

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 2024 Newsletter
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- *Sunday Worship at 11:00 AM*
- *Sunday Bible Study at 10:00 AM*
- *1st & 3rd Tuesdays Prayer Ministry*
- *Tuesday Handbells at 1:30 PM*
- *Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study at 6:00 PM*
- *Thursday Bible Study at the Horizon Lodge at 2:00 PM*

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW
US ON FACEBOOK



Secretarial Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Mark Your Calendars!!

Enjoy a home cooked meal and an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new friends on Friday, April 5th, in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Conrad. The menu for the day will be BBQ meatballs, hashbrown casserole, tossed salad, and dessert. Everyone is welcome at our tables.



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Friday, April 5th

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

At First Presbyterian Church



ALL ARE WELCOME!!

BRING A FRIEND!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



PASTOR'S CORNER



Let us all beware of our capacity for meeting our own desires and betraying our Lord...

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me."

For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

APRIL LAY READERS

April 7 Gary Klette
April 14 Pat Keil
April 21 Kim Cooney
April 28 Arlene McHenry



DEACON'S LIST

April 7 Carol & Karla
April 14 Amy & Nikki
April 21 Jeanne & Arlene
April 28 Karen & DJ



CHURCH SCHOOL

Wednesday night church school is moving forward. The children sang in church on Bible Sunday, February 25th. Jane Arends continues to lead the children in preschool through grade 3. Right now, the children are busy practicing for Palm Sunday. They will process into the sanctuary with palms and will sing two songs, one with the adult choir and one on their own. The fifth and sixth graders will join us for this special event. Don't forget about the Spring Fling on Wednesday, March 27th from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM. There will be crafts, games, stories, and cookie decorating, and an Easter egg hunt. All children, preschool through grade six, are invited to attend. Pizza will be served. Our last Wednesday Night Church School will be Wednesday, April 3rd. We will end the year with a potluck. Make plans now to join us for this evening. Thank you for allowing us to work with your children this year. It has been a joy and privilege. I hope that your children have benefitted from their time at Church School.



IT'S CAMP TIME!



Glacier Presbyterian Camp has a full slate of camps scheduled for the summer. The theme for summer camp is "Transform, Don't Conform!" The theme is based on the passage from Romans 12:2a which says: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your minds." Camps are scheduled for youth in grades 1 through Senior High. The schedule is as follows:

June 23 - July 3 L.I.T. (Leaders in Training)

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| Week 1 | June 23 - June 28 | Classic Camp |
| Week 2 | June 30 - July 3 | Mini-Camp (Grades 1-2) |
| Week 3 | July 7 - July 12 | Christmas in July |
| Week 4 | July 14 - July 19 | Adventure Camp |
| Week 5 | July 21 - July 26 | H-2 O Camp |

Full descriptions for these camps can be found at glaciercamp.org.

Costs for camps vary from \$350 for Mini-Camp, \$950 for L.I.T. camp, \$750 for H-2 O Camp, and \$600 for the others. Scholarships are available for those who want to attend camp and may need assistance. Glacier Camp is committed to making sure that any child that wants to attend camp is able to, regardless of circumstances. Glacier Camp will begin the 2024 camp season with four new KOA cabins. For further information, go to the Glacier Camp website at glaciercamp.org and click on Summer Programs.

GLORIOSO RINGERS



It is once again time for our annual Big Sky Handbell Festival! This year six of us are planning to attend: Glenda McKeone, Cary Combs, Susan Emrick, Pat Keil, Jaynie Gollehon and Jan Carter.

The festival will be held April 26th and 27th with rehearsals Friday night and all day Saturday. The grand finale is a concert to be held Saturday evening at 7:30. We will be meeting at Helena High School and expect around 200 bell ringers to attend. It is just amazing to be able to play with such a large group and see friends from past festivals. We did not take part last year so are really looking forward to attending this year. Keep us in your prayers!



SPRING TIM TALKS

April 28th - 30th, 2024

“Cutting Covenants - God’s Relationship with Humanity”

The spring TIM Talks will be held April 28th - 30th at Glacier Camp. The program will focus on covenants, their use in biblical witness, especially as they are used by God to enter into solemn and binding relationship with humankind. Some topics to be explored include:

What is a covenant?

