

May

- 1 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
10:30 am – Our Home K Care Service
3:45 pm – Youth Groups
6:00 pm – Madams & Sirs Potluck & Program
- 2 (Thurs.) 9:30 am - GUILD
3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

5 (Sun) 9:30 am –Worship

Holy

Communion

WOMEN'S SUNDAY

7:30 pm – Confirmation

- 6 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women's Bible Study*
2:00 pm – Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir
- 7 (Tues.) NO – Grief Support Group
- 8 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
12:00 pm – Session Bylaws Mtg. (Finance, M&S, Worship)
3:45 pm – Youth Groups
- 9 (Thurs.) 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

12 (Sun.) 9:30 am – Full Worship Service

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Confirmation

- 13 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women's Bible Study*
2:00 pm – Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir
- 15 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
3:45 pm – Youth Groups
5:30 pm – Session Meeting
- 16 (Thurs.) 9:30 am - Guild
3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

19 (Sun.) 9:30 am – Full Worship Service

Chit Chat Articles Due

10:30 am – Missions Committee Meeting
after church – Session Bylaws Mtg. (CE, B&G, Admin)

7:30 pm – Confirmation

- 20 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women's Bible Study*
2:00 pm – Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir
- 22 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Gr. [LAST ONE]
- 23 (Thurs.) 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

26 (Sun) Two Worship Services

8:00 am – Mini Service

9:30 am – Full Worship Service

- 27 (Mon.) *Memorial Day observed*
NO – Women's Bible Study*
NO – Adult Bible Study
NO – Hand Bell Choir
- 30 (Thurs.) 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

* - meets at Koller Library

** - meets at Little Bohemia

May 2013 Duties

Ushers

- May 5 Women's Sunday (Carol Bohlin, Bobbie Behnke, Rose King, Sarah Becklund – Greeters: Eula Bender and Nancy Bilder)
- May 12 Jeff & Kay Krans
- May 19 Jeff & Kay Krans
- May 28 Bobbie Behnke and Eilene Dybvad

Liturgist:

- May 5 Audrey Winchell
- May 12, 19, 26 Sharon Bridges

Lay Leader:

- May 5 Joan Galloway
- May 12 Jim Bokern
- May 19 Nan Bloch
- May 28 Nan Bloch

Communion Person: Sarah Becklund

Counters

- May 5 Vince Hoehn and Carol Bohlin
- May 12 Dick Smith and Mid Sharpe
- May 19 Dick Smith and Mid Sharpe
- May 28 Mid Sharpe and Ruth Ludwig

God is love;

He who dwells in love
is dwelling in God and
God in him.

Session Members 2013

Clerk – Carol Bohlin, Sharon Bridges, Tom Erickson, Sarah Becklund, Helyn Woolf, Ron King, Mid Sharpe, David Foster, Dave Lukas, Deane Galloway, DuWayne Schumacher, Mark Schuelke

DEACONS

Cathy Breitholtz, Mark Suckow, Dale Ekdahl, Ruth Stober, Hope Dougherty, Carmen Farwell

Feel free to contact a Session or Deacon member with any concerns.

Session meets the third Wednesday of the month.

Take time to give thanks for the beauty of today.

Missions

There are new kids on the block for the Missions Committee. We know we have very big shoes to fill (figuratively speaking) following Ruth Stober and Ramona Kubica. We have quickly learned they have an incredible committee and are organized to the hilt. The challenges for this committee are great in deciding where donations should go but in the past the job has been accomplished with quiet and dedicated service. We should all give a big **THANK YOU** for the work they have done.

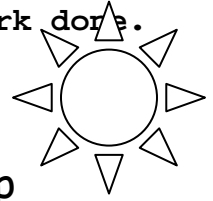
The loose change offering for January through March went to Heifer International and it amounted to **\$307.90**. With that money they were able to purchase 1 llama, 3 bee hives, and 3 flocks of chicks to help needy families. The April through June loose change offering will go to DOVE. The Missions committee sends a sincere thank you to all who contributed to these needy causes.

Also, a reminder that our grocery carts in the Fellowship Hall are always in need of food for the Mercer Food Shelf. Bringing a can or two of food to church every Sunday would certainly help fill up our cart quickly.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Becklund and Carol Bohlin,
Mission Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Mid Sharpe, Treasurer

God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done.



