

Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

May flowers – Who's looking forward to seeing all the beautiful colors? And warmer weather?

Have you filled out a heart or two for our new banner? Hearts will be available until May 14, then our Worship Team will get busy constructing the wall-hanging. The banner will make its debut on May 28.

Confirmation is this Sunday, May 7. Such a very important day in the life of our youth. It's also Communion Sunday. Pastor Dan Schultz and the Confirmands will lead us in worship.

Pay special attention to Page 6. It has the schedule for the very popular summer recitals. First Presbyterian Church hosts a recital on July 27.

On May 17 we are serving at Loaves and Fishes. On May 21, we are having a training exercise on fall prevention. Don't forget to look over the information on Summer Camp and Synod School. Page 11 is a whole page of thank you notes!

Please remember the folks on our prayer list. There are so many people that have long-term illnesses. An extra prayer or two might be helpful.

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The Session did not hold a regular meeting in April. Since Pastor Ken was gone, Winnebago Presbytery was given the task of finding somebody in the Presbytery to moderate our session meetings. Winnebago Presbytery was still working on that when the April meeting was scheduled to occur. Being that the items requiring attention were minimal and the fill-in moderator wasn't quite ironed out, it was decided to cancel the April meeting. It is nice to have a month off occasionally.

In a special meeting, Session did meet with the church's confirmation students. The purpose of the meeting was to examine their knowledge and declare them ready to be confirmed. After their confirmation, they will enter full adult membership in the church. All 7 students did well and were declared ready to be confirmed. Congratulations to all of them. Confirmation Sunday is May 7. Pastor Dan Schultz will be leading the worship service.

Going forward, Winnebago Presbytery has determined that Reverend Matt Sauer of Manitowoc will be moderating our Session meetings for the next 6 months, should we need his services for that long. Reverend Sauer is known to many of us in the congregation and we are thankful for his commitment to us. We look forward to his leadership. The next regular session meeting is on May 15.

In Prayer,

Dave Erickson
Clerk of Session

Easter Morning Breakfast



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Operations Team Report

Major projects completed, at this time, are removal of overgrown shrubs and creeping yews. This was completed on Saturday April 22, 2023, with the help of the Confirmands. We thanked them for their help. The plan is to purchase new shrubs and spread new mulch. Playground repairs were also done. Touch-up painting was completed in the classrooms to meet the inspection requirements for Head Start. Head Start paid for materials that were required to complete the project.

A new 86" TV, portable stand, and sound bar, for use throughout the church, was received last week. This is exciting as we talked with another church, that has had several years of experience with a TV of this type, and they had many good things to say about its use. We used it for the first time on April 30.

Several other projects that need to be completed are:

1. Replacing Countertops - in the Sanctuary, Gathering Room, and classrooms.
2. Replace Carpeting - Head Start classrooms and Parlor.
3. Blacktop Patching - Bids are currently being taken to plan for completion this summer.

We appreciate everyone's support as we move forward toward keeping our place of worship a welcome place for all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Dassow

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- Sunday May 7 9:00am Confirmation Worship Service**
Come support the Confirmands as they take the next step in their faith journey, become members of the church and affirm their faith
- Sunday May 12 Mother's Day** - celebrate with your family
- Wednesday May 17 4:30pm-6:00pm Loaves and Fishes** - at Church of Peace
- Sunday May 21 10:30-11:30am Fall Prevention Training** – following worship in Fellowship Hall. Learn great life skills for you and others. Excellent training for youth and adults to help you communicate, assist and serve people. Recommended for people who are planning to visit the Woodlands, attending mission trips, or just visiting aging family members.

Congratulations on Completing the Foundations of Personal Finance



Congratulations to These Third-graders - Receiving their First Bibles





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The public is welcome! Free Will Offering

Alverno College has been a leader in the field of Music Therapy for over 75 years. All of the ensemble and applied music lessons are taught from a perspective of how music-making fits into the context of music as a therapeutic means. Students who graduate from the music therapy program enjoy a nearly 100 percent pass rate on the national board certification exam, and 100 percent are employed within three months of graduation.



Summer Noon Organ Recital Series 2023

All recitals take place at 12:15pm. A free-will offering will be taken.

Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund to support the training of young people to become organists.

