

From the Pastor's Desk

***“Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,”
and she told them that he had said these things to her.”***

John 20:18

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

I have truly enjoyed our Wednesday services this Lenten season. We have had a great turnout for both our noon and evening Lenten services. I really appreciate how well these four congregations support each other and work together. This year I also look forward to having Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services with all four of our congregations together. I hope we will have good attendance for these Holy Week services just as we have had on Wednesdays during Lent. I give thanks for Pastor Dan Hermanson, who I have enjoyed working with for these past 5 years. Pastor Dan is retiring so this will be our last Lenten season leading worship together. We give thanks for Pastor Dan's ministry in our community.

As we journey to the cross this Lenten season, we remember the wondrous love Jesus has for each of us that he would lay down his life for you and for me. The story doesn't end with the cross, Jesus rises from the dead on Easter morning and that is the Good News of the Gospel that the whole world needs to hear. Mary Magdalene was the first one to tell the Good News, so in a sense she was for first evangelist to tell the world that Jesus Christ is risen.

Church attendance has been steadily decreasing in our country and in our communities for several years. There are various factors as to why this is happening across our country. There are many people right in our own community who don't have a church which they regularly attend. 85% of people who attend a new church for the first time, come because a member of that church invited them to attend. Easter is the perfect time to invite someone new to come to worship. There are usually more people at this service so worship seems fuller and we have a great breakfast planned at both of our churches.

We can tell the Good News to our community just like Mary Magdalene shared the Good News with her community. This Good News is just as important today as it was 2,000 years ago. We come together on Easter and proclaim, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” These are words that changed the world and still have an impact on our lives today. Jesus rose from the grave and offers us the free gift of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life. This news is the Good News we need our community to hear as well. “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” Let us give thanks for this Good News as we come to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and let us share this news with our community and the world!

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder

April 2025 Newsletter Articles

Pastor Paul's Office Hours Pastor Paul tentatively plans to be in the office from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at OS-TML on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and at First on Thursdays. There may be days the pastor won't be in the office because of visitation, so please make an appointment if you need to see him or stop by if his car is at church. Pastor Paul's email is psnyder100@gmail.com and his cell number 218-230-4081. Pastor Paul would love to hear from you, so don't hesitate to be in touch!!

W.O.W. will resume meeting every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, April 23rd at First. All students in K – 6th grade are welcome to join in the fun!!

Confirmation will meet on Wednesday April 23rd and 30th with supper at 5:30 p.m. and class at 6:00 p.m. at First.

Little Lights at First will meet Sunday, April 6th, 13th, and 27th. Little Lights will not meet on Sunday, April 20th which is Easter Sunday. There is a sign up in the narthex to teach.

WELCA Quilters will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2nd and then they will be done for the year.

Bible Study at Ashby Living Center Pastor Paul will be leading a Bible study on Wednesday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m.

First Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, April 9th and 23rd at 9:30 a.m. B.J. Rylander will be leading a Bible study entitled "A Life Beyond Amazing." They will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Council will meet Monday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Session will meet Monday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Communion we will celebrate Communion on Sunday, April 6th and on Easter Sunday, April 20th at both congregations and online. We will not have Communion on the fourth Sunday this month.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on Palm Sunday, April 13th at First. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please give generously to this important offering!

Palm Sunday Services will be at our normal times. We will gather in the narthex and process into the sanctuary waving palms as we remember how Jesus came into Jerusalem. Please join us as we begin Holy Week together!

Easter Sunday: First will have a sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex to bring supplies for the breakfast. A freewill offering will go to the general fund. Please join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

Easter Sunday: OS-TML will worship at our usual time of 10:30 a.m. An Easter breakfast with rolls, fruit, and refreshments will begin at 9:00 a.m. A free will offering will be taken to support the Otter Tail County Humane Society Building Expansion Capital Campaign. Please join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

**Flowers that adorn
Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Church Easter Sunday
were given in loving memory of:**

Loved ones by Teresa Akerman
Loved ones by Pat Boe
Loved ones by Jim and Bonnie Borgrud
Loved ones by Shirley Frigaard
Loved ones by Gene and Myrna Hanson
Loved ones by Joan Helgeson
Loved ones by Peggy Lien
Loved ones by Steve and Nancy Moss
Loved ones by Eric and Kathy Mounts
Loved ones by Karen Nelson
Loved ones by Barb Ness
Loved ones by Debbie Thormodson
Marcia Thormodson by Gaylan Thormodson
Loved ones by Steve and Debbie Wilke



Thank you to all who have provided the Easter flowers!

