

# PRAYER REQUEST

*If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office  
or complete a request card and place in the offering plate.  
Requests are printed for one month unless otherwise requested.*

## **Prayers for Healing & Comfort:**

Colleen Christensen  
Carol Flaata (Bennett Goldenstein's Grandmother)  
Rick Agmen (husband of Ruthie Agmen)  
Gloria Ludolph (Brenda Arnold's Mother)  
John Carver  
Carlla Skaggs (Mother of Karen)  
Sean Carrigan (Great-Nephew of Barb Little)  
Shirlet Moll (Becky Armstrong's Sister)  
Donna Anderson  
Doug Rolland  
Dave (Jeff and Sarah Sieck's friend)  
Daisy Juven (Granddaughter of Rob and Tammy Douglas)  
Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)

## **Prayers for those Grieving:**

The Family of Robert Olson (Mary Vomacka's Brother)  
The Family of Florence Mensing (Eula Grafenstein)  
The Family of Roger Pederson (Darcy Forkrud's Father)  
The Family of Jon Lichman (Friend of Chuck and Deb Grunwald)

## **Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:**

Rob Grunwald, Coast Guard, Duluth, MN;  
Sam Husmann (Nephew of the Pastors) Navy, Everett, WA.  
Peter Rampaart, Army National Guard

## **Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:**

The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;  
Minnesota Valleys Presbytery- Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, MN;  
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND.



# **Announcements**

**Sunday, March 25th, 2018**

## **Palm Sunday**

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

## **Holy Week**

<b>Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 PM	Music Team and Choir <b>No Youth Activities</b>
<b>Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00 PM	Good Friday Service at Calvary
	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service at Vinje
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8:30-9:15AM	Men's Easter Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Kid's Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 AM	Worship

## **Operating Statement Report:**

Receipts through February	\$ 38,797
Expenses through February	\$ 40,585
Expenses in excess of Receipts	\$ 1,787

**2018 Per Capita is \$41, please pay as you are able.**

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Synod of Lakes and Prairies, that serves the Presbyteries of North Central United States provides financial record keeping to the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys and a part of our per capita is sent to Synod for operating costs.

**2017 Giving statements and Envelopes are ready for pick-up in the Narthex.**

**Camp GK Bear** is a one day camp for children Grades K-6 who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life. The Camp is FREE of charge to all participants and their families. The next available camp is on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 10:00am-3:00pm at Rice Hospital-Lakeland Auditorium (lower level of Lakeland Health Center). All registration forms are due by April 6<sup>th</sup>.



## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing is our mission for this Lenten season. It is one of four annual special offerings in our church. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

### **This Is Church**

When disaster strikes, we join hands alongside communities as they recover and find hope from natural and human caused disasters.

### **This Is Church**

When poverty and violence cause hunger. We join hands to help alleviate hunger and its causes.

### **This is Church**

When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable, we join hands and seek to overcome poverty and develop initiatives they may own.

OGHS is in over 100 countries now. Thank you for joining hands with Presbyterians Worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

The Mission Committee

**Clearwater Forest:** Friends and Family Day is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. Come spend the day exploring camp, meeting the staff, playing on the lake, and experiencing the high ropes course. You will also get the chance to assist us in commissioning of summer staff during worship at 1:00. Have a first time camper? This is a great time to tour camp, ask questions, and alleviate any concerns your camper may have! We will also be able to assist in registering your camper for camp!

**Explorer's Class:** You're invited to join this small group bible study and fellowship group which meets **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** at 6:30 following Soup Supper in the Board Room. New members are welcome, and you can bring a friend! The class will be using the "Nooma" video series featuring Pastor Rob Bell as their curriculum this year. Please call or talk to Pastor Scott with questions.

**Let's Make Some Music:** We have an opportunity for you to make music at First Presbyterian Church! The Choir will be singing for Easter Sunday. Adults & Youth are invited to participate. Mark your calendars with these dates! *If you are planning to participate, please RSVP to the church (320-235-1263/ fpchurch@fpchurchwillmar.org) so that we know we will have enough people participating.* **Joint Rehearsal Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

## **Palm Sunday: Celebrating Justice**

They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!"  
—John 12:12-13

To celebrate Palm Sunday, our congregation is partnering with the Presbyterian Hunger Program to use Eco-palms — branches truly worthy of celebration. Usually, palms are harvested in rainforests that are critical habitats for migrating birds. The more fronds harvesters cut, the more income they generate, which results in over-harvesting and threatens the rainforest. Middlemen transport the palms out of communities for processing where more than half of the palms are discarded because of poor quality.

Eco-Palm harvesters, however, gather only quality palm fronds in a way that allows the plant to keep growing. The communities process and package the palms instead of selling to Middlemen, allowing them to capture more of the profit. With this money, impoverished harvesters are able to buy shoes and school uniforms for their children and can pay for basic healthcare.

These jobs also mean youth stay in their communities instead of migrating for work. In addition, five cents of every Eco-Palm sold for Palm Sunday directly funds projects that improve the lives of all community members. This money provides scholarships for students, pays a teacher's salary and supports elderly members of the community.

For more information, visit [www.pcusa.org/palms](http://www.pcusa.org/palms).

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