



The Bell

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Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

THE LECTIONARY

Over the years you've probably heard about the Lectionary and maybe wondered what it is and why and how we use it. The Lectionary is a resource for pastors to help them write their sermons and develop a meaningful worship service.

First off, the Lectionary is only a suggested resource. Many pastors use it as a guide for worship but it isn't mandatory. If a pastor uses the Lectionary every Sunday, by the end of the third suggested year he will have covered all the important aspects of the Bible. The Lectionary also acts as a guide for the preparation of his sermon and worship service.

The Lectionary has traditionally been used widely by Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians but with the emergence of the ecumenical movement in the 1960s it became more popular with churches of the Reformed/Presbyterian/Congregational tradition. During the 16th century reformers like Zwingli and Calvin often preached from a "Lectio Continua", that is they worked all the way through one particular book of the Bible chapter by chapter. The Lectionary as we know it today goes through the whole Bible touching on the highlights.

Like the Bible, the Lectionary is revised from time to time. We are using the Revised Common Lectionary which was published in 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts, a forum for consultation on worship renewal among many Christian churches both in the United States and Canada. This Lectionary is a revision of the 1983 Common Lectionary which was inspired by the 1969 revisions to the Roman Catholic Lectionary for Mass. The daily readings were added in 2005. These readings were drawn from a wide variety of stories and sources in the biblical witness.

About the same time the Common Lectionary became popular with so-called mainline protestants, they also adopted liturgical colors and vestments and it became customary to use paraments and stoles of different colors according to the church year.

The Lectionary we use is laid out in a three year cycle. Year A (2020), Year B (2021) and Year C (2022) then we go back to Year A again. Each year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. Some passages are repeated regardless of the year such as John 13 for Maundy Thursday.

The Lectionary is restricted to offering scriptures for each day of worship. They usually include an Old Testament scripture, a Psalm, a New Testament scripture and a Gospel. Sometimes there are multiple scriptures offered depending on the day.

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Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew with a sprinkling of John and Luke. Year B focuses on Mark with some John and a sprinkling of Luke and in Year C we hear mostly from Luke with a bit of John thrown in for good measure.

The Gospel of John is featured on most of the festival days during Lent, Holy Week and Easter and for several weeks after Pentecost during the Year C.

Not every pastor uses the Lectionary and even those who do sometimes stray from it. Remember when Pastor Ken did a series of sermons on the Beatitudes. That certainly didn't follow the Lectionary even though he uses it as a rule.

If you are interested in looking ahead at the suggested scriptures for coming Sundays, the PCUSA website includes a complete Lectionary calendar which details the scriptures to be included each Sunday.

Many thanks to Rev. Ken Ribe and Rev. James Mohr who supplied resource information for the development of this article.

EMERGENCY MOTEL FUNDING NEEDED

The LE Phillips CDC Chippewa Outreach Office is completely out of Motel Vouchers and are currently being forced to turn away people in need of emergency overnight housing. The average cost of a one-night motel voucher is approximately \$70.

Our Deacons have helped with funding and we have added them to our Mission list but the need is great so if you can help, please send your donation to L.E. Phillips CDC Chippewa Outreach, c/o Motel Vouchers, 508 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 (Put "Motel Vouchers" in Memo line.) Or, you can give online at: <https://www.lecdc.org/chippewa-county-outreach.html>

HOSPITALITY TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Included in this month's Bell is the new Hospitality Team list. You should print it out and add it to your 2021 directory. This is just one of the ways we are returning to pre-Covid normalcy.

Fellowship will resume on July 4. That will also be the first day we celebrate communion with real bread. For those people who are concerned about consuming the elements, we will still have the pre-packaged wafers and juice.

LET'S TALK ABOUT PASTORS

We have been more than two years without a called pastor. During that time, we have been fortunate enough to have a wonderful list of guest pastors to call on. And every time we call on them, they come. Why do they come? It's certainly not the money because by the time you figure the time it takes to research and prepare and deliver the sermon and prepare the order of worship (as some of them do), they end up being paid per hour less than the average cleaning lady.

Every one of the guest pastors we have is retired but they all seem to miss being in a church, even one that isn't their own and most often not even their denomination. Most of us when we retire, don't want to work any longer. After all, that's why we retired. But these guest pastors seem to jump at the chance to come to us Sunday after Sunday to preach the Gospel.

