

# Good News

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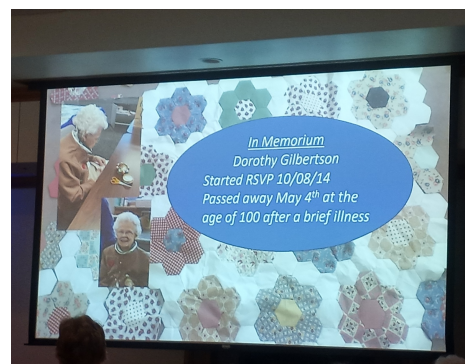
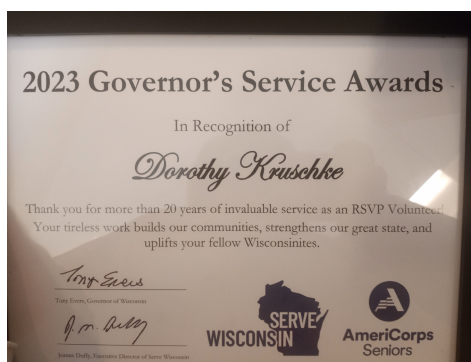
**Cross Illumination for  
September is sponsored  
anonymously in memory of  
Pete Spitt.**

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## Quilters honored

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) recently held their annual recognition luncheon, and several of our quilters were honored. Dorothy Kruschke and June Bartilson both received the Governor's Service Award. Dorothy has volunteered more than 3000 hours, and June has volunteered more than 4100 hours. Dorothy Gilbertson was also lovingly remembered for her years of service. One of her quilts was displayed and we now have a similar one on display in the hallway outside the office. The amazing thing about this quilt is that it was entirely hand-sewn.





# September Worship Calendar

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**10:30 A.M. Worship**

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

## **September 3**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Hunger offering*

Exodus 3:1–15 or Jeremiah 15:15–21;  
Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c or Psalm  
26:1–8; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew  
16:21–28

## **September 10**

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Prayers for the People*

Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 149;  
Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20

## **September 17**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*OCWM offering*

Exodus 14:19–31 or Genesis 50:15–21;  
Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 or Psalm  
103:(1–7), 8–13; Romans 14:1–12;  
Matthew 18:21–35

## **September 24**

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 16:2–15 or Jonah 3:10–4:11;  
Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalm  
145:1–8; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew  
20:1–16



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| 1  | Linda Oliver                      |
| 2  | Steve Strassman                   |
| 7  | Cindy Halfen                      |
| 10 | Lynn McFadyen                     |
| 13 | Benji Stygar                      |
| 20 | Keith Zehms<br>Christian Shufflin |
| 29 | Nancy Salter                      |

## **Prayer Ministry**

In September, we are praying for  
these individuals/families: Lil Savage,  
Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry  
& Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin

## **Memorials**

*In memory of Dorothy Gilbertson:*  
Gilbertson Family

*Birthday Challenge:*  
Allen Christensen

## Food for Thought

Communion will be September 3. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also take our offering for the Community Table, and there will be a pot luck that day. Bring a dish to share. Your pot luck favorite will be the theme.



As mentioned, our Community Table offering will be taken on September 3. Please continue to be generous. Some of the federal funding for those on lower incomes has ended and they are finding it harder to afford food for their families. More and more people are using the Community Table for a daily source of good food.

We are still recording our worship service to view on Facebook, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship. COVID is starting to increase slightly, a new booster will be coming out in late September. Make sure you look for the news about that. Also, don't forget your flu shot this fall!

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, gas or food cards, and fast food cards. There is a great need for water and gatorade, so monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. There's also the need for men's tennis shoes sizes 11 and 12, jeans sizes 30 and 32, antiperspirant, and hoodies sizes large and XL. 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.

Hey September birthdays! It's your turn for the 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.

Come and visit our new libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall.

If anyone knows of a family member or member of this congregation who is in the hospital, please let the church office know. Unless someone tells us, we don't know if you're in the hospital.

