

May 2021 >>>

*Sunday Services:
8:30 in Oconto
Live on Facebook and Zoom*

*10:30 in Marinette
Live on Facebook*



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A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

The Messenger

Reminder!

Pastor Craig is in Oconto on Mondays and Wednesdays. He is in Marinette on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can always call either church office or Pastor's cell phone as needed, 604-3922

****As always please contact the church office or a session member if you have any questions or concerns, 835-3922**



coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

Deadline for the April issue is
May 20, please email articles to Amy
amy@eapetersonfamily.com

Paster's Ponderings...

What is the mission or purpose of the church? This is a question being asked by many in the wake of the events of this pandemic. This is a question every follower of Jesus Christ should be thinking about. Cameron Harder offers the following historical survey in his book, *Discovering the Other*:

Constantine's goal was to erect a church building in every town. Missionaries sought to translate the Bible into every language, to baptize the masses, or to bring Christian "civilization" to the "heathen." Modern church growth fans want to fill every pew. Contemporary liturgists seek transcendent or contextually relevant worship services. And many congregants are satisfied as long as the church hangs around to baptize, marry, and bury them, and provide a bit of pastoral care and inspiration in between."

I would like to challenge us to consider the mission of the church to be listening; listening to the stories of God; listening to the stories of people around us; listening to how the Spirit is connecting those stories together. Each time you feel compelled to tell someone or to defend what we believe to be right and true and worthy, pause and make sure you have first fully and truly invested yourself into listening to the other. After that pause, prayerfully consider if anything you have to say will honor the Apostle Paul's prayer that we might "live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel" (Phil 1:27).

-Pastor Craig



All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & families including: Mike Beck (Marines – Fort Worth , TX).

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition:, Athelstane, Wausaukee, Forest Larger Parish (Lakewood, Wabeno, Laona), First American Lutheran, Oconto

For the families and friends of those who have passed away: Pat DeWitt, Dennie Hibbert, Eileen Hoehne, David Matravers, Honey Schroder, John Stellmacher, Thomas Zantow

General Prayers: Deets Aland, Songhee Buck, Margaret Dakins, Vicki Haag, Ted Haakonson, Bennett Heyrman, Rick Jose, Rosetta Lehman, Stella McCarthy, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, , Ruth Sebero, Diane Staidl, Sue Stodola, Sue Strandt, Dean & Judy Swaer, and Diane Williams

Need to add someone to the prayer list? Is an update needed on the prayer list? Please contact Stacy in the church office with additions or corrections – Thank you!

Happy
Mother's
Day

Happy Mother's day to all the Mothers and Grandmothers.

Happy Mother's day to all the angels on earth who step into mother roles for those that need some help for just a minute, a season of life or over many years.

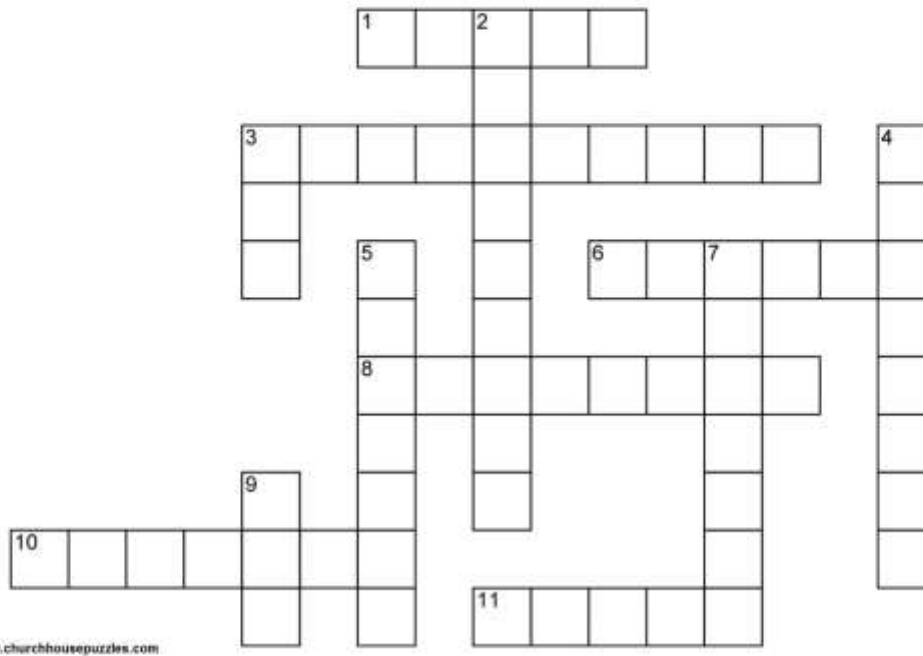
Happy Mother's day to all who are celebrating with a parent or child no longer on this earth.

Happy Mother's day to all who only held their babies for a minute, but for a lifetime in their hearts.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." – **(Proverbs 31:26)**

Mother's Day

Matt 19:19 Honour thy father and thy mother...



ACROSS

- 1 Where did you get the information to honor your mother?
- 3 This is a special day to do things for your mother
- 6 If your mom drinks this you can make it for her
- 8 Tell your Mother this for the being the best mom in the world
- 10 Color one of these and give it to your mom
- 11 Tell this person thank you for the mom that you have been blessed with

DOWN

- 2 You should try making this for you mom
- 3 This is the name of the person who gave birth to you
- 4 Give your mom a break and do this for her so she can have the day off
- 5 What book of the Bible has the scripture about honoring your mother?
- 7 This is something you can pick and give to your mother for Mother's day.
- 9 This should be the first thing you do when you see your mom.

