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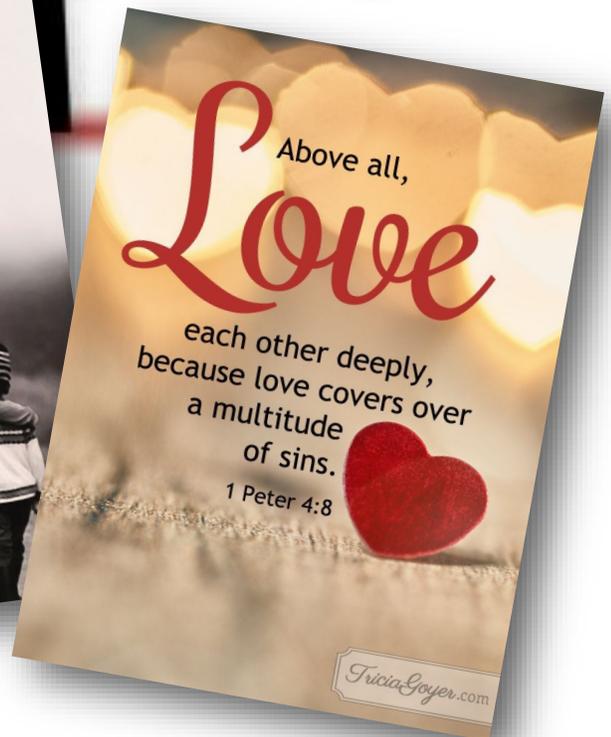
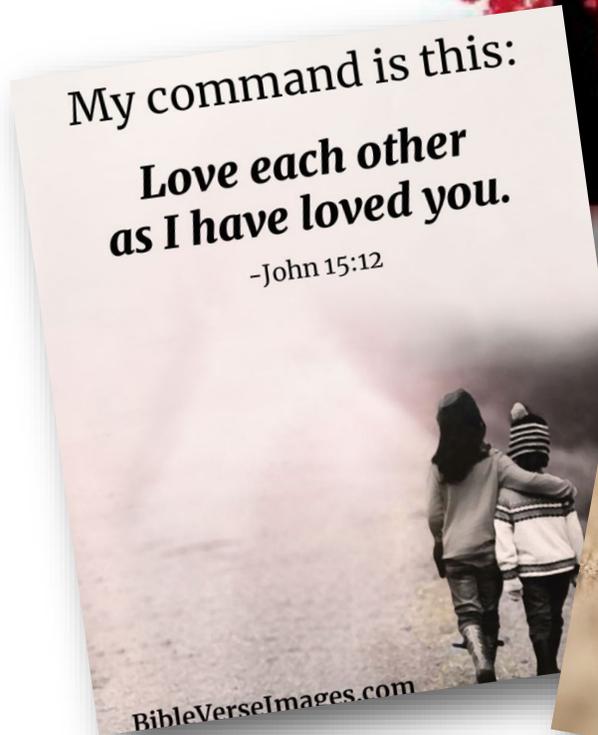
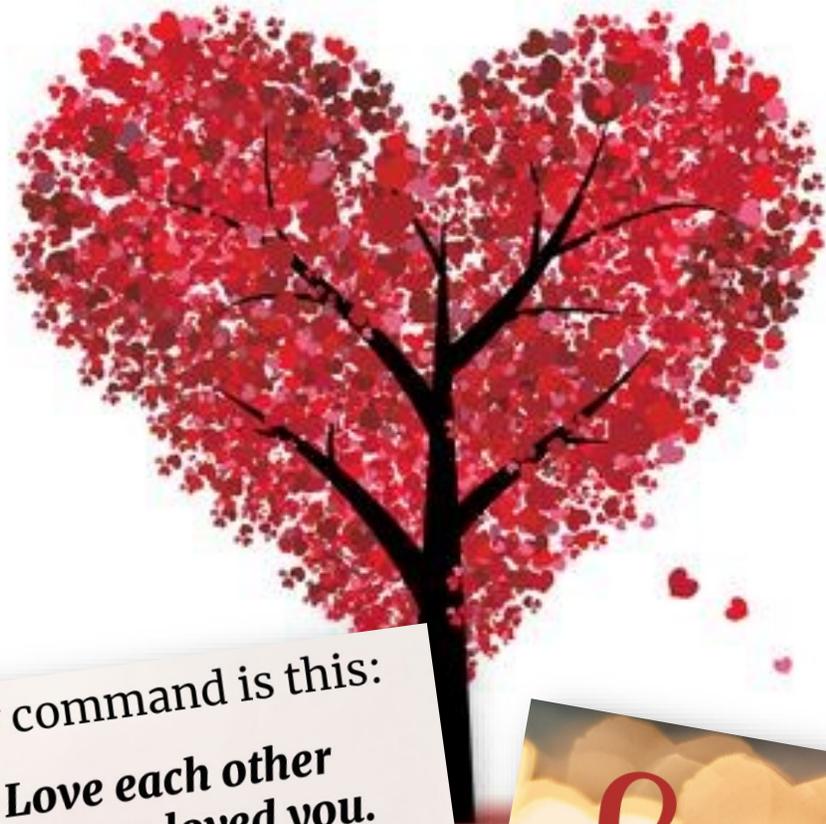
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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” ~ John 3:16

