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From Our Pastor ~ Rick Mortimer

PRAYER. We talk about prayer in the church so frequently.

We ask for prayer requests to be submitted on the tear-off portions of the bulletin. We have several teams of prayer warriors. Many pastors talk about how we wage spiritual battles best when we are on our knees in prayer. Lately, we have been asking you to pray for people the Lord sets on your heart, using the "Thinking of You" cards in the pews, along with the reminder cards to urge you to follow through. Is prayer really that important... or that effective?

Cardiologist Randy Byrd, a former University of California professor conducted a study to determine the effect, if any, that prayer would have on patients in the coronary intensive care unit of San Francisco General Hospital. During the 10 month study, patients were randomly assigned to either a prayer group who prayed for those patients, or into an "unremembered" group. In the study, neither the doctors, nurses, nor the patients themselves were aware that such a study was going on, nor which group the patients had been put into. The patient first names, diagnosis and prognosis were given to prayer groups that were scattered across the country. The prayer groups were charged with praying for their assigned patient(s) daily, for their healing and recovery.

The results, according to Byrd, were "dramatic". None of the prayed-for patients had the need to be placed on respirators, while 12 in the not-prayed for group needed such care. The prayed for group was five times less likely than the un-prayed for group, to develop infections requiring antibiotics, and three times less likely to develop lung conditions leading to heart failure. Fewer of the prayed for patients died than did the un-prayed for group. The study's conclusion?... regular, concerted prayer definitely has a positive effect. Said one skeptical surgeon after reviewing the research, "I don't pray for my patients, but based on this study, maybe I should."

Yes, prayer works... so...

HEADS UP for the EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

We will be having another prayer vigil similar to the one we had for Thanksgiving. This time we will hold it on Maundy Thursday evening. Why this night? This was the night Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and asked His disciples to pray with Him. We will prayer from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the sanctuary. Like last time, we will ask you to sign up in half-hour blocks (Please feel free to sign up for more than one block, as Jesus said to His sleepy disciples, "Can you not pray with me one hour?" :)) And some of you may wonder what will happen at 7:00pm when the Confirmands will be having their first Communion. What better background than to have people praying in the pews while we have Communion in the Chancel area? I am sure we can also arrange it for the people praying at that time to take Communion as well, if they would so desire.

Also like last time, I will have a sheet of directions and suggestions in case you need a little assistance getting through your prayer time.

Pastor Rick

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Scope Deadline

The *deadline* for articles to be included in the May SCOPE is the *25th of April*.



When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine, in His own time and in His own way.



<u>Date</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
March 6	58	38	36C, 32A
March 13	41	40	15C, 28A
March 20	57	53	23C, 33A
March 27	64	49	23C, 29A

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<u>Time/Date</u>	<u>Council Ushers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
8:00 April 3	Debbie Ross	Terry Groth	Ethan Zobrist
	Scott Weber		
April 10	Brian Rippelmeyer	Mary Wandling	Olivia Joseph
	April Beisiegel		
April 17	Stan Niemann	Tami Hughes	Jacob Pruett
	Kim Borja		
April 24	Kim Borja	Lynn Gipson	Ethan Zobrist
	Debbie Ross		
May 1	Scott Weber	Scott Weber	
	Stan Niemann		
10:15 April 3	Chad Lindauer	Noella Frevert	Cameron Harms
	Amy Walton		
April 10	Dale Fiedler	Amy Walton	Aiden Kuhn
	Vicki Helms		
April 17	April Nail	Donna Asbridge	Braden Burton
	Julie Rickert		
April 24	Chad Lindauer	Sharon Klann	Cameron Harms
	Amy Walton		
May 1	Dale Fiedler	Vicki Channer	
	April Beisiegel		

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood pressure checks will be conducted in the Baltz parlor on April 10th and will continue on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Blood Pressure Checks

