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APRIL 2018

HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Lodi

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Friday, March 30, 1:00 pm
First Lutheran Church of Lodi

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 30, Doors are open from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Lodi

EASTER MORNING! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Sunday, April 1 - First Presbyterian Church of Lodi
Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
Traditional Service 9:00 a.m.
10:00 am - Brunch & Easter Egg Joust!



EASTER EGG JOUST

During the fellowship brunch after the 9am Easter Sunday service, all youth present are invited to participate in the annual Lodi First Presbyterian Church Egg Joust. Fabulous prizes will be available!

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Family Order Form

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Dear friends,

As I write this we are preparing to enter Holy Week. Conversations and plans are swirling around the office and via email about Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise Service and what it all means. In the news we hear stories of bombings in Austin Texas, school shootings, and assassinations in Brazil, among other violent and dysfunctional behaviors. Too often it feels like our world is stuck in the middle of swirling chaos and it's hard to know who to trust or what news is real or fake.

We are operating on overload. This is one truth of our life together. Another truth is that we don't have to do it all alone. Those who seek power over others thrive on atmospheres of fear and uncertainty. They feed our fears and stir up our anxieties. We can get reactive and jump too quickly, saying and doing hurtful things that are born in fear.

Our invitation this Holy Week is to ground ourselves in the promise of the empty tomb. The disciples knew what it was to live in an atmosphere of oppression and power-over-others. They knew what it was to be terrorized and threatened, but in the midst of their terror they witnessed a promise which wholly unsettled and confused them, which startled and disturbed them, which changed their lives forever.

Those who seek power over others, who stir up fear and anxiety, terror and oppression, were confronted by an unstoppable force which did not attempt to overpower them, it simply ignored them and kept on going. This force of love, of forgiveness, of restoration, happened, as the Grinch in Dr. Suess' famous story noted, without fanfare, without presents, without decorations. It happens whether we are ready for it or not. It happens whether we resist it or not. There is no power in heaven or on earth which can prevent it. Love wins. Fear loses. Love wins. Terror loses. Love wins. Oppression loses. Love wins. Death loses. Love wins and you are held within that love.

Our invitation this Holy Week is to ground ourselves in this certainty and this promise. It is to refuse to react out of fear or anxiety. It is to embrace the stillness, create a pause, a space, and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am" The Hebrew translation of "be still," is closer to "cease striving and grasping" than it is to simply sitting quietly. As someone who nearly drowned as a child, and went on to practice life saving techniques as a teenager, I understand this grasping and striving in a very visceral way. It is the panic stricken, clawing and climbing of someone who is absorbed in fear, unable to think clearly. It is reactive. It is this panic that makes rescue dangerous to the would-be rescuer.

Our invitation this Holy Week is to trust in the one who has promised to be our life guard, our savior, and cease grasping and striving. It is to have faith that no matter how turbulent the times we find ourselves in, we are safely held and completely loved. It is to know deep within our heart and soul, that the end is secure for God holds that end and has promised to never abandon us or leave us orphaned.

Our invitation this Holy Week is cease our striving, hurting, reactive patterns, create a gentle pause, and know that we are wholly loved by a God who will never abandon us, nor let us fall. Go ahead, breathe, pause, and let yourself be loved.

Faithfully,
Cyndi Wunder
may the Spirit of God surprise you today!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Apr. 1 Open
Apr. 8 Marcia Brown
Apr. 15 Open
Apr. 22 DeAnn Richards
Apr. 29 Open

USHERS

Apr. 1 Joe and Jean Spataro
Apr. 8 Mark and Laurie Fryman
Apr. 15 Dave Heebner and Audrey Kohn
Apr. 22 DeAnn and Medora Richards
Apr. 29 Jeff Leckwee and Dudley Mehlretter

GREETERS

Apr. 1 Dave Heebner
Apr. 8 Pam Odorizzi
Apr. 15 Dennis and Nancy Stocks
Apr. 22 Zach and Jenny Dachel
Apr. 29 Jane Jones

COUNTERS

Apr. 1 Open
Apr. 8 Open
Apr. 15 Open
Apr. 22 Open
Apr. 29 Open

ACCOMPANISTS

Apr. 1 Jean Mulcahy
Apr. 8 Rana Hughey
Apr. 15 Anna Salzman
Apr. 22 Rana Hughey
Apr. 29 Anna Salzman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in April and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

4/6 NATHANIEL BALLWEG
4/9 SARA MORGAN
4/11 CATHERINE SMITH
4/19 JEFF LECKWEE
4/22 DAN RICHARDS
4/23 DAVE HEEBNER
4/29 GABE TOBIN
TIM HEINS



(NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **MAY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, April 25th at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.



