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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Join us this summer on a *Rolling River Rampage!* Vacation Bible School will be held May 29-June 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 4 through 5th grade. We are working in cooperation with Grace Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church. We are looking for some "Guides" to help our "Rafters" experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! Do you feel the Holy Spirit moving you to help? Contact Holly Rickertsen at 325-4781. Registration forms will be available soon!



P. W. MAY BREAKFAST

-THE PW MAY BREAKFAST will take place on the 2nd Thursday of May, May 10th, this year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The program will be given by James and Marilyn Magnuson about their "Reformation Tour" through Europe. All men and women are welcome to attend. Please call the church office to reserve your place.



BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR DWAYNE MARGRITZ

Dwayne Margritz's 80th birthday will be celebrated with an open house in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 26, from 4 to 6 pm. Please let your presence be your gift. All are invited to attend.



SUPPER WITH OUR MISSIONARIES AL AND ELLEN SMITH

Join us May 9th at 6:30 p.m. for supper with our missionaries in Russia, Al and Ellen Smith. They will give a presentation on their work in Russia with the Roma people, stories of faith and providence. There will be time for questions following their presentation.



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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship

10:00 a.m. - Worship/nursery provided

11:00 a.m. - Coffee

Church Staff

Teaching Elder: Pastor Eddie Mariel

Hostess: Linda Anthony

Financial Secretary: Julie Rickertsen

Office Manager: Alice Screws

Joy Ringers Director, Chancel Choir

Director, and Music Coordinator: Holly Rickertsen

Ruling Elders

Dale Biehl	Mary Reed
Robert Copper	Curt Rickertsen
Ed Heusinkvelt	Beth Rogers
Da'Lacy Lans	Tempie Roberts
Steve Luther	

Clerk of Session: Gene Nansel

Deacons

Linda Anthony	Tom Musil
Dorothy Bremer	Carol Nelson
Jonelle Lans	Pat Sherman
LaDonna McClure	Julie Rickertsen
Larry Moomey	Sharon Steinberger
Rhea Musil	Carol Stock

Serving in May

Head Ushers: Pat & Doran Post

Greeters: Jim & Marilyn Biehl

Offering Counters: Ed Heusinkvelt and a Properties Volunteer

Lay Leaders:

May 6 – Anne Grubb
 May 13 – Don Anthony
 May 20 – Lorin Bremer
 May 27 – Alisa Margritz

***** Lay Leaders:** If you switch Sundays with another Lay Leader, please let the church office know by Thursday noon of that week so that the Lay Leader can be listed correctly in the Sunday bulletin.

Nursery Volunteers:

May 6 – Abbie Owens
 May 13 – Isabella Carlson
 May 20 – Kamryn Pike
 May 27 – Jordan Lans

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Giving Team – May 1, 7:00 p.m.
 Faith Team – May 7, 6:30 p.m.
 Welcoming Team – May 17, 6:15 p.m.
 Properties Team – May 19, 7:00 p.m.
 Personnel Team – May 20, 5:45 p.m.
Session – May 20, 7:30 p.m.

SYMPATHY



-OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are with Joyce Rimpley and family on the death of Gordon Rimpley, who died on Monday, March 19.

-OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are with Larry Moomey and the Moomey family on the death of wife, mother and grandmother, Judy Moomey on March 28.

-OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are with Chris and Blaine Mueller and family, Geri Jorn, and Lois Karr, on the death of Blaine's mother, Geri and Lois's sister, Phyllis Mueller, on March 29.

– OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS go to Eric and Gwen Michel and families on the death of Peg Michael on April 20.



EXERPTS FROM EDDIE

Greetings Friends,

For this month's reflection I am able to positively report that it is actually warm outside! The temperature has gone up and it feels like what I am used to. I am reflecting and, in addition to this, our community has recently gone through quite the cold, bitter season of loss. Thus, as the world around us slowly emerges from the cold and dark, so too must our congregation do the same. The question is, how?

Nature has built in systems which, throughout the millennia of their existence, have continued to be honed and shaped to provide the highest probability of viability. What kind of systems and structures have we built into our own lives to emerge from the cold and dark of separation from the ones we love? What systems and structures have we built into our own lives to remain viable?

I hope and pray that this church community has been a part of your structures upon which you lean and depend for your viability. If that is the case and has been your experience, please share that with me! I'd love to hear your story. Your stories will then provide inspiration to others for how we can then make this community not just a structure upon each of us leans and depends for our viability, but *also a structure upon which others can lean on and depend upon for their viability as well. In doing so, slowly but surely, there will no "us" and "them" but simply, the Church.*

One group I'd particularly like to commend is our deacons here at First Pres. They are tireless in their love and care for this community in sickness, health and loss. Watching them rally the entire congregation, and the congregation's wonderful response, to care for our members who lost loved ones, on top of the weekly visitation that was still maintained, was inspiring and beautiful. From in-home visitation gently seeking out menu items and various special items, like pies, that might be appreciated to weekly snacks and treats, bulletins and CD's that are faithfully brought to homebound parishioners the deacons provide an awesome ministry that ends up changing them and impacting them more than it does the people they visit with.

