

# THE BLADE



*April 2022*

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”  
*John 3:16 NRSV*



*Hosanna*



*Remember Me*

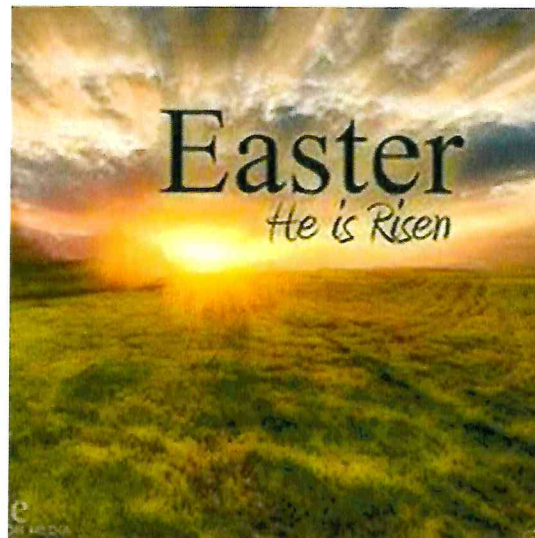


**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

April 10 at 10:30 AM  
in Sanctuary and via Zoom

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP  
SERVICE WITH COMMUNION**

April 14 at 6:30 PM  
in Sanctuary and via Zoom



**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE**

April 17 at 10:30 AM  
in Sanctuary and via Zoom

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*Our vision is to see lives changed through joyful worship, supportive relationships,  
faith formation, heartfelt service empowered by the mercy, grace, and love of Jesus Christ*



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March 2 - April 6



## Lilies and Spring Flowers for Easter

*We are accepting monetary donations for lilies and spring flowers to grace and beautify our sanctuary. If you would prefer to purchase and bring your own, we will gladly display them on Easter. Names of those honored or remembered will be included as always in the Easter PowerPoint. **Please sign-up** (sheet on the office counter) **by Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>**.*



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact **Jan J at 692-5325, Lee P at 692-7757**, or the church office at 692-2416 who will contact the prayer volunteers. *(Your concern will not go beyond the prayer team unless you request it be shared with others)*

## Prayer Families

Prayer is an important part of our life as a community of faith. We encourage you to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer.

- April 3:** Dennis & Vivian L, Pam L, Darwin & Jeanne L
- April 10:** Martin & Sally M, Tom & Jeannie M, Maria M
- April 17:** Mike & Judy M, Rozanne M, Daniel & Carolyn M & family (Hannah, Allison, Emma)
- April 24:** Marlys M, Don & Kay N, Kennedy & Abigail N & family (Liduina, Naomi, Neriah, & Kyria)





## Session Update

March 10, 2022

Session decisions and discussion:

- by consensus (based on recent CDC recommendations) to remove the "masks are encouraged" sign. Anyone who wishes to continue wearing a mask will be supported in that decision.
- planned for the March 20th Town Hall Meeting.
- discussed the current and potential phone system- if you have thoughts, please contact a session member.
- continued interim activities, investigating recent trends in the church in America, and comparing to our own, and continued discussing the book Sailboat Church.

Christian Education announced with regret the cancellation of the PCUSA Triennium for this year.  
Respectfully submitted, Donna Flint Clerk of Session

## Monthly Congregational Report

Our revenue for the month of February shows a large amount which is due to a couple yearly payments presented at this time"

### Monthly Financial Report

2022	Jan	Feb		To Date
<b>Income</b>	10,809.10	20,706.79		31,515.89
<b>Expense</b>	13,991.56	12,687.94		26,679.50
<b>Difference</b>	-3,182.46	8,018.85		4,836.39
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*Celtic Lenten Prayer Service*  
*Wednesday April 6 @ 6:30 PM*  
*in Sanctuary and via Zoom*



**Calling all Cooks!**  
*Palm Sunday Soup Potluck following worship*  
*on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>*



## Worship Committee

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Town Hall Meeting. The worship committee is actively looking at concerns. You will see changes in our worship service over the next few months. Bibles have been placed in the pews. We are discussing the return of greeters/ushers. We are looking at different ways to recognize the joys that are taking place within our congregation. We are going to try and keep worship service to an hour as requested. The worship service has been following the prescribed order for worship as found in our PCUSA book of Common Worship. I want you to know how important your contribution is to our church.