Sandee Kosmo and Gary Hedding are Lutherans. They are used to the Lutheran order of worship yet they have adapted their services to meet our needs and keep our traditions going.

Jim Mohr is a retired United Church of Christ pastor. Granted, the UCC church is the closest to our denomination but the two aren't identical. Jim too has adapted his service to meet ours and from time to time he tweaks the order of worship to make it more his own. The pastors are always given that option but for the most part, they choose to use the order of worship we give them.

Rich Estrem-Fuller is our staunchest backer and the pastor we know we can always call on when we need him. He has even done a funeral for us when a Presbyterian pastor wasn't available. Rich is always there to give advice and lend a helping hand when we need one.

Before the pandemic changed our lives, we had a large funeral here and Rich and Nancy attended. We had so many people in the church that we had to set up folding chairs in the back. Our men were doing that job and Rich joined them. Someone asked him why he was setting up chairs when this wasn't his church. He said, "They are my people."

Can we ask for more than that?

That brings us to Ken Ribe, our Session moderator. Ken is so much more than that. He may not be here every day or even every Sunday but he is always here to give advice on all things Presbyterian. He still thinks of this church as "his church" and acts accordingly. Does he have to? No, he doesn't have to but like the guest pastors we call on, he does the Lord's work and that work brings him to Chippewa Falls.

Remember, if we didn't have our guest pastors, WE WOULD NOT BE HERE. It's not just Lynda Butek or the Session or the Deacons that hold the church together. It's all of them and our wonderful guest pastors.

They deserve all the thanks we can muster because they have come to our aid when we needed them most and we can't forget that.

WANTED: PEOPLE TO COOK & PEOPLE TO EAT

Presbyterians love to eat so it stands to reason that Presbyterians love to cook. But you couldn't tell that from the meager response to our latest survey looking for people to form teams to cook on Wednesday nights and eat what is served.

Remember, Wednesday Night Suppers don't resume until September and run through the end of April. We have lots of golfers or golfing families that are chasing that little white ball on Wednesday nights but since our suppers are only served in the Fall and Winter, that shouldn't keep them from joining us.

The signup sheet will be available at the Welcome Desk through July so give it another thought and sign up for barbecues or soup or spaghetti or any of the other delectable dinners we serve every week.

CHIPPEWA AREA RECOVERY RESOURCE TO BECOME NEW FPC PARTNER

The Chippewa Area Recovery Resource whose office is across Central Street from the church has asked to move its meetings to FPC.

CARR is a resource for recovering addicts in the community. They are in need of a space to counsel 8 to 12 people while maintaining social distancing. They also need use of a small space to do occasional one on one counselling.

They have outpatient meetings during weekday mornings into early afternoon.

Because the space they currently use across from the church is quite small, they are looking for a larger space nearby and our building immediately came to mind.

It is expected they would use one of the rooms in the basement on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday from 8:30 to 1:30, on Tuesdays from noon to 1:30 and on Fridays from 9:30 to 11.

At present this space and the small office across from the Clinic offices are being used solely by the Clinic on Tuesday afternoon and evenings. The remainder of the time, this area is empty and would be well suited to the needs of CARR.

The building use contract is being negotiated by CARR and the church and it is expected that their use of the space would begin this summer.

This partnership is directly in line with our mission of being welcoming to those in need in the community.

First Presbyterian Church 2021 Hospitality-Usher Teams & Schedule

Updated 6-16-2021 tw

Team 1 <u>Margi Kohl</u> <u>Beth Cripe</u>	Team 2 <u>Lynda Butek</u> <u>Marlys Daniels</u>	Team 3 <u>Corine Boos</u> <u>Larry Annett</u> <u>Barb Meredith</u>	Team 4 <u>Jon Beighley</u> <u>Anne Welke</u>	Team 5 <u>Chuck Norseng</u> <u>Kevin Litten</u>	Team 6 <u>Kathi Mandelert</u> <u>Bonnie Gullickson</u>
Mary Flater Darin Flater Beth Flater Vance Kohl June Kemp Dick Kemp Jinx Smith	Jeff Buckli Deb Buckli Winston Baker Jesse Torres Kathy Torres Gene Peissig Jan Koepke Rich Koepke	Gary Shorrel Barb Shorrel Rich Rosenow Ruth Rosenow Pat Popple	Sara Abendroth George Abendroth Holly Gintz Beighley Family Simonson Family	Terry Wiedenhoef Christina Wiedenhoef Ellen Teske Todd Teske Chris Norseng	Dan Duffenbach Esther Frazier Sara Reemtsma Ryan Reemtsma Karen Lyons Doug Gullickson

