



PRESBY-NOTES

April 2025

It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice to know Christ, to make Christ known, and to exhibit Christ's love through worship, education, and service.

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection

Sometime in the latter half of the 3rd Century, the Christian church began to observe Holy Week. The gospels describe in considerable detail the final days of Jesus' life as the intense scrutiny around him heightens to a fevered pitch. Those early church Holy Week observances were dedicated to reading the gospel narratives of Jesus' betrayal, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. Participants went to worship in sorrow, penance and fasting, and to linger at the foot of the cross, mindful of the suffering love of God revealed through the person Jesus. By experiencing the full depths of Jesus' passion, the joy of Easter morning led believers to ecstatic praise.

This year, you have opportunities to join us for Palm Sunday worship, Maundy Thursday communion and take time on your own to stop and remember Jesus sacrifice on Friday. I encourage you to join in these rituals of discipleship that have formed the church's Holy Week practice for more than two thousand years.

While biblical scholars and historians have debated aspects of the life of Jesus and of the early church, one thing they agree on is that a Christian is, by definition, someone who believed that the God of ancient Israel raised Jesus from the dead. The pagan world at that time thought this was ridiculous. What is dead stays dead, they postured, but the Christian communion believed something



April 13 at 10:30 am

Palm Sunday presentation by our youth.

Lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall

April 17 at 7 pm

Maundy Thursday Service with communion

April 18

On Good Friday at 3 pm stop what you are doing and pray.

Traditionally, Jesus died on the cross at this time.

April 20 at 10:30 am

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extraordinary, something unnatural, had happened. As the Apostle Paul said, without the resurrection, we really have nothing interesting to say. (1 Cor. 15:14).

On April 20 we will celebrate the resurrection in our customary ways at First Presbyterian Church with

beautiful Easter lilies, familiar hymns and some guests. I would encourage all to participate in communion on Maundy Thursday at 7 pm on April 17 and the great joy of Easter Sunday at 10:30 am on April 20.

*We are studying “24 Hours That Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton for Wednesdays in Lent on March 12, 19, April 2 and 9th.

*We served 70 to 80 at the Monday’s in Lent luncheon.

*Warren’s Table was canceled due to the weather this month, we serve next on May 6th.

*Sweet Dreams bed ministry delivered 2 more beds.

*Half of the Lenten Offering will go to One Great Hour of Sharing and half to our Little Food Pantry.

*April 13th the youth will be conducting the worship service and serving a salad and sandwich luncheon afterwards.

*The next stated meeting is April 21st at 6:45pm



Prayer Concerns
This past month

PRAYERS: Dorothy Rockemann; Bruce Greenwell; Ellen Greenwell; Connie Dake; Diane Mayer; and Norma Jean McNamee.

Also: Shannon Fanning; Steve Arneal; Hope Johns (Maxie Arneal’s great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake’s sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank’s sister); Janet Parde; Alyssa Lock (Kristin Jurgens' granddaughter); Jodee Bolli (Jesse & Betsy’s sister-in-law); and Erin Blake.



Fran Martin	4
Ardys Milke	14
Scott Weaver	14
Robert Paulmeyer (Bo)	22
Anni Paulmeyer	24
Gene Martin	25



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, April 14th, at 4:30 p.m. in the church parlor for a covered dish supper and fellowship. All women and guests welcome.

Happy Easter Season!



JOYS Salad and Sandwich Luncheon
April 13, Palm Sunday, following worship
Come and join us for Food and Fellowship!

**There will be no Sunday School on
Easter Sunday for children & youth.**



Presbyterian Women will meet on Thursday April 17th at 9:30 a.m., for the business meeting with Bible Study to follow at 10 a.m.

The PW Lunch Bunch will meet in April with the date, time, and place to be announced.



Because of inclement weather in February we were unable to hold our monthly meeting or serve Warren's Table

In March the Sweet Dreams Bed Ministry delivered the 76th & 77th beds. Recipients were a 3 year old boy and his 13 year old sister

Presbyterian Women served about 80 people for Mondays-in Lent. We had hot ham & cheese sandwichers, cole slaw, potato chips and cake for desert. There were many positive comments on the lunch on the festive St. Patrick's Day table decorations.

On Friday, March 21, the grocery order to restock the Little Pantry was picked up and carried in to the church.

Thank you to all who gave of their time and talents to make these projects a success.

The Lenten Offering will be shared between One Great Hour of Sharing and the Little Pantry.



MONDAYS-IN-LENT SCHEDULE

March 10 - *St. John Lutheran, ELCA* - Rev. Dr. Pax Baptista, Book of Ruth

March 17 - *First Presbyterian* - Fr. Bob Schlismann, Paul of Tarsus

March 24 - *Christ Church Episcopal* - Pr. Doris Martin, Mary Magdalene

March 31 - *Centenary UMC* - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler, Deborah

April 7 - *First Christian DOC* - Fr. Joseph Faulkner, Daniel