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS DUE...

Each year the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly assess our church a Per Capita fee for every member of the congregation. The Per Capita fees are essentially dues for the services received from these governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church.

For 2020, First Presbyterian’s assessment is **\$47.00** per member, which the church pays regardless of how much is collected. Please take **\$47.00** times the number of church members in your family and send that amount in a separate check made out to First Presbyterian Church, with “Per Capita” in the memo line.

The difference between what First Presbyterian owes and what is collected from the congregation will come out of the church budget. Thank you for taking care of this so that the church can take care of its many other budget needs.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE BANQUET...

The Mission and Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with “The Banquet” lunch on **Saturday, February 15th** at Trinity Lutheran Church (10 volunteers needed to prepare, serve and clean-up; estimated cost of \$625 to provide 200 meals). We are also looking for people to provide cookies or bars. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Donations to help defray costs may be dropped off at the church office anytime and note “Banquet” in the memo line of your check.

SAVE THE DATE:

“The Banquet” Dinner

Thursday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m.

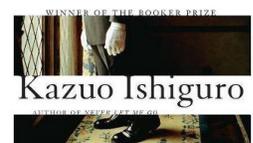
30 volunteers needed: estimated cost of \$1,250 to provide 450 meals

BOOK CLUB...

The next book club will be on Thursday, February 27th at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. The book is “*The Remains of the Day*”, a Nobel Prize winning novel by Kazuo Ishiguro. It is about an English butler and his reflections on his career.



**The Remains
of the Day**



Kazuo Ishiguro

PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...

We need to talk...

Ugh! You know the sinking feeling you got as a kid, when a parent opened the door of your room, and said, “we need to talk”? Or, when someone you were dating broke a moment of silence and introduced a new conversation by saying, “we need to talk”?

Well, this isn't like that. But, we need to talk. For over a year, the leadership of this church has been praying, analyzing, thinking and dreaming about the church we want to be. We have had frank conversations about the history of the church, about general understandings of the life-cycle of a church, about the plusses and negatives of the church as it now exists, and about the hopes and obstacles between us and who we hope to be. All of those conversations have been bathed in prayer—and in response, many of our committees have been trying new things, brave things.

But lately, I have been having the feeling that we need to expand such conversations to make sure all voices are heard, all dreams shared, all fear addressed, and all possibilities are explored. We need be sure that there is congregational buy-in—genuine whole-family support—as we seek the discernment of God.

It is clear to me that our next decade is critical—and that we have to free ourselves from the way things have always been done, adopt some new attitudes and try some new behaviors. We need to talk...

What kind of church have we been?

Do our calling and identity need some tweaking in order to meet the needs of the future?

What kind of church are we becoming? Is that who we want to be?

How in the world do you measure “success” for a church? Bigger numbers? Financial wellbeing?
Community status? Or something else?

Are we a success right now?

I invited you to join me., after Sunday morning worship in the Parlor for some hopeful, heart searching conversations. Every Sunday, the topic of the day will be listed in the bulletin. I am eager to hear from you—and to get feedback from visitors. Come and join me.

We need to talk.



Leanne





Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

~ 1 John 4:7

ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL...

