

Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

April 2022

Holy Week at Crosswinds

Palm Sunday

April 10, 10:00 am

The Lenten journey continues as we gather to remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.



Maundy Thursday

April 14, 7:00 pm

The word Maundy comes originally from the Latin word "*mandatum*," meaning command, and is the first word of the phrase, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you." These are the words Jesus spoke to the disciples the night before he was crucified. According to Luke, that same night, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On Maundy Thursday we will gather for a Communion service that reminds us of Jesus' last supper, his torment in the Garden of Gethsemane, as well as his betrayal.



Good Friday Online Service

"The Seven Last Words"

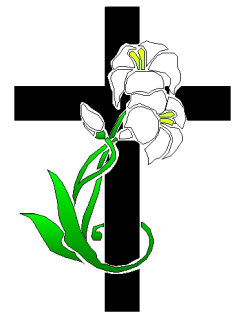
April 15

Michael Hartwell will join other pastors from the Presbytery for a service reflecting on the last words of Jesus as he hung from the cross. The service will be available to view on both the church's and Presbytery's website on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday, April 17

10:00 am

Jesus Christ is Risen!
Come Celebrate
the Resurrection!



Join us for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus our Lord!

Bring your family and friends!

If you can help with refreshments talked Terry or Christi.



The Lenten Pilgrimage Continues

Sundays, March 6-April 10

Based on the “Camino de Santiago”

The Ways of James Pilgrimage

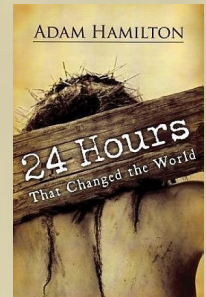
The Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James, is a pilgrimage of Medieval Origin to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, in the North West of Spain. Legend has it that the remains of the Apostle Saint James the Great were buried here and discovered by a shepherd in the 9th century.

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.
Bring a snack to share!



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.

Sunday Worship, 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

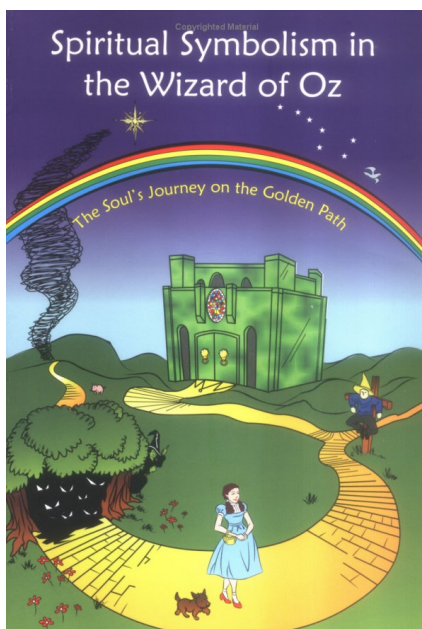
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

One of the traps of the internet is that you can find yourself wasting time on silly searches. I fell into that trap one evening, getting hung up on the movie, “The Wizard of OZ.” More specifically, I was viewing pages discussing the Wizard of OZ as a spiritual allegory. You (as well as L. Frank Baum) would be surprised at the numerous and sometimes bizarre interpretations. However, some were interesting. One such interpretation was of the yellow brick road:

“The yellow brick road is the path of enlightenment. It is long and often winds through treacherous places exposing us to complicated obstacles issued from the shadow self or adversary which seeks to complicate or end our journey.”

Enlightenment is a loaded word. Yet, if you think of Dorothy’s trip as a pilgrimage, the above is an adequate description of a spiritual journey. A spiritual journey will present complicated obstacles and require self-reflection and examination. If we are fortunate, like Dorothy, we have companions to support us on our way.

As you are aware, our Lenten Theme as been “The Way,” and on Saturday, April 2, we are viewing of the movie, “The Way” at the church. The movie is about one man’s pilgrimage through Spain on the Camino de



(I didn't read this book, but I like the title and the artwork!)

Santiago, also known as the Way to St James. His journey faces both physical and spiritual obstacles, and he is forced into some deep self-examination. He faces times of solitude, but also times when companions provide camaraderie and support. By the time they reach the cathedral, a transformation has taken place in the main character.

That is the primary point of a spiritual pilgrimage: to transform our inner selves to be more receptive to the very Spirit and will of God — whether it is a 500-mile hike in Spain or a six-week Lenten experience. As we approach Easter, our desire should be to make, at the very least, the little changes necessary to move us away from the ways of world and toward the ways of God.

I have encouraged you to think of this season of Lent as a spiritual pilgrimage. I hope you are taking time to reflect on your life, your personal relationships, and your relationship with God.

One of the components of a pilgrimage is being away from your normal surroundings. Think about taking some time to get away for at least a few hours. Leave the phone and iPad behind, and get outdoors. Take a walk, a drive, or just sit in a park. Empty your mind of the business and noise of everyday life, and enjoy a little solitude and the beauty of God’s nature.

Pray, and be with God.

Michael

(There will be an alternative movie for the children in the basement.)

Church Cleanup

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.
(Or When You Can Get There!)

