

# Information @ Church

March Deacon of the Month  
Carol Smith

March Elder of the Month  
Mary Bacon

March 1, 2024



# Delicious Homemade Brunch



Many, many thanks to Dave and Dianne Weber  
for their excellent culinary skills.

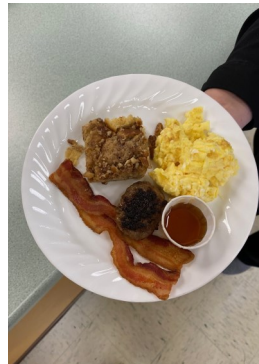
Excellent Servers.



← Lots of helpers. →



A little shenanigans.



The finished product.



One, of many, many, happy customers.



# SNOW TUBING

## TUBING 2024







## Loaves and Fishes

It is heartwarming to see people come together to help others in our community. Thanks to your generous donations, we served 157 meals at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, February 28. Hats, gloves, scarves, socks and blankets were graciously received on that cold evening. Thank you to all who shared the love of Christ by providing clothing, and desserts, preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the meal.

As we prepare for our next event on May 15th, we invite you to join us in making a difference. Whether you can help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Together, we can make a positive impact and bring hope to those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



## **PYA = Presbyterian Youth Association**

Basic info: PYA is for students in the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

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| <b>March 17</b> | <b>1:00-2:00pm</b>    | <b>Volunteer at the Woodlands</b><br>Woodlands Building, 77 Wisconsin American Drive<br>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. Bring the PYA permission slip for the Woodlands, if you have not already returned to Jennifer.   |
| <b>March 24</b> |                       | <b>Fishing Derby Celebration</b> -following Palm Sunday worship. Bring your "fish" offerings and join the celebration for One Great Hour of Sharing.<br><br><b>Bowling at Ledgeview Lanes</b><br>Meet at Ledgeview Lanes at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to Jennifer.  |
| <b>March 30</b> | <b>9:30-11:00am</b>   | <b>Saturday, Easter Preparations</b> -Set up for Breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt   |
| <b>March 31</b> | <b>7:45-8:45am</b>    | <b>Easter Breakfast Mission Fundraiser</b><br>Easter Breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:45am on Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> . Easter Worship is scheduled for 9:00am and an Easter Celebration with activities including an egg hunt is scheduled for 10:15-10:45.<br><br>We need adult and youth volunteers to help with set up, serving and clean up. We can use food donations of egg bake, fruit, or pastry items. |
| <b>April 6</b>  |                       | <b>Feed My Starving Children Fond du Lac MobilePack</b>  |
| <b>April 13</b> | <b>10:00am-4:00pm</b> | <b>Train Show Fundraiser</b> Come and help in the concession stand to help support the <a href="#">PYA</a> Missions. Possible Summer Mission Trip.   |
| <b>April 14</b> | <b>8:30am-2:00pm</b>  | <b>Train Show Fundraiser</b> Come and help in the concession stand to help support a possible Summer Mission Trip or Missions.   |
| <b>April 21</b> | <b>1:00-2:00pm</b>    | <b>Volunteer at the Woodlands</b><br>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.  |



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

# THANK YOU!

**First Presbyterian Church**

raised:

**\$1,302 and 303 food items**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



***February 11, 2024***

**Alison Reese**  
Executive Director  
Tackle Hunger: Home of the  
Souper Bowl of Caring



## March 3 - Worship /Communion/ Third Sunday of Lent



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.

## March 3 - Welsch Hymn Sing



It is time for Peniel Welsh Chapel Association to begin the 2024 summer concert season. Our first event will be to celebrate our Welsh Heritage with a St. David's Day Gymanfa Ganu, or Hymn Sing.

**When** March 3

**Time** 2:30pm

**Where** Trinity Episcopal Church  
203 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh

The singing will be directed by Rev. Joe Corbin, accompanied by Tim Fale. Special music will be provided by Piper Dylan of Life Wind Bagpiping.

For more information call Tom White at 920-266-7739, email [penielchapel1856](mailto:penielchapel1856) or visit [www.wggaw.org](http://www.wggaw.org)

## Easter Candy Donations

Easter is right around the corner, and we need your help!