The Administrative and Personnel Committee will be working with Session to reorganize committees and reduce the number of Elders for 2021. Currently, there are eight committees with an Elder assigned as chair and co-chair to each committee. Starting in 2021 the committees would be restructured by emphasizing four areas:

Stewardship (Resource Management Committees)

1. Administrative & Personnel
2. Business & Finance; Stewardship
3. Property & Equipment

Proclamation (Word and Sacrament Committees)

1. Christian Education; Worship & Music

Hospitality (Path into Church and Out to the World)

1. Mission & Outreach; Membership

Pastoral Care

1. Deacons; Parish Nurse

FEBRUARY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY...

During February, the Mission and Outreach Committee is collecting donations of soap—any kind, any size—for Ministry on the Margins (MOTM). All types of cleaning products, from personal hygiene products to laundry products are welcome. Keeping in mind that some of the people served by MOTM may be homeless, the smaller, individual-sized products are also appreciated. Donations will be gladly accepted at the church anytime during February.

Ministry on the Margins was founded to help support people who fall through the cracks during transitional times—especially during the re-entry into the community from prison. First Presbyterian has supported MOTM in the past through hosting Thanksgiving Dinners, Tree of Love donations of sleeping bags, and previous soap collections. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by MOTM.



ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER...

Please join us for a Soup Supper on *Ash Wednesday, February 26th in the Parlor*. Soup, coffee, juice and water will be served. Please come and partake in this feast prior to attending the Ash Wednesday service. There will be a sign-up sheet for the congregation to sign-up to bring their favorite soup to share. Committee members and youth will also bring soup. However, even if you don't bring soup, you are encouraged to come. Soup will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 7:00 p.m.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

FEELING COLD? The Mission and Outreach/Prayer Shawl Ministry have places shawls in the back of the Sanctuary for anyone to use during the service. Please feel free to use one and then place it back in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary.



DOWNTOWN HIGHER POWER LUNCH...

The February Higher Power Lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 19th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. As we continue with this Outreach activity in 2020 the HPL Team wishes you to know how grateful we are for your support. Each month we appreciate our family members who volunteer to make this a valuable experience for those present. Our February HPL will have Gloria Blanco as our Speaker. Gloria Blanco was born and raised in El Paso, TX; earned an engineering degree at Texas Tech University; and has enjoyed a 23-year career in the oil and gas industry.

She is currently the Operations Manager at Marathon Petroleum's refinery in Mandan. Her career has taken her to five U.S. refineries; gas plants, pipelines and trucking terminals; and to corporate headquarters, including an international assignment in London, England.

Gloria earned a Certificate in Ministry from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and for the past 10-years has worked with Living Water World Missions to install clean water systems and spread Christian fellowship in Central America.

Gloria is married to Pete Emerson. They are honored to be members of First Presbyterian Church, where Gloria serves as a Deacon.

Join us for lunch, you can register at www.fpcbismarck.com/higher-power-lunch.





NURSE'S NOTES....

Conditions That Affect Your Kidneys According to WebMD

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): When health problems affect your kidneys, they can cause CKD. This is permanent damage that may get worse over time. If they're damaged that they stop working, it's called kidney failure, or end-stage renal disease (ESRD). The treatment is usually either dialysis—when a machine does the work your kidneys normally do, or a transplant—when you get a new healthy kidney from a donor.

Diabetes: This leading cause of kidney failure damages the organs' small blood vessels and filters. That makes it difficult for them to clean your blood. Your body holds on to more salt and water than it should, and there's more waste in your system. Nerve damage caused by the disease can make urine back up and harm your kidneys through pressure or infection.

Anorexia Nervosa: People who have this have an unrealistic body image. They don't eat enough to stay at a healthy weight. (They weigh 15% less than they should.) That leads to a lack of water, electrolytes, and salt in the body, which can cause chronic kidney disease and eventually, kidney failure. This is especially true for people who binge-eat and purge (vomit or use laxatives) to get rid of calories.

High Blood Pressure: If the force of blood flow through your body is too high, it can stretch and scar—and weaken—your blood vessels, including those in your kidneys. This keeps them from getting rid of the waste the way they should, thus the extra fluid in the blood vessels can raise the blood pressure even more, leading to a dangerous cycle. Treatment includes medication and changes to the diet, exercise habits, and stress level.

