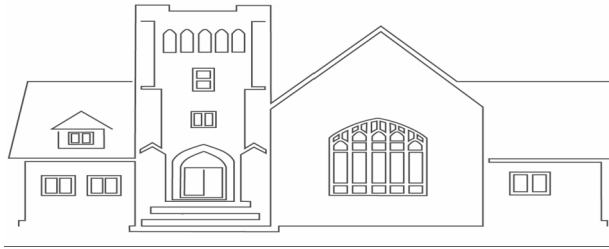


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THE MESSENGER



FEBRUARY, 2013

Message from Pastor John

My Dear Friends and Family of First Presbyterian Church,

We are entering the month of February and an early start to the Lenten Season. As a beginning, I would invite any who are eager and early risers, to share in the Lenten Breakfasts that begin February 13th at 6:45 am. It will be an Ash Wednesday service with breakfast, a brief devotional, and the imposition of ashes for any who would want to participate. Every Wednesday morning will continue with breakfast and a devotion from one of the church family through the Lenten Season.

Also, be watchful of any ecumenical opportunities such as the Cross Walk which will be following the stations of the cross on Good Friday, March 29th at noon, I believe. There are other plans, but they are still being formed at this point.

What I like to think of Lent being is an opportunity to grow closer to God and to remove the trappings that have gotten in the way of our relationship with God. That is why we hear so much about the Cost of the Cross and the meaning of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross for all of us.

One phrase has been a point of reflection for me in preparing for Lent. In the Communion Service after breaking the bread and pouring the juice into the Chalice, I say, "Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we do proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again." Another way of sharing the same statement is: "Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the *Lord's Sacrifice* till He comes again."

Why not look at the lectionary passages for the next few weeks of Lent and find examples of Sacrifice. Ask yourselves what that sacrifice means to you. What sacrifices are you and I called to make so that we remove whatever blocks a closer relationship we have with God. What can you proclaim as the sacrifice the Lord makes for you? Let's discover the Lenten message of Sacrifice and claim that message as a Lenten Spiritual Antidote for our spiritual lives. Such is what I will be focusing on in my Lenten Messages.

Finally, I want to say "Welcome" to Sara Hopkins, who has been commissioned by Presbytery and by this congregation to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder effective immediately. She will be a back-up for me when I am unable to be available for any pastoral needs and preaching as needed. That is a big relief, but a great blessing for this congregation. God has called Sara for this special ministry and we are thrilled to have her as part of the ministry of this congregation.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John J. Duling

Special Notice: Due to the bad weather and a lack of a quorum, the annual meeting is being postponed until February 10, following church. We will have a potluck, so bring a dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be furnished. The purpose of the meeting is to hold our Annual meeting, elect a Deacon, receive the reports of various committees of the church, receive the church financial report and budget for 2013, review the adequacy of the Minister's compensation package and discuss how it relates to the PNC and vote on decisions required of the congregation by nFOG (New Form of Government).

Worship & Music Committee

Kim DeGraff, Chairperson

We are beginning to plan events around Easter. See page 9 for details on Lenten breakfasts. More information will be coming about Maundy Thursday services and those for Easter.

It was recently discovered that there is a quirk in our sound system. If any one of the mikes gets turned off during worship, the entire system shuts down. Therefore, all mikes need to be left on at all times. For example, if someone comes up to use the floor mike, it should be on at the beginning of the service and it should be left on when they are finished. We appreciate everyone's help in this.

Ann Cutts, acting Chairperson in January

Budget and Finance Corner

Bill Shields, Chairperson

For the month of December, pledges were \$13,386, which was \$1,891 above budget. Other regular giving, at \$1400, was also strong for the month. Flower income was high for the month due to poinsettia purchases. Administrative expenses were \$188 over budget due to the purchase of bulletin paper. Personnel expenses were over budget \$1,583 for the month due to the payment of \$100 Christmas bonuses for each employee, mileage reimbursement for Pastor Duling and substitute organist fees. All other expenses were close to or below budgeted amounts. In total, expenses were \$1,155 above budget for the month.

Year-to-date pledges were \$256 above budget. Expenses were \$22,044 under budget due primarily to the pastor vacancy at the beginning of the year. Other committees expenses have been significantly below budget.

