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**MARCH 2019**



## EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

We will once again be ordering Easter Lilies to adorn the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

Order forms will be included in the weekly bulletin. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church



## SOUL CARE THURSDAYS

This Lent we will be offering a contemplative practice on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the back of the sanctuary. These practices will include centering prayer, lectio divina, visualization, breath work and more. It is our intention to offer this time as an opportunity to reach out to all people of all faiths regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey. All are welcome to come and sit quietly in prayer and contemplation without too much earnest breathiness and no litmus test that must be met prior to being fully welcomed.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 1

The annual World Day of Prayer will be held March 1st at the Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church, N1640 Ryan Road, Lodi at 10:30 a.m. The theme for this year is "Come, Everything is Ready" and is written by the women of Slovenia, a small European country. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a good a will offering and light refreshments and fellowship following the Service.

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Join Us!

# Soup'r Supper

Community Meal



*Free-will offering*

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>



601 Clark Street  
Lodi, WI 53555  
ReachOutLodi.org



My friends,

It appears that winter has come to us despite our warmer than usual December. Our numbers in worship have been down as some of you head south for warmer climes. Bible study hasn't met in a month as injuries and travel conditions keep us home. The promise of spring feels very far away.

I don't know about you, but when it's cold and dark out, when the roads are bad and the air hurts my face, I find it hard to do any self care. I find myself wanting to hide inside and read a good book by the fire. Getting outside to walk or exercise isn't number one on my list. Socializing and maintaining my healthy connections in the community is more difficult when I want to hibernate. I have recently come to the conclusion that one of my greatest weaknesses is self care.

Most of us think of self care as a good massage or a day off, but it is so much more than that. Self care also means cooking food from scratch instead of grabbing some quick fast food. It means getting to the gym when you don't want to. It means honoring your relationships when you just want to curl up in a ball and sleep. It means honoring your prayer and meditation practices. There is some part of us that wants to remain unconscious and asleep, but we are called to bring our whole self to the work God has given us. Half-measures won't suffice, and this means we need to do the hard work of self care. We have to dig deep and unearth those parts of us that resist engaging in God's mission.

Honest self care means we do this hard work with gentleness and compassion for ourself and others. It means we resist the urge to take refuge in blame, judgment, or condemnation. As we prepare to enter Lent and this beautiful but cold winter fades into spring, rain and mud, I encourage you to consider all within you that resists the love of God. Terces Englehart wrote that, "There is only love. Everything else is our resistance to it." Our job, our self care, is to do the work of breaking down that resistance within ourselves.

For Lent this year I urge you to give up blame and self-loathing, give up judgment and anger, let go of goals which move a little further away the closer you get to them. Let go of any desire for perfection. Let go of the compulsion to compare yourself with others. Dig deep within yourself and find all and any resistance to all surrounding love of God and gently dismantle it. Let all that resistance, any feeling of unworthiness or shame, just let that stuff go.

God did not forsake all godly power and privilege, take on flesh, and bear the cross that we might have small, fear-filled lives. For Lent this year, let us do the earnest self care of ridding that within us that makes our lives small, that we might receive all that God desires for us this Easter. Let all within you that resists God's love die, that you might be resurrected to a new life, a bold life, a full, rich and loving life.

Pastor Cyndi

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Mar. 3 Open  
Mar. 10 Open  
Mar. 17 Open  
Mar. 24 Open  
Mar. 31 Open

## USHERS

Mar. 3 Diane Lukins and Lori Harrenstein  
Mar. 10 Pam Odorizzi and Audrey Kohn  
Mar. 17 Ron and Gale Nelson  
Mar. 24 Mark and Laurie Fryman  
Mar. 31 Russ and Judy Richard

## GREETERS

Mar. 3 Dennis and Nancy Stocks  
Mar. 10 Herb and Linda Damsteegt  
Mar. 17 Patty Seiler  
Mar. 24 Russ and Judy Richard  
Mar. 31 Dudley Mehlretter

## COUNTERS

Mar. 3 Ron Nelson and Jeff Leckwee  
Mar. 10 Diane Lukins and DeAnn Richards  
Mar. 17 DeAnn Richards and Jean Spataro  
Mar. 24 Herb Damsteegt and Zack Dachel  
Mar. 31 Ron Nelson and Diane Lukins

## ACCOMPANISTS

Mar. 3 Anna Salzman  
Mar. 10 Rana Hughey  
Mar. 17 Jean Mulcahy  
Mar. 24 Rana Hughey  
Mar. 31 Anna Salzman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in March 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.

3/1 HANNAH WEBER

3/2 LAUREN SOPHA

3/11 BILL HUGHEY

3/19 JANET HUGHEY

3/20 BAILEY AMMANN

3/23 PAM ODORIZZI

3/24 SANDRA WENGER

3/26 RACHEL WENGER

3/27 ALEX FRYMAN

3/29 BRAD MEHLTRETTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
BIRTHDAY!

## (NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **APRIL** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, March 20th at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at [office@lodifpc.org](mailto:office@lodifpc.org) or leave it on the desk in the church office.