OS-TML Quilt Dedication Sunday will be on Sunday, April 27th during our 10:30 service. They will dedicate the many quilts they have made over the winter. There will be a quilt raffle. The winner of the quilt raffle will be able to select a quilt of their choosing.

Coffeehouse Worship will not be held during April because the third Sunday is Easter, and we will worship upstairs in the sanctuary on Easter.

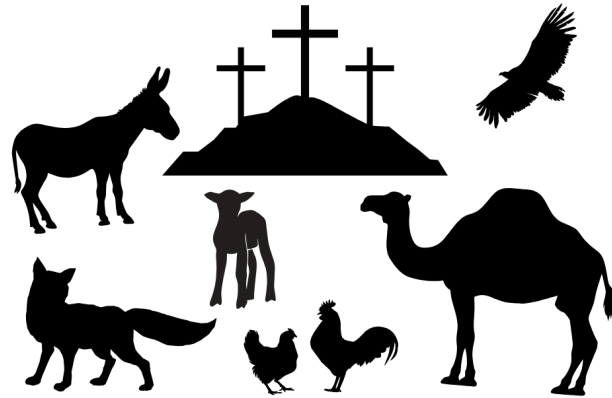
Joint Day of Theology Pastor Paul will be attending the day of theology for the Northwestern Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota Synods on April 3rd in Hillsboro.

Pastors' Retreat Pastor Paul will be attending the Minnesota Valleys Pastors' Retreat on April 21-23 at Clearwater Forest Camp.

Prayer Concerns: Karen Hansel, DeEtte Johnson, Eileen Rubish, Cari Ripley, Ron Breuer, Kristi Krause, Cookie Williams, Wes Kilker, Darcy Rylander, Pastor Paul Snyder, Marilyn Stevens, Darlene Akerman, and Lyle Skinnemoen.

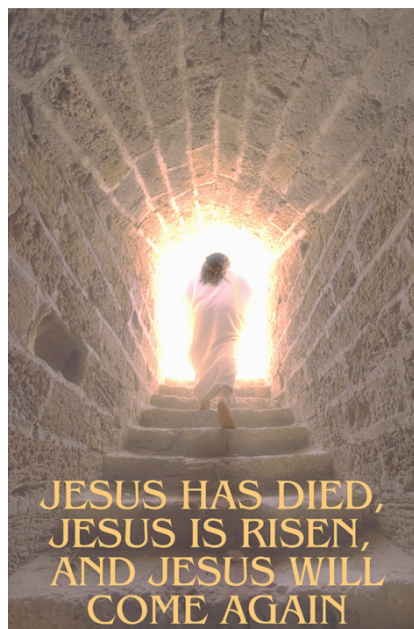
Lenten Theme this year Pastor Dan and Pastor Paul will be presenting another drama entitled,

Living Lent: The Animals Tell the Story



The animals (of all things!) mentioned near or during the Passion of our Lord, serve as windows into Jesus' life, teaching, and saving work in this dramatic series for Lent. The fox tells of a homeless Savior. The donkey tells of a peaceful Savior. The dove tells of an angry Savior. The rooster tells of a disowned Savior. The camel tells of a warning Savior. The hen tells of a grieving Savior. The lamb tells of a forgiving Savior. The vulture tells of a coming Savior.

- ❖ **Lent 4:** Wednesday, April 2nd at Grue with supper at 5:30 and service at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Lent 5:** Wednesday, April 9th at First with supper at 5:30 and service at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday,** March 17th at Peace with supper at 5:30 and service at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Good Friday,** March 18th at OS-TML with supper at 5:30 and service at 7:00 p.m.



Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Church Council Meeting—February 10, 2025 at 6:30pm

Present: Pastor Paul, Julie, Debbie, Ted, Jerry and Kyle; Absent: Danielle

Devotions and prayer given by Kyle.

The Secretary's report for the February 10th council meeting was reviewed. Motion made by Debbie to approve the minutes; Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Debbie. The beginning balance at our February 10th meeting was \$3,394.82 with a total income of \$11,555.00 and expenses of \$13,818.20 leaving us with a balance of \$1,131.62. \$6,047.50 was transferred from the savings account to pay for the new furnace. Reviewed and discussed upcoming property insurance renewal. Motion was made by Julie to approve Treasurer's Report and seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Paul gave an update for the previous month.

Trustee's Report: New furnace was installed. The heat pump will be installed later in the spring. Trustees are following up on the timing of the work to the Bell Tower. The basement electronic keyboard has some issues with certain keys not playing. We tried doing a hard reset but it did not fix the issue. Jerry made a trip to Carlson's Music in Alexandria and reviewed options with the council. The keyboard is close to 20 years old. Closest repair company is located in Roseville, MN. We will attempt to contact them to see if repair is an option or we may need to replace it. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Danielle and Julie will assist with the March 23rd and April 6th communion.

