



# The Bell

February, 2019

Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

## One Last Message

Each year since I arrived, the session/deacons at their annual planning retreat discerned two or three goals that they set for themselves and the congregation to achieve. At the last leadership retreat we discerned “God’s Vision for Our Present and Future”. It has been placed in various places in the building, has been published in the Bell, and was the topic of September’s Sermon Series.

It is interesting that we created this vision the very year that the Church is at a crossroads brought on by a need to look at how the dollars given can best be used. The Vision statement came to the leadership team at this important time and will help you as you plan for the future.

I believe the most important element of your vision is that it was discerned by the combined leadership of First Presbyterian. The process that we as Presbyterians hold dear is that each voice is heard as all are needed to discern the word of God to us as a congregation and to carry that out in our life together. Our belief comes from Scripture.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-27** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body...

It has been a joy to work each year on the goals chosen and have been pleased with our successes. When you review the goals we set over the last years, you see that we have been living out our vision for the present. The challenge will be to live God’s vision for you with the new situation.

In Christ

Pastor Karel

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 3

The supplementary meeting of the congregation will be held immediately following the service on Sunday, February 3.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the 2018 annual report and the proposed 2019 budget, review and vote on the minutes of the December 10 congregational meeting and celebrate the service performed by Elders and Deacons whose terms have expired.

The minutes of the December 16 meeting are available in the church office for review as are copies of the 2018 Annual Report.

## ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY AND SPECIAL SERVICE

The annual Ash Wednesday fish fry sponsored by the Presbyterian Men will be served on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00 with the last dinners being served at 5:45.

As traditionally the menu this year will feature fried fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 12 and children under five will eat free.

Reservation sheets and sign-up sheets to help set up, cook, serve and clean up will be available in the Narthex soon.

**Be sure to reserve your dinner early because this is always a very popular event that sells out early. In recent years we ran short of fish and don't want to disappoint anyone so reservations are advised to be sure you are seated and served.**

The traditional Ash Wednesday service featuring communion and the imposition of ashes will follow at 6:15 allowing a quiet time following dinner.

As in the past, this service will be held in conjunction with Trinity United Methodist Church and will include Methodist Pastor, Terri Koca, who will preach. The choir from the Methodist church will join our own Celebration Singers under the direction of Methodist choir director, Bill Bocian.

## DEACONS ELECT SLATE FOR 2019

The board of Deacons has selected their officers for the coming year.

Margi Kohl will serve as president. Taking over from Margi as Secretary is new Deacon, Chuck Norseng, while Corine Boos continues as treasurer.

Congratulations to these new officers.

## **NEW HOSPITALITY AND SHEPHERDS LISTS ISSUED**

Please note the new 2019 Hospitality and Shepherds lists are included in this issue of the Bell. These reflect the changes in Deacons and Elders for the coming year.

These new schedules will be available in the 2019 church directory but om the meantime, you can refer to it on line, in this issue of the Bell and on the bulletin board in the hall.

February 3 will be the last day Pastor Karel will speak at FPC.

## **PASTOR KAREL LEAVES FPC ON FEBRUARY 3**

February 3 will be Pastor Karel's last Sunday in our pulpit. That service will be marked with special music by Pastor Karel himself and the Celebration Singers as well as come-forward communion.

To mark his leaving and embarking on a new path, the Deacons have planned a party in his honor immediately following the Sunday service and congregational meeting.

If you have been touched by his years of service with us, you might consider a warm handshake, a hug, a card or letter perhaps with a monetary gift to express your appreciation.

## **A WORD ABOUT SUPPLY PASTORS**

By Lynda Butek

I have to admit I have always thought of supply pastors the same way I thought of substitute teachers. You remember the substitutes you had. They weren't very inspiring to say the least. You knew they were there because they had to be there, not necessarily because they wanted to be.

And I thought of supply pastors in the same way. But I think what I thought was all wrong – at least when it comes to the two supply pastors we have coming to our church in February and March.