We received and remitted another \$135 for Super Storm Sandy victims. The Mufoces mission account earned \$780 from the craft sale. The International Mission fund covered the cost of \$270 for those attending the Kids Against Hunger food packaging event. The Christmas Joy offering was \$510 and the Rural Harvest Offering was \$565. Both were remitted to Presbytery



Elder's Committee Assignments for 2013

At the January 12 Leadership retreat, the Elder's negotiated their committee assignments for the next year. Below are those assignments:

Budget and Finance: Bill Shields and Terry Rickers
Buildings and Grounds: Steve Hopkins and Roger Harmelink

Christian Nurture: Virginia Bennett

Church Life: Randy Camp and Diane Moles

Membership: Gary Parsons

Mission: Linda Erickson and Mickey Van Baale

Personnel: George Wilkening

Worship and Music: Kim DeGraff and Carol Soderblom-Proctor

While the Elders take on the leadership roles, the work of the church cannot be completed without the help of congregation members to serve as committee members. Please be willing to serve on a committee if you are asked. If you feel God calling you to serve on one of these committees or if you would like more information, please get a hold of any Elder or Pastor John.

We cannot do it without your help!

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Kathleen Skokan. Kathleen died on January 16, 2013 in Des Moines. Funeral services were held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon, January 21 with Rev. John Duling presiding. Kathleen was buried at Newton Union Cemetery. Kathleen's children, who are also members of FPC are Dan and Patty Skokan, Carol and Tom Farver and Jim and Monica Skokan. Kathleen is also survived by daughter Mary Sumpter of Omaha, NE, her 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and a sister.



MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

I just wanted to let you know that if you did not go with us to the Grinnell College basketball game on January 26 you missed a really good time. We had 22 people that attended and saw a typical fast action, high scoring game. Grinnell played Lake Forest and won 100/62. We went to Pagliai's Pizza after the game and had good food, good company and good conversation. We will try to do this again next year.

Our committee is in the process of trying to put together a "Homecoming" event when Newton High School has their reunion weekend in June and a lot of Newton grads return. We will invite people who will be attending their reunion and were associated with our church to join us for worship on Sunday morning. More on this later.

We are trying to devise a better way to display our nice church brochures in the pews.

REMEMBER: God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Gary Parsons, Chair

The Deacons, along with the Elders, participated in a training session on January 12th with Pastor John. The Deacons continued to make their calls in January. It was a time to look back and remember the people whom we had visited and lost to death in the past year- Ruth Stewart, Helen Chyma (mother of Janet Shields), Lois Parsons (mother of Gary), Esther Faidley, and Darryl Achtemeier. Since the last Messenger, Ruth Ann Van Elswyk, because of mobility concerns, has regretfully resigned from our board. We thank her and our other retiring deacons- Nancy Mott, Harriet Harmelink, Barb Jackson Roesse, and Dave Stolper for their dedication and service. Dixie Zegers will be nominated as a deacon at the Annual Meeting. Through your offerings on Communion Sundays and some memorials designated to us, we were able to assist in helping several organizations in 2012. Thank you.

Linda Kirchhoff, Moderator

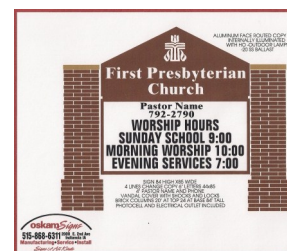


Buildings and Grounds

Steve Hopkins, Chair

At our January meeting, Linda Campbell agreed to chair the committee this year. Thank you, Linda, as this will free up some time for me to serve on the PNC committee.

Jim Oskam met with the committee to report that he is currently building the actual sign. He expects to attach it to the completed pillars on a Saturday in the very near future. Jim will also be contacting Van Maanen Electric, who will be doing the wiring, to coordinate the completion of the sign.



Thank you so much for your cards and prayers. I also want to thank Pastor John and the Deacons for their visits to Darrell. We will have a celebration of his life on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

Marie Achtemeier

Christian Nurture at Work

By Virginia Bennett, Chair

Jen Norvell was welcomed as a new member of our committee. Upcoming events are:

WOW

The start of WOW had to be pushed back, as the new minister of First Lutheran has just begun. WOW will be starting on **January 30@ 5:00**, starting at First Lutheran Church.

We need 3 volunteers to purchase, cook, serve, and clean up the dinner for about 20-30 kids and adults, served at our church around 5:45. The **dates** are **January 30, February 6** and **13**.

