will make announcements in church, on-line, and elsewhere. Jesus said that whenever we give food to the hungry, a drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, take care of the sick, or visit the prisoner, we are doing that to Jesus.

May we continue to be faithful to Jesus' way of love by taking care of our neighbors.

Blessings,



Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Linda Oliver, Rob Jaenke, Ben Bechle, Cindy Halfen, Mimi Pederson, and Pastor David.

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.



### **Financial Reports:**

As of December 31, 2021

Year to Date Income	\$130,181.36
Year to Date Expenses	\$128,154.46
Ahead (Behind)	\$2,026.90

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Normal monthly bills were paid and all mission giving (OCWM, Food Pantry, etc.) was caught up.

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$8,354.86

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$5,442.15

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

### **Stewardship:**

- Follow-up letters will be sent to members who have not yet pledged.

### **Worship:**

- Christmas undecorating will be done Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 P.M.
- Planning for Ash Wednesday and Lent was postponed until the February meeting.

### **Building and Grounds:**

- The back door has been fixed.
- Barb will contact a plumber to repair a couple of faucets in the restrooms and to see if there is some way to adjust or modify them so that they don't spray all over. She

will also get an estimate for their replacement if that becomes necessary.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- The Christmas Eve worship service went very well. David expressed his thanks for all of our talented musicians.

### **Old Business:**

- Our new garbage service is working well. We still have some learning/education to do, but we're making good progress.

### **New Business:**

- In light of the surge in Covid everywhere, it was decided to suspend coffee time on Sunday mornings for the time being.
- We also discussed keeping in-person worship or going virtual. The WI Council of Churches has recommended going to virtual worship. However, local health authorities have said that if masking and social distancing are done, indoor gatherings are okay. We will offer KN95 masks and close every other row of chairs in the sanctuary.
- Rob presented the proposed budget for 2022 and we discussed it, making one suggestion to reduce the advertising budget for the Leader-Telegram. The budget was approved by the Leadership Team along with a 4% raise for Pastor David, Lynn, and Mimi.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Our next meeting will be February 13, 2022 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mimi Pederson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>February 2022</h1> 						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Plym at Rock Creek	2	3	4	5
<b>6 Community Table offering</b> 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Plym at St. Mark	9	10	11	12
<b>13 Prayers for the People</b> 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Leadership Team	14	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Plym at Saving Grace	16	17	18	19
<b>20 OCWM offering</b> 10:30 A.M. Worship	21	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball PB&J at Plym	23	24	25	26
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