

Information @ Church

March Deacon of the Month
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March Elder of the Month
Joanne Marchionda

April 1, 2024



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April 6 - Feed My Starving Children

Every year millions of children die from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, and malnutrition. Today, hunger still causes nearly half of the deaths in children under 5 years old.* This is heartbreaking. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond.



One way we respond is through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™. Once again, the event will be held at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, on April 6. Our community will be responding to the cries of those in need by producing 132,192 nutritious meals for God's children around the world.

To help us meet our \$38,800 fundraising goal, please consider making a special offering. Submit donations on our website [here](#) or at FMSC give.fmsc.org/fdl (find our event, click 'Get Involved' and 'Donate Now') or mail a check to:

Feed My Starving Children ATTN: MobilePack #2404-032SC
401 93rd Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

*(Checks should be payable to **FMSC**, memo line MobilePack # 2404-032SC.)*

It's not too late to donate! Thank you for your heart to serve God's kids around the world.

[*UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates, 2021 Edition](#)

PYA = Presbyterian Youth Association

Basic info: PYA is for students in the 5th-12th grade.

Purpose: To get to know Jesus Christ and have lots of fun!

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| April 6 | Feed My Starving Children Fond du Lac MobilePack |
| April 13 10:00am-4:00pm | Train Show Fundraiser Come and help in the concession stand to help support the PYA Missions. Possible Summer Mission Trip. |
| April 14 10:00am-2:00pm | Train Show Fundraiser Come and help in the concession stand to help support a possible Summer Mission Trip or future local missions. |
| April 21 1:00-2:00pm | Volunteer at the Woodlands
Woodlands Building 77 Wisconsin American Drive at 1:00-2:00pm. Parents can pick up at the same location 77 Wisconsin American Drive at 2:05 pm. Please let me know if you are planning to attend or if you have any questions. Please bring the PYA permission slip for the Woodlands if you have not already returned it to Jennifer. |

April 5 - Grade School Bibles



Attention all parents and guardians of students in third grade or above!

As part of our tradition at First Presbyterian Church, we will be gifting Bibles to students this spring. If you'd like your child to receive a Bible, please contact Jennifer at the church office by April 5 to register for the Parent/Child Bible Worship Class on April 7th at 10:15am. The Bibles will be presented during worship on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

April 14 - Preschool Bibles



We will also be honoring our preschool children (3-year-olds and above) with children's Bibles during worship on Sunday, April 14th.

If your child wishes to receive a Bible or if you have any questions about the process, please contact Jennifer or the church office.

April 7 - Worship /Communion



As is our custom, on the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Lord's Supper is the 'bread of life and the cup of salvation'. Join us for worship and communion this Sunday.

April 7 - Growing Connections Mahala's Hope



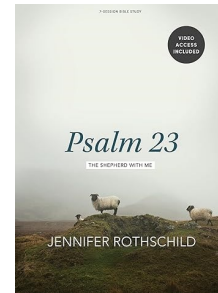
Mahala's Hope, is a transformative organization dedicated to providing support and services for women in need of transitional recovery.

Mahala's Hope serves women who have already received primary treatment for substance abuse but still need assistance before rejoining their communities.

Through their commitment to empowering individuals on their journey to healing and growth, Mahala's Hope offers a unique blend of equine therapy and support services, creating a nurturing environment for personal development and recovery.

Please join us for Growing Connections on the first Sunday of April.

April 9- May 21 - Bible Study



Join us for "Psalm 23, The Shepherd with Me" bible study by Jennifer Rothschild. There are more than seven sessions! You'll gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23.

Please purchase the book, with video access, from your favorite vendor. (It's available on Amazon and other vendors, as well.)

When Tuesdays 5:45 – 7:00pm
April 9- May 21

Where ZOOM

A link will be sent on Tuesdays earlier in the day. The meetings will be recorded.

Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life.

Everyone is welcome to join. Each week you will watch a video and complete the daily personal study to discuss at the group meeting.

If you have any questions, contact Wendy Peachey: vickrn@hotmail.com or 920-296-0240 (text or call).

April 10 - Women in Faith

If you're interested in meeting new people and having a good time, you might want to check out Women in Faith on Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

We will share a light meal and then enjoy some fun fellowship time with a craft activity. Soup is on the menu. If you have time, you can bring a dish to pass.