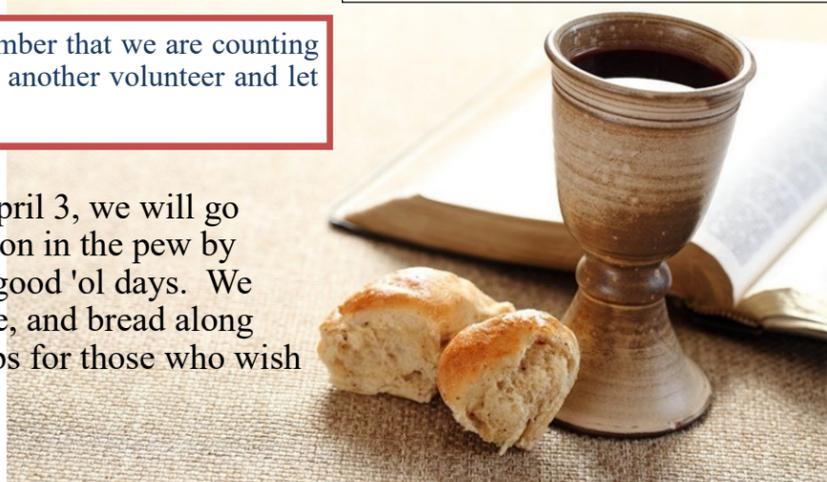
April 10	Jeanie Stumpf
May 8	Pat Groth
June 12	Joyce Muskopf

Ushers For Lenten Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
April 6	Chad Lindauer Amy Walton
April 14 (Maundy Thursday)	Brian Rippelmeyer Scott Weber
April 15 (Good Friday)	Dale Fiedler Vicki Helms

If you are scheduled to serve, please remember that we are counting on you! If you cannot attend, switch with another volunteer and let the office know. Thank you!

Communion: Starting April 3, we will go back to serving Communion in the pew by passing the trays like the good 'ol days. We will have the wine or juice, and bread along with the pre-packaged cups for those who wish to continue to use them.





COME FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Your children are invited to join us on a journey through the last week of Jesus' earthly life from entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through His resurrection on Easter!

Palm Sunday, April 10th
Easter Sunday, April 17th
9:05am

Questions? Contact Sandi at 618.691.8449

SECOND MILE BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

The Benevolence offerings that you mark on your envelopes each month are Second Mile offerings for special mission projects.

Our **February** offering for **DuBois Center** was **\$185.00**.

APRIL PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Our Second Mile Mission for April goes into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The fund helps needy Freeburg residents with gasoline, medicine, rent and various other expenses.

With Deepest Sympathy

Frank Niebruegge

July 15, 1949 ~ February 28, 2022

Brother of David (Gloria) Niebruegge

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure



Avery Lynn Lloyd, daughter of Chelsi and Michael Lloyd, was baptized on Sunday March 20 at St. Paul's UCC. She was born on October 11, 2021.

Avery is the granddaughter of Curt and Jen Hummert and the great-granddaughter of Sharon Klann of St. Paul's UCC.

Food Pantry

The Freeburg Food & Clothing Pantry's "Meal a Month", a "Needs Menu" (donations) will be collected on the second Sunday of each month "Monthly Food Collection Sunday".

Needs for the month of **April** consist of: Cereal, catsup, mustard, pickles, relish, and BBQ sauce

Food Collection Sunday is **April 10th**.

The Food Pantry appreciates your donations and support!!!



Council Corner

The Council had extensive discussions surrounding the church buildings, needed repairs, the need for a parttime maintenance position and related items. The Council decided to reinvigorate the Church Mice and several Council members expressed their desire to volunteer! It was also decided to wait on doing extensive repairs on the parsonage because if we rent it during the pastor search, we would need to pay approximately \$4,500 in real-estate tax. Furthermore, when a new pastor is found they may have style /color preferences, etc. on the items.

It was also determined that there was a need for policies on procurement of services performed by contractors doing work for the church. If certain items are not obtained from the contractor the church has to pay more in our liability insurance when that policy is renewed. It was also indicated that the Council will research the need for policies surrounding Memorial gifts made to the church.

