

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAC DU FLAMBEAU APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER VOLUME XXI ISSUE IV

## Our Mission Statement:

As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."

## EASTER

"Easter" comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter we stand in light of the Resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his Church, proclaiming his good news through Word and Sacrament. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the "Lord and giver of life." In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life.

The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year. The good news shared this day and every Sunday is the very heart of the gospel. Easter is something like the keystone of an arch—the top and center stone upon which all the others lean and depend—in terms of both its theological significance and its relation to other festivals and seasons.

The date for Easter changes from year to year as it is calculated in relation to the phases of the moon. Since the Council of Nicaea in 325, Western Christians have celebrated Christ's resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox (March 21), occasionally shifting the date to the following week to avoid coinciding with the Jewish Passover. This elaborate computation means Easter may take place as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. Eastern Christians use a different set of astronomical tables based on the Julian calendar, not the Gregorian; thus, the Catholic/ Protestant and Orthodox celebrations of Easter typically occur on different Sundays.

As with Christmas, Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Easter spans fifty days between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost. The seven weeks of Easter make up a "week of weeks" (seven times seven); a symbol in time of the fullness and abundance of God's grace. In ancient practice, fasting and kneeling were forbidden during the weeks of Easter. In this most joy-full season, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. May you faith-fully experience this joy this Easter season!

A Love Letter To The Saints of Community Presbyterian Church  
*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"... When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*  
John 20.18a, 19-22

To the Saints of Community Presbyterian Church engaged in God's mission, greetings; According to John's witness in the Gospel bearing his name, Mary Magdalene was first at the tomb on the Sunday morning following Jesus' Friday crucifixion. Noticing that the tomb was no longer sealed by the stone, she went and found Peter and the other disciple (the one whom Jesus loved) and declared that "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Perhaps she suspects grave robbery. Peter and the other disciple head out running for the tomb, both eventually noting the remains of the wrappings that had embraced Jesus' body in death, while not yet fully understanding the transformation that was taking place.

Mary Magdalene returns to the tomb, encountering two "angels" inside and a solitary man outside. She persists with her question regarding the missing body. The man calls her by name and Mary Magdalene recognizes the voice. "Rabboni!" she exclaims. Jesus instructs her to go to the disciples and share her experience. While doing so, they are joined behind locked doors by Jesus, who offers them the blessing of shalom—of peace and wellbeing—in the midst of their fear. He "breathed on them" bestowing the gift of the Holy Spirit, the same action as the fulfillment of the creation of humankind in Genesis. The act symbolized the new, spiritual life of the re-created community, the Easter community that is known as Christians. This is the ongoing gift of Easter: you and I are equipped by the Spirit to witness with word and ways how Jesus' resurrection means life re-created.

Thank you for your witness to God's mission in the person of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit and for your witness to God's Way in the world as you love God and neighbor and yourself, and for your presence in the Community Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and Be Well...  
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## ONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF EASTER: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) began in 1946 when Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherill sought to raise \$1 million in relief for persons ravaged by World War II. In 1947 Presbyterians joined the effort as did many other denominations in 1949. On March 26, 1949, at 10 PM major networks broadcast "One Great Hour", featuring President Truman, musicians, and actors. A request was made of listeners to make a sacrificial offering to their own places of worship the next morning. Some 75,000 churches participated.

OGHS is one of four designated offerings—and the largest—of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Its purpose remains the same: to collect an offering for those in need. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Funds collected through the PCUSA OGHS offering go towards Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) (32%), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) (36%), and Self-Development Of People (SDOP) (32%). These mission units of the PCUSA all work to serve individuals and communities in need, providing safety, sustenance, and hope.

**PDA** is the emergency and refugee program of the PCUSA. Nationally, the Emotional and Spiritual Care Ministry helps strengthen leaders to care for their communities supporting recovery from wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and storms. Internationally, PDA projects provide support for socially ostracized communities around the globe.

**PHP** takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed, and in 2021 gave 80 grants totaling nearly \$1 million supporting these issues in 23 countries, including the United States.

**SDOP** works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice within the United States and the world.

Please consider sharing a sacrificial gift to OGHS during this Easter Season! Thank You!

### A Prayer for One Great Hour Of Sharing

*Walk with us, O God,*

*As we serve you and partner with those in need.*

*May our gifts and our prayers*

*Support those who work to bring life and hope in their communities.*

*Amen!*

### **Season of Easter Book Read**

On Sundays, April 16-May 21 from 11.15am-12.15pm and Wednesdays, April 19-May 24 from 9.30am-10.30am, you are invited to join in a discussion around *Freeing Jesus, Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. The Book read will cover one chapter each week. Copies of the book are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary as well as notebooks for you to journal in as you read.

