

# HE IS RISEN

*celebrate the savior*

*April  
Newsletter*

*Celebrating, Serving, Loving & Growing with God and Each Other*

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## APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH



Kenya Children's Fund and the Kinyago-Dandora Schools

Our mission for Kenya Kids is two-fold. Throughout the year our church sponsors two children: Natsha Wamaitha Mburu and Wilson Shikami Omamo who are both in 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year. By sponsoring these two children, money is provided for their uniforms, tuition, and food while they are enrolled in school. We just received Christmas cards from them that are posted on the large bulletin board in the entry way.

The second way we support them is through the Easter basket campaign. For

\$15.00 a care basket is provided for the children and families when they are at home over the Easter break. Each basket contains the following (2kgs=4.4 lbs):

4kgs maize flour, 4kgs wheat flour, 2kgs cooking oil, 2 L Juice, 4kgs rice, 2kgs sugar, 500 grams tea leaves, and 1 kg bar soap.

Besides giving a care basket to each student, the Kenya Kids group also distributes baskets to a community center and an orphanage. Their mission is to keep children and families healthy.

“We can't change the whole world...but we can change one child's world.”



*On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body... Suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified... but the men said to them “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”*

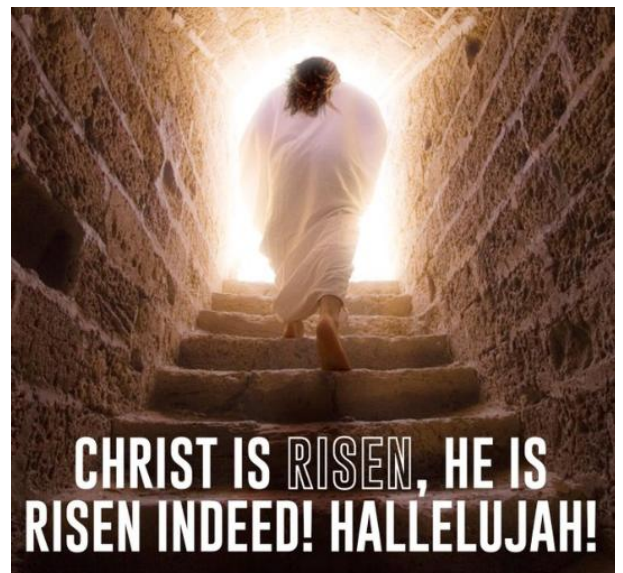
*Luke 24:1-5*

On April 9 we will celebrate Easter. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, when he rose from the dead. This is the most important holiday for Christians. Without the Resurrection, Christianity would be meaningless. Without the story of the empty tomb, the gospels would just be a collection of the sayings and deeds of a man who died long ago. Without Easter, our faith is dead.

The angels at the tomb proclaim the Good News! Jesus has risen. He is not found among the dead, but among the living. Jesus is alive and in the world today, calling us to serve him. He offers us new life, and a new purpose. He offers us himself. Because he is alive, we are not alone.

Come to church on Easter. Come and hear again how Jesus, who died on the cross, did not stay dead. Come and discover how that story affects your life today. Come and join in singing “Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!”

Peace,  
Pastor Meg



**Stated Session Minutes**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Shakopee, MN**  
**Thursday February 16, 2023**

**Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum:** A quorum was established.

Opening devotions were led by Rene Vanoni. Pastor Meg Newswanger opened with prayer.

The stated session meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Shakopee was called to order at 6:30 on Thursday, February 16, 2023 by Moderator Meg Newswanger.

**Roll Call**

Class of 2022

LuAnn Amberson  
Loren Wolfe

Class of 2023

Rene' Vanoni

Class of 2024

Edie Cook  
Michel Makem  
Paul Sindze

**Elders excused:** LuAnn Amberson and Paul Sindze

**M/S/C to approve the agenda**

**Clerk's Report**

Paul Sindze was ordained as an elder, and Michel Makem and Paul Sindze were both installed as elders on February 12. Welcome to Session!

**M/S/C to approve minutes as corrected of January 19, 2023 stated session meeting**

**Deacon's Report**

Deacon's minutes were received with Thanks.

**Administration and Finance Report** Rene' Vanoni

**Worship and Faith**

No meeting. Jan and Pastor Meg have Ash Wednesday planned.

**Mission and Outreach** Edie Cook

No meeting. Committee does most of planning at a fall meeting. \$560.00 was given to Loaves and Fishes in January.

**M/S/C to accept all committee reports.**

## **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Meg will order 3 copies of Book of Order and 2 copies of Book of Confession.

## **Old Business**

Edie, Loren, Rene, and Miranda Gay met and planned for the use of the grant money. There will be at least four Monday nights of "Music on Marschall" with a dinner served at 5-6 and music to follow. Tom Hunter will do the first one on May 22. Loren Wolfe will do another night of music and other groups are being contacted.

