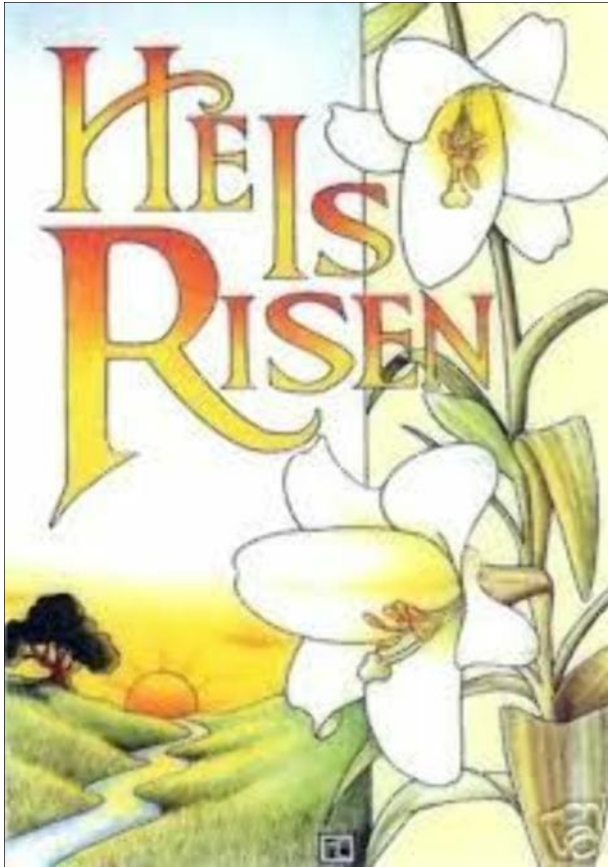




First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

# The Good News

April 2025



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**Free Tax Prep**

The last available days for appointments for free tax prep are April 3rd & 5th. Call Wendy (Wyoming Free Tax Coordinator) at 307-710-1022 to schedule an appointment.

**The Bridge**

The Bridge will continue to meet throughout Lent with our last gathering of the year on Wednesday, April 16th. Soup and bread will be served at 5:30 pm with study to follow at 6:15.

**Holy Week Schedule**

- Palm Sunday, April 13th—8 & 10:30 am  
Worship
- April 16th—5:30 pm Bridge Soup & Bread Meal & Study
- Maundy Thursday, April 17th—7 pm Worship
- Good Friday, April 18th—12 pm Ecumenical Worship at Trinity Lutheran, 135 Crescent Dr.
- Easter Sunday, April 20th
  - 6 am Sunrise Service
  - 8am Easter Worship
  - 9 am Easter Breakfast (Served by FPC Men)
  - 10:30 am Easter Worship

There is no Sunday school or choir rehearsal on Easter Sunday.

**Lunch Together**

Our next time to serve Lunch Together is Monday, April 21st—Thursday, April 24th. Contact Denise Mueller if you can help on any of those days.

**Communion Training**

At the Session meeting in March, the Session approved any member who has had communion training to be able to serve the sacrament. Communion training will be offered semi-annually with the first one for 2025 being held **Wednesday, April 23 at 7 PM**. Pastor Karl will lead a discussion of the history and theology of the sacrament as well as teaching about what it means to serve the congregation both practically (what you say and when) and as an act of Jesus' love directed to one another. Even if you are just curious to learn more about communion, this will be an insightful gathering and you are welcome to attend.

Dear Ones,

It is spring, but more importantly for us, our journey is nearing the cross and the empty tomb. Holy Week is just a couple of weeks away. As people seeking to follow Jesus, we do so by embodying his teachings and way of living. We share in his love and we share in his passion. Holy Week is a gift from God for those of us who seek to follow Jesus as it shows us exactly what the embodiment of the way of Christ is. It points us toward incredibly relevant questions and puts us on the path of discipleship.

When Jesus rides into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the crowds cheer and rejoice, we are invited to compare this to the jeering on the day of the crucifixion and wonder of ourselves the ways we misunderstand who Jesus is.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus implores the disciples to stay awake and join him in prayer. They fall asleep anyway. Then, they run from their arrested leader in his moment of need. This invites us to wonder how we deny, betray, and fall asleep even though Jesus has called us to action.

