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COMMUNITY GARDEN?

We are seeking input to gauge interest in starting a community garden out near the interstate. The use of this patch of land would be donated by Dan and DeAnn Richards for the church to use. There is ample parking, however access to the garden area is sloped.

If you are interested and willing to commit your time and effort to this garden, please email Pastor Cyndi at pastor@lodifpc.org or call her at 608-598-9566.

We will not attempt a community garden without sufficient interest and commitment.

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KEEP
CALM
AND
WASH
YOUR
HANDS



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My friends,

We are all created in the image of God. Created in relationship for relationship; created in love, for love. Psychologists call this process ‘mirroring’ we learn who we are by seeing others mirror back to us our worth, our value. If we are fortunate enough to have what psychologists call a “good enough” parent, we will know we are loved and have worth. If not, we may spend much of our adult lives seeking that “good enough” mirroring. Yet, here we are, all of us, isolated and alone. Far too many of us are without that good enough mirroring that helps us stay grounded and centered in love and compassion. The typical pastoral response to this sort of crisis is to remind you that God loves you, that God knows you are of infinite worth, of infinite value, that you are cherished and loved much more than you can ever know. All of this is true and it is easy to say. It requires nothing of us but good verbiage.

As Church, we go beyond good verbiage. We go beyond saying the right thing. We work on becoming the loving, kind, good enough people that God created us to be. This is why we engage in intentional spiritual practices and community mental health practices. We let people know that they matter when we practice listening deeply. We let people know that they are welcome when we create spaces that enable them to participate fully. We let people know that we care when we take the time to sit with them as they work through their thoughts.

All of this is really hard to do when we are isolating for the good of the community. I see and hear people talking about how hard it is to be alone or to be in homes which aren’t very supportive. Knowing that there are people out there who are struggling to remain grounded and centered in the knowledge that they are loved and they are worthy of love is a call to action for the Church. The difficulty we have in answering this call is doing so while staying at home, safe and sound. The Church is not one to be stopped by this though. We are living witnesses and we can be creative in thinking about how we can reach out.

We have begun having a zoom fellowship at 10 a.m. on Sundays following worship. We have been sending out letters and cards. We’ve been making phone calls and dropping off pre-recorded CD’s of the worship service. We’ve been reaching out to members of our community to record music and scriptures so that they can participate in our worship service. We have continued to give of our resources to support the ongoing work of the church. We’ve been reaching out to other churches and community leaders to work together to identify and meet the needs of our community. We’ve been sewing masks and making them available to those in need. We’ve been baking cookies and sharing them (without any physical contact!).

In so many ways we continue to be Church to one another. We are a practicing church, not an intellectual exercise but a community of believers who come together to support one another in very real and tangible ways. We are a church that seeks to live as disciples of Christ, allowing our desire to be closer to God to transform us, reform us, and recreate us. May it be so,

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Cyndi

Family Order Form

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Lodi First Presbyterian Church

See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$				
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$				
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%		\$								
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$								

Make Checks Payable To: *Lodi First Presbyterian Church Scrip*

Total Due All Columns:

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FINANCE REPORT 1ST QUARTER

Income: \$34,149.00
Expenses: \$42,261.01
Shortage: \$ 7,690.05

Most of this shortfall came in March during the first 3 weeks of not worshipping together. In April members started to send in their offering so April should look better or at least closer to normal. Our church members have been good stewards of the church funds over the years so we are in good financial shape to weather this crisis.

Please continue to support our church financially and with your time and talents as our building doors may be closed but our church life is as strong & busy as ever.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING

It is important to remember as a congregation that we continue the financial support of our church during this challenging time. Even though the church is physically closed for weekly worship, behind the scenes "business as usual" continues. That means we have salaries to pay our employees, utility bills that need to get paid, missions that we support, and so on. You can continue to make your offering via mail by sending your check to: **First Presbyterian, 258 Lodi St., Lodi, WI 53555**, or, we have our online donation option (below). This option is ideal during these times as there is no potential of passing along any germs which can live on surfaces such as paper, cardboard, etc. We also ask that you do not drop any payments off directly at the church.

GIVING MADE EASIER!

First Presbyterian now offers online giving. We have an account set up with the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Financial so that you have more options to make your church donations. You can either do this via computer by selecting the 'Give Now' button below, or by using the **GivePlus Mobile App** which you can find by searching **GivePlus Church** in your app store. **Click here for a short video on how it works: [Mobile App Demo](#)**. It only takes a few minutes to create an account. This is a great option if you pay your bills online, are frequently away on travel, or you just don't like writing out checks! (Note: there is a minimal 2% fee per transaction.)

GIVE NOW!

(click on the button above if viewing this newsletter from your computer or other mobile electronic device)

Thank you!
Stewardship Committee

STIMULUS CHECKS

Easter blessings to you all in this most unusual Easter season. Many of you have already or will soon receive a government stimulus check as part of the Federal government CARES Act. A government action to offer relief in this difficult time.

This money could prove helpful to many and/or a means of offering help to others. I commend self-care and generosity to one and all. But I know it also raises questions for some such as myself. Should I set aside a portion for taxes next year? Will I get to keep it, or will I need to refund some or all of it? Here is some advice

from Dave Hatz, our JKP Treasurer and professional Financial planner and Tax preparer:

The stimulus checks are not taxable and will be treated as a tax credit on people's 2020 tax return. If you as a single taxpayer earn less than \$75,000.00 you will get to keep the entire amount. If you file jointly as a couple, the cutoff is \$150,000.00. If you make more than that you will need to return a portion based on your income. Once you attain the level of \$99,000.00 as a single taxpayer or \$198,000.00 as a couple filing jointly you will return the entire amount of the credit. The upper limit increases \$10,000.00 for each dependent child. The figure used for these calculations is your "Adjusted Gross Income" listed on your Tax Return.

While it is possible that the government may make changes in the months ahead, this is the situation as it currently stands. Please use this advice when making your plans for how to use your stimulus check.

In Christ's Service,
Chaz Ruark, John Knox Presbytery
Executive Presbyter
Dave Hatz, John Knox Presbytery
Treasurer

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Spring is here and we are currently looking for volunteers to help mow the church lawn. We own a riding mower and a self propelled walk behind mower so all that is needed is a healthy body to run them. If you have time available to help please call Jeff Leckwee or Ron Nelson to pick your week or weeks to mow.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY!

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

- 5/5 VONDA LEE SCHMIDT
- 5/6 LINDA JACOBSON
- 5/10 ERIK DACHEL
- 5/11 JEFF LECKWEE
- 5/13 CODY MULCAHY
- 5/16 CONNOR MULCAHY
- 5/19 MIKE MORGAN
- 5/20 MIKAYLA DACHEL
- 5/26 LORI HARRENSTEIN
- 5/28 RICH RINDLE

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **JUNE** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, May 27th 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.

April 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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June 2020

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May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>Loyalty Day</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Mother's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22	<i>Armed Forces Day</i> 23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<i>Memorial Day</i>					
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Choir Director: Position Open
Custodian: Lori Harrenstein
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.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

THE SESSION

Class of 2020

Diane Lukins
Jean Spataro
Ron Nelson

Class of 2021

Dudley Mehlretter
DeAnn Richards
Jeff Leckwee

Class of 2022

Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020

Marcia Brown
Sandy Deselle
Dave Heebner

Class of 2021

Gale Nelson
Bobby Hanson
Laurie Fryman

Class of 2022

Patty Seiler



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