## **New Business**

- 1) Pastor Meg has contacted Denise Dunbar Perkins. We need to submit a form to the COM. The form was distributed and the Personnel Committee will submit ASAP.

**M/S/C to approve that the search committee will email the position description for a part-time stated supply or temporary supply pastor to the session members and a vote will be taken by email.**

- 2) **Committee Assignments for Elders for 2023**

Nominating: Loren Wolfe

Worship/Faith Formation: LuAnn Amberson

Missions: Edie Cook

Administration: Rene Vanoni

Financial: Rene Vanoni, Michel Makem

Personnel: Loren Wolfe, Rene Vanoni, Paul Sindze, and Carol Balvance (member at large)

**M/S/C to elect Edie Cook as Clerk of Session.**

- 3) **M/S/C to approve the Telecommuting Agreement with Diana Norman.**

Pastor Meg will have devotions at the March 16, 2023 meeting.

Communion Servers for March 5, 2023 are Edie Cook and Rene Vanoni.

**M/S/C to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.**

Pastor Meg closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Cook, Clerk of Session



**April 4**  
Wayne Tietz

**April 9**  
Mary Wolfe

**April 12**  
Ronald Seelye

**April 14**  
Verneil Ewert

**April 16**  
Marinda Gay



**April 17**  
Jean ScheerHoorn

**April 22**  
Michael Kelso

**April 25**  
Phillip Rudell

**April 29**  
Judy Rudell  
Eugene Chapman  
Shiloh Obeng

## DEACONS NEWS

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*  
John 12:26

Spring is here..... says the calendar! I hope we can feel it soon.

The Deacons are working with a few others to plan a Reunion Potluck. We hope to have current and past members and friends for a time of food, fellowship, and fun. Keep April 30th on your calendar. There will be invitations with all the info coming soon.

The Deacons have some money in a Campership fund. There would be a small amount to help with the cost of camp. If anyone is interested in sending your youth to Clearwater Forest, a Presbyterian Church camp, please contact Mary Wolfe.

Any Graduates? Please let Verneil Ewert know, so we can acknowledge them.

We would like to open our nursery again. If you would use the nursery of if you can help, as frequently or infrequently as you are able, please contact Rose Schmitz.

**"Give a ride"**: If you are in need of a ride, you can contact Jim Perry at 612-220-7977, and he will make sure someone will pick you up.

Please contact a Deacon if you would like a visit, or have any needs.

In Christ's love,

**Shirley Ackerman 952-334-3202**

**Linda Brooks 952-240-9502**

**Marinda Gay 952-445-1031**

**Rose Schmitz 612-670-6309**

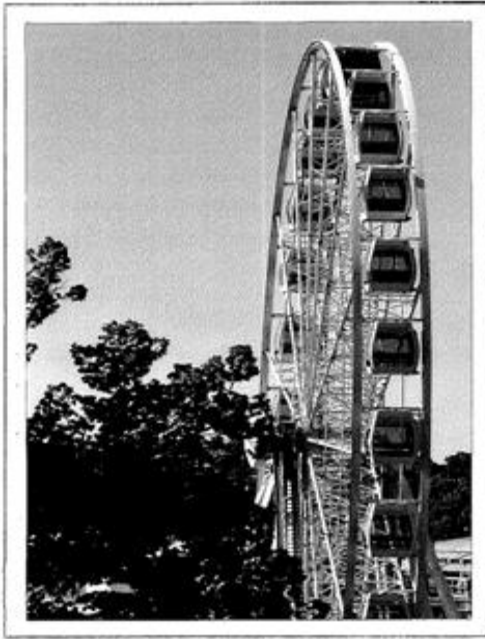
**Mary Wolfe 952-393-3973**

**Verneil Ewert 952-237-2201**

**Lyle Crider 952-496-0822**

**Jim Perry 952-492-5952**

**Harriet Volding 218-209-1982**

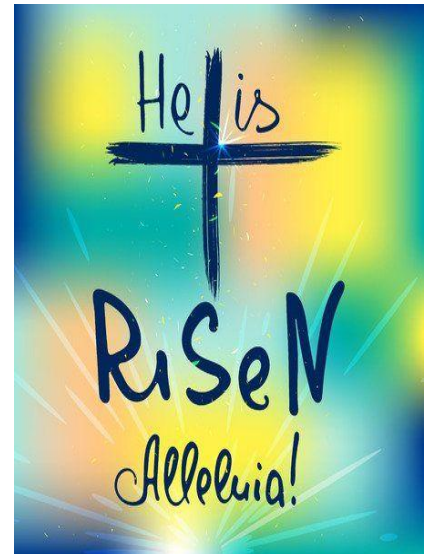


Dear Deacons & Friends at SFP.

