



Good News

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 10

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30 A.M. Worship

April 14

Maundy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

April 15

Good Friday

12:00 P.M. Worship

First Congregational UCC, 310 Broadway

April 17

Easter

9:30 A.M. Muffin Breakfast

10:30 A.M. Celebration Worship

April Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

April 3

5th Sunday in Lent

Community Table offering

Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126;

Philippians 3:4b–14; John 12:1–8

April 10

Palm/Passion Sunday

Prayers for the People

Liturgy of the Palms:

Luke 19:28–40; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16;

Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or
23:1–49

April 14

Maundy Thursday

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April 15

Good Friday

12:00 P.M. Worship at First

Congregational UCC, 310 Broadway

April 17

Easter Sunday

OCWM offering

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25;

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24;

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts

10:34–43; John 20:1–18 or Luke

24:1–12

April 27

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 150 or Psalm

118:14–29; Revelation 1:4–8; John

20:19–31

Prayer Ministry

In April, we are praying for these individuals/families: Jeff & Lesa Green, Cindy (Jerry) Halfen, Harlan & Charlene Hartwich, Gordy & Audrey Heimstead, Joyce Holmen

Mask Mandate Removed!

The Leadership team has decided it's time to remove the mask mandate. If you feel uncomfortable without a mask, please continue to wear one. We will continue to have them available, if you need one. If you feel comfortable without wearing a mask, please feel free to do so.

Magnificent Muffins Return!

On Easter morning, April 17, we will have our Magnificent Muffin Breakfast. Bring in 1/2 dozen or a dozen muffins to share. We will start at 9:30 A.M. Make sure you get your muffins to church by that time. Beverages will be provided. If we have leftovers, we will sell them after our Easter service. Proceeds from these will go to our Landscape project.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Kleist.

Food for Thought

Communion will be April 3 and we will take our offering for the Community Table.

Pot Lucks will be returning in May! May 1 will be our first official pot luck. In April, we will have the return of the Magnificent Muffins for Easter.

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.

Don't forget our homeless friends. Please keep them in your prayers. They especially need donations of money and warm clothing. 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, 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. April birthdays, it's your turn!

Coming up April 23, the Northwest Association annual meeting is at Plymouth, from 9:30 A.M. until noon. If interested, this is a good opportunity to see the NWA at work. Also, April 30, the Eau Claire Garden Club will be having a special meeting.

Stay safe!

Order Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary and then take them home and plant them in your own yard after Easter. The flowers may be placed in memory or in honor of a loved one. Our supplier would like our order by April 4 to guarantee availability. Please fill out the information below and return it with your payment to the church office by then if you can. Checks should be made out to Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Your name(s): _____

In memory/honor of (Please circle one) _____

_____ Lily plants at \$9.00 each \$ _____

_____ Daffodils at \$10.00 each \$ _____

_____ Tulips at \$10.00 each \$ _____

_____ Hyacinths at \$10.00 each \$ _____



TOTAL \$ _____

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,



Easter is soon upon us! After 40 days of Lent, and a pandemic that has given us two years that have felt like Lent, we will have Easter worship in our sanctuary with some beautiful music AND our traditional muffin breakfast! This will be a welcome day of resurrection after a long time in the wilderness, and now that we are mask-optional, it will be an even more special day. Join us for Easter worship on April 17, and for muffins in the morning before worship.

We also have our spring concert by the Stand In the Light Memory Choir, in front of a live audience for the first time in more than two years! Please join us on April 21.

Also happening after a two-year hiatus, we are hosting the Northwest Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 23. We were originally scheduled to host it in 2020, but that was canceled, and then canceled again in 2021, so this will be a welcome day of our Association being able to gather in-person again! Because of continuing Covid concerns we aren't providing a lunch or our usual hospitality of coffee and snacks, but just being able to be together again is a wonderful thought. For the annual meeting, Ben Bechle from our Leadership Team will be Plymouth's delegate.

Have a blessed Easter!



“I Will Sing” Spring Concert

April 21, 2022

10:00 A.M. Dress Rehearsal (open to the public)

6:30 P.M. Evening Concert (free tickets required)

mask optional

Call 715-210-4165 for free tickets

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1120 Cedar St, Eau Claire

Leadership Team Minutes

March 20, 2021

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Linda Oliver, Ben Bechle, Deb Zehms, Louise Partlow, Cindy Halfen, Mimi Pederson, and Pastor David.