Why do covenants matter?

What do covenants teach us?

What matters to God?

Join us April 28-30 for this time of in-depth study and great Christian fellowship. As always, our time together will include good food and good fellowship. Full and partial scholarships are available so don't let the cost get in the way of your participation. Email timothy@glaciercamp.org to register.



PRAYER LIST



Please remember to pray for Bonnie Flesch, Family & Friends of Hilda Matheson, Rosie Johns, Opal Ayers, Dell May, Mary Sanders, Elsie Lamma, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana Ahmed, Brandon Newmiller, Helen Elliott, Pearl Severtson, Barb Malone, and Hazel Jones.

If there is a name that you would like to add or remove from the prayer list in the bulletin, please call the church office, 406-278-3043. For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-271-5295.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.



MOTHER'S DAY BABIES RECOGNITION

Mother's Day is on May 12th this year and the Worship Committee is gathering the names of babies born with family ties to our congregation since last Mother's Day. It is a tradition here at First Presbyterian to honor and recognize the babies born into the families and friends of our congregation. A rose will be placed in the sanctuary on Mother's Day to honor each baby. All babies may be recognized, whether living near or far away, and all family members are invited to attend the 11 o'clock church service. If a baby has been born into your family or extended family this past year and you would like a rose placed in the sanctuary, contact the church office or one of the persons listed below with the baby's name and date of birth and the parents' names and place of residence.



Church Office 406-278-3043
Jan Carter 406-278-5309
Martha Orcutt 406-868-1890



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women met on Thursday, March 7th, at 10:00 AM, Jean Baringer opened the meeting with prayer. Roma Lee read a devotional called "**Choosing Joy**". The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. A thank you from the Jones family was read. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Motion was made and seconded to send Least Coin and Thank Offering to Glacier Presbyterian Women. Lenten luncheons continue and will be held at the Presbyterian Church March 14th and March 21st. Fundraisers for the Triennial and dishwasher were discussed. Karla continues to send out birthday and anniversary cards. Committee reports were given on First Friday meals, CASA Easter baskets, and sewing club. More blankets are needed for the layettes. Roma Lee will look into doing something for May Day. It was discussed whether or not to have a rummage sale the same day as the All-Around Town Garage Sale. The next meeting will be held on April 11th at 10:30 AM. Martha will give the opening prayer, and Carol Dayrider is hostess.

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

COMMUNITY MEALS - There has been an uptick in participation at the First Friday Noon meals. We have seen new faces at each monthly meal since December. This project is also developing quite a few steady customers. The last two months we have seen folks in need that have heard of our community meal, either on the radio, in the newspaper and on Facebook and we are encouraged that they are participating. The Outreach Team will continue serving a monthly meal throughout the summer.

AFTER SCHOOL SEWING CLASS - The students are working on their quilt project and will finish up the major part of the sewing by the end of March. In April, the quilts will be finished and ready for the students to take home.

LAYETTES FOR WIC MOTHERS - Flannel fabric has been distributed to our volunteer sewing ladies to be made into receiving blankets for layettes going to the Pondera Health Department for new mothers in the WIC program.

CASA EASTER BASKETS - The team is presently assembling Easter baskets for 15 children, ages 8-17, in the CASA program. The Outreach Team wishes to thank our congregation for the generous support they give to our projects. This outreach would not be possible without all of you.

Karen Burditt **Karla Wittmier**
Pat Keil **Martha Orcutt**
Della Kellogg



The Membership Committee is preparing for Senior Recognition Sunday. We are looking for 2024 graduating senior that have attended our church or have a family connection to our church.

Do you have a grandchild or relative you would like honored? Please let us know as soon as possible by contacting the Church Office at 406-278-3043 with the graduates name, address, and school attended.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have any articles to contribute to the **May Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Wednesday, April 18th**. The next couple of days will provide time for article placement and proofreading. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with any time sensitive articles.

