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Presbyterian Church

LAKEWOOD + WABENO + LAONA



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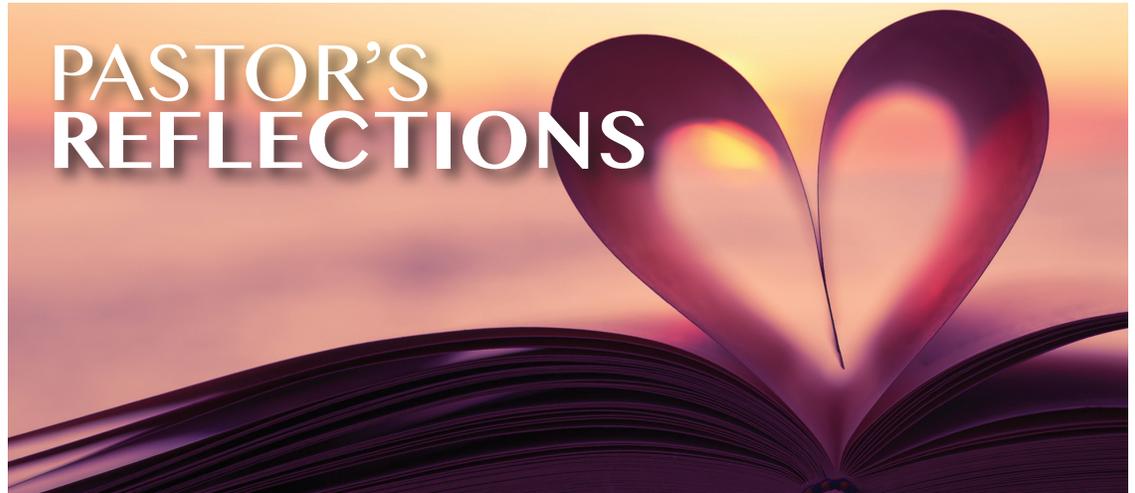
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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

I want to begin with some reflections on the Sabbatical that I recently finished a few weeks ago. I feel a mighty gratitude toward all who supported me during my time away from the work of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church. This was a gracious opportunity for my personal reflection and growth. Two years ago, Randy Argall, the Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church of Green Bay, met me at a local ice cream stand to discuss the nature of sabbaticals for clergy. Winnebago Presbytery has this policy: The time is for ministers to experience emotional, intellectual, and spiritual renewal. It provides time for a minister to gain new perspectives on his/her immediate ministry, to return with new insights and energy.

This winter, members of the Personnel Committee discussed the possibility of a sabbatical with me and Sarah Moore-Nokes. To be eligible for a sabbatical, a minister would normally have first worked five years at the church (in my case, six years).

It was determined that this could happen primarily in May and June. With support from

Presbytery, the idea was then brought to the Session. The Session gave its approval and I began planning. While I planned how to utilize the time available for me, the session worked with Personnel Committee to plan for pastoral leadership and administration that would be used during the absence of the minister.

I want to add that from what members have told me that the church did a good job of carrying on as I was away. Different members from the deacons and elders helped with worship and preaching.

Special thanks to Suzanne Bell for her faithful sermonizing and Cliff Haskins for leading services at The Bay at Nu-Roc and Lakewood Assisted Living. I also want to include Lin Wittmann as a dear friend who also preached in my absence.

I enjoyed and appreciated the way in which I was able to use the weeks off. I realized that I needed to rest up and seek spiritual growth. I began to visit a Roman Catholic Sister, Judy Miller, of the Center for Spirituality at St. Norbert Abby. I have been seeing her and have been blessed by our discussions and her advice.

I also attended a five-day workshop on the nurture of worship in the church. Our leader for the week was Dr. Marcia McFee. Marcia is an outstanding communicator with years of experience in teaching with a Doctorate from U. Vanderbilt in the study of religious practices. "Worship Design Studio" is the name of her site on the internet. I learned so much from her.

Our family got together for a trip to Arkansas to show the kids the 20 acres that my mom left us. We had a good time being together and visiting my parents' graves at a small cemetery called Mount Comfort.