Organist	Date	Place
Fr. Tom Lijewski Wendy Pelletier	June 15	St. Mary's Catholic Church 699 Milwaukee Ave. Lomira
Brent Nolte	June 22	St. Patrick's Concert Hall 39 E. Follet St. Fond du Lac
Fr. Tom Lijewski Wendy Pelletier	June 29	Shepherd of the Hills W1562 County Rd. B Eden
Kenneth Hill	July 13	St. Patrick's Concert Hall 39 E. Follet St. Fond du Lac
Kris Bartelt	July 27	First Presbyterian Church 1225 Fourth St. Fond du Lac
Libby Reinbold	August 3	Salem Methodist Church 120 Sheboygan St. Fond du Lac
Arpad Muranyi	August 10	St. Patrick's Concert Hall 39 E. Follet St. Fond du Lac
Kris Bartelt Georgene Antos Jill Soldner	August 17	St. Mary's Catholic Church 699 Milwaukee Ave. Lomira
Kenneth Hill	August 24	Hope Lutheran Church 260 Vincent St. Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac Area Organists Association

For more information, please visit our website fdlareaorganists.com, follow us on Facebook, or contact:

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Information @ Church

Our Heart Languages



What is your heart language? When do you feel most connected to God? Through prayer, hymns, scripture, being outside, volunteering? Each of us has a way that makes us feel closer to the Lord.

Let us know *your* way by filling out a heart (or two) to go on our new banner. Hearts are available in the Narthex.

The Worship Team is collecting hearts until May 14. The new banner will be displayed on May 28.

May 7

Confirmation Communion

A very special day in the life of our youth. Join us to celebrate as seven young people become members of First Presbyterian Church and continue their faith journey.

It's also Communion Sunday. The day we give thanks for all that God has done for us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Dan Schultz, along with the Confirmands, will lead us in worship.

May 7 -

Growing Connections



Thanks to the funds from the Roy Johnson Memorial, our church was able to

purchase five videos from "The Great Courses". "The Great Courses" is a catalogue-based video learning opportunity with over 800 hundred courses featuring lectures from expert professors.

WE NOW OWN:

"The Historical Jesus"
"How Jesus Became God"
"The Triumph of Christianity"
By Dr. Bart D. Ehrman from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Understanding the Old Testament"
By Dr. Robert D. Miller II from the Catholic University of America

"Understanding the New Testament"
By Dr. David Brakke from Ohio State University

These videos offer carefully researched information, discussing the "fascinating dialogue with the traditions, cultures and history" of both the New and Old and the writings of ancient historians.

We'll watch "The Historical Jesus" on May 7.

The videos will be available for group and individual use.

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2023

The confirmands completed the requirements and were examined and received into membership at the April Special Session meeting. As is the tradition in our church, the Confirmation Class will prepare a worship service to share with the congregation.

Join us on May 7th as the Confirmation Class leads in the 9:00am Worship Service (in-person and live-streamed). Following worship, please join us to celebrate these young people, and their Faith Partners, on their journey as Disciples of Christ.

Confirmands

Graham Anderson
Claire Braatz
Eddie Hayes
Neiciah Petermann
Sam Polacek
Braden Triatik
Rowan Willey

Faith Partners

Mary Bacon
Sue Baker
Dan Baker
Nancy Hilbert
Dave Erickson
John Neville
Mike Warntjes

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Looking Ahead

Worship

- May 7** Pastor Dan Schultz officiating, Confirmation and Communion
- May 14** Rev. Mary Council-Austin preaching, Mother's Day
- May 21** Mr. Pedro Arellano brings us the message
- May 28** Worship Team Pentecost / Memorial Weekend Message: The Gift of the Holy Spirit. Songs and hymns we remember singing in church, or possibly VBS songs that we all could sing. Song requests will be accepted on May 7th and May 14th. More information to follow.

Growing Connections

May 28

Service to God and Country. We will look at the meaning of the Christian Flag, the U.S. Flag and the Presbyterian Seal.

What do they mean to us as a Faith Community? Who do we pledge allegiance to?



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May 10 - Women in Faith

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.



Join us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, May 10th from 5:30-7:30pm. We are going to have a "cook out" and picnic, weather permitting. Bring your favorite salads and the recipe to share with others.

Women In Faith meets one evening a month from 5:30-7:30pm. Women in Faith is open to women of all ages, and everyone is welcome. See you there! Bring a friend!

Please contact Jennifer at the church office with any questions.



May 11 - Ruby's Pantry



- Food distribution will take place at **GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. Please enter on the **EAST** side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available [here](#). Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number.
- Further instructions will be available, once guests have registered.
- Two food shares are allowed, per vehicle.
- Trunk must be empty
- Food will be loaded into trunks by our volunteers
- Do not bring boxes, bags, etc. for food
- Bathroom facilities are not available to the public

Where	Grace Christian
When	May 11
Open	4:30-6:00pm
Donation	\$25.00 Cash Only

If you have any questions contact Grace Christian Church at:
920.923.5292 or
rachelrudzik@gccfdl.org

If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry please complete the application at:
www.rubyspantry.org.