If you have any articles or information you would like to submit, please send them either by email to compres@3rivers.net or mail to:

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CONRAD

Session Highlights - March 2024

The Church Finances:

February 2024:

Operating Income:	\$	9,940
Operating Expenses:	\$	9,660
Balance:	\$	280
Year-to-Date Balance:	\$	2,394

d. March 29th, 2024 – Good Friday – Taizé Service 7:00 PM

e. March 31st, 2024 – Easter Sunday with Communion

The Discipleship Committee reports:

1. The Committee will be planning Teacher Recognition Sunday to be held in April or May.

The Property Committee reports:

1. They explained to the Session the need to replace at least one of the church's breaker boxes and the meeting with the PW regarding a new dishwasher.
2. A new internet router was installed by 3 Rivers Communication, and it has greatly enhanced our internet service.

The Membership Committee reports:

1. They are getting ready for Senior Sunday in May.

The Outreach Committee reports:

1. Their First Friday Luncheon will be Friday, April 5th, 2024.
2. The After School Sewing Class students are busy finishing up their quilt project.
3. The Ladies are busy making receiving blankets for new mothers in the WIC Program and again this year the group is assembling Easter Baskets for the CASA Program.

The Worship Committee reports:

1. Communion was served on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024, and will be served on Sunday March 31st Easter and Sunday, April 14th, 2024.
2. Upcoming Church Events:
 - a. March 24th, 2024 – Palm Sunday
 - b. March 27th, 2024 – Wednesday Church School Spring Fling 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
 - c. March 28th, 2024 – Maundy Thursday

The next Session meeting will be Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM.



KID'S CORNER



Bible Word Search

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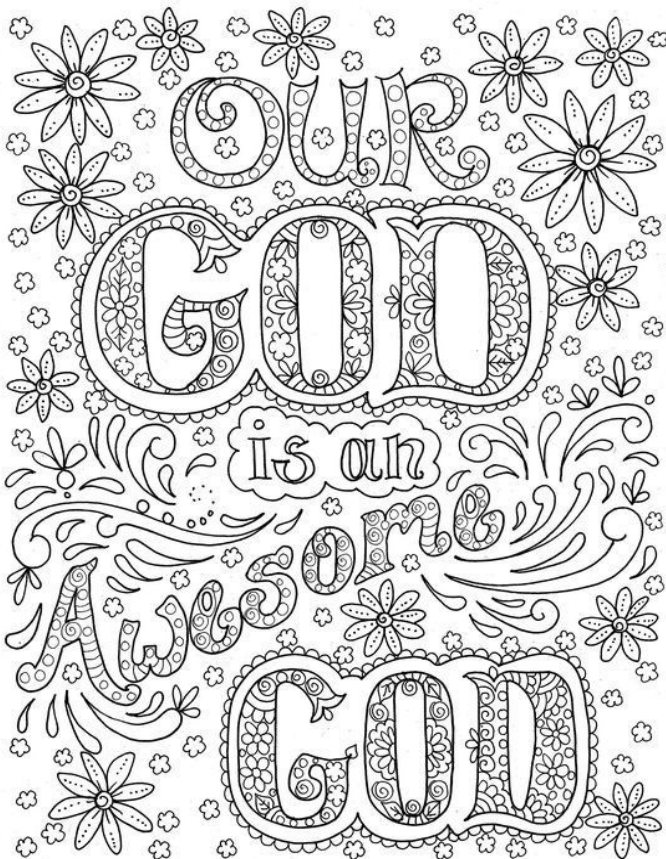
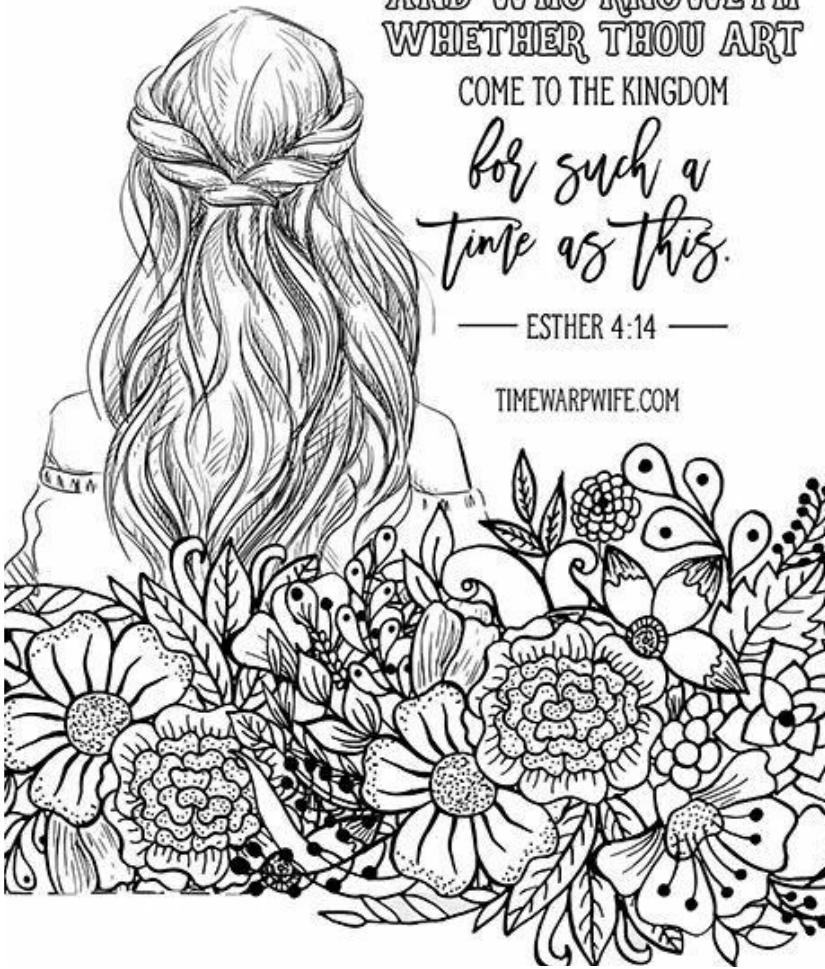
AND WHO KNOWETH
WHETHER THOU ART