WORD BANK: Bible, breakfast, cleaning, coffee, flowers, hug, jesus, matthew, mom, mothersday, picture, thankyou.

Need some guidance? How about Taking Faith Home?

Have you received your weekly sheets? They are being sent via email. Have a new email address? Prefer them sent a different way? Please notify the church office at 920-835-3922 of any changes or corrections.

This is a great tool to use individually or as family. It has many options, for prayers, readings or even explaining church traditions.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

There are multiple ways to join us for worship! Remember Church is not where you are, but who we are. Please join us to share in worship.

We provide one worship service at **8:30 A.M.**, limiting the in building attendance to 50 people, and provide “unlimited attendance” via live streaming of the service on our Facebook page and now our church Youtube channel as well! (search YouTube for “FPC Oconto” and please hit “subscribe” to help us reach more people.) You can also join us on Zoom (details on the next page). There is no right or wrong way to join us for worship. Please do what is comfortable for you and your household. You might join us live on Facebook or in-person. You might watch it little later on via YouTube. It might change from week to week and that is okay – do what is best for you. We want to share in worship with you, no matter how we all join in.

Please remember, your Session may, at its discretion, revise or adjust these procedures as they see the need based on public health guidance and the situation of our local context.

Need help with one of the worship options? Have a question? Need to contact a Deacon or member of Session? Call the church office at 920-835-3922.

PLEASE READ

Rev Craig Alwin is inviting you to join a scheduled Zoom Worship Service.

Topic: FPC Oconto Sunday Worship

Time: 08:30 AM

Worship will start at (or about) 8:30AM. This invite is being shared with people outside our local congregation, so don't be alarmed if you don't recognize someone. If you see or hear anything inappropriate, please unmute and let us know so that person can be muted or blocked. (There have been reports of malicious activity like this called "zoom-bombing" which is why we use passwords and don't publish the meeting info on the web or social media.) Anyone who joins the meeting early can unmute themselves and share joys, concerns, or whatever's going on. All are welcome to hang out after worship for "coffee hour" fellowship.

Please, respect the privacy of others by not sharing info without their permission.

A) To join the worship service with your phone audio only:

(This will work with any landline, flip phone, or smart phone)

1. Dial the phone number **1-312-626-6799**
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
3. You will be asked to enter another code *OR* press # again: **ONLY PRESS #**
4. Enter the password: **8353922**
5. You will automatically be muted to prevent feedback and distractions
(whenever a noise is detected, the visual screen switches to that participant)
 - a. You can mute or unmute yourself by pressing ***6** during the meeting
 - b. You can "raise your hand" to let us know you want to talk by pressing ***9**

B) To join the worship service with your computer or smartphone:

1. Download the Zoom App
2. Join the Zoom Meeting by one of the following options:
 - a. Use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85623683669?pwd=bitsbUtMeUJlSWtZSXIHRzY0MVBGdz09>
 - b. Open your Zoom app and manually enter the following
 1. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
 2. Enter the password: **8353922**

Stacy's "Secrets"

We are in need of a 4 drawer fire proof fire filing cabinet. If anyone has one they are willing to donate please let the church office know. Thank you!

We are in need of volunteers to help out with AV on Sunday's. If anyone is willing to train for this please contacted Don Sikma.

Thank you to those who volunteer to keep the church lawn looking spectacular. If you see any of the following people please thank them: Don Sikma, Jim Shafman, Mike Anderson, Andy Stelmacher, Jerry Geise, Scott LaPlant, Jeff/Gavin Mlnarik, and Kimm DeWitt.

If you have or know of any high school or college graduates please contact the office with the name so we can recognize them at the end of May.

We also would like any updated information on our veterans. If you know of someone or know of any changes on the list of names please let the church office know. Please included branch of service with any new names. Please let us know before Memorial Day so we can include them in our service.

GOLD STAR MOTHER

- * Lisa Frye
- * Illma Young

ARMY

- * Harry Exferd
- * Milton Exferd
- * Norman Exferd
- * Leigh Konop
- * Clarence LaCourt
- * Norman LeMense
- * Kermit Leonard
- * Andrew Reitz
- * Ernest Schroder
- * Marv Sikma
- * Francis Young
- * John Young
- Jared Belongia
- Mike Booth
- Tyler Christenson
- Tom Delzer
- Don Exferd
- Ken Exferd
- Bert Hollander
- Lynn Hollander
- Robert Jack
- Harvey Klassy
- Rev. John Lyford
- Dan McClintock

John Olsen
Joe Patennaude
Doug Plier
Dave Schisel
Jim Shafman
David Weber

ARMY RESERVE

Michael Werner

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

* Brian Dakins
* Lyle Dakins
Dustin Dakins
Michael Hollander

MARINES

* David Cross
* Harry Kane
Mark Beck
Mike Beck
Ryan Dura
Brian Fields
Heath Werner

AIR FORCE

* Laverne Brugger
* Janet LeMense
* Lynden Smith

Clyde Bridger
Michael Brugger
Michael Hollander
Peter Olsen
Jay Rietz
Garner Sowle

ARMY AIR CORPS

* William (Bud) Couillard
* Robert Hoehne
* Chuck Reitz
* Hal Woods

NAVY

* Bob Campbell
* Junior Charles Hartman
* Henry Krueger
* Allen Palmer
* Robert Panetti
* Jim Plier
* Bernard (Red) Rysewyk
* William Saucier
* Drew Stamsta
Christine Gillihan
Sean Heyrman

COAST GUARD

Clarence (Deets) Aland
Robert Leonard