



The Bell

April 2008

FIRST
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CHURCH

The Bell
A monthly newsletter

Care, Share, and Prayer

*Come-meet in the chancel of the sanctuary.
We care for one another by listening.
We share our needs and wants for ourselves and others.
Our prayers are made together.*

*Scripture is read. Soft music plays.
A candle burns. Silence is appreciated.
The sacrament of communion is often celebrated.
God's presence is usually felt.
There might be two or ten or more of us.*

*You are welcome and encouraged to come.
Please bring a friend. Churchy or not, all are made to feel
needed and included.*

*Care, Share and Prayer is on the second and fourth Tuesdays
of every month at 7:00 pm
Come in the narthex door. You will hear the music.
You may notice the aroma of incense.*

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Points of Interest

April 13 is Youth
Sunday; Deacons
Potluck

April 23—412 Worship
and Fish Fry dinner

April 29—Good News
Jail Ministry Spring
Banquet

Memorials and Gifts

(Through March 18)

Deacons Fund

Chuck & Chris Norseng

Food Pantry

Tom & Jo Knoble

Endowment Fund

Dick & Julie Stafford

Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh

Designated Gift

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson

Erik & Traci Anderson

Barry & Susan Boyer

Flowers

Hess Morrison

Paul & Jan Kosower

Vance & Margi Kohl

Dave & Patricia Gutknecht

Barry & Susan Boyer

Andy & Patti Robarge

Fred & Barb Cook

Jon Behling & Sandi Frohling

Evelyn Jensen

Bob & Barb Meredith

Mark & Marci Myrman

Linda Schreiber

Tom & Jo Knoble

Dave & Ann Gordon

Roger & Patty Stiles

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson

Per Capita

Bob & Verene Crane

Karen Elstran

Shaun & Angela Christensen

Al & Margi Namejunas

Steve & Leslie Samse

Memorials

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson

Gary & Barb Shorrel

Vance & Margi Kohl

Bob & Verene Crane

Bob & Ginny Koepsel

Al & Margi Namejunas

Bob & Barb Meredith

Tom & Joane Knoble

Hess Morrison

Barry & Susan Boyer

Amy Horak

Herman & Janice Smith

Roger & Patty Stiles

Ruth Jean Crane

Bob & Lea Dirks

Althea Kearney

Mark & Marci Myrman

OGHS Offering

Jim & Debra Bieging

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson

Dick & June Kemp

Tom & Jo Knoble

Jayson & Barb Smith

Pat Hedrington

Roger & Patty Stiles

Allen & Lois Van Cleve

Youth Fund

Barb Wilcox

Paul & Wynne Cook

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson

Tom & Jo Knoble

Presbyterian Men....

Thank You to all the men and women who made the Fri. Fish Fry during the Tom Bandy weekend a success. It was really wonderful the way everyone pitched in to help.

I am hoping to make some changes to the men's meetings. Instead of boring everyone for an hour talking about this and that, here at church, we would meet at someone's home in a more informal small group type setting. The planning for activities and events would take place during the small group time. Anyone would be welcome to come and plan or to meet with us about missions. Our main focus and reason for forming a men's group was to give to mission work inside and outside of our church.

Upcoming Events include; Good News Jail and Prison Ministry Spring Banquet April 29 6:30 pm at the Avalon in CF. We are sponsoring a table and anyone interested in going please contact Pat 577-0016 or church office. This years speaker is Brian Brookheart and the food and desert are usually quite delicious.

Opening Day Fishing contest . Get your boats and poles ready because this year we are also fishing for new recruits for Jesus plan.

" I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

Patrick J. Linden

Pastor's Perspective

Getting Going!

Beginning now and continuing for several months, I will be encouraging and coaching for adult spiritual growth. Right now I am working through appointments with session and staff members; introducing or reinforcing adult spiritual formation. In fact, this will become a principle focus of my work. Each worshiper and member will be challenged during this time, too.

In church transformation, there are two engines that power change. One is individual spiritual growth; the other is building a foundation of trust through developing a clear identity. In our new language here, that is building the DNA of our church: the core values, bedrock beliefs, the vision and the mission. They both have to be started up. My job will be to start and train for spiritual growth. Your job will be to get clear about who we are; what is our mission; what are the values and beliefs that we share; and build an identity that will be encouraging and inviting to others.

We will go deeper with Jesus (spiritual growth) so that we can join Jesus in mission (identity, vision, sense of purpose).

