

# Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

March 2022



## A Lenten Pilgrimage *Sundays, March 6-April 10*

***Based on the “Camino de Santiago”  
The Ways of James Pilgrimage***

The Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James, is a pilgrimage of Medieval Origin to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, in the North West of Spain. Legend has it that the remains of the Apostle Saint James the Great were buried here and discovered by a shepherd in the 9th century.

Lent is a time of reflection, and there's nothing like a pilgrimage to conjure that up. Inspired by passages in the scriptures that talk about the journeys, roads, and pathways of life, we will make our “way” together through this poignant season. The movie “The Way” accompanies us as our modern-day inspiration to live the life we've been given to the fullest. Join us on this pilgrimage that will lead us to Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the death of Jesus and the Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April, 17.

Movie Night-April 2, 6:30 p.m.



### *The Way: A Lenten Pilgrimage*



Ash

March 2  
6:30

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a time in the church where we talk of “repentance,” which literally means to turn around and head in a new direction. Begin your Lenten journey with a short service to help point us to the way of Jesus.



# A Lenten Pilgrimage

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**March 6**

### *The Wandering Way*

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.”

- Luke 4:1-2

**March 13**

### *The High Way*

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price...”

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

- Isaiah 55:1-9

**March 20**

### *The Way Around*

“At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” “...Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!” - Luke 13:31-34

**March 27**

### *The Way Home*

“Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

- Luke 15: 11b-32

**April 3**

### *The Free Way*

“Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” - Phil 3: 13-14

**April 10—Palm Sunday**

### *The Other Way*

“As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” “ - Luke 19: 28-40

## Message from Michael

### You Are There!

There was a television show in the 1950's hosted by Walter Cronkite called "You are There" that was reshowed in schools in the early 60's. The program showed historical reenactments of events in American history. The purpose of the program was to make it seem as if we were watching the events live. Walter Cronkite would introduce each particular show with the words "You are there."

There is a Presbyterian version of **You Are There!**

*When there are tornadoes in the US, you are there.*

*When there are typhoons in the Philippines, you are there.*

*When there is a hurricane in Haiti, you are there.*



Any time there is a national or international disaster or tragedy, 'you are there' through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Time after time, the PDA is one of the first and one of the most effective response teams to disaster sites.

Their work is supported by our annual 'One Great Hour of Sharing Offering' received on Palm Sunday.

During Lent when I was young, my family would have a very simple and inexpensive meal once a week. The money we saved on the meal went to the 'One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.' I encourage you to use the Lenten season as a time to reflect the good life we have, especially compared to the conditions of others throughout the world, and set aside a donation to the offering.

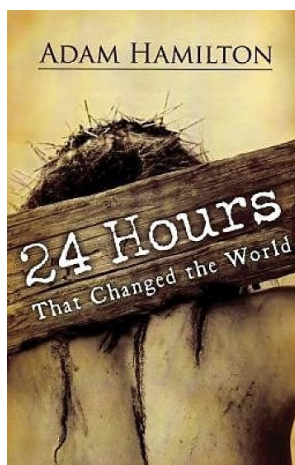
### Lenten Zoom Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. March 9—April 13

## 24 Hours That Changed the World

Randall Presbyterian Church will be joining the Windom Presbyterian Church for this study that looks at the last 24 hours of the Life of Jesus.

Drawing on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible, the series takes us to the Holy Land and provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. We visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and we walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross.



Although the book isn't required to participate in the study, it will bring a deeper meaning to our time together. The book, as well as a daily devotional guide can be ordered online, or picked up at the church. A suggested \$10 donation for each would be appreciated.

## March is Food Shelf Month

During the month of March, all food or cash donations are proportionately matched by corporate giving and grants! There will be a special container for all non-perishable food donations in the entryway.



### Can you Help Serve? Marcher 31, 4:30

Have you experienced the Food Shelf? It is a wonderful opportunity to serve God by serving the community. There are only three or four spots open for Randall's turn to serve, so talk to Terry soon to reserve your spot!

### Perkins Bible Study Thursday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Bring your bible and join us at the Little Falls Perkins for a late breakfast, early lunch, just coffee, or come just for the study and fellowship. The study is lead by Nancy Skoog.