If can help out, call **Kelly Koenen at 791-1264**. If you would like to help out, but not be in charge of the dinner, one option would be to pair up with someone or just show up, extra hands always make for lighter work.

People of all ages are welcome to join us in nurturing our young Christians.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

This year we will have 6 students in our confirmation class - Natalie Camp, Emily Miller, Jordan Norvell, Megan Ritter, Garrett Sturtz, and Josh Ventling. Each has chosen a mentor. Their class will begin on February 10 and will be led by Pastor John and the mentors. The group and their parents met with Pastor John on Sunday afternoon, January 20 for an initial meeting. The mentors met with Pastor John on Sunday afternoon, January 27, to get their instructions. Each confirmand will be presented with a study Bible. Please keep these youth and mentors in your prayers.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

A special Bible Study for youth begins Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm. It will coincide with WOW, but have it's own schedule. The study is called "Plugged In" which is minimally a 5 week Bible study for all youth in High School. Come and invite a friend and share in the interactive DVD series led by Pastor John.

New Members to our Committee

Contrary to popular belief, we do have youth in our church and activities for them. Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of our committee. If this is something you would be willing to do, please contact Virginia Bennett at 641-417-9808. Thanks!

Prayers for:

Samantha (Sam) Cutts who had surgery on her knee following an injury playing basketball.

Susan Pelzer as she battles cancer and for **Dave Boyd** and Susan's family.

Dave Stolper who fell on Sunday, January 27 and broke his knee cap. Surgery will be (was) Tuesday, January 29.

Those who have suffered with the flu this winter.

The confirmands as they begin a memorable journey of faith.

Warren and Linda Erickson and **Kimberly Schnell** as they leave February 5 for **Muñoces**.

Teaching English in Muñoces

Again this year, Warren and Linda Erickson are going to spend three weeks teaching English in the two-room school in our partner community of Muñoces. This time Kimberly Schnell, who has been teaching for several years in a little school in Berlin, El Salvador, will join them. Together they hope to demonstrate the fond affection and support that First Presbyterian feels for the children, parents and grandparents in the community. Oh yes...they hope to teach a little English, too! They will leave February 5 and return on March 6. Keep them in your prayers and prepare to see pictures and hear stories upon their return. If you can't wait until their return to hear some stories, Linda hopes to blog again this year. The blog can be seen at: <http://savorsalvador.blogspot.com/>

Mission Committee

By Linda Anderson, Chairperson

My thanks to Linda Erickson, who will now be the chairperson for the Mission committee. She and Mickey Van Baale were welcomed as new members. At our initial organizational meeting, I updated the group on the activities our committee is responsible for. The following assignments were made:

Linda Anderson - Representative to Companeros (International Mission)

Linda Erickson - Chairperson and El Salvador/Muñoces (International Mission)

Linda Curtis-Stolper - Representative to Mission Coalition (Local Mission)

Rachel Rickers - Meals on Wheels

Barb Taylor - Secretary and information from PW (Presbytery Women) and PDA (Presbytery Disaster Assistance) (International Mission)

John Taylor - Representative and on committee of Kids Against Hunger (Local Mission)

Mickey Van Baale - Liaison to Work Week and other PDA work trips (National Mission)

Linda Anderson reported the need for fertilizer for the farms in Muñoces. The group is asking for donations of \$55 to \$75 per bag of fertilizer. Since the planting season is in March, we will accept donations through February 17. If writing a check, please make it out to the church and put "Muñoces Fertilizer" on the memo line. **(See the additional article on page 6)**

A trip to Joplin, Missouri is planned for February 10-15. Dave Boyd plans to go on this trip along with some people from other churches and Presbyteries. Please keep this group in your prayers as they go on this mission trip to help the people who were effected by tornados.

Warren and Linda Erickson and Kimberly Schnell will be leaving February 5 for Muñoces. **(See the additional article on page 4)**

Pastor Nominating Committee

In error, I neglected to list the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in last month's Messenger. At a Congregational meeting held December 2, 2012, the congregation elected the following people to be our PNC: Larry Anderson, Ann Cutts, Steve Hopkins, Linda Kirchhoff, Kelly Koenen, Gary Parsons and Joan Tyler.

The committee will receive their training on January 31, 2013 from General Presbyter Phil Barrett and our liaison from CCD (Congregational Care and Development), Rev. John Reynolds.