We have two craft activities for the evening: Whisk Dragonfly and/or a snappy hand towel. Please bring a kitchen hand towel (we will add a snap) and a wire whisk with five loops.

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



April 11 - Ruby's Pantry

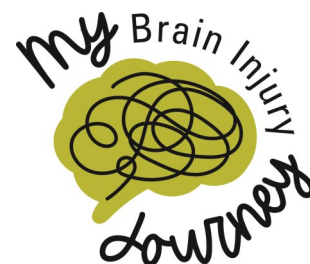


- Food distribution will take place at **GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. Please enter on the **EAST** side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available [here](#). Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up 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.

Where	Grace Christian 1596 4th St, Fond Du Lac, WI
When	April 11
Open	4:30-6:00pm
Donation	\$25.00 Cash Only

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

April 14 - Brain Injury Awareness



Join Mike and Becky as they share their inspiring journey of living with a brain injury. They will take you through their day-to-day challenges and victories, and provide a unique perspective on life. You won't want to miss it!

April 19 - Cribbage



Join us for Cribbage on April 19. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm. Bring something to drink, snacks are provided.

If you don't know how to play, one of our experts will teach you! The beginning of a new year is a great time to learn a new pastime!

Fun, friendship and fellowship - now that's a winning hand!

April 27 -
South Shore Chorale



I Believe!

Songs of Inspiration & Praise

Who South Shore Chorale
What Vocal Concert
When April 27 at 7:30pm
Where FDL High School PAC
Tickets \$18.00
at hometowntickets.com



WHAT Blood Drive
WHERE First Presbyterian Church
WHEN April 29
2:00-6:00pm

You can read more about Versiti [here](#).
You can register [here](#).

**Giving blood is truly a
life-giving gift.**

Sponsored by the Serving Team.



2024 CO-ED CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

We would like to form a softball team for our church to participate in the YMCA's fun and exciting Co-Ed Church Softball League! If you are interested in being on our church's team, please notify the Loving Team

by April 15.

We also need someone to be the team captain.

Age: 16 & up

Start : May 13th (NO game May 27 & July 1)

When: Mondays 6:00pm

Thank you, The Loving Team

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Melissa Hierl	mahierl@charter.net	920-960-7648
Deb Cooley	tdcooley@charter.net	920-904-6679



**Synod of
Lakes & Prairies**

What is the Synod School?

SYNOD SCHOOL 2024: JULY 21 - 26

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. It seeks to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy as well as individuals and families. There are classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.

This year, 2024, is the 70th year of Synod School in Iowa.

People will come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play, and life together. It is an opportunity to learn something new, to continue conversations begun by keynote speakers, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service, and to enjoy not having to cook for a week.

2024 Synod School Theme: More Than We Can Imagine

[View the 2024 Synod School Catalog Here.](#) A paper catalog is available on the table outside the church office door.

For more information check out the [Synod School Page](#) on the Synod of Lakes and Prairies website.



The purpose of the nursery is to provide a safe, loving, fun and comfortable environment for child. Our Nursery Attendants will give premium care to your children to ensure that they are content and you can enjoy worship.

Our Nursery staff has had background checks and training. We always require at least two unrelated people in the nursery from 8:45 to 10:15 am. (We also provide attendants during special services.)

Our next training class is April 14 at 10:15am.

Look What's New!

We have a new TV monitor in the Nursery! The nursery attendants will be able to watch the children and be inspired by worship, at the same time.

Thank these guys when you see them: Les Mier and John Neville.



We always hope that funerals are few and far between. But, when the time arises, volunteers are needed.

The Loving Team is gathering names of those interested in helping when funeral lunches are requested by the family. If you would like to help set-up, serve, or bake for a funeral reception, please contact the church office or a member of the Loving Team. We will add your name to the list.

You will be called by a member of the Loving Team when you are needed.

Thank you for your consideration.



Ongoing Fellowship Opportunities

Every Saturday - Table Tennis

Don't forget! We have Table Tennis every Saturday from 9:00am-Noon. All skill levels are welcome.

Join us to get a little exercise and have a lot of fun.

Every Wednesday - Men's Breakfast

Every Wednesday, men of the church meet for breakfast at Pump 'n Pantry (329 W. Pioneer Rd., FDL).

