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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Here and Now!

## HOLY WEEK

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday April 14th	Thursday April 18th	Friday April 19th	Saturday April 20th	Sunday April 21st
Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Great Vigil of Easter	Easter Sunday
Palm Sunday will be celebrated with a Children's Procession starting Sunday Worship carrying palms through the Sanctuary and blessing us with song. After, kids will enjoy crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt.	Maundy Thursday Worship will be a Tenebrae Service and Communion at <b>7:00 pm.</b>  Maundy Thursday is the night we remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and the last meal they shared.	Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion.  Glencoe-Sloan is having a Good Friday Worship at <b>3:00 p.m.</b> were all are welcome.  Pastor Leanne will be officiating.	A time of prayer will be observed from <b>11:00 am—12:00 pm</b> in the Chapel.  Oil will be available for anointing should any desire it.	Join us for <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship and Communion as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the triumph over sin and death. Jesus is alive!  *No Adult Bible Study or Youth Sunday School this morning.



## MOVIE NIGHT...

The Membership Committee is sponsoring a movie night at the church to view the movie "Green Book", followed by a discussion of the movie. The movie will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on April 13th, 2019. Popcorn will be served. Moviegoers may wish to bring non-alcoholic drinks to be consumed with popcorn and possibly a comfortable fold up chair if you would like to sit in something other than the blue church chairs. Come and enjoy the movie and stay for the discussion if you wish. This movie is rated PG-13.



## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS...



The Scholarship Committee of First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for our church community. To be eligible for consideration to receive a

scholarship, a student must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or must have been an active participant in the life of the church for at least three years. The awards are given for students at any level of study beyond high school. Four years is the maximum for receiving scholarships: these need not be consecutive years. Graduate students may apply for

scholarships, providing they are within the four year maximum. Applications are available in the Narthex and for download from the front page of the church website at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com). The deadline to apply is May 15th, 2019.

## THANK YOU...

The February Soap Drive for Ministry on the Margins was a huge success! Over 775 items were donated to MOTM by the congregation. Donations ranged from individual – sized soap products to laundry soap to razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. MOTM staff and volunteers were pleased to receive all of these items. Thanks to all who were able to donate.



## ***PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...***

### ***The World-Wide Witness of the Presbyterian Church— and YOU***

It never ceases to amaze me: within hours of almost any newsworthy disaster, I can Google <http://pda.pcusa.org> and find out what the Presbyterian church is doing in response. To date, I have never been disappointed: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (which is largely funded by our One Great Hour of Sharing giving) is a highly efficient and compassionate organization, capable of moving swiftly into disaster situations, assessing damage and setting up helping agencies and making grants available for recovery.



At present, flooding caused by Tropical Cyclone Idai has affected more than 1 million people in Southern Africa. At this time, the death toll is over 1000. Assessment teams were on the ground within the first few days. PDA is responding through its partners in ACT Alliance in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe to address immediate needs and will be looking to support long term recovery as the needs develop.

Even before Hurricane Michael made landfall in the U.S., PDA reached out to the presbyteries in the path of the storm to offer resources and prayers. They have deployed National Response Team members for an initial deployment to meet with the Presbyterian and community leadership in developing short-term response plans and provide a ministry or presence. Initial grants have been disbursed to each of the affected presbyteries and church damage grants, which are used for continuing mission, are being disbursed as we receive the requests.

When my former Presbytery, Flint River, was hit by a tornado, PDA was accessible immediately, and on the scene in a matter of days, repairing the Presbytery Office, funding food and water for volunteers and the devastated neighborhood and offering grants for small churches who could not have rebuilt without them.

Right now, PDA deployed National Response Teams to the Missouri River basin to presbyteries that have invited them in, and they are processing grant requests as we receive them. The work of PDA also continues in Haiti, Guatemala, California, Peru, Flint Michigan and among the Rohingya people.

That I am trying to point out is this: we are part of something big, efficient, compassionate and worth every dime we invest in their effort. Believe in the ministries of the PCUSA. Understand the YOU are a part of their saving efforts in this world. I have become a huge fan of Presbyterian Disaster agency and I trust them to represent Christ and us in ministry to this broken world. The One Great Hour of Sharing is only the beginning of good things done in Jesus name. At any time, they are receiving donations to heal this wounded world.

I know there are multiple, wonderful charities which vie for your giving dollars. I also know that with the changes in tax law, some of you may find yourself scrutinizing the agencies to which you donated. I ask you to keep PDA in mind, check out their mission and ministries. We can be proud of them, and of our part in their ministry.

*Leanne*

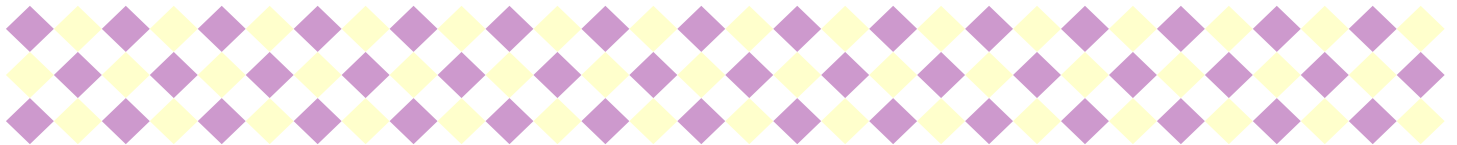
## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ~ APRIL 14TH



This year, we are celebrating seven decades of One Great Hour of Sharing. What a wonderful legacy of caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

One Great Hour of Sharing began with a radio broadcast in 1949 appealing for offerings for war relief in Europe and Asia. In the 1960s, waves of Cuban immigrants coming to Florida increased the focus on poverty and hunger within our own country. Crises in our cities and efforts for civil rights led to the establishment of the Presbyterian Committee on the *Self-Development of People* in the 1970s. More recently, *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* funded in part by One Great Hour of Sharing, has helped thousands of families after the earthquakes in Haiti and the hurricanes along the Gulf Coast.