Old Business:

We began review of Chapter 8 "Moving with the Wind" in the book Sailboat Church. We reflected on questions that can help a church shape its life and move it toward a sailboat church.

New officers for 2025: Kyle, Council President, Jerry, Vice President, Debbie, Treasurer, Julie and Danielle, Deacons, Jerry and Ted, Trustees. We will rotate the duties of secretary at each meeting. Kyle, Debbie and Joan Helgeson will serve on the Shared Ministry council.

New Business:

Lenten Services and Supper will be at OS-TML on March 26th and April 18th. A signup sheet for bringing food and serving for the March 26th meal was almost full. Kyle will contact JC's to order buns and meat for sandwiches.

We decided to provide a light breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20th. The menu will consist of a variety of rolls, fruit, coffee, milk/juice. We will start serving at 9:00 a.m. Following our Lenten theme of "The Animals Tell the Story", the freewill offering for the breakfast will go to the Humane Society of Otter Tail County.

Synod Assembly is May 30 – June 1. Pastor Paul will attend. We are looking for two members to attend.

Communion services for April will be on April 6th and April 20th (Easter Sunday). There will not be communion on April 27th.

Pastor Paul will be attending 3 upcoming training events:

- Presbyterian Synod Leadership Summit, Buffalo MN – March 25-27. Pastor Paul is presenting.
- Theological Day, Hillsboro, ND – April 3
- Presbyterian Pastors' Retreat, Clearwater Forest, MN – April 23-23.

Next council meeting will be April 7th at 6:30 PM

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Julie Walvatne and Debbie Wilke, Acting Secretary

Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Financial Review

Year to Date as of March 19, 2025

Income

Offerings	\$ 14,024.09	
Coffee Money	153.50	
Transfer from General Savings	6,047.50	
Donations	873.00	
Total Income	<u> </u>	\$ 21,098.09

Expenses

Staff Ministry	\$ 16,882.88	
Missions	1,038.36	
Worship and Service	146.35	
Church Home	3,275.62	
Maintenance	6,193.66	
Miscellaneous	129.33	
Total Expenses	<u> </u>	\$ 27,666.20

Account Balances:

March 19, 2025

Checking	\$ 1,131.62
General Savings	149,905.54
Memorial Savings	4,032.74
Ellen & Pat Welch Scholarship Fund	530.00
Our Savior's Cemetery	76,151.04

Regular Session Meeting March 10, 2025

The regular Session meeting of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ashby was held 6:30 PM on March 10, 2025 at the church. Those present: Moderator Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder, Ruling Elders: Donna Fay Grover, Gwyn Risbrudt, Janet Larson, Jim Risbrudt and Clerk Barb Dewey. Absent with excuse Kim Bailey and Troy Johnson. The meeting was opened with prayer and reflections from the book Sailboat Church by the Moderator. A quorum was present and the docket was voted approved.

The Treasurer's Report- Checking: \$4,551.17, Savings: \$17,468.94, Memorial Fund: \$3,346.89, Music: \$8,516.94, Dishwasher: \$2,036.04, L&L Camp: \$1,481.90, Grover Bible: \$413.01, Building/Maint: \$7,860.28, and Starner Memorial: \$683.95. The Audit of the treasurer's books has been completed. The Treasurer's Report was voted approved. The minutes of the February meeting were read and voted approved.

Report of the Pastor: Communion celebrated at 1st Presbyterian with Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder at the Sunday worship service March 2, 2025 with 34 communicants and those on Facebook live. Newly elected Ruling Elders Janet Larson and Jim Risbrudt were installed at the March 2, 2025 Sunday worship service. Pastor Snyder reported on the Presbytery meeting, the group had approved new additions to the Book of Order for General Assembly. Presbyterians now will also have full communion with the Episcopal Church. Pastor Snyder has done 2 visitations, Bible Study at Ashby Living Center, did Anti-racism training as required by Presbytery and a Conference at Pioneer Care in Fergus Falls. The Session voted approval he attend the Presbyterian Pastor's Retreat April 21-23, 2025.

Communications: Thank you from PEB (Pakistan student we support).

Committee Reports:

- **Buildings and Grounds:** New computer is here. The coffee pot taken to dealer for a cleaning, now leaking. Will take back.
- **Christian Education:** BJ Rylander starting Bible study at church March 26, 2025 at 9 AM.
- **Worship:** Lenten Plans-we host the 4 churches community Lenten services March 12: Supper at 5:30 PM, Service at 7 PM. We will also host the April 9th Lenten Service. Communion schedule for April: Session voted to have communion on the 1st and 3rd (Easter) Sundays and not the 4th Sunday that month.