We will begin to work on our foundation of trust, our DNA, on Saturday, April 5. St. Joseph's Hospital has made a large room available to us. And they will provide morning and afternoon snacks for us, without charge. Lunch will be in the cafeteria or you may bring your own. We are going to meet there from 8:30 to 4:00.

Here's what we are going to do:

- Pray, search the Bible, share our concerns for our church and then, pray some more
- Learn some skills for personal spiritual growth
- Learn how we will go about discovering

and clarifying our values and beliefs; and actually begin the all-important work while we are there. Much of this will take place as we gather in table-sized groups. We will end with "top ten" lists of each.

- Learn how a vision comes about; how we will get to a mission
- Talk about what we will be doing in the months ahead to define and refine what We develop on Saturday

Some have asked if they can come for a part of the time on Saturday. The answer is "Yes." While you will miss a sense of having a strong hand in what is being built, your presence and indication of interest will be important to all who are there. And, you will get a sense of how important what we are doing is. We will be in small groups part of the time and you can connect even more deeply by sitting in on one of them.

This will be one of the most important large-group gatherings we have this year. On Saturday, we will be building energy and hope for our process of transformation – moving from a declining church to a thriving church. The good news is that many of us want that to happen.

- Barry

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | 1 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer) | 2 6:30 am-Optimist Bkfst 4:00 pm-Combined yG & Confirmation | 3 12:00 pm-Men's Lunch 5:30 pm-Clinic Board | 4 9:00 am-All Staff Mtg | 5 8:30-4:00-Leadership Day @ St. Joseph's 9:00-12:00- The Open Door Clinic Spring Cleaning |
| 6 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 10:30 am-Fellowship | 7 3:00 pm-Drawing Grp 6:15 pm-Praise Team 7:30 pm-CVCC Practice | 8 10:00 am-Support Staff 11:00 am-Finance Team 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00-Care, Share, Prayer | 9 6:30 am-Optimist Bkfst 9:00 am-Painting Group 4:00 pm-Combined yG & Confirmation 6:30-Celebration Singers | 10 | 11 9:00 am-All Staff Mtg 8:00 pm-Youth Lock-In | 12 Youth Highway Cleanup to 10:00 am |
| 13 Youth Sunday 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 11:00 am-Deacons Potluck/Youth Auction | 14 3:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:15 pm-Praise Team 7:30 pm-CVCC Practice | 15 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer) 7:00 pm-Session | 16 6:30 am-Optimist Bkfst 9:00 am-Painting Group 4:00 pm-Combined yG & Confirmation 5:30-Youth Family Meal 6:30-Celebration Singers | 17 9:15 am-PW/Bible Study 7:00 pm-Presbyterian Men | 18 9:00 am-All Staff Mtg | 19 |
| 20 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 10:30 am-Fellowship | 21 3:00 pm-Drawing Grp 6:15 pm-Praise Team | 22 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00-Care, Share, Prayer | 23 6:30 am-Optimist Bkfst 9:00 am-Painting Group 4:00 pm-Combined yG & Confirmation & 412 Service Prep 5:00-All Family Supper 6:00 -412 Worship 6:30-Celebration Singers | 24 | 25 9:00 am-All Staff Mtg 5:00 pm-Recital | 26 |
| 27 Confirmation 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 10:30 am-Fellowship Ukrainian Easter Celebration | 28 3:00 pm-Drawing Grp 6:15 pm-Praise Team | 29 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer) 6:30 GoodNewsJail&Prison Ministry Spring Banquet @ Avalon | 30 6:30 am-Optimist Bkfst 9:00 am-Painting Group 4:00 pm-Combined yG 6:30-Celebration Singers | | | April 2008 (Page 4) |

April Schedules

April 2

Snacks @ 4:00—Heintz Family

April 6

Ushers—

Steve & Leslie Samse, Karey Sinette

Communion Servers—

Jan Hilton-Koepke, Sue Maitland, Joe Mandelert, Ruth Rosenow, Barb Shorrel, Barb Smith

Fellowship Hosts—

Bob & Barb Meredith, Verene Crane

Nursery—

Patti & Hannah Robarge

Flower Providers—

Valley Art Assn. Painting Group in gratitude for using our facility.