High Cholesterol: Too much bad cholesterol can build up in the vessels that carry blood into and out of your kidneys and that can affect how well they work. High cholesterol causes high blood pressure and diabetes. A blood test can tell you if your cholesterol level is too high.

Lupus: This disease makes your immune system attack certain parts of your body. When it affects your kidneys, it's called lupus nephritis. It causes inflammation and scarring of the small blood vessels that filter waste out of your kidneys, and sometimes in your kidneys as well. It's treated with different medications: some affect your immune system, while others help control your blood pressure or get rid of swelling and excess fluid.

Multiple Myeloma: This kind of cancer involves the white blood cells (plasma) that help you fight infection. The cancer cells build up in your bone marrow, where they crowd out healthy blood cells and make abnormal proteins that can cause kidney problems. More than half the people with multiple myeloma also end up with kidney problems.

Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome: This happens when small blood vessels in the kidney and other organs get damaged. That can eventually cause kidney failure. It happens after 5—10 days of diarrhea, usually brought on by an infection, like from E. coli bacteria, or certain medications. Most people recover if it's treated quickly. See your doctor if you have several days of diarrhea, aren't peeing often, and are very tired. You also may get bruises or unusual bleeding.

ANCA Vasculitis: This is when your own antibodies—which usually fight germs—attack the small blood vessels in your kidneys and other organs. It may lead to blood and protein in your urine and can cause kidney failure. You may have fever, body aches, joint and muscle pain, and brown, tea-colored pee.

Urine Blockage: If you can't pee, that can mean urine is backed up, and that can damage your kidneys. It can cause pressure and lead to infection in your kidneys and other parts of your body. An enlarged prostate,

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prostate cancer, kidney stones, bladder cancer, urinary tract clots, and colon cancer are some of the things that can cause this. See your doctor if you're peeing much less or much more often than usual or if you see blood in your urine.

Blood Clots: Many conditions can cause blood clots, but a blood disorder—thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura—is commonly linked to kidney problems. It causes clots in tiny blood vessels that also can affect your brain and heart. Symptoms include fever, bleeding from your nose or gums, diarrhea, chest pain, confusion, headache, bruising, and feeling very tired. It can be serious if it's not treated quickly, so see a doctor if you have any of these signs.

Scleroderma: This is a group of rare diseases that make your skin and connective tissues hard and tight. It can sometimes also harm other things, like blood vessels and organs. If it affects your kidneys and they don't work the way they should, they can let protein escape through your urine. It also can cause sudden increase in blood pressure that can lead to rapid kidney failure.

Polycystic Kidney Disease: This causes cysts—small sores often filled with fluid—to grow inside your kidneys. This makes them much larger than they should be and damages their tissue. It's caused by problem genes you get from one of your parents. If it's not diagnosed and managed soon enough, it can lead to chronic kidney disease and, eventually, to end-stage renal disease.

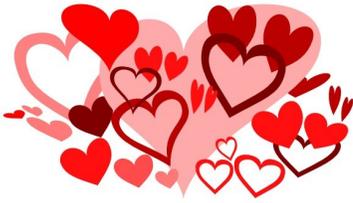
February Joke:

A girl potato and a boy potato had eyes for each other, and finally got married, and they were blessed with a little sweet potato, which they called Yam. Of course, they wanted the best for Yam. They had lots of good advice for her. They told her to exercise so as not to be skinny like her Shoestring Cousins. When she went off to Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for the hard-boiled guys from Ireland, and the greasy guys from France called the French Fries. She went to the best high school in Idaho. She was the Spuds best cheerleader. She graduated from Idaho Potato High School with honors. Mr. and Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P. U. (that's Potato University) so that when she graduates she'd really be in the Chips. But in spite of all they did for her, Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw. "Tom Brokaw!" They exclaimed. Mr. and Mrs. Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he's just.....WAIT FOR IT.....a COMMONTATER!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Class: Bridging the Gap & what can they provide for seniors. Class is at 12:00 Noon on 2/5/20 in the Parlor. Lunch provided
- Blood Pressure Clinic: Sunday, February 16TH, 2020 in the Conference Room from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Please come and see me!
- Strengthening Exercise Group meets every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Ramstad Hall. Everyone is Welcome!
- Wednesday Nurse Office Day from 8:00 am—1:30 pm. Come visit for concerns/questions/blood pressure checks.





CHILD CARE CENTER BOARD...