## Focus on Comfort

We have free weatherization kits from Focus on Energy (the same folks who gave us the free LED bulbs). The kits will help you seal away those pesky air leaks with products designed to keep your energy where it belongs, inside. Each kit contains:

- Self-adhesive, transparent door sweep to stop drafts under the door
- Self-adhesive closed-cell weatherstrip foam tape to insulate doors and windows
- Insulating outlet and switch foam sealers to stop drafts
- Window insulating shrink film

Help yourself!

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

In the varied seasons of the year and of life, one of them is the season of vacation—taking time to rest and restore, maybe do some sightseeing, and even times to do nothing at all. I'll be on vacation in September, but you are being left in very capable and faithful hands. In case of emergencies, Rev. Mark Pirazzini (First Congregational) and Rev. Kathy Walker (First Presbyterian) will be available—if a need arises, you can call the office and Mimi will help you out, or if she's not in, the answering machine will give you the way to contact whoever is covering at the time. Sunday worship will be covered by our own Rev. Bill Sprouse on three Sundays and guest preacher Rev. Eric Nielsen the other two. I'm not entirely sure what they are planning for those Sundays, but I've gotten a heads up that Eric will be teaching you a new (but actually very old) way of reading the Psalms, so that should be quite exciting!

I wish you all great blessings and you will continue to be in my prayers even while we are apart. I offer you a benediction, the “good speaking” or “well-wishing” that we say at the end of worship as a way of offering a final blessing for the coming week: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn toward you and give you peace.”

Blessings,



# Leadership Team Minutes

August 13, 2023

Members present: Linda Oliver, Mike Tschumperlin, Rob Jaenke, Cindy Halfin, Barb Kleist, Deb Zehms, Pastor David

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist, called the meeting to order at 11:40 A.M.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved.

## **Financial Reports:**

As of July 31, 2023

Year to Date Income	\$76,349.99
Year to Date Expenses	\$86,162.08
Ahead (Behind)	(\$9,812.09)

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Income included \$7,000 transfer from reserve account. YTD envelope income is down \$7,893 from last year, but remains \$17,525 above the average going back to 2009.

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$14,017.52

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$2,895.71

Larry is requesting \$30,000 from the PIP fund.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

## **Building and Grounds:**

- Garage was cleaned up and stuff hauled away. Historical materials were found and Barb will put them out for others to see. Linda will scan them.
- Larry washed the windows.
- The quilt in the hallway was started by Dorothy Gilbertson and was finished by the quilters.

**Worship:**

- There will be a pot luck on Sept. 3 and none in October.
- S'Mores and Songs is Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor David is all covered for emergencies by Kathy Walker and Mark Pirazzini
- All services will be covered by Bill Sprouse and Eric Nielsen.
- The Carlsons' membership has been transferred and we will formally welcome them after Pastor David returns from vacation.

were made.

**New Business:**

- The Craft and Bake Sale will be on November 11. A bed turning will also be included by the quilters. It will run from 9–2. There is likely to be a Christmas Corner of decorations and nice gift items

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Next meeting: September 10, 2023.

Most humbly submitted by Deb Zehms

**Old Business:**

- The libraries are going great. Thanks Linda!
- The creation presentation went well. Not many came, but all were very interested and good connections

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2023</h1>						
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<b>3 <i>Hunger offering</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	4	5  10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
<b>10 <i>Prayers for the People</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Leadership Team	11	12  10:00 A.M. Quilters	13	14	15	16
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24  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26  10:00 a.m. Quilters	27	28	29	30

## Next Inter-Faith Prayer service

Next to your save the date cards for weddings, birthday parties, and family picnics put a card to save the date for prayer. We all need to balance the spiritual with the secular. Let us come together to pray with our human family. Humankind...Be both.

Wednesday September 13 6:30 P.M.  
 St. James Catholic Church, 2502 11th Street, Eau Claire.