### Presbyterian Per Capita

**The 2022 Per Capita is \$43.00**

\$28.52	for Presbytery
\$ 5.50	for Synod
\$ 8.98	for General Assembly

The church is obligated to pay the \$43.00 for each member of the congregation. The Session is asking every member to make a special donation of \$43.00 to cover the church's commitment.

## March Birthdays

David Dalquist	March 7
Jackie Magee	March 7
Cathy Gannon	March 11
Sonya Ganz	March 26
Linda Fearing	March 30
Ben Wester	March 30

*May God Bless Each of You &  
May You Have a Happy Birthday*

### Zoom Session Meeting Wednesday, March 16 5:30 p.m.

The March Session meeting will be a Zoom meeting at 5:30. This will allow Elders to participate in the Lenten Zoom Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

### Usher & Greeter Needed for Sundays

The Session believes it now time to bring back greeters and ushers on Sunday morning. Instead of the full bulletins, ushers will distribute 1/3 sheet programs which will include prayer concerns and announcements.

### Monthly Potlucks to Resume April 24!

But before we can begin the potluck, the fellowship area and kitchen needs a thorough cleaning. Watch for a cleaning date in early April.



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## RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### MINUTES OF SESSION – January 19, 2022

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**Members present:** Terry Coffin, Jake Farrow, Christi Hartwell, Michael Lashinski and Moderator Reverend Michael Hartwell. **Members excused:** Chris Magee, Marlys Olson. **Members absent:** None.

**Others present:** Warren Johnson.

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 6:28 p.m. in the Narthex of the Randall Presbyterian Church by Moderator Reverend Michael Hartwell, who opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared as is shown by those in attendance. A quick check in was also done to see how everyone was doing and if there were any prayer concern updates.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the November 17, 2021 Session Meeting minutes was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Michael Lashinski. Motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Financial review was moved to New Business for this meeting.

**Reports:**

- **Pastor's Report:** The Academy, Farmington, MN, November 19-21; Pastor Cohort Zoom meeting, Monday, November 22; Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution, Wednesday, November 24; Pastor Cohort Zoom meeting, Monday, November 29; Presbytery's Inventive Ministries Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, November 30; Advent Zoom Study, Wednesday, December 1; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, December 2; Hartwell Open House, Sunday, December 5; Pastor Cohort Zoom meeting, Monday, December 6; Advent Study, Wednesday, December 8; Magee Benefit Meeting, Monday, December 13; Crosslake Session Meeting, Tuesday, December 14; Randall Area Business Group, December 14; Little Falls Area Ministerial Association Meeting, Thursday, December 16; Pastor Cohort Zoom meeting, Monday, December 20; Presbytery Zoom Meeting, December 20; Advent Zoom Study, Wednesday, December 22; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, December 23; Pastor Cohort Zoom meeting, Monday, December 27; Magee Benefit Meeting, December 27; Pastor Cohort Zoom meeting, Monday, January 3; Crosslake/Lakes Area joint Session Meeting; Wednesday, January 5; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, January 6; Officer's Retreat Friday and Saturday, January 7 & 8; Magee Benefit Meeting, Monday, December 10; Little Falls Area Ministerial Association Meeting, Thursday, January 13; Perkins Study, January 13; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, January 17; Continuing Education:
  - Academy Zoom Class, Leadership: The Interpersonal Dynamics, February 26-27.
  - Academy Class, (in person) Worship and Sacraments, March 25-27

Vacation:

January 28 - February 2

- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Worship is held indoors with an average of 35 attending and is being live-streamed. The service is streamed live at 10:00 a.m. along with being recorded for viewing at a later time either on YouTube or the church's webpage and Facebook. Masks continue to be recommended but not required.

Joint church Advent bible study was held online December 1, 8, 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Recorded services: Longest Night service on December 21<sup>st</sup> and Christmas Eve service.

30 were served Communion on December 5, 2021 and January 2, 2022 respectively.

74 members; corrected to accurately reflect the Statistical report ending active members for 2021.