THE CHILD CARE CENTER has completed the challenges for 2019 and are ready to start our new adventures and challenges for 2020. The Annual Meeting for the First Presbyterian Church is complete and our annual report has been reviewed and our finances for the year of 2019 were in a net income for the second year in a row. We as members of the board and staff members of the child care center are very pleased with the final results.

Secondly we would like to welcome our new members to the Child Care Center Board they are as follows: Jan Gilchrist, Tami Morey and Carole Watrel. Our other members of the board are Ella Gutzke—Chair/Elder, Becky Rosenkranz—Secretary, Paul Ronningen—member, and Sarah Rixen—Parent Representative and Newsletter Article Representative. If you have any questions or other information regarding the Child Care Center any of us would be happy to answer your questions or concerns. If we don't have the answer we will find the answer and get back to you as soon as possible.

Thirdly our challenges have already begun with our washer and dryer needing to be replaced. Shawn, Director and Vanessa, Asst. Director, did all the research and purchased a stacked washer and dryer which was delivered on January 24th, 2020 and installed. Two of our staff members in the center took the laundry home and washed them at home until our appliances were installed. We thank you for taking the incentive and dedication given to the center. We appreciate your extra steps you give to the Child Care Center.

Fourth but not last, we are looking forward to the new 2020 with the events we are planning and other challenges that we will be given from regulations to looking for staff to fill positions to contacting families from the waiting list.

Last but not least, if you wonder where you would like to donate something large or small, the child care center can always use paper towels, Kleenex and bleach. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Child Care center we appreciate your kindness and compassion for our children and center.



BELLFEST BOUND...

On March 6th, Westminster Chimes will be loading up their bells and tables and chimes and mallets and heading to Minnesota to attend *Bellfest 2020!* This massed ringing event brings together many handbell ensembles from across the upper Midwest to ring under the direction of a guest conductor and perform a concert together. The repertoire, learned ahead of time, is rehearsed in this massed setting where we receive a hands-on education in new techniques and better our ringing skills. The five required pieces are used in our church services as well.

If you happen to be near the North Heights Lutheran Church at 1700 Hwy 96 W in Arden Hills, MN at 3:00 p.m. on March 7th, you are invited to come



A BIG BELL THANK YOU...

Westminster Chimes would like to thank the Worship and Music Committee for providing the purchase of a larger handbell table. This much needed item provides more room and stability for our bass ringer, Jim, as he handles up to seven 8—10 lb bells. A big thank you also goes out to Linda Tonolli for using her sewing skills and transforming an extra red corduroy table skirt into a form-fitting top for the new table.





Charee Linton
Youth Christian Education
Director

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

Hello February!! Many people say that January feels like the LONGEST month of the year. As a C. E. Director, January went by in the blink of an eye!!

Our PAC kids, just completed their lesson Series on *The Fruits of the Spirit* and will now begin their lessons on *The Lord's Prayer*.

The PresbyTeens started a 6 week series on *Who Am I?* Based on building a closer relationship with Jesus. Our Confirmation Youth are continuing with their service projects and starting to work on their Faith Statements with their parents and mentors. They will be meeting with Session in April, and Confirmation Sunday will be on May 10th.



We are still in ***GREAT*** need of teachers for Sunday School and Wednesday Night PAC. Please let me know if you are able to help!

We have some amazing new events that we are planning this spring/summer so stay tuned for all the fun details!

Charee

Family Sledding Day February 16th from 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Please join us at Century Park from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm for this fun family day of sledding. Bring sleds, dress accordingly, and be ready to have fun!

Kids Sing in Church Day February 16th

Our Sunday School youth will be singing in Church on Sunday, February 16th. Please have your youth at the church on the 16th by 9:20 for one last rehearsal before the big show! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Worship Service February 26th, 2020

**Soup Supper will be from 5:30 pm—6:45 pm
Ash Wednesday Worship Service—7:00 pm**

The Christian Education Committee and our Youth are sponsoring a soup supper on *Ash Wednesday, February 26th in the Parlor from 5:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.* Soup, desserts, veggies, coffee, juice and water will be served. Please come and partake in this delicious feast prior to attending *Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00*



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p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for the congregation members to sign-up to bring their favorite soup, dessert, veggie trays and bread choices. We encourage everyone to join us, even if you are not able to bring something to share.