During this Lenten season, let us open our doors, our eyes and our hearts so that we can see vulnerable and afflicted that we have been called to serve. Let us heed the call of Isaiah 58:12 to repairers of the breach through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank You for your prayerful consideration.



## BOOK CLUB...

The Membership Committee is again sponsoring a day to establish a book club for members, etc. On April 25th, at Noon, those members (and guests) interested in establishing a book club at FPC will meet in the Conference Room to discuss meeting dates and times and to select an initial book to read. The group will also discuss how the book club will operate. If you, or someone you know, are interested in joining a book club, please come and participate in the club's initial meeting.







## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

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Twenty-one completed shawls were blessed by Pastor Leanne during the Worship on Sunday, March 24th. The Prayer Shawl Ministry currently has nine members that meet on the first and third Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This is an open group and you are invited to participate. Carolyn Barks is our leader for our gatherings, and each is a prayerful event where we knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to First Presbyterian members.

Shawls are available to our Pastor, Parish Nurse and Deacons to give to persons they visit. The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates shawls and they are given with the intent to remind the recipient that each shawl comes with prayer and warm thoughts from our Church. It is a way to remind these folks that they are loved by their church family.

We are grateful for the cooperative efforts by the Deacons and the Outreach Committee for establishing this ministry.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ Boy Scout Troop 6 will be having their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **April 7th, 2019 from 9:00 am—1:00 pm in Ramstad Hall**. Adults = \$7.00 Children (under 12) = \$5.00. All proceeds will be used toward camp expenses. Any donations are accepted.
- ♦ Glencoe Sloan Memorial Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Pancake and Sausage Supper on **April 7th, 2019 from 4:00 pm—7:00 pm**. Adults—\$8.00 Children (6-12) - \$4.00 Under 6 = Free
- ♦ The Presbyterian Church in Glencoe has cordially invited the First Presbyterian Church—Bismarck to their Good Friday Worship Service that will be held at **3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19th, 2019**. Pastor Leanne will be officiating.





## APRIL HIGHER POWER LUNCH...

The Outreach Committee continues with our Higher Power Lunches. In March, we listened to Bill Petrie talk to us about being better listeners. He shared from his book, "100 Stories of Hope" provided insights from his interviews with persons in North Central North Dakota. We were touched by the stories and Bill gave a copy of his book for our Gathering Room Library. The message was well received. Hopefully we left the lunch knowing how we can be better listeners.



On April 17th, we will be blessed with Bill Sorenson as our speaker. Elected Mayor of Bismarck in 1990, serving three terms, Bill also served two terms in the ND House of Representatives. He is a past President of the ND League of Cities. Born with a great sense of humor, Bill has been involved in performance most of his life. A high school hobby of juggling led to a second career as a magician. For over thirty years, Bill has been an entertainer in Medora. Bill's faith and family are cornerstones in his life. He has served as a president of his church's congregation and has been very involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes throughout his life. We expect to be inspired by Bill's talk.

If you are interested in attending the Higher Power Lunch, please register at our website at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com). Registration helps the HPL team prepare the correct amount of food for the lunch. Any questions, feel free to talk to any team member (Joe Satrom, Ella Gutzke, Kathy Mayer, Allen Hoberg, Jan Schultz or Gladys Cairns).





## WESTMINSTER CHIMES HEADS WEST...

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Westminster Chimes will be stepping out this Spring for a little trip. On Sunday, April 28th we will be packing up and hitting the road to visit our sister church in Mandan. If you should miss the 10:00 a.m. start for our service that day, please feel free to take in the 10:30 a.m. service at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Mandan, 310 3rd Avenue, NW.



## THANK YOU...

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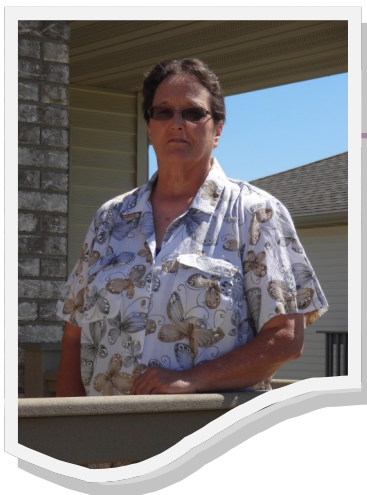


Thanks to all of the drivers who volunteered their time and vehicles to deliver Meals on Wheels during March. Despite the cold and snow, more than 165 meals were delivered to individuals in need of hot meals and a friendly face.

## LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE...

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- ♦ **5th Sunday of Lent ~ April 7th:** Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service 10:00 a.m. with Communion; Youth Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **Palm Sunday ~ April 14th:** Palm Sunday Worship Service will be at 10:00 a.m. We will celebrate it with a Children's Procession carrying palms through the Sanctuary. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after Worship.  
*\*There will be NO Adult Bible Study this morning.*
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- ♦ **Good Friday ~ April 19th:** Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. There will be no Worship Service here at FPC Bismarck. Please use this day for prayer and reflection. Glencoe-Sloan will have a Good Friday Service starting at 3:00 p.m. lead by Pastor Leanne Simmons.
- ♦ **Great Vigil of Easter ~ April 20th:** A time of prayer will be observed from **11:00 am—12:00 pm** in the Chapel. Oil will be available for anointing should any desire it.
- ♦ **Easter Sunday ~ April 21st:** Join us for 10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the triumph over sin and death. Jesus is Alive!  
*\*NO Adult Bible Study this morning.*



## NURSE'S NOTES...

*Hello April 2019! Yippee! Think SPRING!*

Hope all of you are finally enjoying this April weather. Here is a story for you:

*Jack strode into 'John's Stable' looking to buy a horse. "Listen here" said John, "I've got just the horse you're looking for, the only thing is, he was trained by an interesting fellow. He doesn't go and stop the usual way. The way to get him to STOP is to scream 'Hey Hey', and the way to get him to GO is to scream 'Thank God.' " Jim nodded his head, "Fine with me, can I take him for a test run?" Jim was having the time of his life. "This horse sure could run" he thought to himself. Jim was speeding down the dirt road when he suddenly saw a cliff up ahead "Stop!" screamed Jim, but the horse kept on going. No matter how much he tried he could not remember the words to get it to stop. "YoYo" screamed Jim but the horse just kept on speeding ahead. It was 5 feet from the cliff when Jim suddenly remembered "Hey Hey!" So Jim screamed "Hey Hey". The horse skidded to a halt just 1 inch from the cliff. Jim could not believe his good fortune; he looked up to the sky and raised his hands in the air, breathed a deep sigh of relief and said with conviction "Thank God!" OOPS!*

Did you ever wonder about chapped lips? In WIKI there was an article by Dr. Chris M. Matsko in how to avoid and treat chapped lips. Here is how to help chapped lips:

Chapped lips are hard to avoid, and can't be instantly fixed. For most people, prevention is the best cure. For others, chapped lips aren't preventable. Instead, they are a long-term symptom and side effect that must be dealt with and lived with. Most chapped lips can be remedied (and prevented!) with water and lip balm. For severely or chronically chapped lips, consult your primary care physician.

- 1) Apply lip balm. Opt for a plain beeswax balm, or one that contains sunscreen. Lip balm shields your lips against the weather, so don't forget it on dry, sunny, or windy days. Lip balm also seals cracks in your lips, preventing infection. Apply before going out, after eating or drinking, or whenever you notice it has worn off. Avoid flavored lip balms if you have a habit of licking your lips. Opt for a nasty-tasting balm with SPF. Avoid lip balms in pots, as repeatedly dipping your finger into the balm can breed bacteria that you may spread into your cracked lips. Wrap a scarf or hood across your mouth on a windy day. Avoid irritating it as it heals.
- 2) Avoid picking. Scratching, peeling off flakes of dry skin, and biting chapped lips are all tempting, but equally bad for your mouth as it heals. Picking at chapped lips can irritate them and cause bleeding, which will slow the healing process and may invite an infection. It can also trigger cold sores if you are prone to them. Do not exfoliate your chapped lips! Your skin should be treated gently as it heals. Exfoliating can lead to infection.
- 3) Hydrate to heal. Dehydration is a common cause of chapped lips. Drink water and apply moisturizer to your skin. You can heal a mild case of chapped lips in a few hours by drinking water. A more severe case will take longer: drink water with every meal, before and after you exercise, and whenever you feel thirsty. Dehydration is especially common in the winter. Avoid heating your house with dry heat, or invest in a humidifier.
- 4) Visit a doctor. If your lips become red, sore, and inflamed, you may have Cheilitis. (Cheilitis is a condition that causes red, swollen patches in the corners of your mouth where your lips meet and make an angle. Other names for it are perleche and angular stomatitis. You can get it on one side of your mouth or on both sides at the same time.) Cheilitis is caused by irritation, or by an infection. If your lips get so





## ***NURSE'S NOTES...***

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chapped they crack, bacteria can enter that causes Cheilitis. Your doctor may prescribe an antibiotic or antifungal cream for you to apply until the Cheilitis subsides. Lip licking is a common cause of Cheilitis, especially in children. Cheilitis can be a symptom of contact dermatitis. If you are prone to rashes, talk to your doctor about the possibility of a contact dermatitis diagnosis. Chapped lips are a symptom of many medical conditions, including autoimmune disease, thyroid disease, and psoriasis. People with Down Syndrome often have chapped lips.