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist, called the meeting to order at 11:33 A.M. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of February 28, 2022

Year to Date Income	\$34,072.78
Year to Date Expenses	\$24,946.26
Ahead (Behind)	\$9,126.52

Treasurer's Report:

Year to Date envelope income of \$30,559 is \$20,589 more than last year at this time and \$11,468 over the year to date average going back to 2009. The amounts given for Community Table and OCWM were paid out and all other expenses were caught up also.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$6,576.80

Reserve Fund Balance: \$5,443.91

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Worship:

- There will be worship on Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 P.M. Easter Sunday we will have Muffin Breakfast at 9:30 A.M. and worship at 10:30 A.M

Building and Grounds:

- There is a lot of debris in the parts of the yard that get mowed.

We need to get it cleaned up before the first mowing to save the edge on the mower blades. We will look into having university students come to help with that (as well as washing windows) as part of their community service requirement.

Pastor's Report:

- Mike Wolfe will preach the two Sundays that Pastor David is gone in May (May 9–22).

Old Business:

- After some discussion, it was decided that masking will be optional in the building.
- We discussed child care, if needed, for the NW Association Annual Meeting here April 23. Pastor David thought perhaps someone from First Cong might be able to do it if it's needed.
- The Spring Thrift and Bake Sale will be May 21.

New Business:

- The "Little Library" has been built by Cindy's husband and will be installed near the sign at the end of the driveway.
- Barb will get some dates to serve at the Community Table.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 P.M. Our next meeting will be April 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



Spring Thrift & Bake Sale

We are having a Thrift Sale and Bake Sale, Saturday, May 21 from 8 A.M. till 2 P.M. You can start bringing your *marked* goods to the church Sunday, May 1. The only thing you do not need to mark is books. We will have a sign on the books, so they will all be the same price. Please, no electronics, such as TVs, microwaves, computers, or telephones will be accepted.

More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Rev. George and Diane Robie anniversary

Some of you will remember Rev. George Robie who served Plymouth for a number of years in the 1970s. His daughter Becky reached out to us to say that she and her siblings are holding a surprise anniversary party for their parents, celebrating their 58th anniversary in June. They are inviting people to send them cards, emails, or video messages.

Please send cards by May 27th to:
George & Diane Robie
C/O Becky Coatney
385 South 37th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Emails may be sent to rrcoatney@gmail.com (please use subject line: George & Diane Robie). If you would like to make a video, please contact Becky at that email address for instructions on how to get it to her. You may also call Becky on her cell phone at 402-405-8155.

FREE Foot and Nail Care Clinic

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Continuing Education will offer free foot and nail care clinics for community members April 26–29, 2022. Registered nurses will perform foot and nail care services as part of a certification program. The clinic will be supervised by nurse instructors certified in foot and nail care. To ensure the safety of our clients, nurses, and staff, masks are required at the clinical.

Sessions/Times:

Tuesday, April 26–Thursday, April 28, 2022 (7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.), Friday, April 29, 2022 (7:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.)

Location:

Grace Lutheran Church
202 West Grand Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703

How to schedule an appointment:

The services are free. Appointments are required and will be accepted beginning: **Monday, April 11, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.** To schedule an appointment or request accommodations for disabilities, call UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education at 715-836-3636.



Dorothy Kruschke has been recognized by Western Dairyland for her 29 years of service as a volunteer making quilts for their Homeless Shelter. Congratulations, Dorothy!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>April 2022</h1> 						
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3 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	4	5 10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
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17 Easter Sunday OCWM offering 9:30 A.M. Muffins! 10:30 A.M. Celebration Worship	18	19 10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	21	22	23 NW WI Assoc. Annual Mtg.
24 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	29	30

April Birthdays

- 1 Eleanor Robison
Harrison Cartmill
- 5 Rose Shepler

- 13 Pat Sexter
Shawn Barnhardt
- 16 Anori Divine

- 21 Joanne Miller
- 29 Marybeth Tschumperlin