Thank you for the welcome home  
Balloons. They give me an Up-  
lifting Start for my day of therapy  
and Exercise. Thank you also for  
your Prayers, cards and calls.

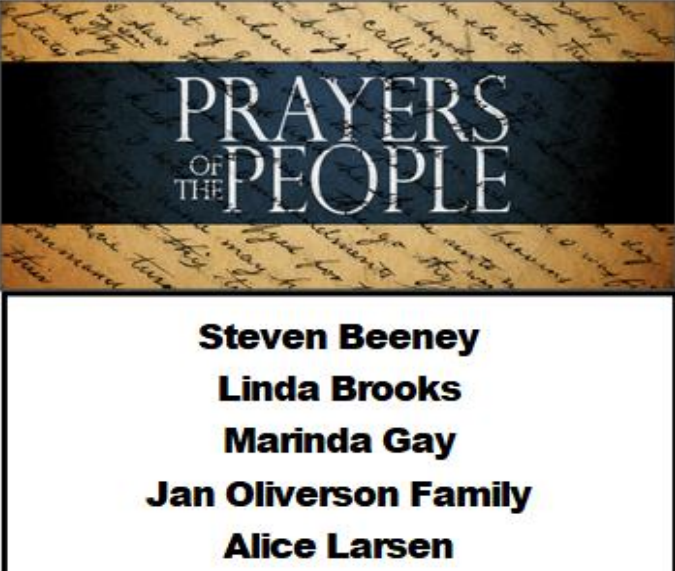
Sincerely,

*Richard Olin*  
Richard Olin

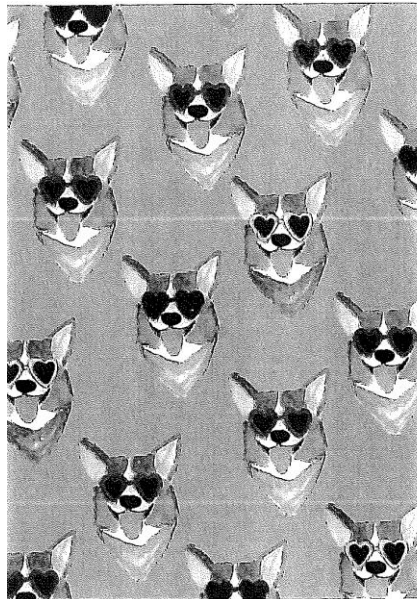




**A big shout out and thank you to  
Elizabeth Hvidsten  
with the Special Olympics**  
for washing the Christmas Costumes  
and for always leaving the Kitchen  
and Fellowship Hall in pristine  
condition each time you use them!



**Steven Beeney  
Linda Brooks  
Marinda Gay  
Jan Oliverson Family  
Alice Larsen**



Dear Deacons & Precious Friends,  
Thank you all so much  
for the absolutely gorgeous  
bouquet of flowers you sent  
for my birthday. It really  
made my day! Was so  
thoughtful!  
I miss you all so much  
and yet, feel like I'm  
back in the loop now that  
I'm working with you all.  
That brings some comfort  
that fills that void.  
Thanks again!  
Love you all -  
Ariana ☺



Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls and cards during my illness. May God richly bless you for your love and support!

*Marinda Gay*

## GAME DAY



**April 10 and April 24**

**9:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

April 6 – 6:30 pm

*Maunderly  
Thursday*  
service



## NOTICE:

If you have anyone graduating, please let us know, so we can acknowledge them.

Please contact Verneil Ewert,  
at 952-237-2201 with your info.



The Deacons have some funds to help with the cost of summer camp.

If you would like more information, please contact:

Mary Wolfe - 952-393-3973

NO  
Bunny  
LOVES  
me like  
Jesus

# Shakopee First Presbyterian Church

# Easter Breakfast

April 9, 2023

9:00 am

*We will enjoy coffee, juice, and sticky buns*

## JOEL TAKES STATE!!!



Ninth-grader Cassandra Gonzales (left) and senior Joel Makem both won state titles for Shakopee in the second-ever girls state tournament March 4 at the Xcel Energy Center in

Last winter, Shakopee had one individual state champion in the first-ever sanctioned Minnesota State High School League girls state wrestling tournament.

In the second one, the Sabers finished with two champs.

Ninth-grader Cassandra Gonzales and senior Joel Makem both capped off perfect seasons March 4 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, winning the 126- and 132-pound state titles, respectively.

"Joel and Cassy have been dominate all year," Shakopee coach Alex Van Krevelen said. "Our coaching staff knew that if they wrestled their best, there is no girl in the state that can keep up with them. Both of them pinned their way through the state tournament, and that is a very rare thing to do."