Spring Cleanup

HELP!! The building and grounds committee is looking for some volunteers to help get the outside of the church back into shape after our long winter. We'll be doing some raking, lawn maintenance and just general cleanup. If you have a couple of hours in your busy schedule on Tuesday morning May 14 at 9:00, we'd be glad to see you! Rain date is Wednesday morning May 15 at 9:00. Please bring your own rake and/or blower. If you have any questions, please call Mark Schuelke at 715-686-7223 or Ron King at 715-583-9979.

From your Treasurer

First Quarter (Jan-March) Income and Expenses

Income:	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$44,791	\$43,711
Expenses:	\$46,494	\$47,825
Difference:	(\$1,702)	(\$4,114)

Sincere Sympathy
to the Family and Friends of

Elaine Springhette

(Elaine passed away in March)

Elaine and her husband Arno were active members of our
church when they were residents in the area

and to
Tim Merker
on the passing of his wife

Donna Merker

(Donna passed away April 14, 2013)

Donna was a beloved member of our
Church Family

We also send
Sincere Heartfelt Sympathy
to
Jean,
Friends and Family of

Ken Eales

(Ken passed away on April 9, 2013)

Ken will always be remembered as a pillar of our Church and our
Community. I'm sure each of us has great thoughts and memories of
Ken.

parent or friend?
Holding it gently, until the end
With a gentle squeeze, they would
say so much
Words not expressed but given in
touch
This hand that held a pen or a
hammer before
This hand that stirred cake mix
That will do so no more
This hand that gripped controls
of the aircraft he flew
These hands of good parents that
once lifted you
These hands in a lifetime did so
many things
Wore symbols of love with their
wedding rings
These hands that you held, until
the end
These peaceful memories of
your parent or friend.

---Warren Johnson March 25, 2013

Fleazaar Memories

Last month we lost a part of the heart and soul of
our Fleazaar family; our long time leader:

Ken Eales

His many years of total dedication to the success of
our Fleazaar will never be matched. He was my
mentor, my friend and confidant. His counseling
and guidance were invaluable. His many years of
experience in the day to day running of this event
made my transition seem flawless. He guided me
through all my anxieties and frustrations and made
the everyday operations seem so much easier.

Each and every year that this tradition continues we
will continue to honor his legacy. Thank you Ken,
we salute you for your service and you will be
sorely missed! God Bless!

Jack Majewski

Have you ever held the hand of a

Madams & Sirs

Wednesday, May 1, 2013
(May Day)

6:00 pm Potluck

Program to follow:

We will be hosting our missionary partners in Portugal, Bob & Keiko Butterfield, to speak. The Butterfields are missionaries to three small rural parishes in central Portugal. This area has a poor economy and many do not have work. Dr. Butterfield received his Ph. D in Biblical studies and his Masters of Divinity at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He is an ordained minister of the Church of Christ and entered the Presbyterian Mission service in 2004. Keiko grew up just east of Tokyo and served 16 years with the Japanese Consulate in Chicago.

To further your knowledge about Bob and Keiko you can read about them on their web site www.pcusa.org/bob-and-keiko-butterfield.

Everyone is invited for this great opportunity to hear this couple. *The Lac du Flambeau*

Presbyterian Church has also been invited to join us for this presentation.

Just bring your place setting, a dish to pass and join us.

A Look Ahead:

May Fleazaar Moment

When I read the Chit Chat this week, I saw the reminder to get articles to Lois for May. In my mind I said (and maybe out loud also) wait a minute!!! It can't be for May - there is still way too much snow on the ground to plan for May. I have a bad case of cabin fever but spring fever hasn't set in yet.

Personal story about Fleazaar. Our family is having a 'pool' about when the ice will go out this year. Every person is to contribute \$1.00 so when it was put on Face book, a friend commented "What can

you do with \$12.00?" Our granddaughter, Heather, answered back promptly - "You can go to Fleazaar - you can get a lot for \$12 there!" Right on, Heather! Good answer but we now need each of you to do your spring cleaning and begin donating items. But in addition to that, plans and actions are already in place for Fleazaar 2013. The barn is open on Saturdays for collections, our 'boss' is in full Fleazaar mode, thoughts and ideas are coming fast and furiously as to things that need to be done, a new tent and poles have been ordered, Dan and his 'barn crew' are organizing and packing.

One change this year has been to keep track of all items that are donated to people in need. Names and places will not be given but if you are curious about all the items Fleazaar gives away during the year, check with Deane Galloway, president of Madams and Sirs.

Do you take tags off new items? Do you carefully remove tags from wastebaskets, rulers, dish pans and other assorted new purchases? My husband says I never take a tag off of anything but I know that isn't true. I take tags off dishes, glasses, shoes. Now here is our problem.