The Council appointed Donna Asbridge, Sarah Harms and Chad Lindauer to the Search Committee to fill the 3 vacancies on the search committee. The Council will also recruit a member for the Personnel and Policy Committee.

The Council approved using half of the "unclassified salaries" in the Congregation's adopted budget for the Parish Nurse position and more details regarding that position will be presented at the April meeting.

In Pastor Rick's report it was indicated that that we can rejoice in a baptism and that the prayer vigil will be on Maundy Thursday evening from 6-10.

Despite our challenges there are so many positive actions occurring at St. Paul's. Congregation members express Christ's love and kindness in so many ways! We do indeed have much to be thankful for!!!

Blessings to everyone!
Dale Fiedler

Easter Prayer Vigil

An Easter Prayer Vigil will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 6pm to 10pm. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Please sign up in half hour blocks and feel free to sign up for more than one block. There will be a sheet of directions and instructions in case you need a little assistance getting through your prayer time.

Women's Guild

The Freeburg Women's Guild met on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in the church basement hall. There were 17 members and 1 guest, Nikki Warnecke. Nikki plays banjo in the group "The Pickin Chicks". Nikki was the only one of the group that could make it on Tuesday. Everyone enjoyed her playing for us.

In Pastors' absence, President Rita said the prayer. The only birthday in March was Pat Groth and she was absent so we just all got in line for our lunch of Chicken Cavatini, salad and rolls. Our desserts were Yummy BlackBerry Buckle Bars made by Sue Fiedler and Rhubarb cake made by Peggy Emery. Our decorations were in honor of St. Patrick's Day, with lots of green.

After lunch our meeting was called to order by President Rita Baker.

Linda Adams did our devotional with a prayer mentioning several people in the hospital or having difficulty. Prayers were said for Billie Louthan, Burt Wikgrin and Randy Neff. After the prayer Linda gave a talk on Proverbs 31. Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read. Our opening balance was \$1,719.27. We had Memorials in honor of Betty Jones of \$560 and Mrs. Hartman of \$25 for a total of \$585. We had a deposit of \$140 for lunches. Our new balance is \$1,654.27 We had no correspondence. Under old business we discussed our usual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Lots of discussion about whether we would be able to have it because of COVID. After much discussion Jean Hartman made a motion to forgo the bake sale for this year; the motion was seconded by Phyllis Ellerbusch, voted on and passed. There was a discussion on donating to our Youth Group Mission Trip. Betty Weber made motion to contribute \$200; that motion was seconded by Gloria Niebruegge. The motion was voted on and approved.

There was a small discussion on the food we have delivered.

Sharon reported on Prayer Shawl that she is helping Peggy Emery with a refresher course to join the group of crocheting and making Prayer Shawls.

Hostesses for April will be Barb Joseph and Debby Ross.

Our Program will be Barbara Kay as Katie Luther (Martin's wife).

Our meeting was closed by all of us getting in circle, holding hands and saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Emery



Birthdays for the Month of April

<p>4/1 Mike Maurer Karen Voelker</p> <p>4/2 Derek Morris Herb Schafale Ron Stuart</p> <p>4/3 Nicholas Borja Camden Cox</p> <p>4/4 Cindy Blumberg Mark Mullen Delilah Tutza</p> <p>4/7 Walter Borja Doug Parrish Jacob Shook</p> <p>4/8 Bill Clossen Sr. Lauri Harsy</p>	<p>4/10 Greg Dickens Sara Kern</p> <p>4/11 Stella Bricker</p> <p>4/12 Brynne Sanders</p> <p>4/14 Roger Muskopf</p> <p>4/15 Barb Borger Jase Brueggemann Liam Heppermann Stan Koerber Asher Stein Carmen Stein</p> <p>4/16 Michelle Feurer Richie Gottschammer Jim Price Andrew Vogel</p> <p>4/17 Marg Rhutasel Maiya Tragesser Diane Weilmuenster</p> <p>4/18 Breanne Beisiegel Matt Fiedler</p> <p>4/19 Chad Lindauer</p>	<p>4/20 Robin Heiken Aiden Parrish</p> <p>4/21 Bill Groh Camden Weber</p> <p>4/22 Donald Barkau Tori Forsythe</p> <p>4/23 Addie Huston</p> <p>4/24 Braden Burton Tyler Coughlin Richard Kehrer Sr.</p> <p>4/25 Virginia Lugge Nancy Hicks</p> <p>4/26 Quinn Brueggemann</p> <p>4/27 Jake Forcade James Knake</p> <p>4/28 Byron Hendrix Travis Loy Haley Mueth</p> <p>4/29 Leon Furtak</p> <p>4/30 Linda Croissant</p>
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The Church Calendar - April 2021