At the table of the Last Supper, we are asked to remember God's invitation to grace always offered.

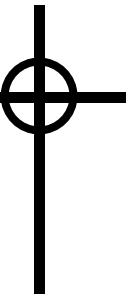
As Jesus hangs upon the cross and then when Joseph of Arimathea removes his body and cares for it, we are invited to wonder what we are called to die to and how God will help us rise. Finally, when the women show up and the tomb is empty, we are to wonder where we see God in the world on the loose. We are to take stock of the times we have tried to contain God. And we are to know that God's love and all of the possibilities it moves us into will never be put down.

In our Lenten study book, Amy-Jill Levine writes, "[Holy Week] is meant to move us emotionally, in terms of conscience, to indict and to challenge. And it is meant to move us ethically, from faith into action." Few things move us in our faith like these seven days, tugging at our hearts and putting a tingling into our hands only satisfied when we reach out to others with the same sort of love we are reading about and experiencing. It works on us again and again and again, year after year after year, and is, perhaps, the most important grounding for us as Jesus' followers. I sure hope to see you repeatedly during Holy Week, soaking up what is the best story given!

On a separate note, you'll notice elsewhere in the newsletter an announcement from John and Tracey about moving to one service beginning May 25. I believe this will be good for us, and I support the Session's decision to make this move. Our sanctuary has the size to handle one service. More importantly, there is a powerful witness for us to show in putting ourselves together in this way when our society is coming apart at the seams and division is rampant. The transition will not be easy for all. But as with Holy Week, when we accept the risks of what God is doing in and among us, we stand to be filled with grace and to meet Jesus in wondrous ways.

Peace,

Pastor Karl



### Spring Greetings from Presbyterian Women (PW)

#### Our Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- To nurture our faith through **prayer** and **Bible study**
- To support the **mission** of the church worldwide
- To work for **justice and peace**, and
- To build an inclusive, **caring community of women** that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the Promise of God's kingdom.

All women are invited to attend the **PW luncheon Wednesday, April 2, at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. For a bit of fun, each of us is encouraged to wear our Easter bonnet. There will be door prizes. The program will be given by Rhea Cooksey-Dixon on the "Free Wheelchair Mission". There are approximately 80 million people around the world in need of wheelchairs.

The PW **Birthday Offering** will be gathered and dedicated at the April Luncheon. This offering benefits projects for individuals and organizations each year in life changing ways. We will learn more at our April luncheon.

**LOOKING FORWARD: The PW May Luncheon will be a Special Event hosted by the Methodist Women.** Women of the Presbyterian Church are invited by the Methodist Church to be guests for a combined May luncheon event on May 5 at noon. Please put this date on your calendars. This is a wonderful opportunity to share with other women in our Christian community. We will be asking for reservations soon.

**A Reminder:** Women are encouraged to visit Circles which meet monthly on the third Wednesdays and first Monday evenings. Circles are small fellowship gatherings open to all women in the congregation desiring fellowship and study opportunity.

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**FYI:** the 2025 PW yearbooks are available to anyone who has yet to received one. See Circle leaders or any PW leader to get yours. Also, available in the office.

**Help Needed for PW's Ongoing Mission Project-The Food Group:** PW volunteers meet at 10:00 on the second Wednesday at FG's new location 1141 Crook St (former Habitat for Humanity building). All are welcome to join in packing the estimated 80 bags that go to Coffeen School. We welcome everyone in the congregation to join in this monthly mission. We are thankful for the men who join us. Thank you volunteers. It is great to work together. For questions contact Nancy Elliott or Kathy Beagle. Further Food Group information is on the PW mission board.

**Updated Mission boards.** Have you checked out the PW boards in the Fellowship Hall? There you will find further information regarding the purpose and missions of PW.

**Did you Know?** Circles faithfully provide the refreshments for Coffee Fellowship four Sundays of each month. If you would like to be a part of this service to the congregation you are encouraged to contact a Circle leader.

**2025 Presbyterian Women of Wyoming (PWP) Annual Meeting: April 25-26, 2025, Torrington, WY** - Please consider joining others from Sheridan who will be attending this Friday evening through Saturday noon gathering. We will car pool. You can find forms in the information center or contact Rhea Cooksey-Dixon. *Registration is Due.* The theme is **Presbyterian Women: Past, Present and Future** presented by Brenda Beliel, the Rocky Mountain Synod Representative on the PW board.