Wrapped candy and small prizes are needed for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This annual event is always a lot of fun for the children of our church family.

Please put donations in the basket in the office.

Thank you, the Learning Team



Please remember to turn your clocks ahead before you go to bed on March 9.

## March 13 - 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, March 13th from 5:30-7:30 pm.

We will share a light meal and then enjoy some fun fellowship time with a craft activity. Stuffed Shells are on the menu. If you have time, you can bring a dish to pass. Jolene will share a surprise craft idea for us to use our creative gifts!

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. See you there!

## March 14 - 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.

<b>Where</b>	Grace Christian <a href="#">1596 4th St,</a> <a href="#">Fond Du Lac, WI</a>
<b>When</b>	March 14
<b>Open</b>	4:30-6:00pm
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$25.00 Cash Only</b>

If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry please complete the application at: [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org).

## March 15 - Cribbage

Join us for Cribbage on March 15. 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!

## Through March 17 - High School Hygiene Drive



Our church will be having a hygiene drive for the students at Fond du Lac High School. It will run from February 25 through March 17.

Following is a list of items that are currently needed:

- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Feminine Hygiene
- Hair ties
- Leggings/sweatpants
- Reusable water bottles
- Pens and pencils
- Backpacks
- Winter hats
- Individual Snacks

Your support of this mission is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Serving Team.

## Through March 24 - Lenten Lunches



**What** Sunday Lenten Lunches

**When** Through March 24

**Time** 11:15am Fellowship Hall  
(after Growing Connections)

**Please sign up at the  
Welcome Center.**

### Attendance

Please sign up if you plan to join us. (Name and number of people in your group for each week you plan to attend. If you forgot to sign up, you can still join us.)

### Food

You are welcome to bring a main dish, side dish or dessert.  
(You do not need to bring anything to join us.)

If you have any questions, please contact: Nancy Hilbert, Melissa Hierl, Deb Cooley.

We hope you can join us!

## March 25 - Warming Shelter Meal



Our church will be **preparing** a meal for the warming shelter on Thursday, March 28. The warming shelter is located at 73 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Fond du Lac. (It is no longer at the Salvation Army.)

**Holy Family volunteers will serve the food and clean up.** Therefore, we will not be staying to serve the food as we have done in the past.

We are asked to have the food, in **disposable containers**, at the shelter between 5:00 pm and 5:30pm. The shelter has their own serving utensils.

A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting this mission.

The Serving Team

## percapita

Have you paid your per capita yet? Just \$38.00 helps support the work of the church. More information is available [here](#).





The purpose of the nursery is to provide a safe, loving, fun and comfortable environment for both parent(s) and child. To accomplish this, our workers will walk, rock, read, sing, and play with the children to ensure that they are content.

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

If you and your child use the Nursery, at any other time, you are responsible for your child's safety and to make sure that toys are properly put away. Doing this ensures everyone's safety and enjoyment of the room.

## How to Volunteer for the Nursery Ministry

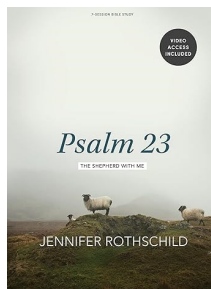
Our church family is growing, and that growth is a wonderful blessing. If you are interested in finding out more information about our nursery, we have two opportunities planned:

- Wednesday March 6 5:30pm
- Sunday March 17 11:30 am

Both sessions will be the same and would be beneficial for parents as well as anyone wishing to become an attendant. Please click [here](#) if you are interested in attending and identify which date you can attend.

Worship Team  
Director of Education

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](mailto:vickrn@hotmail.com) or 920- 296-0240 (text or call).

April 13– April 14  
Model Train Show

First Presbyterian Church  
presents the

## 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW

**Not to be missed!**



**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



The Super Bowl of Caring raised more than \$1300.00 and collected 9 over 300 food items! Way to go!