Normal Sunday Schedule
 8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship
 9:05 am Sunday School
 9:05 am 7th Grade Confirmation
 9:05am 8th Grade Confirmation

<p>April 3 - Sunday: Communion Sunday</p> <p>April 4 - Monday: Service & Communion - Cedar Trails 1pm Building & Grounds Comm. 7pm CE Meeting 7pm</p> <p>April 5 - Tuesday: Food Pantry 2-4pm</p> <p>April 6 - Wednesday: Lenten Service 7pm</p> <p>April 7 - Thursday: Painting 9am</p> <p>April 10 - Sunday: PALM SUNDAY CONFIRMATION 10:15am Blood Pressure Checks Food Collection Sunday</p> <p>April 11 - Monday: Pastor Search Comm. Mtg. 7pm</p> <p>April 12 - Tuesday: Women's Guild 12 noon Food Pantry 2:00-4:00pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm</p>	<p>April 14 - Thursday: Prayer Vigil 6pm-10pm</p> <p>April 15 - Friday: Good Friday Service 7pm</p> <p>April 17 - Sunday: EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>April 18 - Monday: OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>April 19 - Tuesday: Freeburg Care Center - Church Service 3:15pm Council Meeting 7:00pm</p> <p>April 21 - Thursday: Painting 9am Food Pantry 5-7pm</p> <p>April 22 - Friday: F&C Clothing Sale 9-11am</p> <p>April 25 - Monday: SCOPE deadline Pastor Search Mtg. 7pm</p> <p>April 26 - Tuesday: Stephen Ministry 6:30pm</p>
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C.S. Lewis Bible Study: Monday 7:15 pm
Bible Study: Tuesday at 9:30 am, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Zoom)
Quilting: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am, Thursday 6:00 pm (Ministry Building)
Boy Scouts: Tuesday 7:00 pm (Basement)
Choir: Wednesday 6:00 pm
The Outlet: Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm (Youth Room)
Faith Journey: Wednesday 7:00 pm (Church)
Reconfirmation/Adult Bible Class: Thursday 7:00 pm (Ministry Building) (resumes April 21)

Buildings and Grounds Committee

We met in the Parsonage so all our members got a first-hand view of the work being done at the Parsonage. Final painting of the Parsonage has been completed. Some plumbing has been repaired. Sanding and varnishing cabinets has been completed.

It has been decided to halt work on the Parsonage — awaiting a decision regarding obtaining a permanent minister who might want to reside in the Parsonage.

Selection of landscaping shrubs for Church property has been completed by the Heberer family. Work will begin as weather permits. Only small areas will be planted at a time to prevent having the entire landscaping uprooted at the same time. We are grateful for this project being financed by the Julie Heberer memorial.

The interior walls of the sanctuary have been corrected.

A reminder that Saturday, April 9th is scheduled for an indoor and outdoor work day at St. Paul's. We will start at 8am. Come when you can and join us for this special day.

Church Mice

Interested in making a difference around the church and enjoying camaraderie? Join our newly reinvigorated Church Mice! The Church Mice were formed by our interim pastor, Ken Watt, in the mid-1990s. This group made a significant difference in many projects around the church. As the years went by several members went to their heavenly home and the group got very small. Members of our current Building and Grounds Committee and a couple of very dedicated individuals have been fulfilling many of the repairs and related tasks for which we are very grateful. The Church Mice will assist this committee and the janitor in performing maintenance and cleanup activities.