Sherry Laughton  
Nancy Cook  
Co-Moderators



**Easter Sunday at FPC**

**9am—10:30 am**

**Served by the men of the congregation!**



# FPC in Action!



## Best Wishes for CJ!

We celebrated CJ during March 2nd fellowship time as she moves from Family Ministry Coordinator to Camp Story Executive Director.



## “Amazing Grace”

The Boostrom family shared their musical talents with us at worship!



## Mission Trip to Omaha

FPC Mission Trip Team as they headed out to work on tornado cleanup and repair in Omaha. We hope everyone was able to read the daily emails from Pastor Karl and see all the other pictures of the team and the work they completed during their week there.

# Good News at FPC !

## New Address

Scott Davis and Mary Ludemann have a new address.

20 Golf Course Rd.  
Sheridan, WY 82801

Email address and phone numbers remain the same.

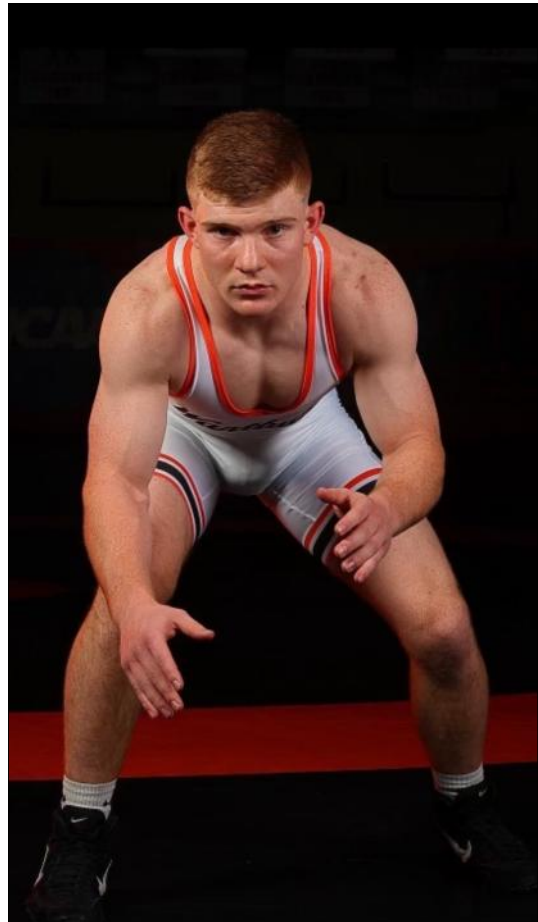


## PW Winner!

At the March PW luncheon, there was a contest for the best St. Patrick's Day attire. Sharon Browne won!

Check out those socks!!

Thank you to our judge, Pastor Karl.



## Congratulations Reese!

Reese Osborne is one of seven members of the Wartburg national champion men's wrestling team recently named Scholar All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. In addition, he was recently named the outstanding business management student by Wartburg's Department of Business Administration. Reese will graduate in late May. Wartburg College is located in Waverly, Iowa





## Camp Story Highlights

Hello! Here is a little camp update. It is hard to believe I have been in my position for a month already! I have hit the ground running!

I wanted to remind you that camp registration is open. The registration link can be found on [campstory.org](http://campstory.org)'s main page; just click on the "Register for Summer Camp" button to go to the website. Remember to register by April 15 to take advantage of the Early Bird Discount and save \$25.

Camp Story will have SEVEN different sessions this summer! We have added two new sessions. One is a returning session, LIT - Leaders in Training. This camp is for those students who have finished their first year of high school and are interested in what it is like to be a counselor at camp. This camp builds a foundation for campers to grow in their faith while tending to younger campers. Part of this opportunity will be helping with You and Me Weekend and the option to continue to help during Day Camps.

Speaking of Day Camps, that is the other addition! I am excited that we will be offering two separate Day Camp sessions this year! Each has its own theme. Both day camps will be Monday through Friday, and Bomb Mountain Bus LLC will provide transportation to and from camp at no additional charge. Drop off and pick up will be at the church. If you want to use bussing, please click the transportation needed when registering. Hands, Heart, and Soul is returning this year! This camp is geared toward the camper who doesn't fit into the age parameters of our other camps. While programming is directed to the older camper, there will be activities for all ages. While sleeping in cabins is part of the Camp Story charm, we understand that bunk sleeping is not for everyone. We do not require you to stay overnight at camp. You can sign up for an RV spot or drive back and forth daily.

