



# FOREST LARGER PARISH

## Presbyterian Church

LAKEWOOD + WABENO + LAONA



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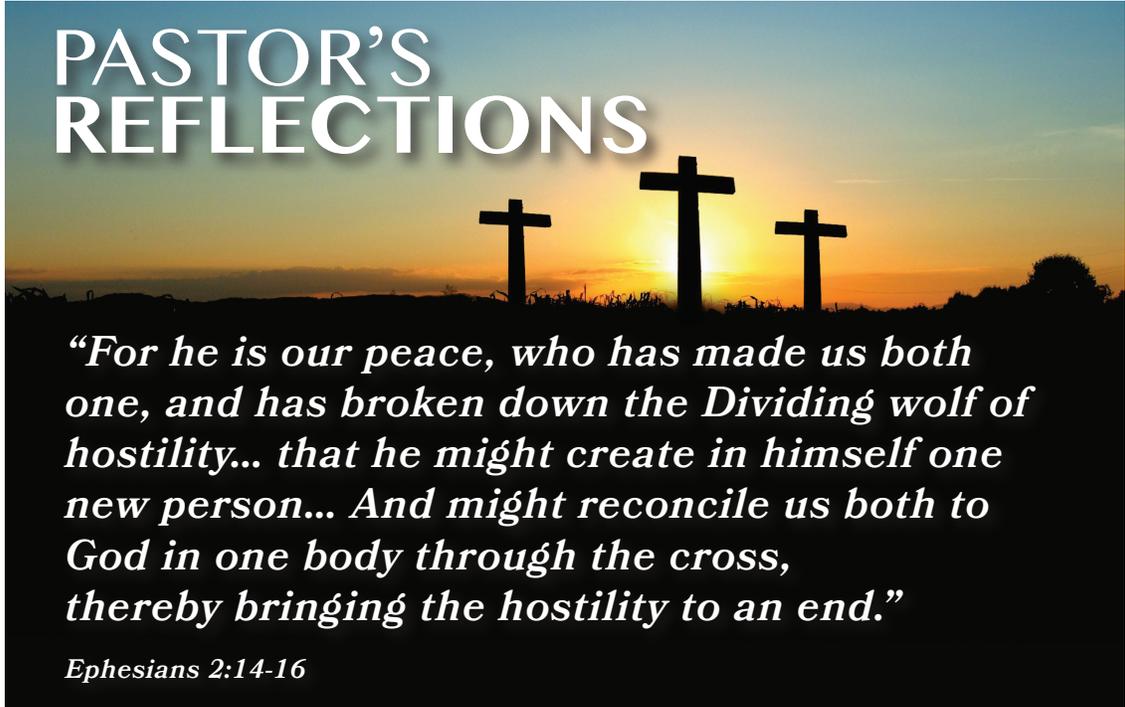
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## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS



*"For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the Dividing wall of hostility... that he might create in himself one new person... And might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end."*

*Ephesians 2:14-16*

Are you connected? Whether you know it or not, the answer is yes. Presbyterians talk about the "connectional" nature of our denomination. It means we are bound together by the action of the Holy Spirit and united in spite of our differences by the cross of Christ. No single church stands separated and independent from the others. Likewise, Christians who decide to live apart from other Christians are ignoring the cross's central meaning.

Back in the 1990s, country crooner Garth Brooks sang, "I've Got Friends in Low Places," to turn an old adage on its head. Jesus came for a world broken by its own sin. As people of the cross, we have connections in both the lowest and highest of places. In John 12:32, he says, "And

I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." His suffering and death were with all people and for all people.

The cross was never, in ancient history, thought of as a symbol of achievement, honor or victory. The cross was a horrific sign of one that had been utterly debased and cut off from the world by a dominant power.

When in humility, we accept God's reconciliation from the crucified and risen Christ, the battlements of hostility toward one another collapse. Prior to the cross of Jesus, we were equally estranged from God and from each other by our complicity in making the kind of world that crucified Jesus. But in the power of that cross, the isolation is ended. Through Jesus' death and

resurrection, God transformed the executioner's cross into a carpenter's bridge.

Therefore, we cannot take Christ's hand of forgiveness without also being offered the wounded hands of those with whom we were once at enmity. In the words of the Confession of '67, "God created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, he overcomes barriers between brothers and sisters."

