

Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

April 2023

Holy Week at Randall

Palm Sunday

April 2, 10:00 am



During the Season of Lent, we have followed Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday, we remember his triumphant entry into Jesus. The church will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion during this service, and will feature the youth in the music.



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 7:00 pm

The word Maundy comes originally from the Latin word “*mandātum*,” 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.

This Maundy Thursday we will mediate on many of the events of Jesus last week from Palm Sunday to the death on the cross. The service will conclude with the Celebration of Holy Communion.

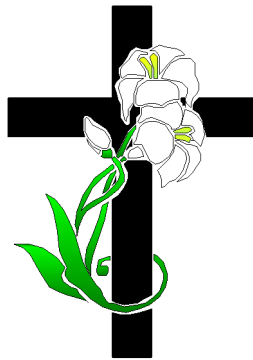
Good Friday Online Service

April 7

Michael Hartwell will join the pastors from Windom, St. Cloud, Foley and Baxter/Crosslake churches for an online Good Friday Service. The service will be available to view on Friday morning.



Celebration of the Resurrection



Easter Sunday, April 9
10:00 am

Jesus Christ is Risen!
Come Celebrate
the Resurrection!

Join us for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus our Lord!
The Presbyterones are prepared to lead the music
and will be accompanied by Thomas Hartwell on the piano.

Help Decorate the Sanctuary!
Bring Flowers to the church ether Friday or Sunday Morning.

One Great Hour of
Sharing
Bring your Fish
Bank
To Church



Randall Presbyterian Church will be
collecting donations through Palm
Sunday, April 2.

Don't forget to bring the Fish Banks to
church!

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.

Food Shelf
April 27, 4:30 p.m.

Randall Presbyterian Church will be
serving at the Food Shelf on April 17.
Three or four volunteers are needed. The
work is easy, enjoyable, and provides a
valuable service for the people of Morrison
County.

Even though March is over, any financial
donations to the food shelf before April 9
will be matched!



Message from Michael.

.Come!

Did you know that the word “Come” appears 1,582 times in the New Revised Standard version of the Bible? Often it is term of beckoning. Someone, either God or God’s messenger, is calling someone to a journey of faith.

To the crowds Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30] To the man with a withered hand, Jesus said, “Come here” and Jesus healed him.

When Jesus was walking on the water, he looked at Peter, beckoning him to have faith enough to get out of the boat. Jesus simply said, “Come.”

We have heard Jesus’ call to come; we have been comforted, we have been healed, and we have joined the journey and chosen to follow Christ.

Now it is our turn to say, “Come.” Remember, the woman at the well? (If you don’t, take 30 seconds and read John 4:7–30) She went to the well lonely and feeling unworthy, but she met Jesus. She left saying, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

There are people in this world who need to hear us say, “Come, and meet God.”

Here are some interesting statistics from the article, “**Why You Should Invite Someone to Church This Easer.**”

- 67% of Americans say a personal invitation from a family member would be very or somewhat effective in getting them to visit a church.
- 63% of Americans say a personal invitation from a friend or neighbor would be very or somewhat effective in getting them to visit a church.
- According to Thom Rainer (In his book "The Unchurched Next Door") 7 out of 10 unchurched have never been invited to church.
- According to a poll by LifeWay research the three highest attended church services happen on Easter, Christmas, and Mother's Day. ***Easter being the highest.***

There is no better time to invite someone to church than Easter!

Michael

The Third Annual “Helping Hospice” rummage sale May 3rd & 4th (8 a.m-7:00 pm)

Donations will be accepted starting April 10th through April 28th. .

Items are not priced. Donation containers are available for shoppers to use. Checks over \$25.00 accepted and should be made payable to CHI Health at Home/Hospice. All donations received are given to Hospice. Items left are distributed to three local non profits to help more families.

9447 Highway 115. Please contact Sharon at 320-749-2771 to set up a drop off time or to volunteer with this project.



From the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys

Let's Start A Craft Ministry!

Let's Begin with a Greeting Card Ministry. Send paper hugs by tapping into your creative spirit and spend time in fellowship!

Instructor: Mary Koch (Cambria Presbyterian Church, Cambria MN) will share about her card ministry. Make and take four greeting cards. All of the materials will be provided. No experience needed.

When: **Saturday, April 22, 2023**

Time: **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Capacity: **20 people**

Cost: **\$25.00**, includes all materials needed, a morning treat and lunch. Pay at the door: Cash or checks payable to Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys.

Where: **First Presbyterian Church**
235 E 4th St
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

To register: RSVP to Deb Hess by email or call at gmc1953dlh@aol.com or 507.829.6411. Deadline to sign up is **April 16, 2023**. Come and share the day and get to know some of your fellow Minnesota Valleys Presbyterians and friends!