It has been over two years since we have had a meal in the basement, and some deep cleaning is needed! Come join us as we prepare the basement for fellowship activities.

Monthly Potlucks to Resume April 24!

Randall Presbyterian Church is happy to announce that we will be bringing back one of our most missed activities from before the pandemic: our monthly potluck meals. We hope you're excited (and hungry!).

A Connectional Church April 27!

Presbyterians throughout the Presbytery will be connected virtually during the service on April 27. Don't miss this unique service.

Can you Help Serve? March 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!

Usher & Greeter Needed for Sundays

The Session believes it's 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.

April Birthdays

Landan Lashinski	5-Apr
Aleighia Vetsch	5-Apr
Easton Farrow	11-Apr
Marlys Olson	11-Apr
Geri McLennan	14-Apr
Brynlee Selinski	15-Apr
Claire Yorek	15-Apr
Christine Yorek	15-Apr
Kylee Magee	16-Apr
Lynelle Vetsch	20-Apr
Joelle Vetsch	22-Apr
Jim McLennan	29-Apr

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

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great

Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this special offering help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

A portion of these contributions supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, who are currently helping the people in Ukraine.



RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – March 16, 2022

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

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 5:40 p.m. via Zoom 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 February 16, 2022 Session Meeting minutes was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Summary of the February 2022 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$149,053.84 (Checking: \$2,365.32, Savings: \$146,688.52). Motion to receive the Treasurer reports as discussed was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Chris Magee. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:** Perkin's Bible Study, Thursday, February 17; Benefit Setup, Friday, February 18; Benefit, Saturday, February 19; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, February 21; Presbytery Inventive Ministries Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, February 22; Academy Leadership Class, February 26, 9:00 – 5:00; Academy Leadership Class, Sunday, February 27, 1:00 – 5:00; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, February 28; Lenten Study planning Zoom meeting, February 28; Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, March 2; Committee on Leadership Zoom Meeting, Thursday, March 3; Perkin's Bible Study, March 3; The Academy Zoom Board Meeting, March 3; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, March 7; Little Falls Area Ministerial Association Meeting, Thursday, March 10; Perkin's Bible Study, March 10; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, March 14

Vacation:

March 15-16 (Pastor will be back for Session meeting and Advent Study) and March 22.

Sick day:

February 24, Skin cancer surgery

Rev. Hartwell, assisted by ruling elder Terry Coffin, officiated home communion with Jackie Magee and Irene Pietz on Friday, March 11.

- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Worship is indoors with an average of 32 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 at this time are optional.

Ash Wednesday service on March 2 had 14 in attendance.

28 were served Communion on March 6, 2022.

Lenten Bible Study held via Zoom started on March 9 and will continue until April 13.

72 members; transfer of Jerry and Sylvia Wiczek to First United Church.

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

March missions: Morrison County Food Shelf food drive; One Great Hour of Sharing.

- **Fellowship:** Morrison County Food Shelf on February 25th with four members from church volunteering.

- **Christian Education Report:** Vacation Bible Study discussion to start – discussion will be to decide whether to continue with the Habitat program or doing something different. A check in with past teachers will be done to see if they wish to assist this year.
- **Building/Maintenance Report:** Heating system repairs have been made. Jake Farrow will replace the lights in the upstairs bathroom. Faucets need to be replaced in one of the kitchen sinks and bathroom.
- **Presbytery:** The next Presbytery meeting will be in-person on April 5th at Hope Presbyterian Church in Spicer. The meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- **Correspondence:** Nothing received.
- **Deacon's Report:** Deacon Collen Waldoch shared her gifts and talents by making the beautiful wall banners for our church. Thank you, Colleen!
 - Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Chris Magee, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Morrison County Food Shelf – March 31, 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. We need volunteers!!
- b. Installation of officers has been postponed at this time due to various circumstances.

New Business:

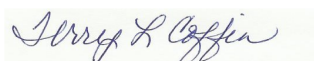
- a. For information only:
 - Maundy Thursday service on April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Easter Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served after worship. Please contact Terry Coffin if you wish to assist with refreshments.
 - Triennium was cancelled and our check has been returned.
- b. Kitchen clean-up day is Saturday, April 9 – (9:00 a.m. or later). Come when you can and join the fun! Volunteers are needed to clean up the kitchen and fellowship area before our return to having potlucks starting on April 24.
- c. Reminder that Movie Night will be April 2 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. – the movie to be shown is “The Way”. A children’s movie will be shown downstairs.
- d. The microphone headset that Pastor is using has a bad wire and keeps cutting out. Session discussed replacing the microphone and to apply for a technology grant to assist with the purchase of the microphone and other items.
- e. A change is being made to allow the session approved minutes to be put into the Lamplighter on a timelier basis. The Clerk will send the typed session minutes to session for their review via email within a week of the session meeting. This will allow the approved minutes to be included in the Lamplighter at the beginning of the next month.
- f. On Sunday, April 24th, churches are invited to share worship with other congregations in our Presbytery by watching a recorded video sermon during their normal worship service. This is a way to connect through worship with other congregations and to bring some relief to pastors after the Lenten season. The recorded video will be shown during our worship service on the 24th. Potluck to follow after worship.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Marlys Olson. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord’s Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: April 20, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session

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Members excused: Chris Magee. **Members absent:** None. **Others present:** None.