<u>Jul '21</u>	<u>Tm</u>
4	3
11	4
18	5
25	6

<u>Aug '21</u>	<u>Tm</u>
1	1
8	2
15	3
22	4
29	5

<u>Sep '21</u>	<u>Tm</u>
5	6
12	1
19	2
26	3

<u>Oct '21</u>	<u>Tm</u>
3	4
10	5
17	6
24	1
31	2

<u>Nov '21</u>	<u>Tm</u>
7	3
14	4
21	5
28	6

<u>Dec '21</u>	<u>Tm</u>
5	1
12	2
19	3
26	4

Special Dates

3-Oct
World Communion
Sunday

16-Oct
World Food Day

5-Dec
"Tis the Season"
(Deacons)

Welcome Center Contact Person: Margi K.
Scrip Task Group: Corine B., Margi K,
Barb S.

Masterpiece

Keynote Speaker: Tina Haroldson

Paintings and scripture combine to illustrate the truth of Ephesians 2:10. “You are God’s workmanship, the masterpiece of the master artist.” Whether Picasso is your favorite artist, or you are more a fan of Rembrandt, you’ll enjoy learning a little bit about how art is valued. The parallels between art and life are drawn together as scripture unveils God’s greatest work.

Workshops

Beauty in Ashes, But First... Breakfast!, Book Talk,
Alcohol Inks, Plastic Alternatives & Healing Touch

Clearwater Chrysalis 2021 Summer Women’s Retreat

August 12 – 15, 2021 Optional Gardening & Quilting Day August 11, 2021



Our Mission

Clearwater Chrysalis is a Christian based faith-building program of Clearwater Forest. We welcome adult women of all beliefs. Our vision is to nourish and support the body, mind and spirit in community with other women.

Fees, Registration, General Info

Fees for Chrysalis cover three nights of housing, all meals, speaker presentations, most workshops and more.

Cost: summer cabin - \$215, lodge double room - \$290, single lodge room - \$390. A \$75 deposit is required. All fees paid, minus the \$75 deposit, are refundable if a cancellation of registration occurs at least 10 days prior to the event.

The first 5 First timers who register are eligible for a discount.



ENCourageUS
Tina Haroldson

Tina Haroldson has been speaking to groups of all ages for over 25 years. She finds herself most often in the company of women and is available for women's conferences and retreats. Her unique sense of humor is balanced with her practical biblical perspective and her passion for Holy Spirit infused ministry.

Tina currently lives in the quaint village of Amboy, Minnesota. She has traveled as a speaker internationally and specializes in encouraging audiences to establish a secure identity in, and a complete dependence upon, Jesus Christ.

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged." Colossians 2:2

Registration will be open soon!

Register Online

www.clearwaterforest.org

Or call the camp office at (218) 678-2325 to register. You will receive registration confirmation and additional information via email. **Register by July 28, 2021.**

Scholarship funds are available through the Chrysalis Steering Committee. Contact the camp office at (218) 678-2325.

Featuring

Exercise Options: Hula Hooping, Water Exercise, Chair Exercise

Free Time Options: Tie-dye, kayaks, high ropes, nature walk, relaxing hammocks

Entertainment: Singing Performance by Mary Hall – "Carole King Wrote That"

Housing for Summer Chrysalis is available in Leaning Tree and Eagle Lodges and the Summer Cabins.

Clearwater Forest is a regional program, retreat and conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This beautiful setting near Brainerd, Minnesota, covers more than 1,000 acres of forest and includes 3 ½ miles of lakefront, 10 miles of wooded trails, and majestic stone buildings.

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Save the Date!
Winter Chrysalis Feb.18 - 20, 2022