The final workshop took place in St. Paul at Luther Seminary. I studied the works of Dr. Brené Brown on leadership. Her new book is called "Dare to Lead." I am still learning the skills that we can develop to aid us in being better leaders with a goal towards becoming whole people. I intend to share more from my findings in the future. This sabbatical was a great blessing.

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, Miranda Hughes, the family of Edith Kloet, Oliver Smith, Jerry Huettl, Joy Lee, Dick Barth, Anika Olson, Jim Stone, Toni Nelson, Laura Andrews, Ted Albert, Brenda Fryar, Robin Bytell, Demarie Kane, Jim Lentz, the family of Wendy Schaefer, Linda Arentz, Jacquie Kreienbrink, Chris Thomas, Curt Gipp, Steve Albers, Peggy Mentz, Ron Popp, Steve Brooks, Paula & Tina, the family of Kaydence Wagnitz, Joanne Boyer, Mark Whitefoot, Liam Welnetz, the family of Carol Lamers

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, Brandon Ness, 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}

July 7 – Traditional

July 28 – Intinction – Outdoor Service at Silver Lake Beach, Laona – 10 a.m.

August 4 – Traditional

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.

JULY		Henry Severson	24	Vivian Mathe	10
Norman Schmelling	4	Suzanne Bell	25	June Kuehn	11
Mary Ellen Keller	5	Larry & Krystal Statezny		Lori Brooks	13
Kristin Kresse	5	Anniversary	25	Ron Henkel	13
Randa Albert	6	Bob & Shirley Rohe		Laura Bethke	14
Don & Karen Prueter		Anniversary	26	Tom Graham	17
Anniversary	11	William Connors, Jr.	28	Natalie Johnson	18
Kelly Spaude	12	Larry Statezny, Jr.	29	Shirley Shampo	21
Bev Scheuerman	17	Katherine Scheuerman	31	Terry Fritsch	22
Jordyn Calhoun	17			Jason Spaude	25
Connie Friesen	18	AUGUST		Michael Konitzer	25
Gail Dersnah	18	Dale & Mary Keller		Ron Scholz	27
Mark Coenen	21	Anniversary	8	Joan Hansen	31
Kathy Shrake	22	Zackary Ashbeck	9		
William Connors, Sr.	23	Wendy Mannering	9		
Deborah Kempf	24	Leah Mentz	10		





{EVENTS}

FLEA ZAAR

Friday, July 19 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 20 | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lakewood Church

VBS: "MIRACULOUS MISSION" JULY 22-26, 2019

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, TOWNSEND

9 a.m. - Noon

Assisted by members of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church.

Lift off for an intergalactic adventure with Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World. Explore God's miraculous mission and learn about His plan of salvation from creation to the cross! Based on the key verse John 3:16 (ESV), students learn:

- Day 1.** God made the universe and He made me.
- Day 2:** God promised a Savior and He keeps His Word.
- Day 3:** Jesus the Savior is Born and Jesus came for me.
- Day 4:** Jesus the Savior is Risen and Jesus saves me.
- Day 5:** Jesus the Savior Reigns and Jesus is coming for me.

Bring your friends to join with you in this fun-filled week. Children 3 years old and potty-trained through 6th grade are welcome. Call (715) 276-7214 to register.

COMBINED OUTDOOR SERVICE

Church on the Beach

Sunday, July 28, 10 a.m.

Silver Lake Beach Pavilion, Laona

Please bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs. Directions to Silver Lake from the Hwy. 32 address of the Lakewood Church:

- 📍 15552 WI-32
Lakewood, WI 54138
- ↑ Head west on WI-32 N toward
Evergreen Ln
21 miles
- ↙ Turn left onto Starks Settlement Rd
0.9 miles
- ↘ Turn right onto E Silver Lake Rd
0.7 miles
- 📍 E Silver Lake Rd
Laona, WI 54541

COMBINED CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m., Wabeno

Ice Cream Social following worship.

Moment for Mission:

OUTDOOR SERVICE

In Acts 17: 24, we read:

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything...

As familiar and lovely as all three of our church buildings are in Forest Larger, God is not confined to a specific building or place. And on Sunday, July 28, we will re-affirm that as we hold a joint outdoor worship service at Silver Lake Beach in Laona. This worship service with a potluck to follow, is sponsored by the Laona branch of Forest Larger. It begins at 10 a.m. in the pavilion which is right on the lake but yet has parking close by. This is an opportunity to worship in a beautiful outdoor setting and also show support for our Laona location. This is the only joint Sunday service held in Laona every year.