Mark your calendar for TLC Weekend, or you may remember it as Work Weekend. TLC Weekend will be on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17. We will spend our time together sprucing up camp for the summer. We will have a variety of projects for any ability level. While RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary, those can be done on the website. A question I have received lately is, how can I help? There are so many different ways you can help. You can help by volunteering for TLC Weekend, other times by appointment, signing up for camp,

or sponsoring a camper - it could be your child, grandchild, neighbor, niece/nephew, or donating to our scholarship fund, sharing about Camp Story with your friends/family, social groups, or random strangers. Another way you can help is by purchasing something off our wish list. We always have items we would like to purchase to make life a little more luxurious, but they are unnecessary. Camp Story can always use prayers.

I am also looking for counselors. If you know someone who has graduated from high school and is looking for seven weeks of faith-building adventures, please send them my way! If being a camp counselor might not be their cup of tea but they have the heart to serve at Camp Story, have them reach out. We may have a spot for them.

If you want to keep up with Camp Story, follow us on Facebook. I will share Camp updates and sneak peeks of the new Camp Story merchandise as they arrive.

## FPC Highway Cleanup

We will be doing cleanup on our stretch of highway Saturday, April 12th.

Meet at the Big Horn Y at 8 am.

If you have questions,  
contact Dave Engels.



## Lilies for Easter

Would you like to share an Easter lily in memory or in honor of a loved one for Easter? Please fill out a form found in the narthex or church office and turn in by Monday, April 14th.

Lilies can be dropped off at the church on  
Good Friday.

## Change to Worship Service Schedule

After much thoughtful discernment over the past couple of years, the church is at a point to move to one service. Session passed a motion from the Worship Committee to have one service on Sunday mornings to begin on May 25th.

The new Sunday morning schedule will have worship at 10 am followed by Fellowship Time at 11. Fall brings us Sunday school for everyone which starts at 9 am. Pastor Karl promises to have the coffee on!

It is our prayer that one service will bring our entire congregation together to worship and praise God with singing and communal prayer with our talented staff & musicians.

Worship Committee Co-Chairs  
John Jackson  
Tracey Burke



## Thank You!

In life, you may never know how you have impacted people, but I have been truly blessed to have the chance to hear those stories, read the cards, and enjoy the hugs. It was so humbling and extraordinary to feel so loved. It has been a true blessing to share this journey with you. You all mean so much to me.

I wanted to take a moment to express my most profound appreciation for the support that you have shown me over the last ten years. Your kindness, encouragement, and generosity have meant so much to me, and I feel truly blessed to have such an incredible church family.

You support has touched my faith and life, and I am thankful for each of you. Whether through kind words, prayers or acts of generosity, you have lifted me up and I appreciate it more than I can say.

Thank you doesn't seem enough for how you have touched my life, but thank you for being such a wonderful part of my life!

## Thank You!

I wish to thank all of you for your kind visits while I was at Saddle Ridge. Then again, more thank yous for all the cards and visits for my 90th birthday. It was much appreciated and very kind of you.  
Louann Hamstreet



The CE Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate candy to put in the eggs, please drop candy off at the church by Wednesday, April 9th.  
Thank You!

## Session Members and Committee

### Budget & Finance

Karen Burtis, Gary Laughton

### Clerk of Session

Gary Joy

### Christian Education

Tori Milne

### Fellowship

Becky Motsick

### Congregational Care

Bobbie Spahn, Jean Morgen

### Mission & Outreach

Rachel Mathews-Landis

### Personnel

Nancy Cook, Gloria Dierking

### Properties

Larry Apple, Rex Arney

### Worship

John Jackson, Tracey Burke

### Tech

Craig Clem

For their service to the church during the month of March, the Worship Committee would like to thank these faithful servants...