Dr. Chris M. Matsko says you can prevent chapped lips by following these suggestions:

- 1) Stop licking your lips. You might unconsciously lick your lips to hydrate them. Unfortunately, lip licking has the opposite effect, since it washes the natural oils off your lips, causing dehydration and chapping.
- 2) Breathe through your nose. Breathing through your mouth can dehydrate your lips. If you tend to breathe through your mouth, practice nose-breathing to get in the habit. Sit for a few minutes each day and breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth. Try sleeping with a nasal dilator strip to encourage your nasal passages to open.
- 3) Eliminate allergens. Keep allergens and dyes off your mouth. Even a mild allergy or intolerance to a food can cause chapped lips. Check the ingredients of your lip balm. Avoid anything you may be allergic to. If you experience swelling of the throat or shortness of breath, discontinue use of the lip balm and call 911.
- 4) Hydrate and protect. To best protect against chapped lips act like you already have them. Drink water with every meal, and keep a glass nearby for whenever you're thirsty. Apply lip balm when you're headed outside or when the heater is on. Cover your face on windy winter days, and use a lip balm with SPF on sunny days.

### ***Announcements:***

- ♦ Sunday BP Clinic will be April 7th, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 am and 11:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon in the Conference Room.
- ♦ Senior Citizen Strengthening Classes are Monday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. These classes will be cancelled over the Summer months from May 27th until September 9th, 2019.
- ♦ FREE Alzheimer's Classes: There will be 5 different Series of Classes with Scott Bernstein as our presenter. These class dates will be announced in the bulletin and a flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The first Class will be April 10th in the Parlor from 12:00 Noon—1:30 p.m. Next class will be 4/25/2019 at 12:00 Noon. Bring your own lunch.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*SPRING IS HERE!* As the new season begins, one has to end. We are winding down to the end of the PAC and PresbyTeens season. My thoughts were that there will be a lot of time for me to really plan and gear up to for another amazing season to come. As this is still in my plan and ideas, I am also finding that we are all just getting started! The planning and executing of Spring Retreats, outdoor family days, mission events, and Triennium Youth Festival has my head buzzing with excitement! How will I ever get this all done...that is the question. But I will guarantee we will be organized, healthy, happy and ready for fun!

March brought my first ever PresbyTeen Lock in!

*“I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” ~ Philippians 4:13*

This Bible verse was repeated a number of times throughout the night as sleep tried to creep up on me on more than one occasion! For me, the lock-in was a huge success. No major injuries, besides a nose bleed that wouldn't stop, there was nothing I had to bring out my survival skills for. We started having a BLAST bowling for a few hours, then on to the church to resume the all night lock-in. I was afraid the weather was going to serve as a problem but there was no way I was going to let Mother Nature spoil a lock-in...again! What did put a wrench in the plans a bit, is that a few pizza places did not open or they had



no delivery drivers to deliver pizzas! Late night pizza posed a challenge, but thanks to my 4-WD and Pizza Hut, who stayed open until I got there to pick up the pizzas, we just ate a little later than originally planned. Yah...success! Here are a few things I learned from this 1st experience:



- ◆ Too much sugar in one setting can lead to a never ending nose bleed!
- ◆ Murder in the Dark (a new game they taught me) is even more scary when Mark (Mark Jensen, our Intern) plays!
- ◆ There is no amount of coffee that can prepare you to stay up for 26 hours with 13 teenagers!
- ◆ The art room is full of hidden treasures that can keep you occupied for hours!
- ◆ Teens get just as loopy as adults on no sleep at 4:00 a.m.!
- ◆ And most important thing I learned...the memories I made, and am making with our youth, are priceless and mean so much! There is nothing greater!

Sometimes you find what you are best at later in life, and just by chance! All the years of education and testing my hand at different careers, I have FINALLY found something that speaks to me. I feel I am apart of something bigger than myself and able to make a difference. This, by far, has been my greatest accomplishment and I look forward to all the adventures ahead!

*Charee*



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

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### ***Palm Sunday Funday April 14th! Easter Egg Hunt after Worship***

Kids are welcome to meet in the Chapel before Palm Sunday Worship at 9:40 a.m. to for one last song practice and to receive palms and process into 10:00 am Worship together. Adults are welcome to walk with their kids, or can be joined in Worship.

Kids and families will enjoy treats, Easter crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt following Worship! This is a free event, for all ages—feel free to invite family and friends.

### ***Crystal Springs Retreat April 26th—28th***

6th-12th grade youth are invited to this awesome, and annual event hosted by the Presbytery. Cost is \$85.00. Registrations can be picked up at the front office or downloaded online. Please return fee and registration form to Charee by **Wednesday, April 3rd!**

### ***Youth Sunday May 12th ~ Happy Mother's Day!***

The youth of First Presbyterian Church would like to honor our mothers by taking over Worship on Sunday May 12th. Please come and enjoy Worship presented to you by our wonderful, amazing youth! Please let Charee know ASAP if your child will be available and able to attend so everyone has a place in the service.

## SUMMER EVENTS...

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### **McDowell Dam FPC Fun Day! Saturday, July 13th:**

All are welcome to join us for a day of fun Saturday, July 13th. The Christian Education Committee is excited to celebrate this annual event! Bring your water toys and lawn chair to join us for a day on the water. More information to come!

### **Vacation Bible School: Sunday—Wednesday, July 28th-July 31st**

We're gearing up for a fabulous year of Vacation Bible School, welcoming in the community for this FREE event! At "ROAR", kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Volunteers—of all ages—are needed for this incredible event, and please spread the word! Sign-up sheets will be available soon. Registration information will soon be available.





## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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#### CLERK'S REPORT

After removal of 17 people from the active membership roll, membership is 361.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$94,077	Budget	\$74,292
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$86,544	Budget	\$83,118
NET Income	\$ 7,532	Budget	-\$8,826
Unrestricted General Fund	\$191,577.72		

Jim Skaret stated the investment income has increased the first two months of 2019.

#### MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Leanne shared the plans for Holy Week services. A Worship Enhancement group will be meeting in May to review our service and make suggestions. Seven members of the congregation have signed up to participate in the Visibility Team. Pastor Leanne will be offering a prayer at the Legislative Assembly, Capitol after Easter.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administrative and Personnel**--Evaluations of staff have been completed. Letters were mailed to congregation members who have not participated in the life of the church for a few years. Session approved removing 17 from the membership roll.

**Business and Finance**—Session approved a change in policy to allow an outside, professional audit every three years. The first will be in 2020. Other years, congregation members will be asked to review the finances.

**Christian Education**—The Sunday School children will be singing on Palm Sunday.

**Membership**—The survey revealed interest in a book club and movie night. Outdoor service will be held July 21 in Shelter #11.

**Outreach**—Prayer shawl group has made 19 so far and the shawls will be distributed by Pastor Leanne, Parish Nurse, Wanona and Deacons Visitation Committee. Over 770 items were donated to Ministry on the Margins. A pig roast/potluck may be planned with the Glencoe church this summer.

**Property and Equipment**—Parlor dishwasher is being repaired. A snow blower has been purchased.

**Stewardship**—One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday.





## ***SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (continued)***

**Worship and Music**—The committee plans to advertise the Holy Week events. Planning for the 150 years of FPC will begin in the near future.

**Child Care Center Board**—49 children are currently enrolled but may increase to 56 in April with additional infants. An anonymous donation of \$5,000 was made. CCC Recognition Day will be May 19.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Session approved two Commissioners, Shari Orser and Jim Skaret, to attend the Presbytery meeting on April 6 in Moorhead, MN.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session



# APRIL VOLUNTEERS

## April 2019 Usher/Greeter/Coffee Host

- April 7th:**  
**Captain:** Lori Orser  
**Ushers:** Becky Rosenkranz, Dennis Rosenkranz, Bob Kinnischtzke, Cindy Cross, Don Cross  
**Reception Host:** Gladys Cairns
- April 14th ~ Palm Sunday:**  
**Captain:** Steve Adair  
**Ushers:** Kim Wassim, Tedd Gutzke, Ella Gutzke, Peggy Hoge, Joe Satrom  
**Reception Host:** Kent Ellis
- April 18th ~ Maundy Thursday:**  
**Captain:** Jody Bachmeier  
**Ushers:** Pam Anderson, Joe Bachmeier, Bill Jensen, Mark Jensen  
**Reception Host:** *None needed for evening services*
- April 21st ~ Easter Sunday:**  
**Captain:** Abby Bjornson  
**Ushers:** Dick Weber, Jody Bachmeier, Joe Bachmeier, Vic Sonneman, Kim Wassim  
**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*
- April 28th:**  
**Captain:** Neva Carlisle  
**Ushers:** JoAnn Hodny, Damita Engel, Matt Engel, Ron Carlisle, *Volunteer Needed*  
**Reception Host:** Stan & Alice Halling

### LAY READERS

April 7th  
Alice Nix

April 14th ~ Palm Sunday  
Shari Orser

April 18th ~ Maundy  
Thursday  
Multiple Readers

April 21st ~ Easter  
Ann Gallup

April 28th  
Dave Nix

### COMMUNION SERVERS

*April 8th, 2019*

Jim Skaret	Nanc Skaret
Abby Bjornson	Ella Gutzke
Pam Anderson	Vic Sonneman
Gloria Blanco	Maren Stokka
Jane Boeckel	Becky Liedtke

### COMMUNION SERVERS

*April 21st, 2019  
Easter Sunday*

Kris Ronningen	Jim Skaret
Nanc Skaret	Dennis Rosenkranz
Dale Hoerauf	JoAnn Hodny
Ron Carlisle	Neva Carlisle
Kim Wassim	Ella Gutzke



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

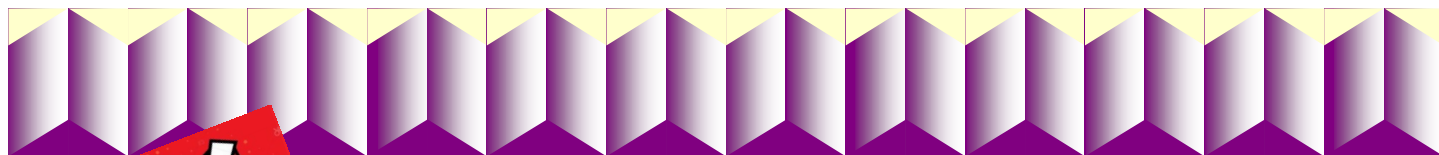
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Rosemary Hill	1st
Sydney Henriksen	4th
Fred Larson	4th
Becky Mahlum	6th
Donna Richter	6th
Bill Toay	6th
John Richter	9th
Peggy Hoge	11th
Jody Bjornson	13th
Seth Peterson	16th
Pastor David Reiter	18th
Steve Adair	19th
Violet Spitzer	19th
John Dixon	23rd
Georgene Lantz	23rd
Ed Murphy	24th
Audrey Simmons	26th
Grace Hoge	27th
Anna Bitz	28th
Gail Christianson	30th

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill & Laura Jensen 21st

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All birthdays and anniversaries are taken previously collected information from you. If we made a mistake, or missed you or a loved one, we apologize and ask that you please let us know so we can update our system. If you do not want your birthday listed in a bulletin or newsletter, please let us know that as well. Thank you!