I have never heard Rich Estem-Fuller preach but I know some of you have. I have met him and talked with him about our situation. **HE IS SO EXCITED ABOUT PREACHING FOR US!** He was literally bubbling when he talked about his plans for the coming Sundays. I don't know why he is so enthusiastic but he is and that's all that counts.

Then there's Mark Schwinn. I have never heard him preach either but he has been in our church for Sunday service and some of you may have met him. He is young (compared to most of us). He is enthusiastic. He is full of life and wonder. He will bring to our church an excitement that we haven't had for a long time – maybe ever.

I'm really looking forward to hearing and interacting with our supply pastors and hope you will be too. Come and check them out. You may be pleasantly surprised!

## **FEBRUARY 2019 MINISTRY PROJECT**

### **“ L A T H E R   W I T H   L O V E ”**

*We're collecting laundry  
detergent, dishwashing soap,  
shampoo and hand soap for  
local food pantries*

This is a joint mission project of a group of local churches and community non-profits known as the **CHIPPEWA FALLS MISSION COALITION**. Our goal is to work together on Social Ministry Projects for the community, as well as help each other with our individual Social Ministry Projects.

For the month of **FEBRUARY** the Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition is collecting laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, shampoo, and hand soap for the various local food pantries. This was an urgent need identified by those food pantries.

Please share your blessings by helping others in need. Please place ***“Lather with Love”*** items in designated area.

## **Thank You!**

Editor's Note: In the words of one of the ladies who have found Lather with Love to be a real blessing: *“What a wonderful help this is for me occasionally. It is such a blessing as it seems when one has money challenges, God's children always help each other, ‘Love Thy Neighbor.’ What a perfect example of God's wishes being done. All the volunteers are so kind and helpful and definitely non-judgmental. God Bless You Always!”* – Kathy

## First Presbyterian Church 2019 Hospitality-Usher Teams & Schedule

Updated 1-16-2019 tw

<b>Team 1</b> <u>Margi Kohl</u>	<b>Team 2</b> <u>Lynda Butek</u> <u>Mary Jo Reemtsma</u>	<b>Team 3</b> <u>Corine Boos</u>	<b>Team 4</b> <u>Jon Beighley</u> <u>Anne Welke</u>	<b>Team 5</b> <u>Larry Annett</u> <u>Kevin Litten</u>	<b>Team 6</b> <u>Chuck Norseng</u> <u>Barb Meredith</u>	<b>Team 7</b> <u>Mitch Mandelert</u> <u>Kathi Mandelert</u>	<b>Team 8</b> <u>Erik Anderson</u> <u>Beth Cripe</u>
Mary Flater Darin Flater Beth Flater Vance Kohl Gary Reich Jackie Reich June Kemp Dick Kemp Jinx Smith Hager Family M. Krichman	Bob Bodeau Lois Bodeau Jeff Buckli Deb Buckli Winston Baker Jesse Torres Kathy Torres	Gary Shorrel Barb Shorrel Rich Rosenow Ruth Rosenow Johnson Family	Sara Abendroth George Abendroth Holly Gintz Jeannette Miller Beighley Family Simonson Family Bob Denman	Patricia McGuire Jan Giedd Jerry Giedd Terry Wiedenhoef Christina Wiedenhoef	Pat Address Bonine Gullickson Lea Dirks Doug Gullickson Ellen Teske Todd Teske Don Babbitt Mavis Babbitt Chris Norseng	Jim Mandelert Dan Duffenbach Esther Frazier Sara Reemtsma Ryan Reemtsma Gwenn Bauman Tom Lacina	Traci Anderson Jan Koepke Rich Koepke Pat Popple Marlys Daniels

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### Deacon & Presbyterian Men Sponsored \*Potlucks & Fish Frys

**17-Apr**  
Ash Wed Fish Fry

**2-Jun**  
Summer Time Change

**8-Sep**  
Rally Day  
(Worship time change)

**Oct**  
World Food Day

**1-Dec**  
"Tis the Season"  
(Deacons)

**Welcome Center Contact Person: Margi K.**  
**Scrip Task Group: Corine B., Margi K., Kathi M., Barb S.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
2019 Shepherd List**