**Sunday morning worship begins at 10am weekly in the sanctuary.**

The texts for preaching during April are:

April 2 Palm/Passion Sunday Matthew 21.1-11 Philippians 2.5-11

April 6 Maundy Thursday Exodus 12.1-14 John 13.1-35

April 9 Easter Acts 10.34-43 Matthew 28.1-10

April 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Isaiah 25.6-9 John 20.19-31

April 23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 2.1-4a, 22-32 Luke 24.13-49

April 30 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 2.47-52 John 10.1-10

### **Worship In April**

We will gather as a community for worship regularly at 10am during April, worship that will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Easter.

**Palm/Passion Sunday** is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Palms will remind us of the joy the crowd experienced in welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem.

**Maundy Thursday** worship will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The service will be a modified Tenebrae service and will include the option of foot and/or hand washing. **You are invited to share a candle from your home to be used as a part of the Tenebrae service.**

On **Good Friday** the sanctuary will be open from 8am to 8pm for you to come and spend time in prayer.

**Easter** will be a celebration of the Resurrection as we experience Holy Communion and the sights and smells of flowers within the sanctuary.

### **An Invitation to be Transformed: Dwelling In The Word**

On Sundays from 9-9.40am, you are invited to come to the gathering space to reflect on the texts that will be preached during the worship service that morning.

### **Thanks Be To God To...And For...**

Members and friends of CPC who as disciples faithfully share their presence and presents supporting God's work individually and corporately through CPC!

Members and Friends who have made a financial commitment to CPC for 2023! Everyone who has participated in the reading through the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesday mornings, and for those who join in the discussions on Sunday mornings.

Those who have faithfully prayed for resolution and reconciliation regarding the land dispute between our neighbors who live on the lakes, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the title companies, and the town of Lac du Flambeau.

The persons who have participated in the Lenten Spiritual Formation opportunities of "Entering The Passion of Jesus" book read and the "Being Of The Same Mind" study.

Kathy Poupart who cleans the church building weekly.

### SESSION NOTES FROM March 3, 2023

Present: Pastor Timm High, moderator, Kathy LaBarge, Jill Consie, Mary Jane Stevens, Steve Schunk, and Ralph Kerler.

Excused: Glenn Morrison, Tom Gelwicks, Pearl Jonkman Hujet, and Owen Karlmann.

After determining a quorum Pastor Timm High called the meeting to order at 10.00 with a prayer. Pastor Timm asked members of the session what has made an impression on you thus far? Discussion followed.

Motion made by Jill Consie and seconded by Ralph Kerler to approve minutes of the February session meetings. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Question on Treasurers Report as to why new printer was not taken from the Memorial Fund. Ralph volunteered to approach Bill Raduege for an answer.

Pam Fraboni joined us to talk about the Attic. She is willing to do one more year but then is resigning. There was discussion about how long to stay open, how hard it is to find help and the possibility that more space may be needed.

Motion made by Jill Consie, seconded by Steve Schunk to accept Kim Emery as a member of Community Presbyterian Church. Motion carried.

A thank you letter from Elizabeth Holton for the scholarship money was also received.

Discussion on who we can get to fill in in the absence of Mary Jane or Rebecca. Kathy volunteered to help in the office and Jill will help when Rebecca is gone or possibly Rebecca can do a recording.

A question regarding home communion was tabled for further review.

Steve Schunk is going to contact the Tribe regarding the use of Tribal Land for the church. The Mission Committee reported on money for Lakeland Scholarship, Fork program, Tom's Table and Caritas.

Next session meeting will be April 20 at 10:00.

Motion made to adjourn by Kathy LaBarge, seconded by Mary Jane Stevens. Meeting closed with a prayer at 12:15: Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session.

Next session meeting will be April 20 at 10:00

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Trobaugh April 16

Judy Allen April 19

Anniversaries

No Known Anniversaries this month

### Scripture readings for April

April 2 – Palm/Passion Sunday (Holy Week begins)

*Palms:* Matt. 21:1-11 and Ps. 118:1-2,19-29;

*Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16;

Phil.2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 or Matt.  
27:11-54

April 9 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day (*One Great Hour of Sharing*)

Acts 10:34-43 and Ps.118:1-2,14-24; Col. 3:1-4; Matt.28:1-10

Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6-9 and Ps.114; 1 Cor.5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

April 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 and Ps.16; 1 Pet.1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a; 36-41, Ps.116:1-4,12-19; 1 Pet.1:17-23; Luke 4:13-35

April 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 and Ps.23; 1 Pet.2:19-25; John 10:1-10

### Special Dates for April

Holy Week April 2-9

Palm/Passion Sunday April 2

Maundy Thursday April 6

Good Friday April 7

Easter Sunday April 9

Administrative Professionals Day April 26, 2023



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