The ladies in the linen tent spend hours in the spring sorting and marking sheets, blankets, pillow cases, and comforters. One day last year after spending 2 hours trying to figure out sheet sizes, Margo Perkins said "Have you ever noticed that the only tag left ON a sheet or comforter is the one that says 'do not remove under penalty of law.'" The size of the sheet is torn off. We decided that the new tag should read 'do not remove sheet size if item is to be donated to Fleazaar.'

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Becklund, Sec.

Spread the word:

**The Barn is now open on
Saturdays for collections.**

Westminster Guild

April has been a busy month preparing and serving at funerals. We have two memorial services coming up for husbands of Guild members. Ken Eales' service will be held on Saturday, May 11th. Ann Jacobucci will be having a memorial service for Guy on Saturday, July 6th. Both Ken and Guy have helped the Guild in so many ways through the years. They will be missed. We want to thank those of you who step in and help us in funeral preparation, serving and clean-up. Your help is appreciated.

Four of us planned to travel to Duluth on Thursday, April 18th for the Annual Presbyterian Women's Meeting at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church. Deanna Erickson of The National Estuarine Research Reserve, Located on Barker's Island, was the speaker. We watched the weather. There were predictions of snow, freezing rain and sleet. We reluctantly made the decision to cancel our trip, knowing that we missed a fun and informative day.

We will be completing our last Bible lesson of the year at our first meeting this month. This year's study, The General Epistles, those of Peter, John and Jude, has been most interesting. Father Bill Radant brings many insights to our study which in turn stimulates a great deal of discussion. We thank him for sharing this time with us.

We are so busy planning for **Women's Sunday, May 5th**. Nan Bloch will be doing the Moment with Children and Julie Detling will be presenting the sermon. As usual, many of our women will be participating in the service. Be sure to join us in the Celebration of Women.

As usual Easter Brunch was a huge success. Yet another thank you to everyone who stepped in to help! First comes the set up on Thursday. Next is the early Saturday morning preparation of the egg casseroles and setting the tables. Finally it's Sunday morning and coffee must be made, juice poured and plates filled with all of the wonderful bakery that you have provided. Last is the CLEAN UP! This is

a huge job that is made easy by so many of you stepping in to clear tables and help in any way that

you can. We are always fortunate enough to have enough left-overs for another Sunday morning. I'm sure that you will all agree that everything on the second Sunday morning tastes as good as they did on Easter Sunday,

Pauline Rider (Samz) is busy planning for her August wedding. She will be baking her own wedding cake and has been practicing on us. She has been trying many recipes and bringing the finished products to share with us after the service on Sunday mornings. Her latest was the Scripture Cake. She baked the cake as cupcakes and brought them to the Easter Brunch. You may have been one of the lucky ones who got to sample a cupcake. It is a "fun" cake and Pauline was willing to share the recipe with us. Let's see how many of you try. Thank you, Pauline.

Respectfully submitted
Audrey Winchell & Eula Bender
Co-moderators

Scripture Cake

1 cup Judges 5:25 last clause (butter)
1 cup Jeremiah 6:20 (sugar)
1 tablespoon 1 Samuel 14:25 (honey)
3 Jeremiah 17:11 (eggs)
1 cup 1 Samuel 30:12 second food (raisins)
1 cup Nahum 3:12 (figs), chopped
3 tablespoons Judges 4:19 last sentence (milk)
¼ cup Numbers 17:8 (almonds) chopped
2 cups 1 King 4:22 (flour)
11 Chronicles 9:9
(spices, such as cinnamon and nutmeg)
Pinch of Leviticus 2:13 (salt)
1 teaspoon Amos 4:5 (leavener, such as baking soda)

Cream Judges (butter), Jeremiah (sugar), and 1 Samuel (honey), Beat in the 3 Jeremiahs (eggs), One at a time. Add 1 Samuel (raisins, Nahum (figs), and Numbers (almonds), and beat again. Sift together 1 Kings (flour) 11 Chronicles (spices), Leviticus (salt), and Amos (leavener, or baking soda). Add to first mixture. Lastly, add Judges (milk). Bake 325 degrees for 1 hour in a 9X13 inch pan or for cupcakes – about 25 minutes.

HYMNS

Singing hymns every Sunday is a very important part of the worship service. We sing of joy, thanks, praise, love and much more.

Some of the newer hymns may have presented a challenge to sing, but hope you have found some to your liking.

In the upcoming months we will be singing some hymns that have new words, but, will have a melody that you will probably be familiar with.