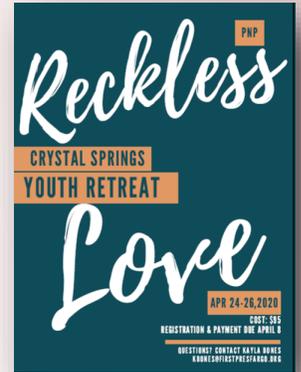


Multi-Church Broomball Day
March 1st at Hillside Park from 6:30—8:00 pm
6th– 12th Grades Welcome



Crystal Springs Youth Retreat
April 24th—April 26th

6th-12th grade youth are invited to this awesome, and annual event hosted by the Presbytery. Cost is \$95.00. Registrations can be picked up at the front office or downloaded online. Please return fee and registration form to Charee by **Wednesday, March 18th!**



MONTREAT ~ JUNE 2020

June 6th—13th, 2020

**WE ARE GOING TO MONTREAT,
ONCE AGAIN!!!**

We are so excited for the opportunity to attend this AMAZING event **June 6-13, 2020!** Montreat Youth Conference is designed for high school students, entering Freshman year through Graduated Seniors.

First Presbyterian will be paying for half the registration (\$650 is registration fee) and travel expenses (we will be flying). Total cost to family is **\$325!**

Nestled in the mountains of Western North Carolina, Montreat Conference Center has served as a place of spiritual retreat for over 120 years.

Please talk to Charee for more information and for the registration form.





Session Highlights

January 28th, 2020

CLERK’S REPORT

The death of Doris Doolittle on January 22nd, 2020 was reported. Service was held on January 27th. Session approved the transfer of Jessica Feist to Pollock Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Leanne will be featured in an online issue of *INSPIRED WOMEN* magazine.

MODERATOR’S REPORT

Pastor Leanne prepared a description of the role of Parish Nurse, as both a professional nurse and as part of the pastoral care team. Our Parish Nurse, Wanona Goetz, fills a critical need in the congregation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD	Actual	\$525,565	Budget	\$491,500
Total Expense YTD	Actual	\$503,211	Budget	\$503,911
Net Income		\$ 22,354	Budget	-\$ 12,411

Ella Gutzke stated that investments did very well the past year and all areas of income exceeded expectations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (from minutes and meetings).

Administrative and Personnel—Session approved the sale of Tacos in a Bag at the Health Fair planned on September 11th. Money will go to the Parish Nurse Fund. Changes in Committee assignments: Kim Wassim will serve as Chair of Mission and Outreach with Dave Nix as Co-Chair; Allen Hoberg and David Massey will Co-Chair Membership Committee.

Business and Finance—For 2020, 132 pledges have been received for \$330,136. The budget also includes \$20,000 unpledged income. The committee approved the report from Joe Bachmeier and Keith Magnusson on review of financial procedures done in the fall.

Christian Education—Donations collected on Souper Bowl Sunday will go to Heaven’s Helpers Soup Café.

Membership—The committee will work on a display showing photos of new members.

Mission and Outreach—Meals on Wheels responsibilities will be in September this year. The church is responsible for the Banquet on February 15th.

Property and Equipment—Nathan cleaned all the chair cushions in Ramstad Hall. Members are helping tightening screws in the pews.

Stewardship—An estate planning event will be scheduled in the spring.

Worship and Music—The communion schedule for 2020 was set: First Sunday of each month with the exception of April 12th, second Sunday is Easter.



Session Highlights (cont)

Additional dates are: Ash Wednesday, February 26th, Maundy Thursday, April 9th, Outdoor Worship, July 12th, Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m. The new choir robes were modeled at the annual meeting.

Board of Deacons—The following Chairs were chosen for the committees: Communion—Peggy Hoge; Touchmark—Donna Richter; Visitation—JoAnn Hodny; Recording — Jody Bachmeier. Vic Sonneman and Alice Nix serve as Co-Moderators.

Child Care Center Board—The center continues to have a waiting list but staffing remains a problem. The Center ended 2019 with a net income of \$26,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Emma and Henley Ronningen, daughters of Tate and Sami Ronningen will be baptized on February 2nd.

Shari Orser and Jim Skaret were elected as Commissioners to the Presbytery meeting March 28th in Downer, MN.