Grace and peace to you all and I look forward to seeing all of you both in church and just around.

In His Service,
Pastor Eddie



Birthday Club

JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB! In your birthday month contribute \$1.00 (or 10 cents or a quarter, etc.) for each year of your life so far. The thousands of dollars contributed each year go to the Endowment Fund. The fund generates interest which is divided between Physical Facilities and Outreach Fund. If you would like to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes in the pews, or you can write "Birthday Club" on your check. Joining the birthday club in March: Pat Sherman.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

WOMEN'S GROUPS

-SOUTHSIDE BIBLE STUDY meets most Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. They will begin a new study starting March 7 on the book of Acts. They invite anyone who would like to attend this study every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to come and join us for lively conversation, snacks and fellowship. The lesson starts at 9:30 a.m.

-MARTHA CIRCLE will meet May 17. Hostess is Marlene DeLap. Dorothy Woodside is in charge of the lesson.

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on May 24, 2018. Hostess is Joan Rupke.



LOGOS

LOGOS is all done for this session and will resume in the Fall after school starts. Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!!

THANK YOU NOTES

-THE FAMILY OF PHYLLIS MUELLER would like to thank Pastor Eddie for the wonderful service and the prayers and thoughts that we received through our hard times. A special thank you to the ladies for the delicious lunch. The church family was very special to Phyllis. —Thank you all from the family of Phyllis Mueller.

-THANK YOU so much for your prayers, caring thoughts, cards, and flowers during Judy's illness. All your help was greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes to all the women who served and provided the salads and desserts for Judy's funeral luncheon. God Bless you all. — Larry Moomey and family

-THANK YOU TO MY CHURCH FAMILY for the prayers, get well cards and well wishes while I was in St. Elizabeth Burn Center, hospital, Gateway Vista, and Madonna. A special thanks to Dwayne and Sally Margritz and Larry Moomey for stopping by while I was in the Burn Center. On April 9, I was transferred to Great River Health Systems in Burlington, Iowa, for additional therapy. — Ivan Henderson

-TO MY CHURCH FAMILY, I would like to thank you for all the cards, prayers and memorials for my father, Bill McCandless. I would also like to thank the Presbyterian Women for serving our lunch after the service. I am very blessed to have so many wonderful friends. — Carol Stock





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Once every six weeks we spend a week helping folks get a good hot noon meal, delivered with a friendly face and a smile! Thank you to the following people who helped deliver Meals-On-Wheels in April:

We appreciate your time and commitment getting the hot meals delivered. Our next delivery date is June 11-15. If you are willing r able to volunteer, please Contact Sharon Steinberger at 324-2060



LOOSE OFFERINGS

Loose Offerings during the month of May go to Vacation Bible School.



GROCERY CART

The grocery basket is in the narthex or the office hallway ready for your non-perishable food items for the Lexington Food Pantry. The Lexington Food Pantry serves many people in need. **Steve Luther took 22 food items to the Food Pantry in March.** The local Food Pantry shelves are always in need of your donations.

****Please note that the service committees have changed. Please check and see what group you are in now!!****

UP NEXT —

SERVICE COMMITTEE GROUP B

Co-Chairs:	Karla Denker	325-1821
	Sharon Steinberger	324-2060
	Carol Stock	324-7128



Delphine Anthony	324-4779	Barb Poehler	784-3753
Elsie Barrett	746-0660	Brandy Popken	325-5974
Marilyn Biehl	324-4426	Cindy Reutlinger	324-3250
Rosalie Bonini	324-5190	Holly Rickertsen	324-2417
Billie Clements	324-2470	Joyce Rimpley	324-4063
Deb Harkless	324-6845	Liz Sanderman	325-2342
Jean Henderson	324-2236	Jo Sherman	324-4772
Evelyn Hutt	324-4874	Pat Sherman	324-3701
Da'Lacy Lans	324-4719	Ann Smets	324-1919
Alisa Margritz	324-2678	Shirley Smets	324-4333
Darlene Malcom	325-7577	Becca Walton (w)	324-5651
Rhea Musil	785-8037	Jill Williams	785-8131
Carol Nelson	324-3810	* Gladys Hodgson	
Andrea Nisley	324-3651	* Ellie Kelly	
Joyce Olsen	785-8172	* Bertha Rickertsen	
Lisa Pebley	324-2785		

*MAKING ROUNDS WITH OSCAR*

by Dr. David Dosa, M.D.

a Book Report by Jo Sherman

Dr. David Dosa is a health services researcher and a practicing geriatric physician in Providence, Rhode Island.

He has written a very interesting true story about a cat named Oscar. USA TODAY has written this about the book, "The book, both touching and humorous, isn't just about Oscar. It's about listening and letting go."

