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# Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church, Lac du Flambeau, WI

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PASTOR

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."

TO: All the good and faithful congregants of the Community Presbyterian Church

This Sunday is the beginning of Palm or Passion week, when we come to a climax in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. This all began, as I am sure you are well aware, with the Advent back in December. This will also be the second Easter of our being challenged by the Covid 19 pandemic. I am pleased that we have been able to accomplish much with this challenge, but there are yet great needs. We have improved in our technical skills and that is wonderful, but there is nothing like a normal service of worship. I also want to thank all of you for your patience and participation under these circumstances. It has been interesting and, at times, even fun, depending upon the ways in which we respond - - positively and creatively - - or just plain negatively. I believe we belong to the former. We have, most certainly, come a very long way in meeting this challenge. We have learned much in this past year and must continue to learn as we move along. If you would like to attend church physically, give me a call and we should be able to accommodate ten to twenty more without any issues with the pandemic, just give me a call to my cell phone (937-416-0864) to check it out. As a matter of fact, this probably is the best number to reach me, as I almost always have it on my person.

This winter, at least in my experience, has been primarily moderate except for a week or ten days of the coldest temps in the history of our community. Nevertheless, it has otherwise been moderate and beautiful, as it always is. It is a wonderful place in which to live and serve. Speaking of serving, we have had to dip into our reserves, and as we recently communicated to you, we did draw on reserves and are looking at our budget very carefully. Any and all help to overcome this would be greatly appreciated.

Session, which in recent years has NOT met in February and March unless there is a major issue that needs to be addressed, will resume regular meetings on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

With all the best that is challenging, yet joyful season brings, I wish you all a full and exciting year ahead, filled with hope, peace, joy and love.

As Always,

Pax et Caritas,

Bill Anderson,

# Special dates for April, 2021

Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021

Good Friday April 2, 2021

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

Administrative Professionals Day April 21, 2021

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Sheryl Souhrada. April 6 **Gary Beier** April 7 Merry Belle Beltz. April 13 Ellen Granger. April 15 Tyler Trobaugh. April 16 Judy Allen. April 19 Helen Sauer. April 22 Jan Gresmer. April 26

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES** 

Bill and Carolyn Anderson. April 13

### APRIL 2021 SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **APRIL 1, 2021**

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Ex. 12: 1-4(5-10) 11-14 and

Ps. 116: 1-2, 12-19; 1Cor.11: 23-26; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

#### APRIL 2, 2021 GOOD FRIDAY

Isa. 52:13-53: 12 and Ps. 22; Heb.10: 16-25 or Heb. 4:14-16; 5: 7-9; John 18: 1-19: 42

#### **APRIL 4, 2021**

#### **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/ EASTER**

Acts10: 34-43 or Isa.25:6-9 and Ps.118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor.15: 1-11 or Acts10:34-43; John20:1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

#### Easter Evening

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

#### **APRIL 11,2021**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 and Ps. 133; 1 John 1: 1- 2:2; John 20: 19-31

#### **APRIL 18, 2021**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 and Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke24: 36b-48

#### **APRIL 25, 2021**

Acts 4:5-12 and Ps. 23; 1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18

These readings are suggested by the Presbyterian Planning Calendar and may be changed depending on the topic of the sermon.

Prayer requests
From the
Congregation

Kathy LaBarge asks for prayers for her brother, Larry and his wife Debbie. He has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and has refused treatment because of all his other problems. He has been moved to hospice, however, Debbie has only limited times she can see him due to Covid restrictions.

Carol Gelwicks niece (Christi), who had a stroke at the age of 66, at one point was not responding to treatment, but has since been moved into a rehab unit. She has a long way to go.

We received a call from Billie Miller's daughter about Billie having heart issues for some time and had an ablation to correct her arrhythmia. She is doing much better now.

Edi and John Spellmeyer have a close friend that is facing some serious health issues. She is the Rock for her family and they are so very anxious.

Please pray for all of the above people that are going through these anxious times. They need to know that they have our prayers and support and comfort.

### Something to Contemplate

#### This is a quote from Pope Francis XVX

".....Rivers do not drink their own water;

Trees do not eat their own fruit:

The sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

#### This is a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others."

#### These are quotes from Corrie TenBoom

"You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have."

"Do you know what hurts so very much? It's love. Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill that love so that it stops hurting. But then of course part of us dies, too. Or we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel."