The Statistical Report prepared by Vickie Haas was approved.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





BIRTHDAYS

- Abby Bjornson
- Annabelle Wohl
- Lorraine Dopson
- Gladys Cairns
- Judith Libby
- Jouvet Forbang
- Paul Jensen
- Pat Liedtke
- Lyle Johnson
- Josh Stokka*
- Eleanor Herdebu
- Jackie Lannoye
- Samantha Ronningen*
- Clinton Dykema
- Cathy Kinnischtzke
- Pacome Tchatchoua
- Gloria Blanco
- Tamara Gallup-Lelm
- Priscilla Wilson

FEBRUARY

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- 26th
- 27th

ANNIVERSARIES

- Vern & Vi Spitzer
February 11th*
- Corey Hedland & Jennifer Boeckel
February 23rd*
- Alex & Maddy Volk
February 23rd, 2019*
- Bryan & Wendy Skager
February 23rd*
- Pete Emerson & Gloria Blanco
February 25th*

*All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from information you provided to the church. 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!*





February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, February 3th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Meal Wrap-up Meeting	Conf. Room
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	Parlor
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday February 4th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	5:45 pm	Property & Equipment Committee	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 pm	Lay Pastors	Parlor
Wednesday, February 5th, 2020	9:30 am	ECMC—Suzuki Music Class	202
	12:00 pm	Bridging the Dental Gap Class	Parlor
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Class	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 6th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Conf. Room
	6:00 pm	Membership Committee	Conf. Room
Friday, February 7th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, February 8th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Sunday, February 9th, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Worship ~ Boy Scout Sunday	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Monday, February 10th, 2020	10:00am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205: 207
	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, February 11th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Parlor
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	5:30 pm	Child Care Center Board Meeting	Conf. Room
Wednesday, February 12th, 2020	9:30 am	ECMC—Suzuki	202
	12:00 pm	Munch & Mingle	Ramkota Hotel
	1:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens (Confirmation)	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 13th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee	Conf. Room
Friday, February 14th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, February 15th, 2020		<i>Serving the Banquet Lunch at Trinity</i>	Trinity Lutheran
Sunday, February 16th, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
	9:00 am	Blood Pressure Clinic	Conference Room
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, February 17th, 2020	10:00 am	Strengthening Exercise Class	Parlor
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Group	Parlor
	5:00 pm	Administrative & Personnel Comm.	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 6 <i>*No Business & Finance Meeting</i>	Downstairs
Tuesday, February 18th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202



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Wednesday, February 19th, 2020	9:30 am	ECMC—Suzuki	202
	11:30 am	Higher Power Luncheon	Parlor
	12:30 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, February 20th, 2020	10:00 am	Strengthening Exercise Class	Ramstad Hall
	7:00 pm	Deacons	Parlor
Friday, February 21st, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, February 22nd, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Sunday, February 23rd, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, February 24th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207; 209
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, February 25th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	2:00 pm	Presbyterian Friends	Touchmark
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	6:00 pm	Session	Parlor
Wednesday, February 26th, 2020	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper	Parlor
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 27th, 2020	10:00 am	Strengthening Exercise Class	Ramstad Hall
	1:30 pm	Book Club	Parlor
Friday, February 28th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, February 29th, 2020		<i>Leap Year ~ No Events Scheduled</i>	

FAMILY NEWS...

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of those who have passed:



Doris Doolittle

“And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.” ~ John 16:22

FEBRUARY FUN FACTS!

- ◆ Birthstone: Amethyst
- ◆ Flower: Violet
- ◆ Astrological Signs: Aquarius (Jan. 20—Feb. 18); Pisces (Feb. 19—Mar. 20)
- ◆ February is the shortest month of the year.
- ◆ Named after the Latin word, Februum, which translates into “Purification”.
- ◆ February is the only month of the year that can pass without a full moon. This doesn’t happen often but February did go without a full moon in 2018!
- ◆ February, March and November are month twins! The three months always start on the same day of the week, unless February has a Leap Year. During Leap Years, February has a month twin of August.
- ◆ Before 2002, Super Bowl Sunday was held the last Sunday in January, but since 2002 it is more commonly held the first Sunday in February.
- ◆ 1st week of February: African Heritage and Health Week.
- ◆ American Heart Month
- ◆ Black History Month
- ◆ Chocolate Lovers Month



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