So come, bring your lawn chair and your dish to pass and be a part of this worship experience, as we show the world — at least that part of the world that is at Silver Lake Beach on July 28 — what our worship looks like and sounds like.

Thanks be to God for His beautiful creation and for allowing us to worship Him in it.

PAY IT FORWARD

Everything good is ultimately a gift from God. So when we do good towards others, we are actually showing our gratitude towards God for what He has already given us. The "Pay It Forward" moment was popularized by the movie of the same name, but it is not something new.

The author of 1 John wrote in chapter 4, verses 19-21: *We love Him because He first loved us. If*

someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also."

Due to the popularity of our own Pay It Forward campaign at Forest Larger, the Mission/ Evangelism Committee is again sponsoring the same program for 2019. Here is a reminder of how it works: if you wish to participate, take an envelope from the offering plate that is marked as Pay It Forward. Inside you will find \$5 cash and a card to present to the recipient of your act of kindness. You can invest the \$5 to create something of added value that you can give, you can step in and pay a bill in a checkout line, or you can just give the cash. Use the money and your imagination to do some act of kindness for a friend or better yet, a stranger. It doesn't have to be someone who shows their need — this is not a hand-out to the destitute (although you can use it for that if you so choose.) There are a limited number of envelopes and when they are gone, they are gone. But if you feel the need to take a second envelope, you may do so. We only ask in return that you write down how you used your money to Pay It Forward, put that information in the envelope and return it via the offering plate before August 11 so it can be shared at the Celebrate the Church special service on August 18. You may include your name or remain anonymous, but we would still like to hear back from you.

Thanks be to God for the ability to reach out in love to others.



OUR COMMUNITY

FLEA-ZAAR



The annual Flea-Zaar is an event that not only brings money in to support the efforts of Forest Larger, but it draws us closer together as a church body. And while the Flea-Zaar may not seem like a missional event when you see the throngs of happy shoppers and tired workers, there IS a mission there! The Flea-Zaar helps to support the entire ministry of our church including a robust Mission/Evangelism. Many grateful people in the community shop for things that they need that they can't afford elsewhere. Many local businesses rejoice when they see the crowds that the Flea-Zaar draws to town. Stewards of the environment are happy that we are finding new homes for items that would

otherwise go to our landfills. Donors are relieved to see their possessions find new usefulness. The Flea-Zaar is indeed a mission event!

All people who consider themselves either members or friends of Forest Larger are invited to help make the 2019 Flea-Zaar a successful venture. Mark your calendar for the week starting with July 15 as we begin to prepare for the actual sale on July 19 and 20. Watch for further details in the bulletin or just show up on the appointed dates and we will make sure you have a job! There is a job for everyone no matter where their talents lie!

Thanks be to God for the blessings He gives to us through events like the Flea-Zaar!

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?



The Community Garden has been planted and is doing well. Becky Jennings and Mary Ellen Keller got everything in just in time for the skies to let go with a good dose of rain. Thank you to Linda Stearns and Tom Secanky for the use of their tiller, and to Pastor Lee and Becky Jennings for tilling the garden, Becky Jennings for helping with the planting, and Mary Ellen Keller for donating seeds and plants. This year's garden contains the following: carrots, cauliflower, cherry tomatoes, eggplant, green beans, kale, lettuce, radishes (two varieties), red cabbage, red potatoes, spinach, sweet peppers (three varieties), Swiss chard, tomatillos, Yukon Gold potatoes, winter squash (two varieties), and zucchini. Last year, a few potatoes got left in the ground, and during the tilling process, they were unearthed in pieces. (As of the summer solstice, some rogue blue potatoes started poking out of the ground within rows of other veggies. We will have to keep an eye on those!) Most of the plants and rows are labeled, so you can see where things are supposed to be. Once we get some warmer days, the tomatoes should take off and they will be easier to spot, as they are not individually labeled.