Are you connected?

Thank you, Pastor Lee



# CHURCH COMMUNITY

## {PRAYER REQUESTS}

Anders Olsen, Rita Pierce, Missy Marvin, Kolton Oullette, Winda Collins, Austin Ginter, Mattie, Cory Schjoth, Jason VanDenLangenberg, Joan Winkelman, Darlene Dault, Diane Johnson, Alex Shottliff, Arthur Anderson, Jenny Buhrandt, Stella Sauder, Joni Buckarma, Terry Lukas, Randy & Chris Olson, Janet Sauer, Carol, Kathy Shrake, Emily, Mike Ashbeck, Cathy Pollow, Joyce Lentz, Lester Ness, Nancy Ness, Rev. Virginia Studer, David Granger, Melissa Peters, Oliver Smith, Joy Lee, Dick Barth, Anika Olson, Jim Stone, Toni Nelson, Laura Andrews, Ted Albert, Brenda Fryar, Robin Bytell, Demarie Kane, Jim Lentz, Linda Arentz, Chris Thomas, Curt Gipp, Peggy Mentz, Ron Popp, Steve Brooks, Paula & Tina, Joanne Boyer, Mark Whitefoot, Liam Welnetz, Gary Mercil, Bill Connors, Pat Manning, Marijo McKnight

**Nu-Roc Residents:** Shirley Shampo, June Kuehn

**Lakewood Assisted Living:** Glenn Ness

**Serving in the Military:** Troy Graham, Tony Balesteri, Lonnie Roy, Samuel Olsen, Blake Roberts, Collin Hackney, Ryan Ensley

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Federal Privacy Regulations, we encourage you to seek an individual's permission before submitting their name to our printed prayer list. \*If you would like to add a family member serving in the military to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card and note "military" and give it to the pastors or call the church office

## Mission Statement

### FOR FOREST LARGER PARISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our mission is to glorify God in all that we do including services of corporate worship, mission to those in need, proclamation of the Word through Bible study and evangelism, and support of the faithful in times of trouble and of celebration.

## {COMMUNION DATES}

**September 1** – Traditional

**October 6** – Intinction – World Communion Sunday, combined service at 10 a.m., Lakewood location, followed by a Flea-Zaar meeting

### **Parents of baptized children:**

*Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity.*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

These are birthdays and anniversaries of our members and friends. If your birthday or anniversary has never been listed and you would like it to be, please write it in on the Birthday Calendar posted at your church.

### SEPTEMBER

David Smit	1
Shelby Kitchmaster	2
Jane Rassmusson	4
Maddysen Calhoun	7
Richard Symes	8
Vicky Pirus	9
Scholz Anniv.	9
David Mentz	11
Peterson Anniv.	11
Courtney Brooks	12
Leslie Howen	14

Bresser's Anniv.	15
Gary Donaldson	19
Mark Hesselink	20
Terry Severson	20
Cliff Haskins	22
Mary Nash	23
Janet Sauer	25
Robin Bytell	25
Trevor Marvin	26

### OCTOBER

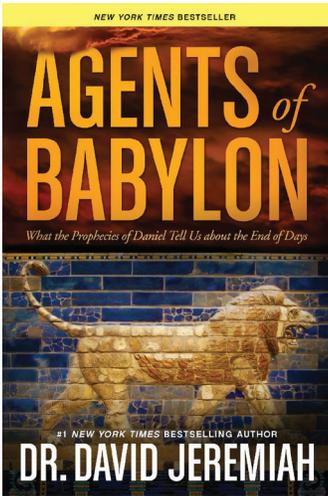
Andrew Boor	2
Shelly Spaude	5
Cindy Rohe	7
Joyce Barth	13
Gavin Peterson	16
Paige Peterson	19
James Peek	20
Joyce Lentz	26
Jackie Klingensmith	27
Paula Sangwin	29
Krystal Statezny	30





## {EVENTS}

### NEW VIDEO SERIES OFFERED



On Wednesday, Sept. 4, you are cordially invited to the Wabeno church building at 6:30 p.m. to share in a video-based Bible study. We will be studying the book of Daniel using a series produced by Dr. David Jeremiah titled "Agents of Babylon." After watching Dr. Jeremiah recount segments from the life of Daniel as he is exiled in Babylon, we will share in dessert and discussion. If you can't make the first meeting, feel free to join us for any of the following sessions — all on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

This event is co-sponsored by the Christian Education and Mission/Evangelism Committees as an outreach to the public and to our congregation. Look for announcements of this event in the local papers and do bring a friend or two.