Thank you,

Ella Lane

Chairman of Worship Committee



**Fellowship  
and Outreach**

**CONGREGATION:** The Fellowship Committee has **resumed Coffee and Treats after church**. We are set up in the Annex on the north side of the sanctuary on most Sundays. This coming **Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Easter, April 17<sup>th</sup> will be an exception**. Please plan to extend your worship experience with some fellowship and coffee after the services. If you would like to participate by providing some treats, please contact any member of the Fellowship Committee: Andrew L'Amour, Bonnie Foster, Chad Broksieck, Dan Kemp, Robby Flint, Martin Maca, Roger Jenner, and Susan Young.



**Thank you** to the drivers and deliverers for 60+ Dining: Nelda H, Marge & Harold P, Nancy T, Bonnie & Rick S, Dolores & Richard C, and Michele & Dan K. Our church will be asked to deliver twice more this year. (Can you help?)

\*Thank you for food pantry donations however the need is never ending. Monetary gifts for the food pantry can be donated through our church—please designate it on your check memo. Food Pantry donations of non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Food Pantry at 217 4th St. between 9:30 and 5 MWF.



# News You Can Use

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

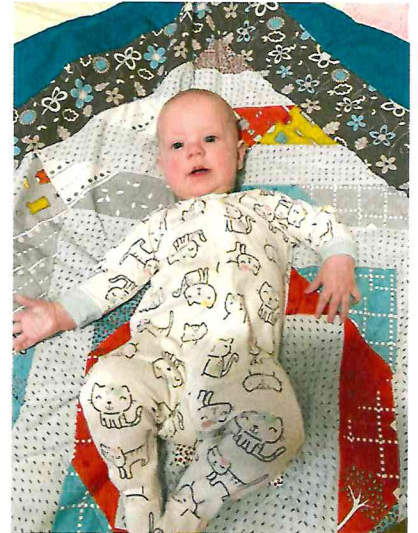
- Tuesday, April 5: **Mission/Finance** via Zoom at 6:30 PM  
Monday, April 18: **Worship** via Zoom at 7:00 PM  
**Wednesday, April 20: Session Meeting in person** at 7:00 PM

## STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- SUNDAY** 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School and 11:45 AM Youth Sunday School
- TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP** 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- PIECES AND PRAYERS** meet Tuesdays at 1:30 PM at the church to quilt. All are welcome!
- THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 9:30 AM in the FPC Center Meeting Room
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on April 21 at 5:30 PM at the church basement
- SISTERHOOD** on April 21 at 11:30 AM at First Lutheran's Mission Coffee House

I just want to say thank you (Lee, Nancy, and Delores) for sending the quilt for Lottie. She is 6 months old and very happy baby. Grace enjoys being a big sister very much.

Jon G



With joy and sadness in our hearts, we say goodbye to Nick and Suh and family. Our prayers continue for you in the next chapter of your lives in Omaha.

Godspeed and Blessings be yours!

**MEN'S BROTHERHOOD**  
April 2022  
Andrew L'Amour



**Men's Brotherhood Notes:** Men's Brotherhood met on March 17. We opened our meeting to anyone in the church who wished to come. We had about 20 who attended that evening. ( A side note: We delivered an extra spaghetti meal to another 15 who were shut-ins and others unable to attend that event! ) Susan Huggins presented the program. She spoke about her translation work in Oaxaca Mexico and working with translating the bible into Mixtec. Quite a challenge and difficult project. It was a very interesting program.

Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." What did Jesus mean by these words?