The work of this committee is highly confidential. Session nor Pastor John will know of their work until they are ready to make a report.

Please keep these seven fellow church members in your prayers as they go about the work of finding us a new Pastor.

Mickey Van Baale, editor

2013 Work Week Trip

By Larry Anderson

The Steering committee is excited to say it appears we will be going on a Work Week mission trip in 2013. Tentatively we are looking at leaving July 7 and returning on July 13.

The steering committee sent out an invitation to attend an informational meeting to all youth who would be eligible to attend this year. Their parents were also invited, as we have found it is important to have the entire family invested in the commitment of Work Week. While the group was small, those attending have not been on a mission trip before and asked some great questions. We will be making a second contact to those who were not able to attend. The trip is open to this year's confirmation class and anyone who is currently in High School. Adults are also welcome. We strive for a 2 to 1 ratio - 2 youth to each adult.

The location is yet to be determined. The possibilities are Benton Harbor, MI or Joplin, MO. We also know of a couple of additional churches who might be interested in going. The committee's thought is that we want to allow any and all of the youth from our church and United Presbyterian, who have traditionally gone with us, to attend. If there is still room for more youth, we will contact the other churches.

Be watching for further details in mailings, Church Happenings, the bulletins and the Messenger. If you are interested in attending, contact any member of the steering committee: Larry or Linda Anderson, Dana Hashman, or Mickey Van Baale, for information.

Larry Anderson - 521-1154
 Linda Anderson - 521-1153
 Dana Hashman - 521-8820
 Mickey Van Baale - 521-0549



Can you help the farmers in Muñoces?

Again this year we are being asked to help purchase fertilizer for the farmers in our partner village in El Salvador, Muñoces. Virtually all the households in the community are dependent upon small farm plots, which most farmers rent and farm by hand. There is no farm machinery on the rocky mountainside so each seed is planted and fertilized by hand. When the delegation visited in Muñoces last March we set in motion a plan to train the community in methods of sustainable agriculture. For instance, they could use some of the "waste" materials available to create natural fertilizers that build the soil rather than deplete it. We promised we would continue to help with chemical fertilizers for three more years while they studied and implemented the new "permaculture" methods. The experts tell us that it takes several years of using sustainable methods before they can begin to compete with the effectiveness of chemicals. So, again this year, and for at least two more years we will need to buy chemical fertilizer for about 40 farmers in the community. A bag of fertilizer costs between \$55 and \$75, depending on the market at the time of purchase. Please consider buying a bag of fertilizer for a family in Muñoces. The fertilizer enhances the yield and provides the family with more income so it is an excellent way to help them help themselves. Write a check to the church with "Muñoces Fertilizer" on the memo line by February 17 if you can help. And consider writing a note to the family who receives your fertilizer with best wishes for an abundant crop...we will see that it gets translated and delivered. Thanks!

LENTEN BREAKFASTS/ DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

	<u>2/13/13</u>
Breakfast	Jane & Carl Repp
Devotions	Pastor John Duling
	<u>2/20/13</u>
Breakfast	Larry & Linda Anderson
Devotions	Larry Anderson
	<u>2/27/13</u>
Breakfast	Nancy Mott
Devotions	Mickey Van Baale
	<u>3/6/13</u>
Breakfast	Dave & Linda Curtis-Stolper
Devotions	Dave & Linda Curtis-Stolper
	<u>3/13/13</u>
Breakfast	Kay & Gary Parsons
Devotions	Virginia Bennett
	<u>3/20/13</u>
Breakfast	John & Barb Taylor
Devotions	Terry Rickers
	<u>3/27/13</u>
Breakfast	Shari & Larry DeCook
Devotions	Don Black

A big "thank you" to Mary Jane Tripp for once again making the calls and putting together our cooks and the people for doing devotions each week. We appreciate your time and organization.

If you have not attended in the past, try it this year. We start breakfast at 6:45a with devotions following. We are finished by 7:45 to 7:50 so you can get to work on time, if that is necessary.



**Breakfast
and Devotion**

Commissioned Ruling Elder

On January 19, 2013, Sara Hopkins was Commissioned as a Ruling Elder to our church at the Presbytery meeting. A similar ceremony was held at our church the following day during our morning worship service. Congratulations, Sara.