**COMING SOON!!
ANNUAL LODI
GARAGE SALES
AN ALL-CHURCH EVENT
THURS., APRIL 26-
SAT., APRIL 28**

Start saving your "treasures" so we can fill our fellowship hall again for the annual spring garage sale that we host each year. This is an all church event and proceeds of this sale will go to help fund our church's mission trips. We will also be serving brat and hot dog lunches as in the past.

Items can be dropped off prior to the sale and put in the old kitchen down in the church basement. Please, no electronics. It is helpful if you include a price on as many items as possible.

Also, be saving plastic and paper grocery bags which can be left downstairs as well.

Set up for the sale will occur on Sunday, April 22 after coffee fellowship time. Plan to stay and help out. Watch for additional sorting and pricing times listed in the bulletin with a sign-up sheet on the fellowship table.

Sale hours will be Thursday 8-4, Friday 8-4, and Saturday 8-1. Again watch for a sign-up sheet after Easter so you can give of your time because lots of hands will make this a fun and productive undertaking for our church family.

**WON'T YOU
TAKE ME TO
SHANTY TOWN?**

Join Cyndi and members of our Youth Group at the Habitat for Humanity Shanty Town event Saturday May 5 - Sunday May 6 at the Lodi Fairgrounds. This event brings together teams of area teens (age 12-18) from Sauk, Columbia, and Iowa counties to learn about substandard housing in our communities and raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. Contact Cyndi to register or help.



**EASTER LILIES FOR
EASTER SUNDAY**

We will once again be ordering Easter Lilies to adorn the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Order forms are included in the weekly bulletin. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

**YOUTH
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for scholarships to youth summer camps are now available. Scholarships are intended to help youth church members attend summer camps that support mental, social, physical, and religious development. Scholarship awards will be between \$50 and \$200. Please ask Cyndi for confidential application information; applications are due May 1.

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SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be under the age of 18 and be a member of Lodi First Presbyterian Church.
2. While camps do not necessarily need to be aligned with a Presbyterian Church, scholarships are intended to be provided to those attending camps with a religious or spiritual component. Campers should be encouraged to be physically active, build leadership and social skills, learn new things, and connect with nature. (Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.") Submit camp information/brochure with application.
3. Scholarship amount will depend upon number of applications. Scholarships will not be below \$50, nor exceed \$200.
4. Applications due to the church office by May 1.
5. Applications will be confidential between applicant and Pastor. LFPC Pastor will make anonymous recommendations on scholarship awards to be approved at Christian Education Committee meeting in May.

**BUILDING AND
GROUNDS**

Building and Grounds has developed a new "Church Use Request Form"

It is hoped that everyone will fill one out and turn it in detailing when and what part of the building they would like to use. This form is for members and outside organizations so that we know who is in the building at all times.

This is not intended to limit the use of our build, but to help us in scheduling events and if things change we need contact information.

Forms will be available in the rack outside the office and can be turned in to Pat or myself to start the process.

**Ron Nelson
Chairperson**

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8 Worship – Hymn Sing Sunday, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	9	10 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	11 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Finance Committee Building and Grounds Committee, 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.	16	17 Session, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Garage Sale set-up.	23	24 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	25 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	26 Church Garage Sale, 8 a.m.	27 Church Garage Sale, 8 a.m.	28 Church Garage Sale, 8 a.m.
29 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Worship at Good Samaritan, 1:30 p.m.	30					

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Choir Director: Position Open
Custodian: Lori Harrenstein
Stephen Ministry Leader: Diane Lukins
Church Secretary: Pat Craig
Financial Secretary: John Griffing
Church Secretary's Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Rod Hanson	Zack Dachel	Diane Lukins
DeAnn Richards	Mae Stocks	Jean Spataro
Dudley Mehlretter	Herb Damsteegt	Ron Nelson

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Hanson	Ryan Beck	Marcia Brown
Gale Nelson	Leah Brisky	Sandy Deselle
Nancy Stocks	Mark Fryman	Dave Heebner

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader	Jane Jones
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