Some commentaries share that children have a strong faith. The children's faith, trust and believe in their older adult parents' leadership, love and care given by their caretakers. The child sees themselves as identifying with their older parent/caretakers. Thus we should be identifying ourselves to be living as Christ lived – loving God the Father and loving our fellow human beings.

Children often have qualities of trust and a sense of "humble openness" in their dealings with others. Obviously this can change over the years where some of these qualities get jaded and shaded. Jesus exhorted us in this scripture to recapture those qualities found in our young people and qualities we had when we were as children. We need to inculcate these qualities into our lives and present ourselves an example to other new Christians. Children and new Christians should never be considered irrelevant. Everyone needs to be highly considered and treated with respect. Young person or old person, New to the faith or experienced. Regardless of social standing. All are welcomed, to be loved, respected and brought into the fold.

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Please contact the church office if you are willing to help enter the HyVee receipts--join the team! If you have a computer with internet access, we will help you set up your free google account (if needed) and train you on how to enter the HyVee receipts.

*Many hands make light work, so let's work together!*



We are collecting clean empty medication bottles (no labels) as in the example. If you place the bottle in the freezer for about 20 minutes, the label comes off easily. These will be used to help in medication distribution overseas. This is a mission work that is currently being done through the Presbyterian Women of our Presbytery. Thanks for your help!

## **HY VEE**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**

<b>Goal:</b>	\$150,000.00
<b>Receipts:</b>	\$125,864.98
<b>Needed to Date:</b>	\$24,135.02

**Required for \$1,000 donation:**  
\$150,000.00

Remember to bring in your  
Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.



## Revelings for April 2022



This year, as we've been journeying together in prayer through Lent, our question "where are you leading us O God?" as God's people called First Presbyterian Church Brookings, this requires us to sharpen our vision. What is it we're looking for? Who is it we're looking for? Why are we looking for it?

Psalm 26:3,8 and 12 tell us, "For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides. My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord. "

We are reminded of these verses in the of hymn from our Celtic Heritage (Ireland) as Presbyterians, "Be Thou My Vision." There's a beauty to the story about this hymn, as found on <https://songsandhymns.org>. Here it is:

With its heartfelt poetry and moving melody, "Be Thou My Vision" beautifully expresses the desires of the Christian heart. Though its popularity rose only in the past fifty years or so, the hymn actually has a rich history dating back to the eighth century.

Between the years of 400 and 700 AD the Irish people lived out a passionate faith in Christ. Ireland took up the missionary endeavor with excitement, and the country became known for its all-absorbing efforts to share Christianity throughout the world. Irish missionaries were found from Scotland to Switzerland, spreading the Good News wherever they went.

Some scholars believe that the words to the hymn are the product of a man known simply as St. Patrick. Patrick was born in A.D. 373 along the banks of the River Clyde in what is now called Scotland. When he was 16 he was kidnapped by pirates and taken as a slave to Ireland. There he gave his life to Jesus Christ. He eventually escaped, but he never forgot this experience and when he was about 30 he returned to his former captors with only one possession: the Latin Bible. History tells us that St. Patrick was the man most responsible for the Good News of Christ coming to Ireland. As a result of his preaching, over 200 churches were established and 100,000 converts were baptized.

"Be Thou My Vision" undoubtedly comes from this spiritually rich period. Its prominent theme encourages single-hearted focus and devotion to Christ. In the hymn lyrics, the poet expresses his adoration of God through the many titles he gives him: Vision, Wisdom, Word, Great Father, Power, Inheritance, High King of heaven, Treasure, bright heaven's Sun, Ruler of all.

Today, we continue to sing the words of this hymn, echoing the poet's response to God's many titles. "Thou my best thought, Thy presence my light."