Five years ago, Sara completed a 3-year program to be certified as a Commissioned Lay Pastor, which is now known as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. At that time she was Commissioned to our church and was able to administer sacraments, do baptisms, funerals and weddings. She also was commissioned to do Christian Nurture work and Pastoral care. About 3 years ago, Sara decided to resign from this position.

Sara found herself feeling she could help out our church once again and met with the Personnel committee about being re-commissioned. This was approved by our Session and the CCD committee.

A Commissioned Ruling Elder can only perform the above mentioned duties at the church to which they are commissioned. Sara will also need approval of the Session before performing any of these.

Sara entered into a contractual agreement with our Session. This is not a paid position and she needs the approval of the Session before performing any of these duties.

Linda Curtis-Stolper is beginning her 3-year training to become a certified Ruling Elder that can be commissioned to a church. It is a blessing and honor for our church to have not only one, but two certified Ruling Elders.



Sermons for February

Feb.3: Sara Hopkins, *"Better Than the Super Bowl."* Pastor John will be in Nebraska

Feb 10: Transfiguration Sunday. Scripture: Ex. 34: 29-35; Luke 9:28-36. *"Catching the Transfiguration Glow!"*

Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday Breakfast and Service, 6:45 am. Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17. *"Baggage"*

Feb. 17: 1st Sunday in Lent. Scriptures: Ps. 91:1-2; 9-16; Luke 4:1-13 Lenten Series: Lenten Spiritual Antidotes: *"Dealing with Temptation's If's"*

Feb. 24: 2nd Sunday in Lent. Scriptures: Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35 Lenten Series: Lenten Spiritual Antidotes: *"Claiming a Faith to Press On!"*

Emergency Closure of the Church

With winter weather upon us, we have reviewed and updated our policies at First Presbyterian. In the event of severe weather, any changes to scheduled activities at the church will be communicated to KCOB Radio. They have assured us such information will be sent out over all 3 of their stations (1280 AM, 95.9 FM and KRTI 106.7 FM which covers Grinnell, Marshalltown, parts of Des Moines, etc.) In addition, we have established an account with KCCI Television and WHO radio. When severe weather occurs, check these sources. If First Presbyterian is not mentioned on any of these, there is no change in our plans. However, if you have any doubts, please error on the side of caution and be safe!

The Session

Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk

- Approved purchase of bibles for the upcoming confirmation class
- Elected Corporate Officers - George Wilkening, President and Terry Rickers, Vice-President
- Elected Cheryl Ritter, Church Treasurer and Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session
- Heard plans for Linda & Warren Erickson and Kimberly Schnell to go to El Salvador beginning February 5 to teach English
- Discussed Work Week plans and the possibility of other local churches going with our group this year. Benton Harbor, MI or Joplin, MO are being considered

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Pastor John's Hours:

Sunday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Monday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Thursday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Friday:9:00-12:00 p.m.

Saturday: by appointment

(Hours may vary from week to week based on his need to be at the church for meetings, etc.)

New Mission Co-worker arrives in Berlin, El Salvador

By Linda Erickson

The new mission co-worker, Rev. Katherine Pater, was ordained on December 9, 2012, commissioned by Des Moines Presbytery on January 19, 2013, and flew to El Salvador on January 26 to begin her ministry with the Our Sister Parish mission in Berlin, El Salvador. She received her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and holds a Comprehensive Honors B.A. in Political Science and Religious Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is fluent in Spanish and is excited to begin her ministry living and working in El Salvador. We look forward to getting to know her and working with her in the years to come.

Rev. Katherine Pater addressing those in attending the January 19 Presbytery Meeting.



Linda Anderson presenting Katharine with a bag which contained a soil testing kit.

Presbytery Meeting Report

By Sara Hopkins


The January meeting was held on January 19 at Covenant Presbytery in West Des Moines. Attending from First Presbyterian were Steve and myself, Pastor John Duling, Leland Smith and Mickey Van Baale. Highlights from the day were:

- ✦ A moving worship service, including communion. The message was "Seeing the Light and Being the Light" given by Rev. Cindy Ray (who is blind) and Rev. Don Elly.
- ✦ Approval of the expense part of the 2013 budget
- ✦ Two proposed amendments to the Constitution of the PCUSA were presented and approved. One dealt with Heidelberg Catechism (changing some language due to translation) and the other on the Gifts and Qualifications, amending G.20104a by inserting the sentence, "This includes repentance of sin and diligent use of the means of grace".
- ✦ Were a part of three commissioning services: Rev. Jim Woodworth was commissioned to the National Response Team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Rev. Katherine Pater was commission to be our new Mission Co-Worker for Our Sister Parish mission in Berlin, El Salvador. Larry Anderson played piano during her commissioning. Sara Hopkins was commissioned as a Commissioned Ruling Elder at the close of the session.