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May 14 - Growing Connections



On May 14th, we will celebrate the special women in our lives! All of us probably have a special mother, grandmother, favorite aunt, or just a special woman who has truly made a difference in our life or inspired us in some way.

We would like to hear your 'story' and honor these women. Bring a picture, if you like, or just come to share your story as a tribute to the mother-figure in your life.

Please join us, during Fellowship Time on this special day!

May 17 - Loaves and Fishes



Where: Church of Peace
158 S. Military Rd.
When: May 17
Time: 4:00 - 6:00pm

We will be serving Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, May 17 from 4:00-6:00pm. If you are available to help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal, please contact the office.

Dessert donations are always appreciated and needed for the meal. Desserts need to be at church (First Presbyterian Church) by 3:00pm on May 17.

Thank you to everyone who helps us serve our community.

May 19 - Cribbage



Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

Join us for Cribbage! You're invited for a fun-filled evening of cribbage. If you don't know how to play, we will be happy to teach you! Bring your own beverage; snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!

May 21 - Fall Prevention Training



When Sunday, May 21
Where First Presbyterian
Time 10:30-11:30am

Charlie Pratt, Activity Director/Volunteer Coordinator, from the Woodlands Senior Park, will lead us in a general volunteer orientation and fall prevention training.

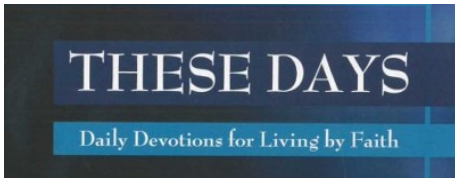
Volunteering enriches the lives of seniors, and it can enrich your life, too.

Volunteers can help with a wide array of activities including Bingo, crafts, games, fishing, reading, gardening, music and more!

Volunteers can be an integral part of bringing the feeling of home to the elderly, living in a nursing care environment.

Can you be the volunteer to bring a little 'home' to a nursing care resident?

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"This year, the Deacons have provided a daily devotional called "These Days" to the people on our care list. The Deacons decided to provide a trial amount for church members who might also be interested in a daily worshipping tool.

When the devotionals arrive, they will be on the table at the entrance to the church office. A small donation toward the cost would be appreciated, but not required.

If you enjoy the devotional, please mention it to a Deacon!



Family and Youth Camp Opportunities



Daycholah Center (Green Lake) and Moon Beach (St. Germain) are two great camps that are ideal choices for people of all ages.

Information and registration forms are available on the United Church Camps, Inc. website: www.ucci.org.

If you wish to apply for financial aid, please fill out the Presbytery Campership Application (available in the church office or on Presbytery website, [here](#)). Please leave the "amount your church can pay" line blank and give to the church as soon as possible. The Presbytery may provide approximately one quarter of the cost. Our church's contribution will be determined based on the number of applicants.

Scholarships are also available from First Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian Church has established a process for applying for a scholarship (campership) for Church Camps. Campership Applications are on the table outside the office or here [Campership Form](#). All campership applications must be submitted for consideration to the Campership Committee. **Please return all forms to the church office.**

July 23 - 28

Please register by July 1!



What is Synod School?

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for

people of all ages. Synod School seeks to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy, as well as, individuals and families.

2023 Theme: Our Family Story

The theme for Synod School 2023 is "Our Family Story." As living and breathing entities of Christ, we are natural storytellers. Our experiences carry us forward toward relationships and connection with others. Stories from the Bible connect us as children of God. We will share time together learning to fully understand stories from the Bible. We will gather and study familiar stories in new ways, in hopes of gaining a new closeness with God, and each other.

[View the 2023 Synod School Catalog Here](#). For more information check out the [Synod School Page](#) on the Synod of [Lakes and Prayers website](#).

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Thank you from
Sally Sleder

Thanks to all of you who sent prayers, made phone calls, sent cards and dishes to nourish us during my recovery from shoulder replacement surgery.

The healing is taking longer than I anticipated so still could use prayers from my church family for patience and hope.

God Bless you all,
Sally Sleder



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

In April, we received a letter from the SHP organization thanking us for our generous donation of \$1525.00! The donation helped build 6 beds!

The children who receive the beds are delighted! Many times the beds help meet the requirements for families to stay together by providing suitable living conditions for their children.

Tom Ott (WI - Fond du Lac Chapter -President) writes:

“We greatly appreciate your love and support for our cause and hope that we can continue to work with you in the future.”

Thank You -
Easter Donations

To everyone who so generously donated to the Easter Egg Hunt and to all the people who helped make it successful. We filled 200 eggs!

