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1st Sunday
February

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee is grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve the congregation in its' search for a transitional pastor. We are proud of our work, and we believe our work is almost done.

We have selected a pastor to serve as our transitional pastor and are currently working on finalizing contracts. The new pastor has also be met with Winnebago Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. Session is planning to act on this proposal on Feb 7. If everything continues this path, the new pastor will be here on February 14. The pastor's first day of preaching will be February 20. We are unable to announce the pastor's name, etc. until a little later in the process.

We are confident that the pastor will serve our congregation well as we begin our transition to a permanent pastor. The search for a permanent pastor is a process that is expected to take a 12 to 18 months.

Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee

Kristina Arellano
Jim Dassow
Don Vahlsing
Jolene Schry
Dave Erickson

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Season of Ordinary Time

Each part of the liturgical year has either a special season or is in 'ordinary time'. A special season is: Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas.

Whenever the Church isn't celebrating one of these, it is Ordinary Time.

Each season begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration. A season designated as Ordinary Time follows each cycle.

The word "ordinary" refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany).

The first period of Ordinary Time, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.

The color of green is appropriate because it is the most ordinary color in our natural environment.

Beautify our Sanctuary



During this Season of Ordinary Time we are looking to beautify our sanctuary with life and color. If you would like to purchase flowers or a plant to use for a Sunday, please sign up by clicking [here](#).

Flowers could be in memory of someone or a celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or general thanks. Flowers or plants **need to be in the sanctuary by 8:30am on Sunday** and may be picked up following worship that same day.

Lent - March 2 - April 14



Lent is the annual Christian period of time that begins on [Ash Wednesday](#) and lasts for 40 days (not Including Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

This 40-day period is a time to reflect, fast, and give penance in preparation for the resurrection of Christ, on Easter Sunday.

This year, the forty days of Lent:
Beginning

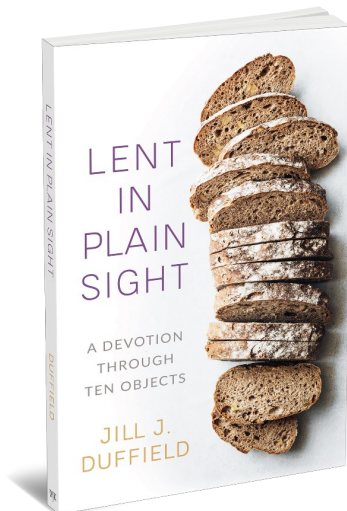
Wednesday, March 2
Ash Wednesday

Ending

Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday

Watch for suggestions on how we can observe this time being the body of Christ in and outside of our church building.

**JOIN US FOR A SEVEN-WEEK
LENTEN STUDY SERIES BASED ON**
Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects
by Jill J. Duffield



Join us on this Lenten journey in one of the following ways:

- **Self-guided:** Read through each daily devotional and answer the related reflection questions during your personal quiet time.
- **Group Discussion:** Join a group to reflect on each week's scriptures and read the devotionals throughout the week.

In-Person Group

Wednesday March 9-April 20 10:30-11:30am

Zoom Group

Wednesday March 9-April 20 7:00-8:00pm

Please click [here](#) to reserve a book and schedule your preferred time.

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and to recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

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Coming Up in Worship

02.06.2022 Rev. Paul Zoschke
In-person

Rev. Dan Schultz
Via ZOOM

02.13.2022 Pastor Mary Balson

02.20.2022

02.27.2022

February Worship



Our Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

9:00am In-Person Worship
First Presbyterian
Church - Fond du Lac

YouTube Worship is available [here](http://firstpreswausau.org/). It is "live" at 10:00am on Sunday morning. The same link provides previously recorded worship services, also.

This is what in-person worship looks like:

- Masks are required.
- Physical distancing is required.
- Nursery care is not available.



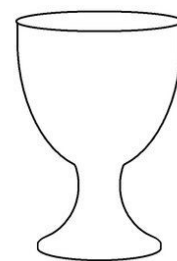
Monday - Wednesday
9:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday
9:00am - Noon

Friday
Closed



LITURGISTS



**COMMUNION
SERVERS**



**USHERS
GREETERS**

If you would like to be a:

- Liturgists
- Communion Server
- Usher/Greeter

Please contact Kris:

musicministryfpc@gmail.com



Virtual livestream worship,
at 10:00am, can be found here:
<http://firstpreswausau.org/>

Inclement Weather

Please check one the following
resources for weather-related
cancellations of Worship Services
or church activities.

Church Website

www.fdlpresbyterian.org

Internet

www.kfiz.com
(KFIZ Radio)

Radio

97.7 WFDL

TV

Channel 5 WFDL



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Fond du Lac MobilePack

Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, 2022
Fond du Lac Fairgrounds Rec Building

So much changed in 2020–21, however Feed My Starving Children's commitment stayed true to feeding God's children - hungry in body and spirit. We are excited to announce **Friday and Saturday, April 1 - 2, 2022** as the dates of the next Fond du Lac MobilePack.

Your efforts and contributions are even more critical in these unprecedented times. At this point, the global pandemic, and

its economic impact, have left 265 million people on the brink of

starvation. (Undernourished children are more susceptible to infectious diseases, like COVID-19.)



Feed My Starving Children resumed MobilePack events in June 2021, with new safety protocols in place. There is a health screen questionnaire, and physical distancing and masking requirement. You will be assigned to a small group and will stay with that same group during the entire process from orientation, to packing to the closing prayer.