### **HELP NEEDED!**

**OOPS!** I made a mistake and did not give the Worship & Music Committee the information to schedule Communion Servers for Maundy Thursday. If you are available and can serve this day, please call Charee in the church office and let me know. Thank you!

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

**April 18th, 2019  
Maundy Thursday**

**Volunteer  
Needed**

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## **April Fun Facts**

The 4th month of the year is an outstanding one!

When April arrives our hearts are usually full of thoughts of renewal and fresh beginnings. These are the days when the sun is shining...it may bring us April showers but the warm showers are refreshing and invigorating because we know the sunshine will return soon.

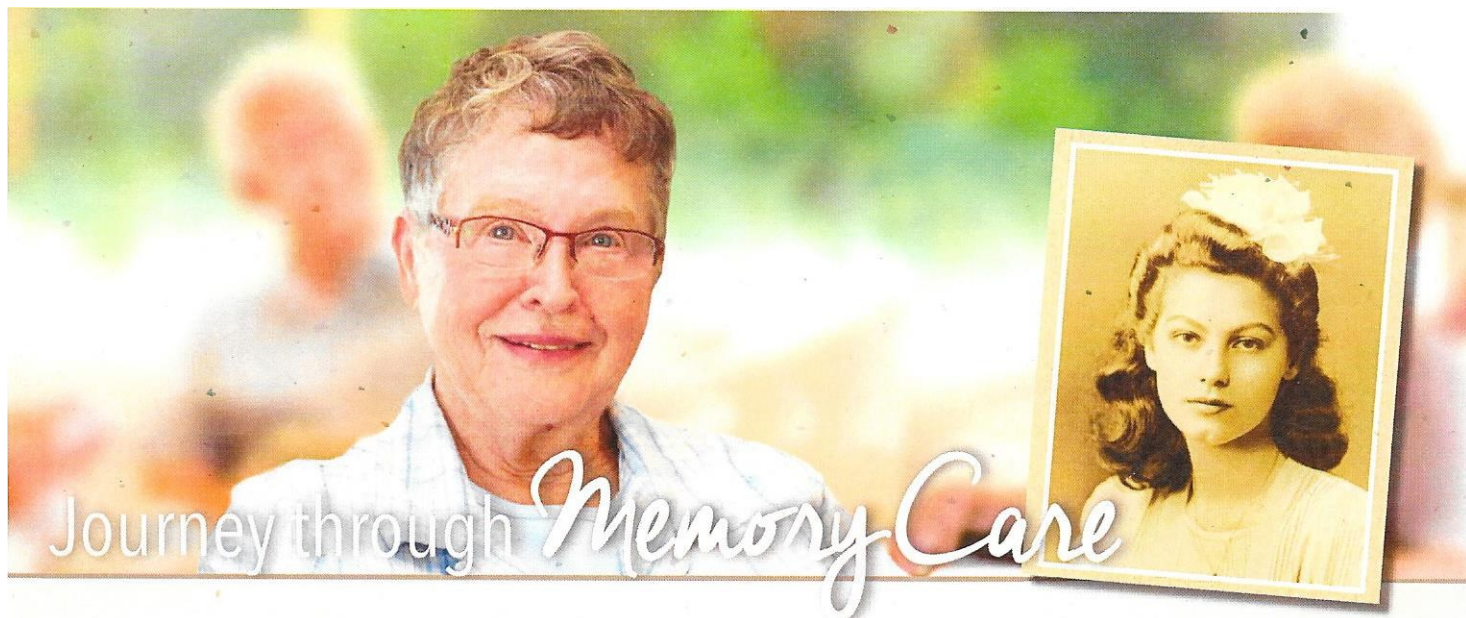
April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. The name for the month of April originally came from *Aprilis* which means to open.

The name *Aprilis* is very appropriate because in so many places the trees and flowers begin to bloom and go on to flower during the month of April.

Here are a few interesting things in the month of April along with some events that fall this month:

- ◆ Zodiac signs for April are Aries (3/21—4/19) and Taurus (4/20-5/20)
- ◆ The Daisy, which symbolizes innocence, and the Sweet Pea are the flowers for the month
- ◆ The diamond is the birthstone for the month of April
- ◆ Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition of his dictionary April 14th, 1828
- ◆ Leonardo da Vinci, Italian painter, sculptor and scientist was born April 15th, 1452
- ◆ William Shakespeare, the playwright, was born April 23rd, 1564. He also died in England in 1616.
- ◆ The United States Library of Congress was established April 24th, 1800.
- ◆ George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States of America on April 30th, 1789.
- ◆ The Vietnam War ended on April 30th, 1975, when South Vietnam surrendered.
- ◆ April is one of only 4 months that has exactly 30 days, the others are June, September and November.
- ◆ April begins on the same day of the week as July every single year.
- ◆ The Titanic sank on April 15th, 1912.