**Musicians:** Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Mary Apple, FPC Choir, Griffin & Chantelle Boostrom, FPC Bells

**Worship Leaders:** Troy Siddle, Ethan Milne, Rachel Mathews-Landis, Beth Thurow, Rob Milne

**Ushers:** Frank Rugh, CJ Clem, Nancy Elliott, Mitzi Knapp, Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson, Doug Moore, Jan Leupold, Jean Morgen, Bobbie Spahn

**Communion Prep:** Denise Mueller

**Communion Servers:** Gary & Jeri Joy, Beth Thurow, Jan Leupold, Doug Moore, Ryan Landis

**Audio/Visual Systems Operators:** Ted Knapp, Craig & CJ Clem, Izzi Clem

**Coffee Sponsors:** Tom & Miriam Nance, Mission Committee, Jack & Nancy Elliott



**ADULTS NIGHT OUT**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 27  
5 PM  
Childcare provided by the church.  
Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, 4/15.  
RSVP to the church office. Once we've determined how many people are going, we'll decide on a restaurant.  
672-1717

## Keep them in your prayers



**Ongoing Prayers:** Karen Townsend, Kathleen Shafer, and Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger.

**Prayers for Peace & Healing:** Howie Fitzpatrick, Jae Satterlee, Bob Miller, Pat Gallagher, Rebecca White (Carla White's daughter-in-law), Jim Wilhelm, Margie Elkins, Arlene Herrboldt, Barb Finch, and Pat Harden's sister, Elizabeth Wilner.

**Prayers for those Grieving:** Rev. Bob Miller and family on the loss of Diana.

**Prayers for Mission Partners:** Star Valley United (Thayne) and CASA.

If you have prayer concerns that you would like shared, please call the church office at 672-1717.

## We Need Your Help!

We need people to work the Tech booth on Sunday mornings!

We'll train you. One of the tasks is just merely advancing the slides.

Let Pastor Karl, Ted Knapp, or Craig Clem know if you can help out and take a Sunday every now and then.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2—Gary Laughton  
 April 3—Barb Townsend, Ty Malone  
 April 4—Bentley Malone, Arianna Thurow  
 April 7—Isaac Rugh  
 April 8—Miriam Nance  
 April 9—Brody Bard  
 April 10—Rob Milne, Kurt Smith, Gary Joy  
 April 11—Marisa Zuniga  
 April 13—Nathan Fitzpatrick  
 April 14—Thayer Shafer  
 April 16—Gwen Roberts  
 April 18—Janet Hamstreet, Ryker Zuniga  
 April 19—Georgia Mueller  
 April 23—Kathleen Shafer  
 April 24—Linda Johnson  
 April 26—Henry Szewc  
 April 28—Mike Stoll  
 April 30—Gene Bard, Margie Elkins, Rick Landeis



## Happy Anniversary! April

April 1—Rick & Tracy Landeis  
 April 15—Rick & Louise Semino  
 April 23—Craig & Marigene Vogt

## 2025 Financial Summary Through February

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	65,000.00	59,379.31
Expenses	68,682.16	67,785.14
Profit/(Loss)	(3,682.16)	(8,405.83)

Large donations received at the beginning of the year are divided evenly and recorded in the remaining months so that revenue is not skewed at the beginning of the year.

## Per Capita

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenue	583.34	1,540.00	956.66
Expense	2,256.00	2,256.00	-
Profit/(Loss)	(1,672.66)	(716.00)	956.66

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

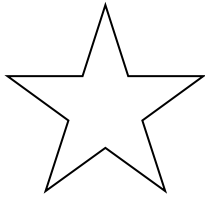
The monthly Session meeting for March was held on Tuesday the 25th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

News of Interest –

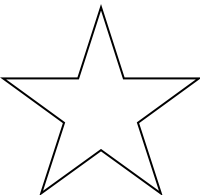
- Session approved two new members to the FPC congregation. Please welcome Ellie Martin and Dave Mullinax.
- Talent Show is scheduled for May 9. What talent would you like to share?
- Tech Committee is looking for help with the live stream. If you are interested, talk to Ted Knapp or Craig Clem.
- A Celebration of Life for Brooke Holstedt will be held on August 2.
- Session approved going to one service permanently on May 25. Sunday School at 9AM, Worship at 10AM and Fellowship at 11AM.
- Work will be starting soon on the FPC Community Garden. Would you like to help with fencing, seeding/planting, maintenance, composting, or harvesting? An information meeting will be announced soon.