April Birthdays

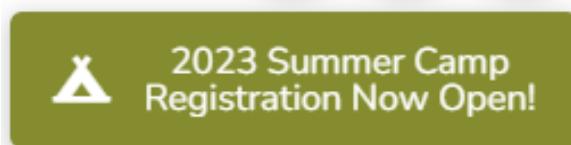
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Aleghia Vetsch	5-Apr
Easton Farrow	11-Apr
Marlys Olson	11-Apr
Geri McLennan	14-Apr
Brynlee Selinski	15-Apr
Claire Yorek	15-Apr
Kylee Magee	16-Apr
Russell Brott	17 April
Lynelle Vetsch	20-Apr
Joelle Vetsch	22-Apr
Jim McLennan	29-Apr

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

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SUMMER CAMP

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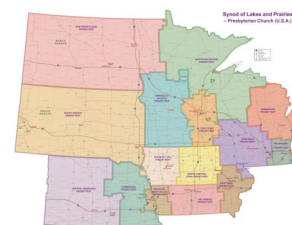


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69th Annual Synod School, July 23-27. Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA.

Join Presbyterian from through the region for a week of study, worship, and fun! There are classes and programs for all ages from basket weaving to Old Testament History. Each day includes time for worship, praise, devotions and great music! See the catalogue at the church or at the Synod website.



RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – March 15, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 5:31 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: The February 15, 2023 Session Meeting minutes were previously sent out by email to session for their review. Session approved the minutes as written; the minutes will be included in the February/March Lamplighter newsletter.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report:

Summary of the February 2023 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$135,624.50 (Checking: \$13,450.14, Savings: \$122,174.36). Motion was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Christi Hartwell to approve the Treasurer reports as reported. Motion carried.

	<u>February 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$7,988.22	\$18,848.25
Expense:	\$5,158.45	\$13,882.51
Net Income:	\$2,829.77	\$ 4,965.74

Reports:

- **Pastor’s Report:** Perkin’s Bible Study, Thursday, February 16; Deliver KFC Chicken to Food Shelf, February 16; Presbytery, Redwood Falls, Saturday, February 18; Pastor’s Group Zoom, Monday, February 20; COL CO-Chair Zoom meeting, February 20; Chapel Services, Little Falls, Thursday, February 23; Pastor’s Group Zoom, Monday, February 27; COL CO-Chair Zoom meeting, February 27; Lenten Zoom Study, Wednesday, March 1; Commission on Leadership, Wilmar, Thursday, March 2; Pastor’s Group Zoom, Monday, March 6; COL Co-Chair Zoom meeting; Lenten Zoom Study, Wednesday, March 8; Little Falls Area Ministerial Association, Thursday, March 9; Presbyter Zoom Leadership Team Meeting, March 9; Pastor’s Group Zoom, Monday, March 13; COL Co-Chairs Zoom meeting;
Continuing Education:
The Academy Mission Interpretation, April 14-15, (Will be in worship April 16)
Synod School, July 23-30. I will lead worship on the 23, but not on the 30th.
- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Currently the average weekly attendance is 39. 62 were served Communion on March 5, 2023
70 members; no change.
Missions: Weekly – Meals on Wheels; Monthly – Morrison County Food Shelf
March/April: One Great Hour of Sharing
- **Fellowship:** Morrison County Food Shelf; the last Thursday of the month has three members from church volunteering. College students will be volunteering in January, February, and March, so volunteers from Randall are not needed.
- **Christian Education Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Building/Maintenance Report:** Nothing to report.

- **Presbytery:** Next Presbytery meeting will be on April 18, 2023 via Zoom from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Correspondence:** Nothing to report.
- **Deacon's Report:** Nothing to report.

Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Chris Magee. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Morrison County Food Shelf volunteers – (April 27th is next date) Everyone is invited to volunteer at the Food Shelf. The new working hours are 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please let Pastor Michael, Terry Coffin or Geri McLennan know if you are interested. We need volunteers please!!!
- b. New member orientation – details on meeting date to be determined.
- c. Tech Grant – equipment needs to be determined.
- d. Financial review to be completed for 2021 and 2022. Pastor Michael, Jake Farrow and Sue Fenske will complete the review.

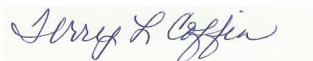
New Business:

- a. Session review of the 2022 Statistical report submitted on February 2, 2023. Motion to accept the report as submitted was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.
- b. Maundy Thursday service with communion will be on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. This will be an in-person service only.
Easter service will be April 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- c. There will be a recorded Good Friday service with Presbyterian churches in St. Cloud, Foley, Windom and Baxter/Crosslake.
- d. Pastor Hartwell will be having an Audio Video training for the youth and anyone else interested in running the live-stream equipment Sunday mornings.
- e. On April 16th, there will be a Presbytery wide recorded sermon with Scott Thompson from First Presbyterian Church in Willmar providing the sermon.
- f. There is discussion to have a possible joint July 2nd service with Baxter/Crosslake and Randall Presbyterian Church. The service will be at Lakes Area Presbyterian Church in Baxter.
- g. Synod School will be July 23 to July 30 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. The 2023 Synod School catalog is available. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Hartwell.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Terry Coffin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord's Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: April 19, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session