Due to these new safety protocols, we have changed our regular packing schedule. The schedule this year will be:

- **Friday, April 1** Set Up and MobilePack
3:30-5:00pm Set Up
6:00-8:00pm Packing Session
- **Saturday, April 2** MobilePack and Clean Up
9:00-11:00am Packing Session
12:30-2:30pm Packing Session
3:00-5:30pm Clean Up

Our goal for 2022 is to pack 101,088 meals! The cost of these meals is \$25,000. Each meal costs about 25 cents so every donation makes a huge impact. A donation of \$88 will feed a child for an entire year. At this point, we have raised \$5,000 towards our goal.

During the month of February, churches throughout our area are participating in the **Have a Heart Campaign to raise the \$25,000 needed for this year's Fond du Lac MobilePack.** Take one of the hearts and a self-addressed envelopes from the tree in the narthex, enclose your donation. You can drop it in the offering plate, in the church office or mail it to FMSC. You can also **donate** electronically at the [Feed My Starving Children FDLMobilePack website](#) or on the [church website](#). Please include our event number **2204-051SC** to your donations to ensure that they will be added to **our** pack on **April 1-2, 2022.**

Volunteering your time, to help pack the meals, is another way you can help MobilePack. **Five hundred fourteen volunteers are needed to pack all the meals!** Volunteer sign-up is open to the public (online) on Tuesday, March 1. In past years, the volunteer slots went quickly so be sure to register early! **You can also reserve your spot by signing up [here](#).** Jennifer will then take care of your online registry.

We hope that you will join us in "being the Church" as we love others in Jesus' name and partner with Feed My Starving Children to turn "Hunger into Hope."

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February 6 - Fond du Lac Symphonic Band



On Sunday, February 6 at 3:00pm, Church of Our Saviour (9th and Main Streets) will host the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band. This is the 32nd Annual Chamber Concert!

There will be a wide variety of music, including classical music from many eras plus American Standards, pops and jazz.

Admission is free, however a free-will offering will be taken.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED.



Day **Wednesday**

Date **February 9**

Time **6:30pm**

In Fellowship Hall

February 10 - 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	February 10
Open	4:30-6:00pm
Donation	\$22.00 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 an application at:
www.rubyspantry.org.

February 13 - Super Bowl of Caring



Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$170 million has been raised for local charities across the country. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the "Big Game" into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

We will collect soup, peanut butter, and paper products, as well as monetary donations on Sunday, February 13 during worship. If you would like to drive by the church and drop off your donations, you can do so from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the front entrance of the church. You'll be able to drive up and put your money in the soup pot and drop off your food/paper products, without ever leaving your vehicle. You can also donate online through the church [website](#).

Over the years, our PYA has collected \$6470 and 1,869 food items for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Last year we donated 391 food items and \$1000. All done on Souper Bowl Sunday, and all led by youth. As always, all money and food items will be donated to the Fond du Lac Food Pantry.

When we all come together to help people, we can make good things happen.

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Information @ Church

February 16- Virtual Bingo



Day Wednesday
Date February 16
Time 6:30pm

Please click [here](#) to register.

A ZOOM link will be emailed to you, **after you register.**

Won't you join us?

February 23 - PYA Virtual Game Time



Join us Wednesday, February 23
on Zoom at 7:00pm for PYA check
in and games.

A Zoom link will be emailed to
PYA. Contact Jennifer if you have
any questions or if you need the
Zoom link.

February 25 - The Warming Shelter



Because of staffing, the Salvation Army is not able to provide their typical Warming Shelter meal, on weekends. Instead, they are requesting nonperishable food such as:

fresh fruit, beef jerky,
granola bars and meals
microwave meals
(no frozen meals)

Please bring your food items to
church by February 23. They will
be delivered to the Salvation Army
on February 24.

April 6 - Loaves and Fishes



Thanks to your generous donations, we served 121 meals at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, January 19. We also distributed hats, gloves, scarves, and socks were greatly appreciated on that very cold evening. Thank you to all who shared the love of Christ by providing clothing, desserts, preparing, serving and clean up after the meal.

Mark your calendars, we will be serving Loaves and Fishes again on Wednesday, April 6 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 needed and appreciated for the meal.



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February 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6 Super Bowl 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church--Sanctuary) 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 10:30a-11:15a Zoom Worship-FPC Fond du Lac 11:15a-12p Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-7:30p Boy Scout Committee Mtg on Zoom	7 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 1p-2p Deacon Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Special Session Meeting	8	9 6:30p-7:30p Women in Faith In-Person	10 6:30p-7:30p Serve Team via Zoom	11	12
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20 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church--Sanctuary) 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 10:30a-11:30a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	21 Presidents Day 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Virtual Session Meeting	22	23 Warming Shelter Food Due 7p-8p PYA Virtual Game Time	24 9a-11a Financial Team Meeting (Parlor)	25	26
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First Presbyterian Focus

Please send submissions for the
Newsletter to:

fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org.



If you need prayer, or know someone who does, please contact the church office at:

fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org.

Prayers* and Praises

Pete R.
Jessica B.
Gary G.
Bonnie H.
Ollive B.
Pat D.
Gib D.
Arnold L.
Ruth S.
Lincoln D.
Jesse F.
Silas W.
Jane D.
Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G.
Joan S.

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.

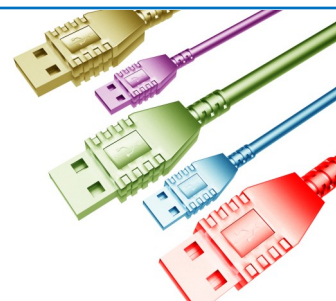
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Website www.fdlpresbyterian.org

Facebook First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac

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Zoom There is more information on our website: www.fdlpresbyterian.org



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