As we move into the last days of Lent, awaiting the coming of Easter, the vision of our lives and church must be, the images of Holy Week's profound meaning. Without the Last Supper, Christ's death on the cross and glorious resurrection from the tomb, what would our vision be? We would still be wandering through the darkness of this world. Christ's resurrection brings us into the glorious light of God's glory to be enjoyed eternally. For this we say thanks be to God! New life does spring forth, and we welcome the promises and hope of Easter and Spring. Blessings to you and yours as you celebrate the greatest story ever told! Soli Deo Gloria, Rev. Norlita



## God on the Move—Praying Through Lent

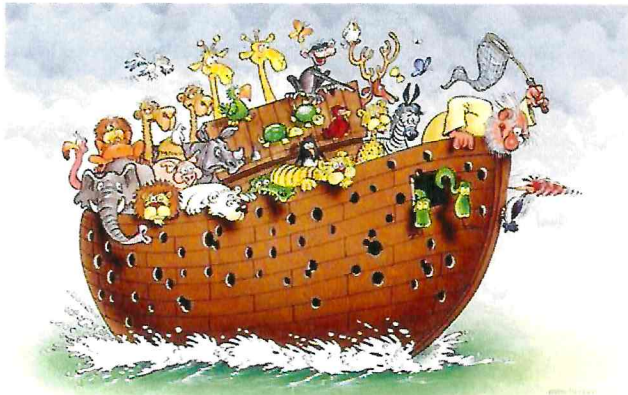
Date	Sermon Title	Focus Scripture
April 3	<b>“God Moves...to Grace”</b> <i>As Mary anointed Jesus with the scent of sacrifice, we are called to pour out ourselves for him..</i>	John 12:1-8
April 10 - Palm Sunday	<b>“God Moves...to the Cross”</b>	Luke 23:1-49
April 17 - Easter	<b>“God Moves...out of the Tomb”</b> <i>Even the grave could not still Jesus. He is alive and active and moving in our lives and our world.</i>	Luke 24:1-12

## Jesus for us



*Galatians 2:20 ESV*

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.*



## CRAZY HAT DAY



Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hat and Holy Humor Day  
Please submit your best clean Christian jokes to the church office by Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be included in our worship service.




**Wear your craziest hat to worship!**





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	5Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 BIRTHDAY: Gayle F
3 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Communion in Sanctuary/Zoom 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Youth Sunday School BIRTHDAY: Don B	4 BIRTHDAY: Roger J	5 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers  Mission/Finance Mtg 6:30 PM via Zoom	6  6:30 Celtic Lenten Service Sanctuary/Zoom BIRTHDAY: Andrew L	7 9:30 Bible Study	8 BIRTHDAY: Jennifer H	9 BIRTHDAY: Ramsie H
10 PALM SUNDAY 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom No Youth Sunday School Soup Potluck following worship	11 BIRTHDAY: Lee P	12 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers	13  BIRTHDAY: Ann S	14 9:30 Bible Study WORSHIP with COMMUNION 6:30 PM in Sanctuary/Zoom  BIRTHDAY: Dee W	15 GOOD FRIDAY ANNIVERSARY: Lynn & Diane R	16 April 17th BIRTHDAY: Pat F ANNIVERSARY: Robert & Rozanne M
17 EASTER 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom 11:45 Youth Sunday School	18 OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY  Worship Mtg 7PM Zoom	19 Blade articles due 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers  ANNIVERSARY: John & Robin E	20 Session Meeting at FPC at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood at church 7:00 PM	21 9:30 Bible Study  11:30 AM Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House	22	23
24 Crazy Hat/Holy Humor 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:45 Youth Sunday School	25	26 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers  BIRTHDAY: Richard S	27	28	29	30 BIRTHDAY: Jeanne L

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Christ  
is  
Risen!

Return Service Requested

**Regular Sunday Schedule**

**September - May**

9:15 am Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:45 am Sunday School

**Pastor's Office Hours**

**At FPC**

**Mon, Tues, Thurs**

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Appointments also available  
as need/desired

**Church Office Hours**

**Monday -Thursday**

9:00 am – 2:30 am

**Pastor's Sabbath**

**Friday and Saturday**

(in emergencies, please call/text  
Pastor's cell #)

Our newsletter is available electronically by email.

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