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 6:27 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 January 19, 2022 Session Meeting minutes and the January 23, 2022 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Marlys Olson. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Summary of the January 2022 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$153,961.94 (Checking: \$3,449.87, Savings: \$150,512.07) and of the amended January 2022 Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report. Motion to approve the amended Treasurer reports was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, January 24; Benefit Planning Committee, Randall, January 24; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, January 27; Food Shelf, January 27; Commission on Leadership Zoom Meeting, Saturday, January 29; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, January 31; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, February 3; Presbytery Zoom Meeting, Saturday, February 5; Presbytery Inventive Ministries Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, February 8; Randall Area Business Group, February 8; Little Falls Area Ministerial Association, Little Falls; Thursday, February 10; Perkins Bible Study, February 10; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, February 14; The Academy Board Zoom Meeting; Tuesday, February 15

Continuing Education:

- Academy Zoom Class, Leadership: The Interpersonal Dynamics, February 26-27. (Pastor will be present for worship on Sunday, February 27)
- Academy Class, Worship and Sacraments, March 25-27 (Pulpit supply on Sunday, March 27)

Vacation:

March 15-16 (Pastor will be available for Session/Advent Study) and March 22.

- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** Transfer Sylvia and Jerry Wiczek to First United Church in Little Falls, MN effective January 28, 2022 per their request. Sylvia passed away January 29, 2022. Service was held at First United Church in Little Falls, MN. Motion to approve the transfer was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Marlys Olson. Motion carried.
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22 were served Communion on February 6, 2022.

74 members; no change.

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- **Fellowship:** Morrison County Food Shelf on January 27th with two members from church volunteering.
- **Christian Education Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Building/Maintenance Report:** We continue to have heating issues. Ballou Plumbing & Heating have been to the church several times because of a pump that has seized up. There are also multiple leaks in the pipes which need repairing. A new pump will be ordered and repairs made as soon as possible.

- **Presbytery:** Terry Coffin and Pastor Michael participated in the Committee and Commissioner meeting on January 29th via zoom. Pastor Michael and Terry Coffin participated in the Presbytery Meeting on February 5th via zoom. The Devotions were led by Pastor Michael Hartwell. Information was presented by Ken Green, BOP consultant. A few business items were also addressed during the meeting. The next Presbytery meeting will be in person on April 5th at Hope Presbyterian Church in Spicer.
- **Correspondence:** Received the catalog for this summer's Synod School. Let Pastor Michael know if you are interested in going.
- **Deacon's Report:** The Deacon's met on January 30, 2022 in the Sanctuary. The Communion list was completed and details of preparing and serving the Lord's Supper were discussed. A suggestion to use packaged wafer and juice to be shared with session. Other items completed were the Special Duty list and prayer lists were assigned to each deacon. Chairperson Sharon Thilquist will update the Communication tree. Ken Ballou has volunteered to be put on the Nominating Committee. Vicky Lashinski, Al Lashinski, Colleen Waldoch and Sharon Thilquist to meet on February 4th to buy more items for the baskets for the Chris Magee Benefit. Five baskets were made with the donation from Thrivent; six baskets were made with the donations from the congregation; \$500.00 was put into the Chris Magee Fund from the donations of Randall Presbyterian Church congregation. Special thanks to Vicky Lashinski for wrapping the baskets and to Colleen, Vicky and Al for shopping for items to be put in the baskets. (Abbreviated report)
 - Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

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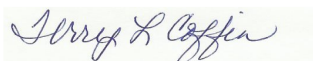
- a. Marlys Olson was appointed by session to be on the 2022 Nominating Committee and serve as Chair.
- b. Lent:
 - Ash Wednesday service, March 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Zoom Lent series with Windom Presbyterian Church
 - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting on March 9 to April 13
 - Zoom session meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on March 16th
 - Worship Series: The Way: A Lenten Pilgrimage
Focused around the "Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage" (The Way of St. James)
 - Movie Night in the Sanctuary: The Way on Saturday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Financial review of 2021 records will be done by Jake Farrow.
- d. Session discussed some information Pastor Michael shared about the advantages and disadvantages of Live Stream worship services. We will continue to live stream with current equipment and possibly make some slight improvements that are not too costly.
- e. With the COVID numbers decreasing, session discussed reinstating the Greeters and having Ushers hand out the bulletins. Offering box will remain in the Narthex.
- f. There have been some issues with the lapel microphone used by Pastor Michael. Session discussed replacing it with a higher performing microphone.
- g. Session suggested a tentative start date of April for potlucks.
- h. Pastor Michael shared a handout of building priorities for discussion. There are some items that the congregation can get involved in immediately and other items that will need to be researched for cost to be done professionally. It was also discussed our church could participate in the Randall city wide yard sales May 4-6th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry Coffin, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord's Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: March 16, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. on zoom.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session