Jane Parker Huber has published a book "singing in Celebration". It is no secret that a congregation finds it easier to sing new words to a familiar tune than sing new melodies, even if the words are well known.

As to quote Jane Huber, hymns are meant to be:
"relevant to our time
suited to many different occasions of worship
easy to sing
not jarring
contemporary, but not cute"

Thought I may "miss" sometimes in my selections, I will keep persevering. I hope you will find the inserts in the following months meaningful and easy to sing.

Lift up your voices and sing!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bridges

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are coming to the end of the school year, and Youth Groups.

The last day for Elementary Youth group will be May 22nd.

We have had a great year with as many as sixteen kids in the K-6th grades.

Our **Sunday School/Nursery**, which continues year around, has about 2-6 kids on a Sunday.

Our **Confirmation class** which has been meeting on Sunday evenings will also be coming to a close soon. We are **looking at June 2nd as our Confirmation date.**

Our **Wednesday Junior/Senior High group** has had up to twelve youth attending. We have been running this group in partnership with Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church for two years now. In conjunction with this, Chips has had an adult Bible study with the parents who come with their kids.

This is the time of year that we like to show our gratitude and appreciation for all of our Youth group leaders and Nursery/Sunday school teachers.

Please take a moment yourself to let them know how much they mean to you and our church.

HELYN WOOLF
HOPE DOUGHERTY
DEBBY PATTERSON
NAN BLOCH
MARK ORLOWSKI
TRISH ELLIS

**And to all of our numerous
substitutes and helpers!**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

In His Service and Yours,
Joan Dioszegi

Congratulations Graduates

1st Tory Meier, **2nd** Ed Monroe, **3rd** Morgan Fisher, **5th** Mary Schilling, Mark Suckow, Steve Guthrie, **6th** Rian Danielson, **7th** DuWayne Schumacher, **8th** Samantha Stowers, **9th** Keith Kost, **10th** Lillian Rayala, Mike Speer, **11th** John Williams, Jacquelynn Williams, **13th** Bob Bridges, Daniel Meier, **14th** Vi Christensen, Bob Schmidt, Kathy Vogt, Graham McFarland, **15th** George Nash, **16th** Lynn Majewski, Jason Trapp, **17th** Charles Wilson, Paula Chamberlin, **18th** Jim Erickson, **19th** Ben McFarland, **21st** Helen Erickson, Cash Jacobs, **22nd** Steve Lee, **24th** Alex Watras, Tristin Woolf, **31st** John Ross

2nd Ron & Rose King, **6th** Mark & Marla Suckow, **7th** Harland & Sheila Klagos, **17th** Charles & Hester Rayala, **19th** Bob & Marilyn Nickerson, **21st** Bill & Ruth Horner, **23rd** Chuck & Jean DeCarlo, **25th** Jay & Helyn Woolf

Grade School

Skylar Frandy

Caroline Behnke

Max Wohlleber

Hayle Woolf

High School

Miles Danielson

Sarah Fox

Nathan Kingstad

Alex Lambert

Nathaniel McFarland

Michael Orłowski

Lucas Paulson

Matt Winter

Blessings to you on your
new adventures in the
coming years.

Bible Trivia

...check your Bible

knowledge

The Bible on Screen

1. In the immensely popular *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (1965), practically every star in Hollywood had a small role. What role, with only one line of dialogue, did John Wayne play in this movie about Jesus?
2. What Paul Newman Film about the establishment of the State of Israel has the title of a book of the Bible?
3. What 1973 musical, based on a stage play taken from the Gospel of Matthew and using old hymns set to new music, was filmed in locations across Manhattan?
4. Two films –*The Omen* (1976) and *Damien* (1978) – were loosely based on biblical predictions about the Antichrist. What was the title of the third film in the trilogy, in which Christ actually confronts Satan in the final battle?
5. What 1981 TV movie starred Anthony Hopkins and Robert Foxworth as two apostles?

6. What heartwarming 1963 film with Sidney Poitier took its title from Jesus' statement about "Solomon in all his glory"?
7. Italian Communist director Pier Paolo Pasolini shocked the world with his 1964 film based on the life of Christ. What was the film's title?

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Answers: 1. *The centurion at Jesus' crucifixion (who said, "Truly, this was the son of God")*, 2. *Exodus*, 3. *Godspell*, 4. *The Final Conflict (1981)*, 5. *Peter and Paul*, 6. *Lilies of the Field*, 7. *The Gospel According to St. Matthew*.

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February 2013