Gary Joy, Clerk of Session

*When you can't find sunshine – Be the sunshine!*



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### **Space Force**

**Ryan Laughton** (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton)

### **Air Force**

**Brennan & Sydney Negrete** (Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)

**Megan Price** (Granddaughter of Karen Fosher)

**Rory Montgomery** (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

**Bridger Ammann** (Grandson of Joyce and Gary Meling)

**Maria Heller** (Granddaughter of Carol Maloy)

### **National Guard**

**Allen Price** (Son-in-law of Karen Fosher)

**Carsie Mitchell** (Grandson of Jim & Dianne Perry)

**Henry Johannesen** (Grandson of Judi Palm)

### **Army & Army Reserves**

**Ethan & Johnna Hall** (Grandson & granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)


**Jacek Aksamit** (Grandson of Mary & Larry Apple)

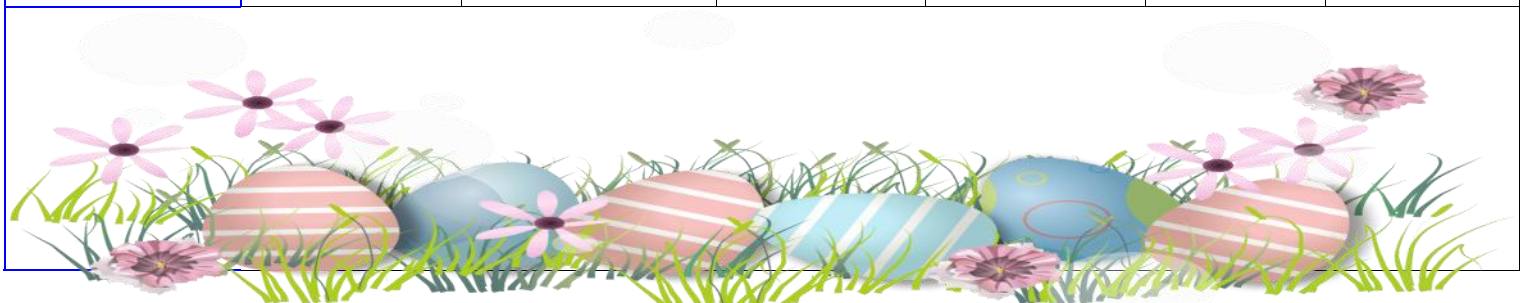
### **Navy**

**Samual Martin,** (Grandson of David & Helen Campbell)

If you would like to have your loved-one in the military listed on this page, or if you would like to have their address printed in the newsletter, or their picture on our picture board, please give the information to the office.

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 12 pm PW Luncheon  5:30 pm The Bridge 6 pm AA 6:30 pm Bells	<b>3</b> 7 am Bible Study 8:30 am Free Tax Prep 10 am Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30 am Free Tax Prep
<b>6</b> 8 am & 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Tech Com. 11:45 am Choir 6 pm AA	<b>7</b>  5:30 pm Working Women Circle 4	<b>8</b> 9 am Properties 12 pm Personnel 4 pm Worship 4:45 pm CE 5:15 pm Fellowship 5:45 pm Mission 6:30 pm Budget/ Finance 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Congregational Care Committee  5:30 pm The Bridge 6 pm AA 6:30 pm Bells	<b>10</b> 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8 am FPC Highway Cleanup Day
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> 8 & 10:30 am Worship 9 am Sunday School (all ages) 10 am Fellowship 11:45 am Choir 6 pm AA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  6 pm Session	<b>16</b> 10 am Circle 1 & 2 12 pm Circle 3  5:30 pm The Bridge 6 pm AA 6:30 pm Bells	<b>17 Maundy Thursday</b> 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study  7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>18 Good Friday</b> 12 pm Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at Trinity Lutheran	<b>19</b>
<b>20 EASTER</b> 6 am Sunrise Service 8 & 10:30 am Easter Worship 9 am Easter Breakfast  6 pm AA	<b>21</b>  6 pm AA District Mtg.	<b>22</b>  6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>23</b> 6 pm AA 6:30 pm Bells 7 pm Communion Training	<b>24</b> 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study  5:30 pm VOA Empty Bowl	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
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