Monthly church mission is the Morrison County Food Shelf and the weekly church mission is Meals on Wheels.

- **Fellowship:** Morrison County Food Shelf on December 30 with four members from church volunteering. Other fellowship events include decorating the church on November 28; volunteers cleaning the sanctuary on December 1<sup>st</sup>; Hartwell's Christmas open house on December 5; movie night on December 11<sup>th</sup>; pizza party for the Sunday School children on December 17<sup>th</sup>; caroling and refreshments at Sharon Ballou's on December 19<sup>th</sup>, and taking the decorations down at the church after worship on January 9, 2022.
- **Christian Education Report:** The Sunday school children did a wonderful job with their Christmas pageant on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Building/Maintenance Report:** Heating system is not working correctly. Ballou's Plumbing and Heating will be called to check and repair the issue.
- **Presbytery:** Elder and Deacon training will be provided via zoom by the Minnesota Valleys Presbytery on January 18, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for those interested in attending. There will be a zoom meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for commissioners and committees of the Presbytery held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The next Presbytery meeting will be held via zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Correspondence:** Received the contract information from EEI. Session discussed whether to renew or terminate the contract. It was decided to renew the contract for 2022 and to monitor the cleaning work being done by

EEI. Received a letter from Randall Fire Department requesting donations for equipment. Discussion on this has been tabled for now.

- **Deacon's Report:** Nothing to report.
  - Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- a. Officer training – The officer retreat was held on January 7th at the Hartwell's, concluding with officer training at the church on January 8, 2022.
- b. Morrison County Food Shelf – January 27, 2022 will be our next night for volunteering. Everyone is invited to volunteer at the Food Shelf. The hours to work are 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor Michael or Terry Coffin if you are interested.
- c. COVID-19 update: new information from the Presbytery regarding the virus and variants was shared with session. At this time, no changes will be made to our policy; we will continue to recommend but not require masks to be worn.

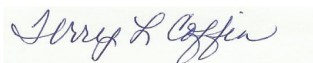
**New Business:**

- a. Session approved Communion to be served on the first Sunday of the month along with Maundy Thursday; motion was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to approve Terry L. Coffin as Clerk of Session was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.
- c. Motion to approve Sue Klooster-Fenske as Treasurer was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.
- d. Motion to approve Marlys Olson as Financial Secretary was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Terry Coffin. Motion carried.
- e. Session approved the donation of \$500.00 to the General Mission Fund. Motion was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Michael Lashinski. Motion carried.
- f. Session reviewed the Presbytery's Pastor Compensation report to be sent to the Presbytery following approval from the congregation at the annual meeting. As noted in the November minutes, the only change is to the funding of the FSA to the maximum for 2022.
- g. Session reviewed the Annual report to be shared with the congregation at the annual meeting on January 23, 2022.
- h. Session reviewed and discussed some changes to the financial reports from the Treasurer. Summary of the year end 2021 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$152,479.93 (Checking: \$1,251.17, Savings: \$151,228.76). Motion to approve the Treasurer reports was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Michael Lashinski. Motion carried.
- i. A few minor changes to the Bylaws have been made and were presented at the officers' training for review. Session has approved the changes to present to the congregation at the annual meeting. Motion to accept the changes was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Michael Lashinski. Motion carried.
- j. Session reviewed the 2022 proposed Annual Budget from the Budget committee. Motion to accept the 2022 Budget as presented was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.
- k. Session discussed the need to replace the Advent Candle holder. Sharon Thilquist has offered to pay for and assist with searching for some options and Terry Coffin will help in the search.
- l. Installation of officers will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 during worship.
- m. Our church pictorial directory needs updating. We will be looking for someone to assist with the work and the photography.
- n. Session approved the 2022 Statistical report for the year 2021. The beginning active membership for 2021 was 68. There were 9 gains, 3 losses. Our ending active membership for 2021 is 74. We also had 2 baptisms in 2021. The report needs to be submitted by the end of January. Motion to approve was made by Christi Hartwell, seconded by Michael Lashinski. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord's Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

**Next Meeting date and time: February 16, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin  
Clerk of Session