There were many happy smiles and lots of fun . . . thanks to you!

Thank You -
Easter Breakfast

Easter Morning Breakfast

Thank you for your support of the PYA Easter Breakfast. We served over 80 people and raised \$321.58 for youth missions.

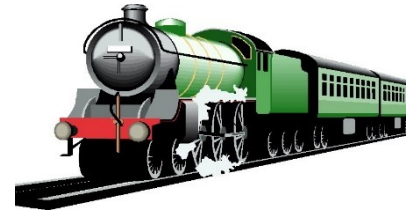
We would like to thank those who donated egg casseroles (Jolene, Jennifer, Mary, Carol, Cheryl, Emily). Everyone enjoyed them.

Thanks to all of the youth and parents who helped serve, cook and clean up.

To those who joined us, we want to thank you all for your support of our youth activities.

Thanks again!

**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING OUR PYA!**



Thank you for your support of the Train Show!!!

PYA would like to thank the train show fundraiser supporters for their generosity in purchasing food and making donations. We raised \$444.60 to support youth missions.

We would like to thank the youth and parents that helped serve, cook, and clean up.

Thank you also to Rachel, Deb C, Jodi, Emily, Cheryl, Mary, and Jennifer for donations of sloppy joe and bakery items.

We are so thankful that you support our youth activities.

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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Confirmation Class		8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 1:00 PM Personnel Team 4:30 PM Hand Bell Practice; Music Room 6:30 PM Confirmation	1:00 PM Serving Team		9:00 AM Table Tennis 9:30 AM Confirmation Rehearsal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Worship- In Person and Live Stream on Zoom 10:15 AM Fellowship Time 10:15 AM Growing Connections In- 6:00 PM Troop	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Loving Team via Zoom		8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:30 PM Hand Bell Practice; Music Room 5:30 PM Women in Faith In-Person 6:30 PM	6:00 PM Learning Team Meeting		9:00 AM Table Tennis
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 AM Worship- In Person and Live Stream on Zoom 10:15 AM Fellowship Time 10:15 AM Growing Connections In- 6:00 PM Boy Scout	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Session Hybrid Meeting		8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM Loaves and Fishes Meal 4:30 PM Hand Bell Practice; Music Room	1:00 PM Growing Connections Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Cribbage	9:00 AM Table Tennis
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 AM Worship- In Person and Live Stream on Zoom 10:15 AM Growing Connections In Person +2 more	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Feed My Starving Children Planning Meeting		8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:30 PM Hand Bell Practice; Music Room 8:00 PM Worship Team; Zoom	9:00 AM Finance Team Meeting 11:00 AM Presbytery Meeting Virtual		9:00 AM Table Tennis
28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
9:00 AM Worship- In Person and Live Stream on Zoom 10:15 AM Fellowship Time 10:15 AM Growing Connections In-Person and Zoom	Office Closed		8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:30 PM Hand Bell Practice; Music Room			
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In May

April Worship



Sunday Morning

9:00am In-Person Worship
Live Stream via ZOOM

- Masks are **no longer** required.
- Physical distancing is **no longer** required.
- Nursery is available. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Nursery care is not provided by the church.



Monday - Wednesday
9:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday
9:00am - Noon

Friday
Closed

Deacon of the Month

Gail Kamphuis
okamphuis@charter.net

Elder of the Month

Mary Bacon
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We are looking for people to be liturgists. It's a wonderful way to participate in worship.

You can sign up [here](#).

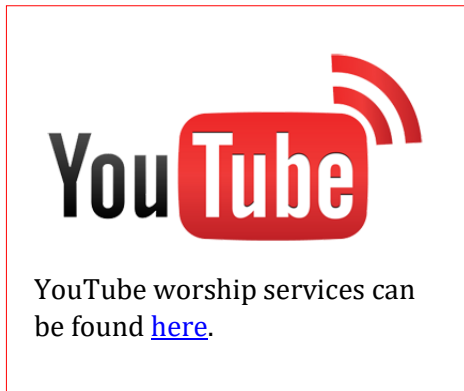
Prayers* and Praises

Brian C.
Gary G.
Pat D.
Gib D.
Arnold L.
Jesse F.
Silas W.
Jane D.
Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G.
Joan S.
Lynn K.
Sheryl B.
Don V.
Lynn M.

Prayer Partners

Send prayer requests to:
fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org

*Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks. Please contact the office if a name should be on the list for a longer length of time.



YouTube worship services can be found [here](#).

First Presbyterian Focus

Please send submissions for the Newsletter to:

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Electronic Ways to Keep in Touch

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