Makem finished her career as a two-time champion. She won the 126-pound title last year with 15-2 record. She finished 12-0 this season, pinning McKenna Hendrickson of Grand Meadow-LeRoy Ostrander-Southland in the title match.

Makem pinned her first-round opponent, Kennedy O'Connell of St. Michael-Albertville, in just 37 seconds, and earned a fall over Natalie Diaz of Sibley East in just 63 seconds in her semifinal match.

Meanwhile, Gonzales finished the season with a 13-0 record, pinning Chloe Berg of Chatfield in the second period in her title match.

Gonzales earned a second-period fall in the quarterfinals over Mackenzie Armagost of Grand Meadow and pinned Jovanna Volker of Nashwauk-Keewatin/Greenway 1:36 into the first period in the semifinals.

"Cassy has a chance at being Shakopee's first four-time state champion," Van Krevelen said. "And Joel leaves a tremendous legacy here in Shakopee for our future girl wrestlers to look up to."

Last winter, Minnesota became the 30th state to have a sanctioned girls high school wrestling toumey, including North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Girls still train and compete with their respective boys teams during the regular season, competing on the varsity or junior varsity. However, after the season, they have the option of competing in a girls-only individual section and state tournaments or continue competing with the boys.

In the first girls state toumey last year, there were only 48 wrestlers in the 12 weight classes. This year, the participants increased to 96 in 12 weights.

Next winter, the girls will go to 13 weight classes, so the total number of state wrestlers will increase to 104.



# VACUUM DRIVE



You know vacuuming is "hard" on your body. To make life a little bit easier for our custodian, we would like to purchase a "backpack" vacuum cleaner. It comes with attachments which fit easily between and under the pews.

Therefore, if you can spare a "buck", "hard cash" or write a check so we can purchase a vacuum cleaner for our custodian. The Administration Committee and Steve thank you for your generosity.

If you write a check, please make a notation "for vacuum". Please give the cash to Carol or Rene.



**Update...**



**Beacon**  
INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE



I hope you've already seen the news, but just in case I wanted to let you know that Prairie Pointe received an amazing \$13.3 million from Minnesota Housing in their latest funding decisions! This was a big affirmation in the quality of Beacon's work and a major investment in Shakopee. But most importantly, it's hope for the 45 local families who are waiting night after night, month after month, for the chance to call Prairie Pointe home. They're now one major step closer!

When it's completed, Prairie Pointe will be a tremendous asset for our community. These new apartment homes in Shakopee will be affordable to the most vulnerable families and will have professional staff officed right on site whose sole purpose is to assist families as they find stability and look to the future.

Thank you for believing in home and supporting Prairie Pointe!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

POTLUCK Reunion for all of our church family, and former members and friends of Shakopee First Presbyterian Church.

*Invitations with more information to follow soon.*

**GARAGE SALE**

There has been some interest expressed in having a church garage sale (sometime this fall).

*If you are interested in chairing (or co-chairing) with someone please contact Mary Wolfe - 952-393-3973*



**SUMMER**  
Concert Series

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**First Presbyterian Church**

909 Marschall Road – Shakopee, MN 55379

**Free Dinner @ 5:00pm**

**Entertainment @ 6:00-7:30pm**

*Please bring a lawn chair!*

**Music  
on  
Marschall**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Tom Hunter**



Join us for an evening of great music with Tom Hunter. Tom is one of the Midwest's most popular blues entertainers. A fine showman, and an accomplished pianist, who dazzles his audiences with his vocals and inventive riffs and solos.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Homeward Bound**



Homeward Bound has been contributing to the Twin Cities' music scene for the better part of the last two decades. Steeped in the rich vocal harmonies of 70s and 80s pop, our repertoire includes rock, pop, blues, country, gospel and even a little reggae, funk and rap from time to time.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Barsolo Brothers**



Two long time musicians now perform as "The Barsolo Brothers". The duo plays "feel good" favorites from the 1950's, 60's and 70's, and works humor and occasionally a set of bagpipes into their act.

The "brothers" are bass player Dennis Kelly, who is also with the St. Paul-based Buster Phalen band. Guitarist Mark McNeill was Shakopee's City Administrator for more than 18 years.

**August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Loren Wolfe**



Loren Wolfe is an accomplished guitarist, singer, songwriter, and entertainer. His musical stylings cover many genres, from rock and gospel to country and jazz.

Loren can be found rocking the 50's, and 60's at private parties, playing all the country classics at senior centers, or performing at music festivals around the Midwest.

In addition to Loren performing a wide range of musical genres, his impersonations and specialty shows are truly unique, and make Loren a one of a kind entertainer!