Rev. Jan Scott and the members of Covenant Presbyterian were very hospitable. When we arrived, we were greeted with refreshments and a time of fellowship and they served us a delicious lunch. A location for the May meeting has yet to be determined.



2013 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship					1	2
3	4 <i>Jen Norvell</i>	5 <i>Isabelle Beery</i>	6 9:30 am WBS 5:00 pm WOW 5:15 pm Span. I 6:00 pm B & F 6:00 pm Youth Study 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir	7 <i>Joan Rusk</i> <i>Krystal Rusk</i> 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 10:00 am Newton Village Worship 10:45 am Park Centre Worship	8	9 9:00 am Spanish IV 10:00 am Mentor Meeting
10 <i>Carl Repp</i>	11 5:30 pm B & G	12 <i>Marie Achtemeier</i>	13 <i>Dylan Camp</i> 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:00 WOW 5:15 pm Span. I 5:30 pm Membership 6:00 Youth Study B&F 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir	14 <i>Susan Weeks</i>	15 <i>Elaine Mattingly</i>	16 9:00 am Spanish IV
9:00 am Confirmation Class 11:30—Potluck and Annual Meeting						
17 9:00 am Confirmation Class	18 <i>Gary Kirchoff</i> <i>Jennifer Carson</i> <i>Skye Koenen</i> 6:00 pm W & M	19 <i>Spencer Bebout</i> 6:00 pm Session Meal	20 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:00 WOW 5:15 pm Span. I 6:00 Youth Study 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir	21 <i>Jeff Fitzgerald</i> 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group	22	23 9:00 am Spanish IV
24 <i>Sandra Cheney</i>	25	26	27 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:00 WOW 5:15 pm Span. I 6:00 Youth Study 6:20 pm Span. IV 7:00 pm Choir	28		
9:00 am Confirmation Class						



February



Volunteers

February	3	10	17	24	
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Kim Miller	Linda Kirchhoff	Bev Rossow	John Taylor	
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Dave Boyd</i>	Warren Erickson	Roger Harmelink	Jay Koenen	Gary Parsons	
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Elsie Nelson Pat Mitchell	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp	Kevin & Toni Peska	
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Don & Sharon Black Barb Gallaher	Suzanne Funk Mary Jane Tripp	The Leonard Family	Kevin & Toni Peska	
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Brad Ritter	Peder Hopkins	Peder Hopkins	Peder Hopkins	
Candlelighter Advent <i>Worship & Music</i>	Emily Miller	Allie Norvell	Jordan Norvell	Garrett Sturtz	
Little Church <i>Virginia Bennett</i>	Kathy Ventling	Stephanie & Marshall Critchfield	Kelly & Jay Koenen	Virginia Bennett	
Counters <i>Bill Shields</i>	Joyce Moen Dave Boyd	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Jonnie Carpenter Gary Haynes	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Jane Repp	Joan Rusk	Pat Mitchell	Dixie Zegers	
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Carol Russell	Joan Rusk	Barb Gallaher	Dana Hashman	
Communion Set up <i>Dave Boyd</i>	Terry Rickers Steve Hopkins				

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Lectionary —

March, 2013

February, 2013

February 3—4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jer. 1:4-10; *Ps. 71:1-6*;
1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 10—Transfiguration of the Lord

Ex. 34:29-35; *Ps. 99*; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 17—1st Sunday in Lent

Deut. 26:1-11; *Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16*
Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

February 24—2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15: 1-12, 17-18; *Ps. 27*
Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 3—3rd Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9; *Ps. 63:1-8*
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 10—4th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; *Ps. 32*; 2Cor. 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 17—5th Sunday in Lent

Isa. 43:16-21; *Ps. 126*
Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

March 24—Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms: Luke 19:28-40; *Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29*
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; Phil. 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 *or* Luke 23:1-49

March 31—Easter

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isa. 65:17-25
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 *or*
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or*
Luke 24:1-12