



Good News

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Chippewa Valley Street Ministry

Donations Needed

NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS, PLEASE

Men's sweatpants - L & XL
Hoodies - All sizes
Men's T-shirts - L & XL
Men's shorts - L & XL
Boxers - L & XL

Tennis Shoes, Mens 10.5-12
Tennis Shoes, Womens 7.5- 11
Financial donations - much needed
Sleeping bags
Backpacks -- adult, large sized.

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT:

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
1120 Cedar Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703
Monday to Thursday
9AM to 12:30 PM

MAIL CHECKS TO

CVSM
PO Box 51
Eau Claire, WI 54702

DONATE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES

www.chippewavalleystreetministry.org
www.facebook.com/chippewavalleystreetministry



Contact us with questions! Thank you!

Just a reminder that gift cards for Kwik Trip, Festival Foods, Menard's, and Target are for sale at Plymouth on Sunday mornings and during office hours Monday-Friday from Mimi. The church is able to purchase these cards at a discount and the profit helps us pay our bills. It costs you nothing and you are able to use these cards just like cash. Last year we made about \$2000 profit. Thanks for helping.

June Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

June 2

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Hunger offering

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20) or
Deuteronomy 5:12–15; Psalm 139:1–6,
13–18 or Psalm 81:1–10; 2 Corinthians
4:5–12; Mark 2:23–3:6

June 9

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

1 Samuel 8:4–20 (11:14–15) or Genesis
3:8–15; Psalm 138 or Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20–35

June 16

4th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 or Ezekiel
17:22–24; Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1–4,
12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13),
14–17; Mark 4:26–34

June 23

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49 or
Job 38:1–11 or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5,
10–16; Psalm 9:9–20 or Psalm 107:1–3,
23–32; 2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark
4:35–41

June 30

6th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27 or Lamentations
3:23–33; Psalm 130 or Psalm 30;
2 Corinthians 8:7–15; Mark 5:21–43

Prayer Ministry

In June, we are praying for these individuals/families: Cathy Lee; Ashley (Nick) Mayer, Shawn, Hailey, Haddie; Joanne Miller; John & Sandy Moore; Linda Oliver; Louise Partlow

June Birthdays

4 Deb Zehms
8 Rob Jaenke
10 Carter Jaenke
13 Adam Wendt
19 Morgan Jaenke
20 Denny Shepler
25 Allen Christensen
27 Harlan Hartwich

Memorials

In memory of Gordy Heimstead:
Joanne Miller

Food for Thought

Communion will be June 2. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also be taking our offering for the Community Table. There will not be a pot luck this month.



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,RSV and the flu are still around in our community. Make sure you get a booster and also your flu shot. Masks are always available at church if you feel you need one.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. On the front page of the newsletter is a list of their needs and how you can help through donations of clothing or money to Chippewa Valley Street Ministry.

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. We are looking into getting our parking lot and driveway resealed soon! So June birthdays, it's your turn!

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. Also, make sure the hospital knows you belong to Plymouth UCC.

On the same subject, we would like emergency contacts for all our members. Use the form on the counter next to the office or contact Mimi directly.

Mark your calendars for our next event! September 14 we will have a Thrift Sale and Bake Sale. PLEASE DO NOT bring your items early! In the July newsletter we will give you information about when you can bring your items and how they should be marked.

Sabbatical Information

At the last Leadership Team meeting, we talked about what our congregation's goal should be for Pastor David's sabbatical. He is going to be refreshing his mind and body and renewing his faith. Shouldn't we be doing the same? Rev. Bill Sprouse brought in some very good ideas for us to consider. I quote from his note: "I propose a season to consider our identity as a church and as individuals, in order to fuel community, spiritual journeys and service."

I think this is a great goal for us. Now we need to come up with ideas of how we're going to do this. We are asking you to think about this and give your leaders input into what you think. Starting in June, we will have comment cards available for you at church. Please take one with you and give us your thoughts and ideas. If you can't get to church, please send your comments to bkleist04@gmail.com.

We are all ministers in our community, your input is important.

Leadership Team Minutes

May 13, 2024

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Cindy Halfen, Mike Tschumperlin,, Bill Sprouse, Rob Jaenke, Dorothy Ann Divine, and Mimi Pederson

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of April 30, 2024

Year to Date Income	\$61,910.98
Year to Date Expenses	\$52,034.77
Ahead (Behind)	\$9,876.21

Treasurer's Report:

Year to date envelope giving is \$11,155 over last year at this time. Paid bills include building insurance, snow removal (last one of the season), and mowing (pine cone clean-up). Offerings for OCWM, OCWM Special Supports, and Community Table were disbursed.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$18,426.35

Reserve Fund Balance: \$10,447.68

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Stewardship:

- We are considering changing some of our checking accounts (Scrip, Memorial Fund, etc) from regular checking accounts to money market checking accounts to take advantage of the interest paid on them. Larry will get more detailed information from RCU and present it at the next meeting so that we can make an informed decision.

Worship:

- Pentecost is May 19. Rev Bill Sprouse will be the guest preacher as Pastor David will still be on study leave.

Building and Grounds:

- A couple of the soap dispensers are leaking in both the men's and ladies' bathrooms. Larry will try to fix them.
- Larry will meet with someone from Senn to confirm details of their proposed work on our parking lot before we commit to their proposal.

Pastor's Report:

- No report as he is on study leave.

Old Business:

- The libraries are being well looked after by Lil Savage and Linda Oliver
- Larry will assemble and hang the Pete Spitt memorial wind chimes in the coming weeks.
- Bill presented some of his ideas for planning our goals during the time Pastor David will be on sabbatical. We will visit these ideas at the next meeting after we have had time to study them.
- Barb shared some last-minute details of the Plant/Bake sale coming up May 18

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 9, 2024 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Many thanks to those of you who have given your church office emergency contact information. We hope nothing ever comes up that we need it, but it's comforting to your church leadership knowing that we have ways to contact your family should the need arise.

FROM THE



PASTOR

You have perhaps noticed some more changes in our landscaping. Not only has spring come and brought with it the blooming of our beautiful crab-apple trees and lilacs and flowers, but our hard-working volunteers have been busy. In the past few weeks, they have spent a great many hours removing wild mustard, removing the tarps, putting down straw, planting Eco Grass (which doesn't need watering once it's established), a couple elderberry bushes (which will give us berries in a few

years!) and a very impressive 120 Red Osier Dogwood shrubs and making fences to put around each one to keep the animals from eating them. It's been a tremendous labor of love and dedication, so please take a moment to thank Cindy Halfen and her husband Jerry, and also Keith, Mike, and Bill who made this happen. The grass that was planted is now popping out, giving us some green in what has been barren. Many thanks to all our volunteers for your dedication and labor! I'm sure the bees and butterflies and flora thank you, too.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pastor David'.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2024</h1>						1
2 Hunger offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	3	4 10:00 A.M. Quilters	5	6	7	8
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