

PRAYER REQUESTS

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:

MariAn Cramer (Leanne Thompson's Mother)
 JoAnn Shannon (Shara Goldenstein's Grandmother)
 David Packer (Marv and Sally Packer's Son)
 Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)
 Ardell Knutson (Earl Knutson's Brother)
 Frances Rahn (Mother of Nancy Chamberlain)
 Sarah Grafenstein
 Brenda Arnold
 Lori Green (Wife of Keith Green, Mother of Joanna Zuidema)
 Nikki Harris (Cousin of Bennett Goldenstein)
 John Carver
 Arlen Sjerven
 Jim Packer (Brother of Marv Packer)
 Lyla Hoogeveen (Sister-in-law of Dorothy Krause)

Prayers for those who Grieve:

Family of Bill Somerville (Grandfather of Michelle Schoolmeester)
 Family of Norah Mae, infant daughter of Joanna & Lane Zuidema (friends of the Langs)
 Family of Harold Goblisch (Donna Arends, Mother of Shelly Schoolmeester)
 Family of Robert Spindler (Brother-in-Law of Alan & Bonnie Fritze)
 Family of David Andreen (Brother of Cliff Andreen)

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

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

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, April 30th

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

Monday, May 1st	6:30 PM	VBS Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday, May 2nd	7:00 AM 6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday, May 3rd	7:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Women's Bible Study Youth Ringers Gospel Rock/ Youth Group Awards Dinner
Thursday, May 4th	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Quilters Worship Music Team
Sunday, May 7th	8:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Adult Education Youth Sunday Practice, JKH Worship Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark the dates on your calendar: June 25-30th is the Mission Trip for everyone to Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the Reservation near Devils Lake, Spirit Lake, North Dakota. More details will be coming. The Mission Committee.

Gospel Rock/Youth Group Awards Dinner: Gospel Rock and Youth Group are coming to a close for this school year. The Awards Dinner will be May 3rd at 6:00 pm with all participants, family and leaders welcome!

REMINDER: Gospel Ringers will meet from 5:30-6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3rd, due to the Gospel Rock Awards Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Occidente Partnership Young Adult Mission Trip

Thank you to all that donated to the March Mission of the Month. The total donated is \$626. Thank you!!

Clearwater Forest: REGISTER ONLINE TODAY! Registration for summer 2017 at Clearwater Forest is well underway, and camps are filling up quickly! Look online today to discover programs for campers entering 3rd grade through recent graduates. This year's programs are built around our summer theme "BRANCHING OUT: Connecting Through Christ." Remember to bring a friend and get a \$25 gift certificate to the camp store! For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through March	\$ 56,135
Expenses through March	\$ 60,107
Expenses in excess of Receipts	\$ 3,972

2017 Per Capita: \$40 per confirmed member

Bdecan Mission Silent Auction

The Silent Auction, which will be supporting the Bdecan Mission Trip, bidding begins NOW through May 7th at 11:30pm. There will be a free lunch hosted by the Mission Committee and sponsored by a generous grant from Trivent. Joe Obermeyer, the director of Bdecan Church will be our guest. The Live Auction will be at 11:30 during lunch. Come and enjoy!

Volunteers Needed:

Looking for a way to get involved with the Willmar Destination Playground at Robbins Island?? We are in need of volunteers to help fill our shifts during the build. Our build dates are May 16-17 and May 19-25. All skill levels are welcome (all unskilled volunteers will partner with skilled volunteers). Skilled workers need not be carpenters, but they must be able to cut a straight line with a circular saw. We are also looking for people to lend us their tools, help with childcare, assist in the art tent, and with food prep and serving. Find more details at:

<https://willmarplayground.com/team-build/> View shifts and sign up to volunteer here: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48adac2da7f94-willmar and to sign up to lend a tool: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48adac2da7f94-tool.

Mental Health Symposium

Ridgewater College of Willmar is having a symposium on Wednesday, May 17 from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm all on Mental Health. Some topics that will be discussed are "The Elephant in the Room, Aromatherapy, Dementia Care, Stigmatized Diversity, Public Safety Suicide, Community Drug Trends, Understanding the Poverty Culture, and Trauma Aware to Trauma Informed." There is limited space. To register go to www.ridgewater.edu/customized. If you need more information contact Deb Rodelius at deb.rodelius@ridewater.edu or 320-222-6060.



One Great Hour of Sharing

In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge – to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share. With your gift you support the ministries of Self Development of People (SDOP), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

SDOP works with grassroots groups to change structures that keep people living in poverty, oppression, and injustice. PHP is committed to alleviating hunger and eliminating its causes with long-term solutions including environmental stewardship, education, and outreach. PDA responds to disasters around the world by providing immediate relief like food, water, and shelter, while helping to rebuild and address long-term recovery.

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