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## Praying the Scriptures at [MercysNew.com](http://MercysNew.com)

1. Psalm 9:18 You are the hope for the oppressed.
2. Psalm 31:24 You are strong in hope.
3. Psalm 33:16-18 Your eye is upon us.
4. Psalm 33:22 Your faithful love brings hope.
5. Psalm 37:9 Because of You we have an inheritance.
6. Psalm 38:15 You will always answer me!
7. Psalm 39:7 When we are waiting, You are our hope.
8. Psalm 42:5 Why am I downcast, my hope is YOU, nothing on this earth.
9. Psalm 52:9 May I hope in Your Name alone.
10. Psalm 62:5 Find rest, my soul, in God alone.
11. Psalm 62:9-11 My strength comes from You.
12. Psalm 65:5 You are the God of my salvation.
13. Psalm 71:5 You are my confidence.
14. Psalm 71:14 You are my continual hope.
15. Psalm 73:15-17 When we enter Your presence, we are filled with hope.
16. Psalm 78:6-8 May I always tell of Your mighty deeds.
17. Psalm 119:5-6 Help me to hope in You steadfastly.
18. Psalm 119:15-16 Help me to fix my eyes on You; You will give me hope.
19. Psalm 119:42-44 When I am obedient You fill me with hope.
20. Psalm 119:74 May I continually hope in Your Word.
21. Psalm 119:81 When I long for You alone, you fill me with hope.
22. Psalm 119:114 You are my shelter, my shield and my hope.
23. Psalm 119:116 You are my sustainer.
24. Psalm 119:147 May I choose to hope, even in trials.
25. Psalm 119:166 You are the hope of my salvation.
26. Psalm 130:5 Like a watchman waiting for morning, I hope in You.
27. Psalm 130:7 Your faithful love and redemption give me hope.
28. Psalm 131 When I hope in You, You quiet my soul.
29. Psalm 146:5 When I hope in You, I am filled with joy.
30. Psalm 147:11 Help me to place my holy fear and my hope in You alone.

*My Hope is in You!*



# April

| <u><b>Date</b></u>         | <u><b>Time</b></u>  | <u><b>Meeting/Event</b></u>            | <u><b>Location</b></u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday, April 1st, 2019    | 10:00 am            | Strengthening Exercise Class           | Parlor                 |
|                            | 1:30 pm             | Prayer Shawl Group                     | Parlor                 |
|                            | 4:30 pm             | Suzuki Music School                    | 205, 207, 209          |
|                            | 7:00 pm             | Christian Education Committee          | Conference Room        |
|                            | 7:00 pm             | Boy Scout Troop 6                      | Downstairs             |
| Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019   | 12:00 pm            | Adult Bible Study                      | Parlor                 |
|                            | 5:30 pm             | Yoga                                   | 202                    |
|                            | 5:30 pm             | Property & Equipment Committee         | Ramstad Hall           |
|                            | 6:30 pm             | Lay Pastors Meeting                    | Parlor                 |
| Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019 | 1:30 pm             | Innovation School Classes              | 202                    |
|                            | 5:45 pm             | PAC/PresbyTeens                        | Downstairs             |
|                            | 6:30 pm             | Westminster Chimes                     | Bell Room              |
|                            | 7:30 pm             | Chancel Choir                          | Sanctuary              |
| Thursday, April 4th, 2019  | 10:00 am            | Strengthening Exercise Class           | Parlor                 |
|                            | 12:00 pm            | Stewardship Committee                  | Conference Room        |
|                            | 6:00 pm             | Membership Committee                   | Conference Room        |
| Friday, April 5th, 2019    |                     | <i>No Events Scheduled</i>             |                        |
| Saturday, April 6th, 2019  | 8:30 am             | Circle                                 | Parlor                 |
|                            | 9:00 am             | Yoga                                   | 202                    |
|                            |                     | <i>*Service The Banquet at Trinity</i> |                        |
| Sunday, April 7th, 2019    | 9:00 am—<br>1:00 pm | Boy Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast     | Ramstad                |
|                            | 9:00 am             | Blood Pressure Clinic                  | Conference Room        |
|                            | 9:00 am             | Adult Bible Study                      | 201                    |
|                            | 10:00 am            | Worship                                | Sanctuary              |
|                            | 10:15 am            | Youth Sunday School                    | Downstairs             |