It's a relaxed atmosphere with coffee in hand and friends around the table. It's a great way to start your Wednesday.

Every Wednesday - Bell Choir Rehearsal

Every Wednesday, the Bell Choir rehearses at 4:30pm.

It's not too late to join them. If you have any questions please contact Joanne M.

Easter Sunday 2024



Congratulations



Congratulations to Phyllis Munson!
She was installed as our newest
Deacon on March 10.

WELCOME new members

We welcomed six new members on
Easter Sunday (03.31.2024). We
are so happy to have you be a part
of our church.

Daniel Alwin Wendy Peachy
Kristine Alwin Elfrieda Pretorius
Thomas Larson Gerhard Pretorius

May 9 - Women's Night Out



Our guest speaker, Cynthia Ruchti,
will talk about using life's soul
rattling experiences in a God honor-
ing way. In other words, looking for
hope in all the right places. Join us
for an evening of enlightenment.

When May 9
Where First Presbyterian
 Church

Cost \$15.00 (meal included)

Register **Please register by April 30.**

Contact Wendy Peachey
920.296.0240
vickrn@hotmail.com

Hope on the Block



Non-perishable Food
Toilet Paper
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash/Soap
Sunscreen
Deodorant
Feminine Care
Tissue
First Aid / Band Aids
Chapstick
Combs/Brushes/Hair Ties





Look at all the fish that swam to our Fish Derby.



AND THE WINNERS ARE

- * Most Active Fish
Mary Ellen McMeen
- * Heaviest Fish
A.J. Larson
- * Cutest Fish
Laurie Christie
- * Longest Tail
Melissa Hierl
- * Most Creative Name
Jim Dassow



Our Masters of Ceremonies



GREAT CATCH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



WE COLLECTED
\$806.37
IN THE FISH BANKS.

Academic Scholarship Available



Each year the Scholarship Committee is blessed to be able to award scholarships to our youth. The Scholarships are made available by generous donations, to students who are members of our church, have demonstrated a commitment to the church, have completed high school with average grades or above and will be enrolled in an accredited secondary educational institution. The church is very thankful to families supporting the Memorial Scholarships. We are very thankful to God for their gifts.

The [application form](#) is available on the church website www.fdlpresbyterian.org and should be filled out and submitted **electronically** by May 1, 2024. Interviews with all applicants may be scheduled to complete the process. **Please note that late submissions will not be considered.**

General Guidelines for All Scholarships:

- Recipient must be a member of this church.
- Recipient must have demonstrated a commitment to the church.
- This commitment has been defined as meeting the following criteria in the past calendar year:
 1. In-Person or Zoom church worship attendance a minimum of six times in the calendar year prior to the scholarship deadline.
 2. Nurturing your faith development in an activity of the Serving, Loving or Learning Teams (educational opportunities, mission activities, worship participation, etc.) at least twice in the past calendar year
 3. Recipient is enrolled in an accredited college or university.

We look forward to honoring our graduates in late Spring.

Learning Team
Scholarship Committee

Family and Youth Camp



Are you interested in attending summer camp?

Daycholah Center (Green Lake) and Moon Beach (St. Germain) are two great camps that offer a wide range of activities for people of all ages. Campers can enjoy swimming, canoeing, crafting, making new friends, and much more. If you want to learn more or register for the camp, you can check out the United Church Camps, Inc. website www.ucci.org.

If you wish to apply for financial aid, please fill out the Presbytery Campership Application. It is available in the church office or on Presbytery website [here](#).

Please leave the “amount your church can pay” line blank. Drop off the form in the church office 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. Our 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.

Hygiene Drive



The Serving Team would like to thank everyone who donated to the 2024 Hygiene Drive for the students at Fond du Lac High School. Following is a list of the items donated.

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| Scarfs - 2 | Chapstick - 26 |
| Hats - 9 | Hair ties - 4 packs |
| Gloves - 2 pair | Feminine Hygiene products - 16 |
| Pens - 120 | Water bottles - 22 |
| Pencils - 54 | Women's razors - 7 |
| Post it Notes - 1 pack of 24 | Make-up items - 4 |
| Liquid Hand Soap - 2 | Snacks - 8 boxes |
| Hand Lotion - 2 | Leggings - 2 pair |
| Deodorant/Antiperspirant - 14 | Socks (Women/Girls) - 18 pair |
| Toothbrushes - 4 | Socks (Men/Boys) - 22 pair |
| Toothpaste - 6 | Underwear (Women/Girls) - 64 pair |
| Dental Floss - 3 | Underwear (Men/Boys) - 60 pair |



Thank You -
To the Creative Expressions Team
Thank you to the Creative Expressions Team for their beautiful 'Welcome Banner'.
It looked spectacular as we welcomed six new members into our congregation.