Several Council members (men and women) are enthused about volunteering as their time permits! If you are new to the church or an old timer and want to get to know church members better, there is nothing better than periodically working on a task together; so, whether you are a master or just want to lend a helping hand when needed (women and men) come on out and join us! Please call the Church Office to express your interest!

Teeny Tot Pre-School Registration

2022-2023 Teeny Tot registration is open to all at this time for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration forms are available in the Church office. Please contact Colleen at (618) 539-3962 for more information.



Thank you,
Teeny Tot Preschool

Confirmation

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 10 during the 10:15 am service.

Please pray for our Confirmands as they prepare for this special event.

Our Confirmands are Cameron Harms, son of James & Sarah Harms; Olivia Joseph, daughter of Chis & Jamie Joseph and Aiden Kuhn, son of Ryan & Jamie Kuhn.



Offering Envelopes

The Offering Envelopes for the following people still need to be picked up. They are located at the south entry way of the church and are in alphabetical order.

Daniel Beisiegel	Jim & Cindy Knake
Ed & Diane Beisiegel	Sharon Luebbers
Kent & Tonya Beisiegel	Kathy & Frank Marhanka
Sabryn Boike	Brittany Morris
Craig & Carol Brazelton	Ray Mundloch
Colin Brueggemann	Drenda Nemeth
Tara Brueggemann	Craig Niebruegge
Robin & Michael Chandler	Jill Oeltjen
Elinor Egelston	Alex Savage
Ethan Foster	Lee & Rhonda Smith
James & Kristen Green	Jim Tadlock

The
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Nook

April Picks

Fiction: *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings — A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.



Christian Fiction: *A New Song* by Jan Karon — Mitford's longtime Episcopal priest, Father Tim, fills in at a small church on Whitecap Island. He and his wife, Cynthia, soon find that Whitecap has its own unforgettable characters.



Children/Young Adult: *The First Easter* by Penny Frank — This story retells what happened after the priests in Jerusalem had Jesus killed.



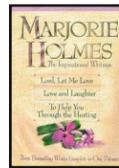
More words of wisdom from *Be-good-to-yourself Therapy* written by Cherry Hartman and illustrated by R. W. Alley.

- * When you need help, ask. Trust people to say no if they don't want to give.
- * When people turn you down, it usually has to do with them and not with you. Ask someone else for what you need.
- * When you feel alone, know there are people who want to be with you. Fantasize what it would be like to be with each of them. Decide if you want to make that happen.
- * When you feel anxious, let yourself know that in your head you've moved into the future to something scary and your body has gotten up the energy for it. Come back to the present.
- * When you want to say something loving to someone, go ahead. Expressing your feelings is not a commitment.

Religion/Spirituality: *The First Easter* by Peter Marshall and *Jesus Loved Them* by Sam Patrick and Omar Garrison — Two stories in one book. "The First Easter" makes the resurrection real. Ever wonder what it must have been like 2,000 years ago? Wonder what kids did and what they wore and what they looked like? This story gives you an idea of one of the greatest miracles that ever happened. God raised Jesus from the dead! That gives hope to each one of us that God will raise us from the dead, too. "Jesus Loved Them" is a living portrait of 67 people who knew Jesus.



Prayer/Devotional: *The Inspirational Writings* by Marjorie Holmes — Marjorie Holmes, America's favorite inspirational writer, relates her spirit-lifting and heart-warming philosophy on the hazards, pains and joys of living in this collection of three volumes of her best works. *Lord, Let Me Love, Love and Laughter*, and *To Help You Through the Hurting*.



Non-Fiction: *ideals Easter* — A heart-warming collection of stories, poems and pictures relating to Spring and Easter.



Books are the plane,
and the train, and the road.
They are the destination,
and the journey.

They are home.

—
Anna Quindlen



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