The goal of this program is to share in fellowship while learning more about our faith.

Thanks be to God for giving us resources to explore our faith and our world.

### FESTI-FALL PIES NEEDED

The Lakewood Presbyterian Women are being asked to bake a pie or two or more, for the Festi-Fall event held in Lakewood on Sept. 14. A stand will be set up by Nicolet Pharmacy in Lakewood. Please help if you are able. This is an important mission project. Call (715) 276-3447 or (715) 275-7455 for more info. Thank you in advance!

### PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6.

#### HOW IS MY GIFT USED?

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCT. 6, 10 A.M.

#### COMBINED SERVICE, LAKEWOOD

- Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- Congregational Flea-Zaar Meeting

*Please complete your*  
**FLEA-ZAAR SURVEY**  
*and return it to the church by*  
**September 11.**

If you did not receive a survey form and would like one, please call or email Lori at: [forlarpar@centurylink.net](mailto:forlarpar@centurylink.net)

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Forest Larger has a long history of reaching out to those who reside at The Bay at Nu-Roc Nursing Home in Blackwell. Once a month, Pastor Lee leads a group of volunteers who offer a worship service residents that includes singing, praying, Bible reading and a short message. Communion is also offered. Residents appreciate the opportunity to worship and to interact with new people. Those who run the facility also appreciate us for providing the opportunity to care for their residents' spiritual needs.

All are welcome to participate in this ministry. Some helpers provide music, some help with AV presentation, some serve communion and some just sit with the residents to sing alongside them! Call the church office if you want more details about how you can be part of these monthly outreach services.

## {FLEA-ZAAR TRIVIA}

*Submitted by Terry Severson*

### 2016:

- 91 individuals helped
- 267 bodies helped during the week

### 2017:

- 91 individuals helped
- 283 bodies helped during the week

### 2018:

- 69 individuals helped
- 257 bodies helped during the week

### 2019:

- 69 individuals helped
- 257 bodies helped during the week
- 28 different people helped with pre Flea-Zaar pickups

The 2019 numbers are up to Friday. There are no definite numbers for Saturday and Sunday helpers because of the storm changing everything. Monday – Thursday 8 of these people were from Blackwell Job Corps, which means there were only 61 individuals from church helping.



# OUR COMMUNITY

Dear FLPPC ACY & Mission Evangelism,

Thank you for giving me money to go to Pilgrim Center. I had a fun time there. This year's theme was faith. One of the Bible verses was from Luke 14:15-24, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet, he sent his servant, to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready. But they all alike began to make excuses.'" One example of this Bible verse is when a couple of staff invited a few people to have s'mores, but they didn't accept it because they didn't like them. The moral of the story is to be accepting of others. My favorite part was going swimming. We played lots of games like sardines, which is the opposite of hide-and-go-seek. My Creative Connections camp session was drama. For the talent show I did a play called Boy Meets World. I want to still keep going to Creative Connections Camp.

— Trevor Marvin,  
Laona Presbyterian Church

## 100-YEAR CELEBRATION

St. John's Lutheran Church of Townsend has been celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. They are having a celebration concert and have invited other churches to join them. There will be a combined choir from St. John's, St. Marys of the Lakes, and FLPPC members/friends who would like to sing.

Four songs will be shared together, including Handel's "Hallelujah" from Messiah. If you are interested in singing with this group, Mary Ellen Keller will be teaching and rehearsing the songs with our friends and members. Rehearsals will be arranged beginning in September. The tentative date for the concert will be in the evening of Nov. 2, 2019. Please let **Mary Ellen Keller** know as soon as possible if you would like to sing with this group. You may call her at **(715) 927-7065** (please leave a message if she doesn't answer), or email her at **dmekeller@gmail.com**.