The Loving Team would like to thank our church staff for all they do for our church. We all greatly appreciate their leadership.

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| Craig Alwin | Pastor |
| Jennifer Zander | Director of Christian Education |
| Kris Bartelt | Worship Coordinator |
| Mary Robotka | Financial Assistant |
| Deb Zorn | Communications Coordinator |



THANK YOU!

To everyone who so generously donated to the Easter Egg Hunt and to all the people who helped with the 'hunt'. We filled 390 eggs!
There were many happy smiles and lots of fun - thanks to you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support of the PYA Easter Breakfast. We served over 43 people and raised \$150.83 for youth missions.

We would like to thank those who donated food (Cheryl, Emily, Jolene, Jennifer, Bonnie, Mary) and all of the youth and parents who helped serve, cook and clean.

Thank you for your support of all our youth activities.

Thanks again!



Our church parking lot is a bit of a mess. It has been patched and repaired many times, over the years. It has now come to the point that, financially, it would be more prudent to resurface the entire parking lot.

The Operations Team requested bids from several companies. The bid has been accepted and approved by Session to begin the process, as long as suitable funding can be arranged. The project will take place in 2024, at the cost of \$100,500.

Our fund-raising campaign is called "Pave the Way"*. We are asking our congregation to help financially support this undertaking. Fifty per cent of the cost is being requested from our members, with 50% being covered by funds from Endowment. There is a chart in the Narthex to show our donation progress.

You can place your contribution in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. Please mark your gifts with "Pave the Way" so we can keep track of these funds. You can also donate online [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to "Pave the Way". We are making progress but still have a long way to go. Prayerfully consider donating to the campaign. A new parking lot will help our church look as good on the outside as it does on the inside.

** Session approved a motion by the Building and Grounds committee, along with the Endowment Board, to conduct a fundraiser for the purpose of raising funds for blacktop replacement at church.*

Grade School/Preschool Bible Schedule

April 5

Grade School Students register for Bible Class by April 5

April 7

Grade School Bible Class at 10:15am (Gathering Room)

April 14

Preschoolers and grade schoolers receive Bibles during Worship

Buildings & Grounds



LED lightbulbs were installed in the parking lot.
John Neville spearheaded this project.



Trees, stumps and roots were removed from the back of the church property to help prepare for the new parking lot.
Thanks to Dave Weber, Ken Pruess and John Neville for tackling this job.



A monitor was installed in the nursery so the Nursery Attendants could watch the worship service.
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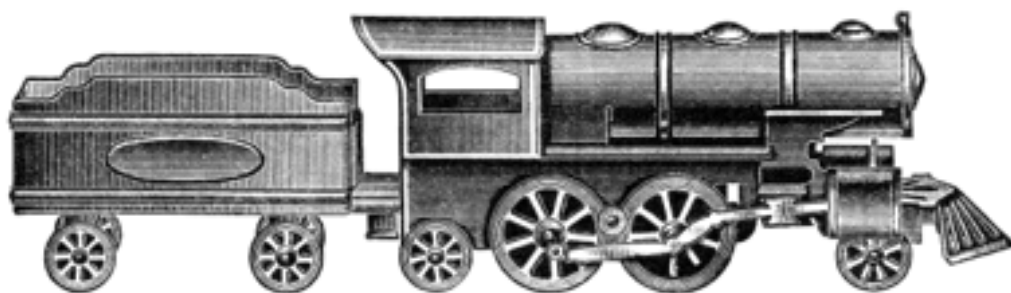
First Presbyterian Church presents the

21st ANNUAL
MODEL
TRAIN SHOW

NOT TO BE MISSED!

APRIL 13 - APRIL 14

From the smallest Z-Gauge to the largest G-Gauge.



April 13

10:00am-4:00pm

April 14

10:00am-2:00pm

- Free Admission
- Fun for all ages
- Food sold by the First Presbyterian Youth