



## From the Pastor...

April 2024 Newsletter

Purpose After Retirement and Beyond was our adult education series last fall. In it we talked about how having a clear sense of purpose provided a lot of benefits for our health and well-being. This is partially because having a sense of purpose helps us make decisions about what we invest our time and energy in and what we choose not to participate in. This is the same for an organization or congregation.

To help us clarify what we as a congregation are all about the members of session and board of deacons will be participating in a retreat on Saturday, April 20th. During that time, we will work with a skilled facilitator to examine what the gifts we have been given as a congregation, who we are called to help, and how we might continue to discern the ways we can live out this purpose. If this sounds familiar to folks who participated in the Purpose After Retirement, that's because it is almost identical.

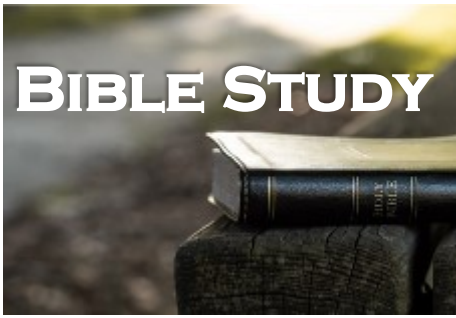
I am hoping that after this retreat the Session and Board of Deacons will have a plan for helping us clarify our purpose as a congregation. While we won't have everything decided, we will at least have a better view of what we need to be thinking and praying about.

To me, this seems very appropriate for this season of Easter that we are in. The focus of this time is new life in Christ, and so we will be considering how we can live a new life that offers that to others as well. May we all continue to explore Christ's calling in our lives and respond with joy.

In Christ,

*Will*





# Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966.

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| April 1 -  | Psalm 30:1-12; John 21:1-19  | for Apr 7  |
| April 8 -  | Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48 | for Apr 14 |
| April 15 - | Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18   | for Apr 21 |
| April 22 - | no bible Study               |            |
| April 29 - | Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17  | for May 5  |

## Sunday Serving

Each Sunday, we need many volunteers to help with worship. We have a few people to serve as ushers, helping people find their seats, handing out bulletins, and asking them to sign in. We also have a Liturgist - someone who reads the first part of the call and response in service through the first reading. You do NOT need to be a church member to serve in either of these capacities - just a willingness to help out as an usher and a good reading voice as a liturgist.

Please talk with an usher or Will if you would like to participate more on Sunday mornings.

A banner for 'Food Pantry Sunday'. It features the logos for 'FOOD Pantry OF WAUKESHA COUNTY' (with the tagline 'End hunger. Start here.') and 'Falls Area FOOD PANTRY'. Below the logos, the text 'Food Pantry Sunday' is written in a bold, black font, with 'First Sunday of each month' underneath in a smaller font. The banner has a blue gradient background at the bottom.

### First Sunday Food Pantry

**April 7**

**May 5**

**June 2**

Please mark any monetary donations "Food Pantry" and they will be split between the two pantries we support. The collection bin is in the church Gathering Place. Thank you for your continued generosity.



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

## April Prayer Calendar



**Birthdays**

**The Care and Concern of the  
Congregation is with:**

**Average March Attendance (4 wks)**

In person: 44

Zoom/livestream: 8

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Total Average Attendance: 52

**FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of February 29, 2024**

	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD	\$ 21,948.78	\$ 20,530.00	\$ 1,418.78
Total Expense - YTD	\$ 27,838.08	\$ 27,730.00	\$ (108.08)
Net Income - YTD February 29, 2024	\$ (5,889.30)	\$ (7,200.00)	\$ 1,310.70
Unrestricted Funds as of February 29, 2024	\$346,479.54		

# APRIL 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>31 Easter Sunday</b> <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>1</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10 AM Worship - with communion</b>   	<b>8</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11 am Finance Meeting	<b>12</b> Home Communion Visits	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>15</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9-2:30 Session/ Deacon Retreat
<b>21</b> <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>22</b> No Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>29</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>1 May</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>





Food for the Journey  
Community Gardens

# WHAT'S GROWING IN THE GARDEN?

Send Us Your  
Contact Information!