## MISSION/EVANGELISM DONATES SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Karen Prueter, Joan Hansen, Linda Mentz, Suzanne Bell, Audrey Peterson and Joanne Gipp of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church (Lakewood, Laona and Wabeno) delivered school supplies to NEW-CAP in Crandon on August 6 to be distributed to their clients as the school year approaches. Money for this project came from the Pentecost Offering at the church with the designation it was to be used to help children at risk. Thanks go also to Walmart in Rhinelander who provided a \$50 gift card to increase the purchasing power of the Presbyterian shoppers. Money was also given to the Backpacks-to-Go program at Laona and Wabeno that provide nutritious snacks to children over the weekend during the school year.



## TRIGGER: THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GUN VIOLENCE

PRODUCED BY PRESBYTERY DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The movie "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence," produced by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Story Productions, is now available for streaming on Amazon Prime. This documentary frames gun violence as both a disaster and a public health issue through the eyes of its victims. It addresses the critical issue of gun violence prevention by moving the conversation away from polarizing extremes

that have long dominated the debate and lifting the voice and experience of those who seek common ground and a new way forward.

FLPPC is considering doing a four-session study on this movie. If you would be interested in attending, please contact the church office at (715) 473-3603 or forlarpar@centurtylink.net.



## SESSION MINUTES

### >>> AUGUST 2019

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council of the Forest Larger Parish was held on Aug. 12, 2019, 6 p.m., at the Wabeno location. Pastor Lee Jennings moderated the meeting. The meeting opened with devotion and prayer.

Present: Elders Larry Statezny, Sam Johnvin, Suzanne Bell, Mary Scheuerman, Louie Spaude, Henry Severson, Linda Kortbein, Admin. Asst. Lori Brooks, Clerk Patty Earnest, and Pastor Lee.

- Motion to approve agenda - M/S/A.

- Motion to give voice to all present - M/S/A.

- Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report with figures through July 31, 2019, were distributed and reviewed. M/S/A. The matter of how next year's budget is determined was brought up — how we have come to the point of Tina setting these figures with information from Personnel Committee was discussed. Henry, Patty, Mary, Linda, and anyone serving in a Treasurer and Asst. Treas. capacity will serve on the Stewardship

Committee next year and work with next year's budget with Tina.

- Clerk's Report: Motion to approve the June 10, 2019, clerk's report. M/S/A. These minutes reported that the pavilion materials will be paid out of the 2019 flea-zaar, however this needs to be researched.

- Pastor's Report: Pastor's report for April 25 – August 11, was included.

- Worship Committee: Copies of the minutes of the July 22, 2019, Worship Committee were distributed and reviewed.

- Christian Education: Mary read a thank you from an ACY student who attended camp and we helped offset these camp costs. Suzanne will begin another video series after Labor Day.

- Mission/Evangelism Committee: Copies of the minutes of the August 6, M/E committee were distributed and reviewed. Suzanne said Walmart donated a \$50 gift card toward their school shopping trip.

- Building & Grounds Committee: Henry reported the

manse roof has been repaired by Nick Loch and he has arranged for ceiling repair where the roof was leaking. Lori has contacted Mr. Loch to evaluate the Wabeno door situation. Lori will also ask Mr. Loch to take care of (probably remove) the manse chimney. Henry explained water leaking problems at the Lakewood location. He has been able to fix these problems. Henry and Louie will continue to take care of these water problems at Lakewood. Lori has made several calls regarding repair of the Lakewood sound system but has had no response. Henry will also do some checking on this. Lakewood may need an entire new sound system.

- Flea-zaar: A printed report on "Flea-zaar Trivia" was included with printed materials listing numbers of people who worked at the Flea-zaar each day. A breakdown of all Flea-zaar income/expense was included, but Suzanne said this is all approximate. Presbytery has indicated they may help offset our losses this year. At this time approximate income is \$13,658.05. Suzanne

resigned as Flea-zaar Chair and Mary has agreed to take this over. Motion to schedule a congregational meeting to decide if we want to continue the Flea-zaar, suggestions if we do and have Mary and Lori develop a survey to distribute. M/S/A. It was agreed we should put the following wording on our signs at each location: "Thank you friends for supporting 15 years of our Flea-zaar".

- Motion to approve all committee reports - M/S/A.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Henry reported on a social outing both the Lakewood men and the Lakewood women had. This was enjoyed by all who attended and Henry encouraged others to plan similar social outings.

- The meeting closed in prayer.