Old Business: The Session voted to accept the Anti-Racism Policy of the Windom Presbyterian Church with a few word changes for our policy. The Session voted via email on March 8th, to permit the Ashby school to use our building for Jr Class testing on April 1, 2025.

New Business: The Session voted to approve a request from Lex Rylander for the use of the kitchen Saturday, April 12, 2025 for a girls workshop.

The next meeting is set for April 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was voted adjourned and closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder

Clerk of Session: Barb Dewey

April

OS-TML Worship Leaders

Daryl & Barb Ecker

April

First Disciple Team

Janet & Al Larson

Altar Guild

Danette Thormodson

*****Confirmands will assist with reading scriptures during the school year.*****

OS-TML

April 6 – Open

April 13 – Open

April 20 – Open

April 27 – Aubrey Walvatne

FIRST

April 6 – Brooks Rylander

April 13 – Henry Olson

April 20 – Brynn Jensen

April 27 – Andie Mickelson

April Birthdays

1 Bradley Schroeder

2 Justin Saurer

3 Pastor Paul

3 Willow Rylander

3 Rich Williams

4 Barb Dewey

6 Taemon Atonio

8 Isaac Anderson

10 Lori Risbrudt

14 Karen Hansel

15 David Olson

17 Travis Saurer

17 Heather Dewey

18 Joel Ecker

19 Cari Ripley

22 Jim Risbrudt

26 Katie Bailey

26 Brooke Hansel

27 Allison Heeter





First Presbyterian Session Members

Barb Dewey – *Clerk of Session*
Jim Risbrudt – *Treasurer*
Donna Fay Grover
Kim Bailey
Troy Johnson
Gwyn Risbrudt
Janet Larson

Shared Ministry Council

Jerry Thormodson- *President*
Troy Johnson- *Vice President*
Jim Risbrudt- *Treasurer*
Joan Helgeson- *Secretary*
Jim Rylander
Kim Bailey
Debbie Wilke



OS-TML Church Council Members

Kyle Frigaard - *President*
Jerry Thormodson- *Vice President*
Debbie Wilke - *Treasurer*
Danielle Schroeder
Julie Walvatne
Ted Frigaard

Women of the ELCA President

Peggy Lien

Board of Education

Ashley Lee

Endowment Fund Board

Deb Thormodson
Julie Olson

Our Savior's Cemetery Board

David Schroeder, *Sexton*
Kyle Frigaard
Dean Thorsen
Gaylan Thormodson
Larry Sonmor

April 2025

9:00AM
FIRST
10:30AM
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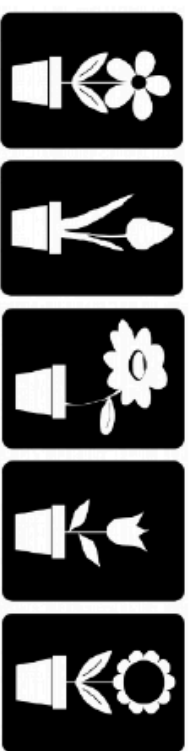
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



WELCA Quilters meet
WEDNESDAYS
with coffee & treats

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	Lent 4: Grue 5:30pm Supper 7:00pm Service	Joint Day of Theology Pastor Paul will attend		
6 5th Sunday in Lent (Purple) Communion	7 Council 6:30pm	9 Women's Bible Study 9:00am @ FIRST Bible Study @ 2pm Ashby Living Center Lent 5: FIRST 5:30pm Supper 7:00pm Service	11	12
13 Palm/Passion Sunday (Purple) One Great Hour of Sharing @ FIRST	14 Session 6:30pm	16 Maundy Thursday @ Peace 5:30pm Supper 7:00pm Service	18 Good Friday @ OSTML 5:30pm Supper 7:00pm Service	19
20 Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday (White) Communion 7:00am Sunrise @ FIRST Breakfast to follow OSTML Rolls & Fruit @ 9am Service @ 10:30am	21	22 Pastor Paul will be gone attending the MN Valley's Pastor's Retreat April 21st-23rd	23 Women's Bible Study 8:00am @ FIRST Confirmation @ FIRST 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Class W.O.W @ FIRST 6:00pm	25
27 2nd Sunday of Easter (White) WELCA Quilt Dedication	28	29	30 Confirmation @ FIRST 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Class W.O.W @ FIRST 6:00pm	



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April

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE January-April 2025

9:00am – First Presbyterian Worship

Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday

3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

10:30am – Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Worship

Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday

3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

ONLINE SERVICES live at 9:00am on Facebook