Contact: Margi Kohl (margikohl@hotmail.com) Phone: 715-720-8926

<b>Team 1</b> Margi Kohl	<b>Team 2</b> Mary Jo Reemstma	<b>Team 3</b> Barbara Meredith	<b>Team 4</b> Chuck Norseng	<b>Team 5</b> Corine Boos	<b>Team 6</b> Beth Cripe	<b>Team 7</b> Kathi Mandelert	<b>Team 8</b> Anne Welke
Erik Anderson	Larry Annett	Judy Brist	Sara Abendroth	Kathy Borofka	Lynda Butek	Dan Duffenbach	Carol Ament
Traci Anderson	Linda Franzel-Annett	Betty Coleman	George Abendroth	Mark Borofka	Lea Dirks	Karolynne Duffenbach	John Ament
Vance Kohl	Bob Bodeau	Keith Coleman	Bob Denman	Holly Gintz	Doug Gullickson	Esther Frazier	Rick Koepke
Gary Reich	Lois Bodeau	Robert Hoover	Bill McDougall	Gerald Giedd	Gutknecht Family	Johnson Family	Jan Hilton-Koepke
Jackie Reich	Jeff Buckli	Jo Knoble	Deb McDougall	Janice Giedd	Kevin Litten	Jim Mandelert	Pat Pople
Jinx Smith	Deb Buckli	Hess Morrison	Chuck Norseng	Dick Kemp	Patricia McGuire	Reemtsma Family	Marlys Daniels
Mary Flater	Gwen Bauman	Al Namejunas	Chris Norseng	June Kemp	Gary Shorrel	Paul Parsons	Sherry Friedel
Darin Flater	Tom Lacina	Margi Namejunas	Shari OConnell	Allan Peterson	Barb Shorrel	Bernice Anderson	Tiffany Wogahn
Beth Flater	John Jensen	Marge Nichols	Jon OConnell	Ruth Rosenow	Ellen Teske	Jeannette Miller	
M. Krichman	Mitch Mandelert	Linda Norquest	Radke-Twyman Family	Rich Rosenow	Todd Teske		
Beighley Family	Winston Baker		Pat Andress	Kathy Torres	Mavis Babbitt		
Hager Family			Ray Andress	Jesse Torres	Don Babbitt		
			Simonson Family	Wiedenhoeft Family			
				Mary Clary Santineau			
				Louise White			
<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	If you have a prayer request, please call Margi Kohl at: 715-720-8926(h) or 523-0493(c).						

# February Schedules

## February 3 – Sunday

**Hospitality Team** – Team 8  
Led by Erik Anderson and Beth Cripe

**Communion will be Served**

**Welcome Desk** – June and Dick Kemp

**Flower Provider** – Open

## February 6 – Wednesday

**Soup or Spuds by Team 1** – Corine Boos,  
Margi Kohl and Lynda Butek

## February 10 – Sunday

**Hospitality Team** – Team 1  
Led by Margi Kohl

**Welcome Desk** – Marlys Daniels

**Flower Provider** - Open

## February 13 – Wednesday

**Erik's Surprise by Team 2** – Erik Anderson,  
Kathi Mandelert and Rick Koepke

## February 17 – Sunday

**Hospitality Team** – Team 2  
Led by Mary Jo Reemtsma and Lynda Butek

**Welcome Desk** – Holly Gintz

**Flower Provider** – Beth Cripe in memory of  
Gordy's February 20 birthday and grandson  
Zach Peterson's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday

## February 20 – Wednesday

**Chef's Choice by Team 3** – Kevin Litten  
and Marlys Daniels

## February 24 – Sunday

**Hospitality Team** – Team 3  
Led by Corine Boos

**Welcome Desk** – Bonnie Gullickson

**Flower Provider** – Beth Cripe in memory of  
Alvina Drumm on the first anniversary of her  
death

## February 27 – Wednesday

**Sokup's Hotdogs by Team 4** – Anne Welke  
and Kathi Mandelert