

May 2022 >>>

**Don't Miss it!**

*Youth calendar is attached  
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A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

# The Messenger

*Please take note...*

**\*\*Pastor Craig is on a study break in May. Please contact the church office if you are need a of pastoral assistance.**

**\*\*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.**



We would like to recognize the Oconto High School LifeSmart's team on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at Nationals. Member Grace Holmgren is a part of the team.

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We would like to recognize the induction of 11 Presbyterian Youth to the Oconto High School National Honor Society.

The following members were recognized Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>:

- Kat Alwin
- Grace Holmgren
- Luke Krueger
- Gavin Mlnarik
- Emmy Reed
- Jackson Martin
- Lauren McDowell
- Myah Mlnarik
- Faith Patenaude
- Annika Schlueter
- Maddilyn Steele

coming soon >>>

*In The Next Issue*

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

[amy@eapetersonfamily.com](mailto:amy@eapetersonfamily.com)



All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & families including: Sterling Heyrman - Navy.

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, Kris Fortney, Betty Geiger, Ken Geiger, Betty Glynn, Vicki Haag, Ted Haakonson, Rick Jose, Rosetta Lehman, Stella McCarthy, Gary Miller, Joan Nowak, Alex Rennie, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Ruth Saber, Cindy Shallow, Diane Staidl, Gene Stamsta, Sue Strandt, 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!

## ***Youth Update...***

Sunday School and Youth Group will start up again May 1st and we could not be more excited!! Please see the attached calendars for those dates and times. The youth will be helping around the church and during worship times so attendance will be super important. The older youth will also be helping with Sunday School along the way. There are opportunities for fundraising also listed.

Please reach out to Michelle McDowell, Dawn Steele or Kristy Patenaude and let us know if your child is able to help with those dates! We are in need of parents to assist with some of the Sunday School dates as well as a parent to head up the Coke Shack date in August. PLEASE consider helping out as we work to get out youth involved in church, the community and with each other.

## *Paster's Ponderings...*

The events of the past few years have caused many changes in our lives. It was a true JOY to see so many people gathering for Easter worship. In years past it was “normal” for church activities and attendance to drop off during the summer months. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, make every effort to make the most of the opportunities we have to gather for worship and other church activities. We each need to be more intentional about redeveloping our habits of putting God first. I have heard several people say they would like to be more active in their faith and are wanting to serve in ways they didn't before the pandemic. We are always looking for people to help read scripture, lead worship, provide music, run the PowerPoint, etc. If there is something that you might like to do, or if there is a new ministry that you feel we should be involved in, please let us know! The Spirit is opening hearts and connecting lives in ways we could never have imagined. Proverbs 16:9 says, “People plan what they want to do, but it is the Lord who guides their steps.”

I had expected to complete my Doctor of Ministry program in 2021, but that has been delayed. I am currently targeting my graduation in December of this year, which will require extreme diligence on my part over the next few months. I am very appreciative of the Sessions for giving me the month of May as Study Leave to focus on my Doctoral research and writing. I plan to do most of my writing from my home office but will be treating this time as if I were out of town. The Session and Church offices have contact numbers for clergy in case of any emergencies, and we have gifted people filling the pulpit on Sunday mornings during May. Thank you for your prayers as I work to articulate all that I've learned about “what it means to be a Local Theologian” and discern the ways in which this can be implemented here in the years to come.

## *A Little Laugh along the way...*

**Q: What did the mommy cat say when her kittens brought her warm milk on Mother's Day?**

A: It's purrrrrfect.

**Q: Who do flowers celebrate on Mother's Day?**

A: Their chrysanthemoms.

**Q: Why did the boy put the Mother's Day cupcakes in the freezer?**

A: His sister told him to ice them.

## PLEASE READ

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

**Topic: FPC Oconto Sunday Worship**

**Time: 10:30 AM**ish

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 **1-312-626-6799**
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=bitsbUtMeUJISWtZSXIHRzY0MVBGdz09>
  - 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.

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> <i>YOUTH-LED</i> <i>SUNDAY SCHOOL</i> <i>9AM</i> <i>*Youth greet at service</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> <i>YOUTH GROUP 9am</i> <i>TEACHER-LED</i> <i>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am</i> <i>*HELP W/ SERVICE</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22 *FUNDRAISER*</i> <i>YOUTH &amp; SUNDAY</i> <i>SCHOOL AT</i> <i>THOMPSON'S COKE</i> <i>SHACK</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>GRADUATE SUNDAY YOUTH-LED SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM *Grad led children moment</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>YOUTH GROUP 9am TEACHER-LED SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am *Youth greet and read</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 YOUTH-LED SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM *Youth greet at service *Youth greet before	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 YOUTH GROUP 9am TEACHER-LED SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>*FUNDRAISER*</b> <i>Youth &amp; Sunday School at Thompson's Coke Shack</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <b>YOUTH-LED SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9AM <i>*Youth greet at service</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			