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| Monday, April 8th, 2019     | 10:00 am           | Strengthening Exercise Group           | Parlor                 |
|                             | 4:30 pm            | Suzuki Music School                    | 205, 207, 209          |
|                             | 5:30 pm            | Worship & Music Committee              | Conference Room        |
|                             | 7:00 pm            | Boy Scout Troop 6                      | Downstairs             |
| Tuesday, April 9th, 2019    | 12:00 pm           | Adult Bible Study                      | Parlor                 |
|                             | 5:15 pm            | Suzuki Music School                    | 205                    |
|                             | 5:30 pm            | Yoga                                   | 202                    |
|                             | 5:30 pm            | Child Care Center Board                | Conference Room        |
| Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 | 12:00 pm           | Munch & Mingle                         | Ramkota Hotel          |
|                             | 12:00 pm           | Alzheimer's Class                      | Parlor                 |
|                             | 1:30 pm            | Innovation School Classes              | 202                    |
|                             | 5:45 pm            | PAC/PresbyTeens                        | Downstairs             |
|                             | 6:30 pm            | Westminster Chimes                     | Bell Room              |
|                             | 7:30 pm            | Chancel Choir                          | Sanctuary              |
| Thursday, April 11th, 2019  | 10:00 am           | Strengthening Exercise Class           | Parlor                 |
|                             | 6:00 pm            | Outreach Committee                     | Conference Room        |
|                             | 7:00 pm            | Deacons (rescheduled due to Holy Week) | Parlor                 |
| Friday, April 12th, 2019    |                    | <i>No Events Scheduled</i>             |                        |
| Saturday, April 13th        | 9:00 am            | Yoga                                   | 202                    |
|                             | 7:00 pm            | Movie Night at the Church              | 207—Movie Room         |
| Sunday, April 14th, 2019    |                    | <i>No Adult Bible Study today</i>      |                        |
|                             | 10:00 am           | Worship ~ Palm Sunday                  | Sanctuary              |
|                             | 10:15 am           | Youth Sunday School                    | Downstairs             |
|                             | 11:00 am           | Easter Egg Hunt                        | Downstairs             |
| Monday, April 15th, 2019    | 10:00 am           | Strengthening Exercise Class           | Parlor                 |
|                             | 12:00 pm           | Business & Finance Committee           | Conference Room        |
|                             | 1:30 pm            | Prayer Shawl Group                     | Parlor                 |
|                             | 4:30 pm            | Suzuki Music School                    | 205, 207, 209          |
|                             | 5:30 pm            | Administrative & Personnel Comm.       | Conference Room        |
|                             | 7:00 pm            | Boy Scout Troop 6                      | Downstairs             |



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| Tuesday, April 16th, 2019   | 12:00 pm           | Adult Bible Study                                                        | Parlor                 |
|                             | 5:15 pm            | Suzuki Music School                                                      | 205                    |
|                             | 5:30 pm            | Yoga                                                                     | 202                    |
| Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 | 11:30 am           | Higher Power Lunch                                                       | Parlor                 |
|                             | 1:30 pm            | Innovation School Classes                                                | 202                    |
|                             | 7:30 pm            | Chancel Choir                                                            | Sanctuary              |
|                             |                    | <b><i>*No PAC/PresbyTeens or Westminster Chimes due to Holy Week</i></b> |                        |
| Thursday, April 18th, 2019  | 10:00 am           | Strengthening Exercise Class                                             | Parlor                 |
|                             | 7:00 pm            | Maundy Thursday Service with Communion                                   | Sanctuary              |
| Friday, April 19th, 2019    |                    | <i>No Events Scheduled</i>                                               |                        |
| Saturday, April 20th        | 9:00 am            | Yoga                                                                     | 202                    |
| Sunday, April 21st, 2019    |                    | <i>No Adult Bible Study today</i>                                        |                        |
|                             | 10:00 am           | Worship ~ Easter Sunday                                                  | Sanctuary              |
|                             |                    | <i>*No Youth Sunday School Today</i>                                     |                        |
| Monday, April 22nd, 2019    | 10:00 am           | Strengthening Exercise Class                                             | Parlor                 |
|                             | 7:00 pm            | Boy Scout Troop 6                                                        | Downstairs             |
| Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019   | 12:00 pm           | Adult Bible Study                                                        | Parlor                 |
|                             | 5:15 pm            | Suzuki Music School                                                      | 205                    |
|                             | 5:30 pm            | Yoga                                                                     | 202                    |
|                             | 6:00 pm            | Session                                                                  | Parlor                 |
| Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 | 1:30 pm            | Innovation School Classes                                                | 202                    |
|                             | 5:45 pm            | PAC/PresbyTeens                                                          | Downstairs             |
|                             | 6:30 pm            | Westminster Chimes                                                       | Bell Room              |
|                             | 7:30 pm            | Chancel Choir                                                            | Sanctuary              |
| Thursday, April 25th, 2019  | 10:00 am           | Strengthening Exercise Class                                             | Parlor                 |
|                             | 12:00 pm           | Book Club Inaugural Meeting                                              | Conference Room        |
|                             | 12:00 pm           | Alzheimer's Class                                                        | Parlor                 |
| Friday, April 26th, 2019    |                    | PresbyTeens leave for Crystal Springs                                    |                        |
| Saturday, April 27th, 2019  | 9:00 am            | Yoga                                                                     | 202                    |

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| Sunday, April 28th, 2019  | 9:00 am            | Adult Bible Study                                    | 201                    |
|                           | 10:00 am           | Worship                                              | Sanctuary              |
|                           | 10:15 am           | Youth Sunday School                                  | Downstairs             |
|                           |                    | <i>*PresbyTeens return home from Crystal Springs</i> |                        |
| Monday, April 29th, 2019  | 10:00 am           | Strengthening Exercise Class                         | Parlor                 |
|                           | 4:30 pm            | Suzuki Music School                                  | 205, 207, 209          |
|                           | 7:00 pm            | Boy Scout Troop 6                                    | Downstairs             |
| Tuesday, April 30th, 2019 | 12:00 pm           | Adult Bible Study                                    | Parlor                 |
|                           | 5:15 pm            | Suzuki Music School                                  | 205                    |
|                           | 5:30 pm            | Yoga                                                 | 202                    |

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**Vickie Haas**

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**Mark Jensen**

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