Oscar seems to predict death and provide comfort to the residents of the Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in downtown Providence.

Dr. Dosa tells us, "People tell me they would find my job depressing, but I'm always a little puzzled by that. Looking at my patients and their families, I have a remarkable view not just of lives well lived, but of deep commitment and love. I wouldn't trade that for the world. Sure, sometimes I'm caring for people at their worst, but I'm also blessed to be with them at their best."

Mary, Dr. Dosa's nurse, tells him that, "Oscar only spends time with patients who are about to die." Dr. Dosa replies, "You know, maybe he likes patients who are dying because they don't give him any trouble."

One day Dr. Dosa asks Mary where Oscar is. She tells him that Oscar is hanging out in a certain room with a lady who had just passed away.

Dr. Dosa asked himself, "Was it a coincidence that Oscar had been there for each patient's death? I thought of that Einstein quote: "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous."

The daughter of a lady who had died tells Dr. Dosa, "I think of Oscar as my angel. He was here for my mother, and here for me, too. With Oscar at my side ... well I felt a little less alone ... My mother, well... her struggle is finally over. She's finally free.

These are a few quotes from the book to get you interested in reading it for yourself.

One reader has written, "Oscar has much to teach us about empathy and courage. I couldn't put it down."

**NEW IN YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY**

By Delphine Anthony, Librarian

THANK YOU to Barb Knapple, Presbyterian Women and an anonymous donor for books for the library.

NEW BOOKS:**BIOGRAPHY***God Is For Real* by Todd Burpo. This is a follow up book to *Heaven Is For Real*.*City of Thorns* by Ben Rawlence. Nine lives in the 3world's largest refugee camp.**CHILDREN***Bag In The Wind* by Ted Kooser.**CHRISTIAN GROWTH***Grace* by Max Lucado**CHURCH***Searching For A Pastor The Presbyterian Way* (a roadmap for Pastor Nominating Committees) by Dean E. Foose.**COUNSELING***Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. When to say Yes, how to say No, how to take control of your life. Can I say no and still be a loving person? How to set healthy boundaries.**FICTION***Christmas Angel Project, The* by Melody Carlson*Christmas Joy Ride, The* by Melody Carlson*Proving, The* by Beverly Lewis*Bohemian Girl* by Terese Svoboda*Meaning of Names, The* by Karen Gettert Shoemaker*O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather*Lantern In her Hand, A* by Bess Streeter Aldrich*Carpenter's Daughter, The* by Jennifer Rodewald*Nightingale, The* by Kristin Hannah*Stallions At Burnt Rock* by Paul Bagdon*Red Rose Bouquet* by Jennifer Rodewald*Family of Jesus, The* by Karen Kingsbury**PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE***Faithful* by Adam Hamilton. This book speaks of Christmas through the eyes of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. You will experience the birth of Jesus in a new way.**PRAYER***Daniel Prayer, The* by Anne Graham Lotz. Lotz is Billy Graham's daughter.**WORSHIP***Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan. The music and words of 150 of the world's greatest hymns is in this book plus the stories behind them. These stories not only speak to our souls but add depth and meaning to each of them.



Notes From the March 20, 2018 Session Meeting

Current balances are:

Balance brought forward 01/01/18	\$	8,663.44
Receipts		35,162.21
Disbursements		46,048.84
Transfers to general fund		5,000.00
Transfers to money market		0.00
Balance as of 03/15/18	\$	2,776.81
Balance of money market fund 03/15/18		\$46,536.93

Session approved the following committee recommendations:

Welcoming Team:

1. To put a new coat rack on the east half of the north wall in the Narthex.
2. To purchase a new acrylic wall mount literature rack.

Faith Team:

1. Easter Sunrise Service be held at 7:30 a.m.
2. Good Friday- open the sanctuary for prayer 12-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. with Pastor Eddie present to pray with people as desired.

Session approved the recommendations.

Session approved moving the next Session meeting to April 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Session appointed Robert Copper as commissioner for the March 24, 2018 Presbytery meeting in Cozad.

Notes From the April 17, 2018 Session Meeting

Current balances are:

Balance brought forward 01/01/18	\$	8,663.44
Receipts		65,616.25
Disbursements		68,869.90
Transfers to general fund		10,000.00
Transfers to money market		0.00
Balance as of 04/17/18		15,409.79
Balance of money market fund 04/17/18	\$	41,548.12

Session approved the following committee recommendation:

Endowments and Gifts: To pay scholarships to the four applicants for next year: Ross Rogers, Haley Rogers, Dillon Margritz, and Bricen Margritz

Robert Copper gave a report from the stated Presbytery meeting on March 24, 2018.

Pastor Eddie has asked the Session to think about two questions and bring thoughts to the next Session meeting.

1. Who are we now?
2. As it stands now, who are becoming?

Next Session meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2018.



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Monthly Planner



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