## TREE REMOVAL

Recently the Building and Grounds Committee met with a local tree expert regarding the current condition of the trees in front of the church building. While these trees have adorned our grounds with their beauty for many years, they are starting to show their age and unfortunately have become a potential safety hazard to this area. The arborist would like to return in the spring when the trees have their leaves to make a final determination as to which branches, or possibly the entire tree, should be taken down at that time.

## ORGAN REMOVAL

As announced previously, the session has determined that the organ will be removed. The plan is to have it out of the sanctuary by Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We have been blessed to have had so many years of beautiful music supplied by this instrument and by the talented hands of Jean Mulcahy, Audrey Kohn and many others over the years. While it is sad to have to say “good-

bye”, we are also excited to see what the future will bring as we contemplate a “new look” for our sanctuary. Your thoughts and prayers are also welcome as the Session continues to discuss, plan and pray about this change as we go forward.

## NEW TIME – PLEASE JOIN US:

**BROWN BAG  
BIBLE STUDY  
NOW MEETING  
AT 11:00 ON  
WEDNESDAY:**

Pack a lunch and join us on Wednesday at 11:00 for a discussion of the Sunday sermon. This group also has the function of being a prayer ministry where we raise up those in need within our church and community and seek out ways to be a ministry together. Please consider joining this small group.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Are you considering how you can make a difference at church, do you have ideas or a vision? Serving on a committee is not a

long term commitment, you can try one and if it does not suit you> You can move to another without finishing out the year or term.

## COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS ARE:

### CLERK OF SESSION

DeAnn Richards

### WORSHIP

Mae Stocks

### CHRISTIAN ED.

Zack Dachel

### MISSION

Jean Spataro

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Jeff Leckwee

### FINANCE

Dudley Mehlretter

### PERSONNEL

Herb Damsteegt

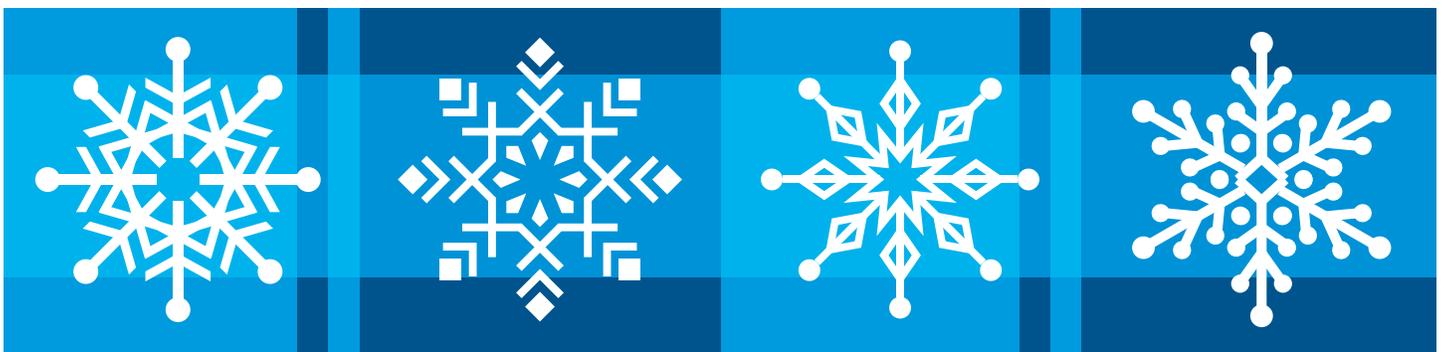
### STEWARDSHIP

Diane Lukins

### COMMUNICATION

Ron Nelson

Please consider sharing your ideas & “Time & Talents” with one of the above committees.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROOM USE REQUEST FORM

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member or an outside organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of anticipated participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Your meeting date or dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

Room or rooms requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting use of our facility is responsible for all setup needed and at the end of your event you must return the room or rooms to the way you found it.

You are responsible for cleanup, you are required to wash/ wipe off the tables, vacuum and take out the trash. If you are granted use of the kitchen all the equipment used must be cleaned and sanitized. If you use the facility on multiple dates you must remove ALL your items after each event, you cannot store your equipment or items here.

Cleanup fee may be assessed if you do not leave the facility clean and ready for the next group.

Usage fee may apply as per the Building Usage Guide

Fee Required : \_\_\_\_\_

Requester's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Building use approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## *To Kill an American*

You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!!!!)

"An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim! In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world.

The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was over-run by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. Americans welcome the best of everything...the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best services. But they also welcome the least.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America

Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

**Family Order Form**

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| Check # | Order Date |

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| Amazon.com \$25.00                    | 2.5% |     | \$    | JCPenney \$25.00                       | 5%   |     | \$    | Quality Inn \$50.00                   | 4%    |     | \$    |
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| Copps (WI only) \$100.00              | 4%   |     | \$    | Mobil \$50.00                          | 1%   |     | \$    | SuperAmerica \$25.00                  | 4%    |     | \$    |
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| GNC \$25.00                           | 8%   |     | \$    | Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00       | 8%   |     | \$    |                                       |       |     |       |
| Home Depot \$25.00                    | 4%   |     | \$    | Pizza Ranch \$25.00                    | 8%   |     | \$    |                                       |       |     |       |
| HomeGoods \$25.00                     | 7%   |     | \$    |  |      |     |       |                                       |       |     |       |
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