April 9

Snacks @ 4:00—Tzanakis Family

April 13

Ushers—

Gary & Jackie Reich

Communion Servers—

Erik Anderson, Sonia Anderson, Tim Anderson, Gail Buchanan

Fellowship Hosts—

Deacon's Potluck

Nursery—

Janinne Kauffman, Lauren Koepke

Flower Providers—

Julie Stafford for Dick Stafford

April 16

Snacks @ 4:00—Facklam Family

April 20

Ushers—

Paul & Bev Ippel

Communion Servers—

Bob Denman, Dave Gordon, Jan Hilton-Koepke, Sue Maitland, Joe Mandelert

Fellowship Hosts—

Bill & Deb McDougall & Katie Page

Nursery—

Barbara Paterick & Erika Cooley

Flower Providers—

Roger & Patty Stiles in memory of Michael & Ara Stiles

April 23

Snacks @ 4:00—Linden Family

Cooking Team—Chuck Nichols and Presbyterian Men Fish Fry

April 27

Ushers—

Dale & Mavis Babbitt, Ray & Pat Andress

Communion Servers—

Ruth Rosenow, Barb Shorrel, Barb Smith, Erik Anderson, Sonia Anderson

Fellowship Hosts—

Patti, Andy, Megan & Hannah Robarge

Nursery—

Chris Norseng, Jamie Ostrom

Flowers Providers—

Joyce Pugh in celebration of the marriage of Andrea Pugh and Steve Brovold on May 3.

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Holly Gintz, treasurer
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Jeannette Miller, worship team leader
Kathi Mandelert, Bell editor
Sara Abendroth, child care coordinator
Marlys Daniels, Presbyterian Women
Pat Linden, Presbyterian Men
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Barb Smith, music librarian
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Church Board

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Barry Boyer

Board of Deacons

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| <i>Patty Stiles</i> | |

Brief Notes

Notes from around the church.....

Finance Team...

The Finance Team is looking ahead to 2009. The Session approved a plan to shift mortgage payments into the Operating Mission Fund (OMF) starting in 2009.

- Based on the planned giving to the 2008 Mortgage Retirement Fund (MRF) the mortgage balance at the end of 2008 should be \$485,300.
- We expect our monthly payments in 2009 to be \$3,500 per month or \$42,000 for the entire year.
- The \$42,000 annual mortgage cost will be an increase to the 2009 budget that is supported by the Operating Mission Fund.
- Based on 2008 estimate of giving to the MRF it will take 22% of the current Mortgage Retirement giving to cover the increase to the 2009 OMF.

The Mortgage Retirement Fund has in the past paid both the mortgage and reduced the principal. The MRF will continue to accept gifts that will be used to reduce the mortgage principal while the OMF will make the monthly mortgage payments.

Staff News....

Our custodian, Joe Gunn, has resigned. We have hired Jeff Teubert, who began March 31. Joe has driven from New Auburn each day – gas prices are rising and he is a single parent taking care of two wonderful little girls. Working in Chippewa Falls has become more of a burden than a joy. We are sorry to see him go. He has done much good work for us.

Jeff lives on the west hill, within walking distance of the church. He has a lot of skills related to building and property care. He is pleased to be in a welcoming and Christian community.

And on another note, Paul Kosower will be taking vacation from April 1-8. He and Jan will travel to Arizona to visit his brother's family.

FYI: Your church staff is meeting each Friday morning for an hour of devotions, planning, reporting and personal sharing.

Library News...

Dear Readers - No new books to tell you about this month. I haven't read anything from our library since I read the Tom Bandy books. However, Esther Frazier told me about a series she is reading and really enjoying and I leaned on her to review them. She was kind enough to do so -- and she writes a mighty fine review.

Trilogy of Stonewycke by Michael Phillips and Judith Pella.

Book 1 - The Heather Hills of Stonewycke. Stonewycke was the ancestral home of Atlanta Ramsey Duncan. She lived there with her husband, James Duncan, daughter Margaret "Maggie" and James' illegitimate son. James was determined that Maggie would marry the son of his friend, Falkirk, in order to finance his projects. The son was killed and Ian was accused. Ian and Maggie left Stonewycke and were married, planning to leave Scotland and go to America. Because of the charges against him, Ian sent Maggie ahead to New York. He was later arrested and thrown in prison.

Book 2 - Flight from Stonewycke. Maggie arrived in New York and stayed with Drew and Ellie Mackinaw. Maggie received a letter from her mother telling her erroneously of Ian's death. She decided to join the wagon train west and along the trail gave birth to a daughter, Eleanor. Dermott, a lawyer, had contact with Ian and was trying to clear his name.

Book 3 - The Lady of Stonewycke. Maggie and Ian were reunited and regained their birthright to Stonewycke.

Thanks, Esther. She reports this is an easy book to read because the chapters are short and make good places to stop for a while. These books are on the FIC shelves.

Happy spring - Margi Kohl - Your Librarian