## Growing Connections for March

### **March 3, 10, 17      Membership Classes**

Pastor Craig is leading Membership Classes. The classes are designed for everyone! If you have been a church member for many years or are visiting or are interested in joining our church, please join us! You will get some history of the faith and new insights on being a presbyterian.

### **March 24      Palm Sunday**

We will have Intergenerational Activities - fun for everyone. Whether you're young or young at heart there are activities for all.

It's also our **Fishing Derby Day!** Be sure to bring your decorated fish, full of coins. We can't wait to see your cool fish!

### **March 31      Easter Sunday**

We will have Easter Breakfast before worship. After our service, we will have Fellowship Time and our 'world famous' Easter Egg Hunt for the children.



### **Help Wanted**

We always hope that funerals are few and far between. When the time arises, and a church reception or celebration of life is requested by the family, volunteers are needed to help with that event.

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 your talents are needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Let's PULL Together for Families in Need.



First Presbyterian members and friends collect pull tabs (or pop-tabs) and put them in the house-shaped container located outside the church office.

On February 11, 2024, during Growing Connections, Jodi Anderson reminded us that these small, but valuable, pieces of aluminum contribute to the maintenance of Ronald McDonald Houses located near major children's hospitals.

Ronald McDonald Houses provide a home-away-from-home for a parent (or family) for little or no cost, enabling the family to stay close to a hospitalized child who is facing a medical crisis.

The Andersons, other families in our congregation, and many throughout the country have experienced the love and support provided by Ronald McDonald House Charities.

You can learn more about Ronald McDonald Charities here:

[Ronald McDonald House Charities \(rmhc-easternwi.org\)](https://rmhc-easternwi.org),  
[rmhcmadison.org](https://rmhcmadison.org), [Ronald McDonald House Charities Midwest MN](https://rmhcmidwestmn.org),  
[WI, IA – Keeping Families Close \(rmhcmidwestmwi.org\)](https://rmhcmidwestmwi.org)





# HOLY WEEK

## March 24 Palm Sunday

9:00am Worship  
Holy Week Begins

## March 25 Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Worship

## March 26 Good Friday

Ecumenical Service  
Church of Peace  
158 S. Military Rd., FDL

## March 31 Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast

9:00am Worship

10:15 Easter Celebration  
Join us for fellowship and activities including an egg hunt! Join us in the Gathering Room

## 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.

## Loaves and Fishes 2024

4:00-6:00pm

May 15  
September 18  
December 18

## Blood Drive 2024

2:00-6:00pm

April 29  
July 29  
October 29  
December 16



## Please Be Advised:

Scam emails and phishing are an ever-present danger in our society.

Please be cautious when opening an email from a strange email address, or from someone you don't know.

## 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.

We invite you to join us! We're looking for 600 volunteers to pack meals and help us raise \$38,800 for our MobilePack event. Adults and children (5 years and older) will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. To help us meet our \$38,800 fundraising goal, please consider making a special offering. (Or check with us for creative fundraising ideas for groups or organizations). Registration will open on March 5 at [give.fmsc.org/fdl](https://give.fmsc.org/fdl)

Submit donations on our website [here](https://give.fmsc.org/fdl) or at FMSC [give.fmsc.org/fdl](https://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.)*

To learn more, please contact the Serving Team or Jennifer in the church office. Thank you for your heart to serve God's kids around the world.

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

## Many Hands Make Light Work Working on a banner for the sanctuary.







The fund-raising campaign called “Pave the Way” (for our parking lot) is going strong. Check the poster, in the Narthex, to see our progress.

Remember:

- 50% of the cost is being requested from our members.
- 50% being is being covered by funds from Endowment.

Prayerfully consider donating to the campaign. A new parking lot will help our church look as beautiful on the outside as it does on the inside.

You can place your donation 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 your donations.) You can also donate online [here](#).

May God’s blessings be with everyone helping us achieve our smooth ride to and from our church each week.



## HOPE ON THE BLOCK

Hope on the Block is 100% volunteer run and relies on donations from the community. You can still donate to the organization. There is a donation box in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

## 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](http://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

<https://irp.cdn-website.com/e28033c9/files/uploaded/Camp-Scholarship-Application.pdf>. 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.