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A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

The Messenger

Please take note...

Lenten Mid-week worship sessions. Every Wednesday at 6:30 during Lent.

****Pastor Craig's cell phone: 920-604-3922**

****As always please contact the church office, Deacon or Elder if you have any questions or concerns. The office phone number is 920-835-3922.**

*****If anyone would like to donate any spring flowers for Easter Worship please bring them in by April 16th. If you can't get them here by then bring them in on Easter Sunday.**

coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

Deadline for the May issue is April 20, please email articles to Amy

amy@eapetersonfamily.com

Easter Breakfast

Please join us on April 17th, Easter Sunday morning at 9 AM for breakfast & fellowship in support of our youth program and Bible Camp scholarships.

A full breakfast will be provided with free will offering being accepted. Please join us in support of our youth!

We hope to see you & your family!

Deacon Update

Our next project will be a used book sale. We recieved a donation of books from the middle school. We will have a free will donation sale. The plan is to set up April 2nd. The sale will be April 3rd -17th. If anyone has some used books that they would like to donate, please drop them off at church. If you want to donate some books but are unable to drop them off, please call Bert Hollander at 920-672-8758 for pick up. Again we are truly blessed with a giving community and thanks to all for your support. May God bless you all.



All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & families including: Sterling Heyrman (Navy Great Lakes Naval Training Center).

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: Sue Stodola

General Prayers: Songhee Buck, Rory Cisar, Margaret Dakins, Currie Sowle Dulata, Betty Geiger, Ken Geiger, Betty Glynn, Vicki Haag, Ted Haakonson, Rick Jose, Rosetta Lehman, Stella McCarthy, Gary Miller, Joan Nowak, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Ruth Saber, Diane Staidl, Sue Strandt, and Diane Williams.

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

Elders & Deacons

A BIG Thank you and to all of our new Elders & Deacons that were recognized during service on March 27.

Elders:

Jim McDowell – Property & Grounds
Kristy Patenaude – Ministry
Jeff Krueger – Finance
Mike Wickman – Elder at Large
Jeff Mlnarik – Elder at Large
Becky Schlueter Elder at Large

Deacons:

Bert Hollander
Jennifer Wickman
Joyce Swanson
Anna Bourassa
Emmy Reed
Daniel Alwin

Thank you to all of them for serving the church in these important positions. Please keep them in your prayers as they start or continue in these roles.



Who's ready for summer? Who's ready for summer camp?

Many youth from our church have attended summer camp at Lake Lundgren over the years and have had a wonderful time. Please visit llbc.org to sign-up, get more information or view pictures of all the camp has to offer. You can also contact them by 715-324-5457 or email: camp@llbc.org.

Paster's Ponderings...

"Holy Week" is April 10-17.

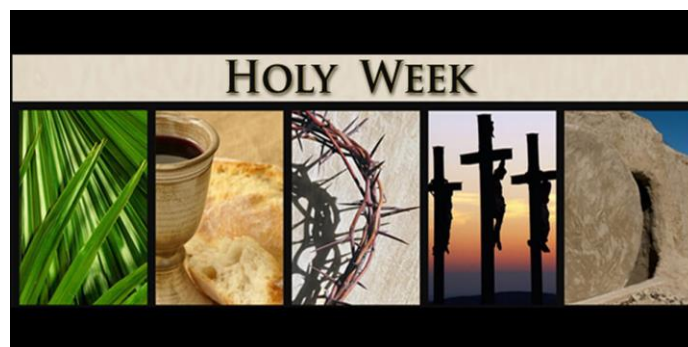
As we come to the end of our journey "Walking through Lent" we should take time to "recalibrate" our spiritual compass to guide us to live out the meaning of the empty cross. As we journey through Holy Week, our emotions go from enthusiasm to solemnity, to grief and betrayal, to confusion, and back to enthusiasm again. The difference between the two bookend emotions of enthusiasm is that the first is based on our expectations of what is to come, and the second is based on what God did unexpectedly. May we continue to wake up to the unexpected wonders of our God!

We begin the week with Palm Sunday. This gets its name from the people waving palm branches as Jesus entered Jerusalem. While waving the palms, they shouted "Hosanna!" which means "Lord, save us! We beg you to save us." (These are the same voices that later in the week will also shout, "Crucify Him!")

Maundy Thursday is our reminder of the "new commandment" Jesus gave his disciples to love one another as he has loved them. We get the word "maundy" from the Latin *mandatum* – mandate, or commandment.

Good Friday is our reminder of Jesus' trial before Pilate, his torture, crucifixion, and burial. This does not equate with "good" as we know it, but rather through the now obsolete sense of the word "good" meaning holy.

Easter Sunday gets its name from... well, we don't actually know for sure! Most attribute it to either the appropriation of the pagan goddess of spring or a transliteration of the German translation of the Latin for "dawn" – as a reminder that the tomb was found empty at dawn on the third day.



PLEASE READ

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

Topic: FPC Oconto Sunday Worship

Time: 10:30 AM ****New starting this month****

Worship will start at (or about) 10:30 AM. 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 *_**_**_****
2. Enter the Meeting ID: *****
3. You will be asked to enter another code *OR* press # again: **ONLY PRESS #**
4. Enter the password: *********
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: *****
 2. Enter the password: *********

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Up earlier on Sunday? Follow Pioneer Presbyterian Church on Facebook to listen in on their service at 9:00 A.M.