COME TO THE KINGDOM

*for such a
time as this.*

— ESTHER 4:14 —

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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11 AM Worship Comm. 12 PM Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM Handbells	3 3:30 PM Youth Sewing 6 PM End of Year Family Barbecue	4 2 PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge	5 11:30 AM to 1 PM Community Meal	6
7 Worship 11 AM 2nd Sunday of Easter Communion 10:00 AM Choir 10:00 AM Bible Study 	8	9 10 AM Finance Comm. 1:30 PM Handbells	10 3:30 PM Youth Sewing	11 10:30 AM PW Meeting 2 PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge	12	13
14 Worship 11 AM 3rd Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM Choir 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Deacons' Meeting	15 7:00 PM Session	16 12 PM Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM Handbells	17 3:30 PM Youth Sewing 	18 2 PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge	19	20
21 Worship 11 AM 4th Sunday of Easter <i>Guest Speaker</i> <i>Gary Klette</i> 10:00 AM Choir 10:00 AM Bible Study	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED 1:30 PM Handbells	24 3:30 PM Youth Sewing	25 2 PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge	26	27
28 Worship 11 AM 5th Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM Choir 10:00 AM Bible Study	29	30 12 PM Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM Handbells				

Pastor Judy Gone the 16th through the 25th

Church Secretary out of the Office on the 22nd & 23rd



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April Birthdays

- 3 Martha Orcutt
- 6 Karla Wittmier
- 7 Joanie Brown
- 10 Jennifer Baringer (Dixon)
- 16 Jim Meier
- 17 Don Perry
- 20 Todd Mellinger



- 21 Patti Mellinger
- Dana Ahmed
- 23 Helen Elliott
- 26 Claudia Martin
- Ernestine Olson
- 28 Claire Bucklin
- 30 Brittney Rauscher

April Anniversaries

- 4 Bernard & Patty Ries
- 17 Allen & Delores Wittmier

Happy Anniversary!