In the past few years we have been able to feed many in the area through sharing the bounty with the church members and friends, and through the food pantries. Please consider how you can help this garden grow. If you have a little spare time, please consider stopping by to weed as needed throughout the growing season, help with the harvest when the time comes, or clean the produce and deliver it to a friend in need or to the food pantries in the area. If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Mary Ellen Keller. She can be reached at (715) 927-7065.

FLEA ZAAR



**COMING JULY 19-20
PLEASE DONATE:**

- PERENIAL PLANTS IN CONTAINERS
- BAKED GOODS (WRAP SECURELY!)
- JEWELRY (COSTUME AND OTHERWISE)
- QUALITY FURNISHINGS
- TOOLS AND LAWN EQUIPMENT
- BOATS, CARS, MOTORCYCLES, ETC



SESSION MINUTES

>>> MAY 2019

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council of the Forest Larger Parish was held on May 13, 2019, 6 p.m., at the Wabeno location. Pastor Craig Allwin 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, Treasurer Tina Flannery, and Pastor Craig.

- 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 April 30, 2019, were distributed and reviewed. This year's giving is down from this time last year. This will be mentioned in the Moment for Mission and the Session will continue to monitor this. Motion to accept this treasurer's report. M/S/A.

- Clerk's Report: Motion to approve the April 8, 2019, clerk's report. M/S/A. Patty reported 103 people took communion on Easter. M/S/A.

- Deacon's Report: Patty reported the Lakewood Deacons met on May 12 for the purpose of general Deacon's responsibilities.

- Personnel Committee: Mary reported \$1,000 has been received from Presbytery to help defray costs of pulpit supply. Mary is working with COM to try to get some answers regarding the insurance we must carry on Pastor Lee's family which they don't need.

- Worship Committee: Copies of the minutes of the April 29, 2019, Worship Committee minutes were distributed and reviewed. The Lakewood

Deacons have agreed to lead worship and provide the sermon on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Suzanne, Louie and Linda will officiate communion.

- Mission/Evangelism Committee: Suzanne reported the weekly series "Soul Keeping" is being well received and attended. Peace scholarship winner has been selected and Mary Ellen Keller will present this at the Awards night. On May 25, the garage at Lakewood will be open to receive Flea-zaar donations.

- Building & Grounds

Committee: Mary reported she has contacted Doug Daniels to get an appraisal on door/lock repair or replacement at all three church buildings, as well as manse and Wabeno roof repair. Henry and Lori will get estimates on a new or repaired sound system. Henry also said he will take care of some tree removal and repair on the mower. The Lakewood location will have a spring cleaning day on May 18.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- No one is able to commit to attending the May Presbytery Meeting.

- Suzanne and Stan Hall have submitted a letter requesting that they be removed from FLPPC membership rolls. Motion to postpone action on this until Pastor Lee is back from sabbatical. M/S/A.
- The meeting closed in prayer.

>>> JUNE 2019

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council of the Forest Larger Parish was held on June 10, 2019, 6 pm, at the Wabeno location. Pastor Agnes Brady moderated the meeting. The meeting opened with devotion and

prayer.

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

Excused Elder Mary Scheuerman, Treasurer Tina Flannery

- 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 May 31, 2019, were distributed and reviewed. This expenditure figure includes costs for enclosing the pavilion. This cost will be covered by 2019 Fleazaar. A letter is being sent to the Presbytery requesting reimbursement for insurance costs for Pastor Lee's family. The need to keep our congregation aware of our financial condition was discussed. Motion to accept this treasurer's report. M/S/A.

- Clerk's Report: Motion to approve the 5/13/2019 clerk's report. M/S/A.

- Building & Grounds

Committee: Sam reported the Laona location neighbor has volunteered to mow the lawn

this summer at that location at no charge — he'll do it when he mows his own lawn. Henry said he has cut some trees and brush at the manse, and also has done some maintenance of our equipment. Lori is still trying to get some costs on repair/replace of our sound system. The contractor Mary has contacted to repair our manse roof is unavailable. Other contractors contacted have all said they are too busy at this time. Lori will contact Menards and Argonne Lumber to see if they have anyone who could do this roof repair.

- Flea Zaar: Suzanne gave a general update on our upcoming Flea Zaar. Our pavilion is enclosed and able to be locked. Items are being put in there. Henry is taking care of getting the dumpster.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- There will be no July meeting.

- The meeting closed in prayer.