Please send your  
congregation's contact  
information to:

[katie@food4thejourney.org](mailto:katie@food4thejourney.org)

Food for the Journey  
Executive Committee:

**Matt Lee, President**

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Do you have an article for the  
newsletter? Please submit text  
and photos to  
[katie@food4thejourney.org](mailto:katie@food4thejourney.org)

## Compost

It may surprise you, but Food for the Journey is really more than just a garden. Our latest step forward is composting, and we're basing it on Covenant Presbyterian Church's successful congregational composting program.

It's a pretty simple and easy process. We'll invite congregation members to take a five gallon bucket home to collect food waste items and then bring it back to our composting bins. On the lid of the bucket is a list of what foods should and should not be included. When returning the bucket, there will be a storage unit where the full bucket can be exchanged for a clean one.

The full buckets are then emptied into the compost bin where it will be mixed in with some carbon based material. The bucket is then cleaned and returned to the storage unit. The compost bins will be cared for, such as aerating and moving the material from bin to bin, to ensure proper and steady production of compost.

We're excited about our future composting. It's not only a wonderful way to allow more people to become engaged with the garden, but will provide nutrient rich compost to grow healthy produce for those in food desert areas! If you or your church would like to participate, please ask your pastor to let us know.

God's Peace,  
Matt Lee





## Mardi Gras Fundraiser



The Food for the Journey first all-presbytery fundraiser was a huge success! With ticket sales,

food sales and raffle proceeds, we raised \$700! Rest assured, these funds will be put to good use in our gardens and compost program.

We are so thankful that we could partner with the Interchange Theater Co-op ([www.interchangetheater.com](http://www.interchangetheater.com)). They offered an interactive Mardi Gras-themed improv show, even inviting some folks from the audience on stage; you might even say that we had our own Feast of Fools!



The raffle baskets provided by congregations underscored this PCUSA ideal: Our strength lies in our diversity. There was something to appeal to everyone!

Thank you all for a fun and festive Fat Tuesday!

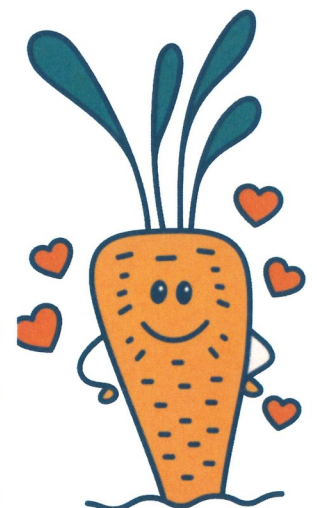
### Merch Alert!

Would you like to order a water bottle or sticker with the Food for the Journey logo? You can submit your orders to [nikki@food4thejourney.org](mailto:nikki@food4thejourney.org) Please submit your orders by March 31.

**Each congregation can collect orders and submit them to Nikki as a group.**

## Sunday School Project

Lori Petersen of Delafield Presbyterian Church has been working hard on finding ways to include our children in our work of feeding people! This has resulted in Sunday School trips, together with the Sunday School class of Kettle Moraine United Presbyterian Church, to the garden and to Apostle Presbyterian Church on a food distribution day. Now, she's organizing a project to include the children of any church that wishes to participate. The children will create a sign for the garden at Kettle Moraine United Presbyterian Church. Each Sunday School class will be in charge of a different portion of the sign. The designs submitted by each Sunday School class will be printed onto weather-proof metal plaques. If you'd like to get your children's artwork on display at the Food for the Journey Garden at Kettle Moraine, contact [nikki@food4thejourney.org](mailto:nikki@food4thejourney.org)





Sunday, March 31

FOUR for FOUR



Providing relief to those affected by natural disasters



Providing food to the hungry



Resourcing communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression



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