



newsletter

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

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MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH



Changing lives in God's woods and waters



“You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need;
my future is in your hands.” – Psalm 16:5

Winter is slowly leaving, and the world is coming to life again. Soon it will be time to plant the gardens and the farm fields that feed us and the world. Those who put seed in the ground in the hopes of a harvest know that there are many factors that are beyond our control. We do our best, but the weather, the pests, and the randomness of nature will have a say in the outcome.

We like to imagine that we are in control of our lives, but many of the things we do are like planting seeds. We work hard, and have hopes, but cannot guarantee the outcome. This is true in the business world, in our communities, in the family, and in our bodies.

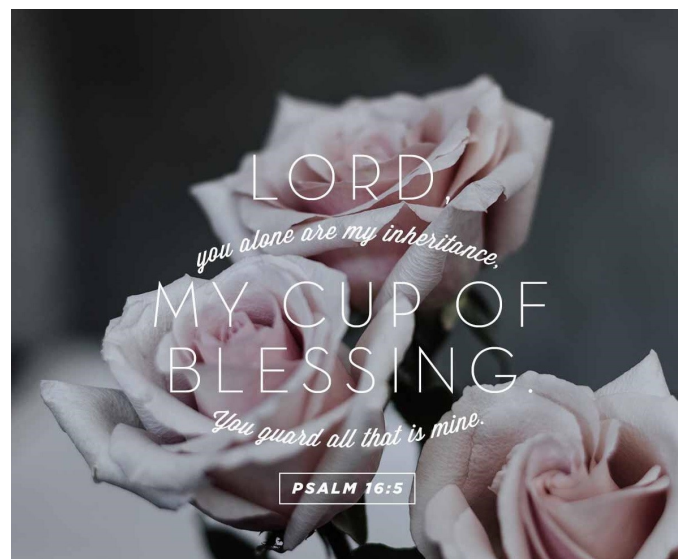
God tells us that our future is in his hands. He holds all that might be. He gives us all that we need to achieve all that he asks of us. If we cannot accomplish a goal, perhaps that is because it is not God’s goal for us. Our dreams can get in the way of God’s plans for us.

When we are struggling, and seem to be losing the things that matter most, remember the words of Psalm 16:5. God is all that we have.

The only thing that God promises we will never lose is himself. He holds our future – an eternity in heaven with him. Meanwhile, he gives you what you need to get through today. Tomorrow he will provide for tomorrow. Trust him.

Plant the seeds, do the work, make the plans, and hope. If you trust God, he will guide you. Who knows what you and God will grow together!

Peace,
Pastor Meg



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

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

Opening devotions and prayer were led by Pastor Meg Newswanger.

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

Roll Call

Class of 2023

LuAnn Amberson
Loren Wolfe

Class of 2024

Rene' Vanoni

Class of 2025

Edie Cook
Michel Makem
Paul Sindze

Elder excused: LuAnn Amberson

M/S/C to approve the agenda

Clerk's Report

M/S/C to approve minutes of February 16, 2023 stated session meeting.

The Session members welcomed Paul Sindze to his first Session meeting.

Erica Schemper is the Pastoral Pastor Team appointed to aid us in finding a half-time pastor. No correspondence with her since March 3.

Deacon's Report

JoAnn Hanson has volunteered to organize a Reunion Potluck for April 30 after the church service. Session approved this wholeheartedly.

Deacon's minutes were received.

Administration and Finance Report Rene' Vanoni

Committee met on March 9th with Lyle Crider, Carol Balvance and Rene present. Diana, Jim Perry, and Michel Maken were excused. They will be meeting the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Items they are working on are a check-up/repair for dishwasher, security light over South door needs to be fixed, security cameras have been repaired, fire extinguishers are up to code, and a new vacuum cleaner is needed.

M/S/C to make a request from the congregation for money for a new vacuum cleaner.

Worship and Faith

Report was submitted by LuAnn.

Communion will be served in the traditional manner for the Maundy Thursday Service. Rene volunteered to set up communion and Edie and Rene will serve communion.

Mission and Outreach Edie Cook

No meeting.

Personnel Loren Wolfe

For the next month Carol Balvance will monitor how much time is needed in the church office. A big Thank You to Carol and Mary Wolfe for all the volunteer time they have given. M/S/C to accept all committee reports.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Meg distributed books of order to those who requested one and a book of Confession.

Old Business

The "Music on Marschall" committee sent an interim report to the Presbytery on the use of the grant money. 4 nights are planned with a dinner served at 5-6 and music to follow. Tom Hunter, a noted Twin Cities pianist, will perform on May 22, Homeward Bound is scheduled for June 26, Mark McNeill on July 24, and Loren Wolfe on August 28. The committee will meet next week to plan more details.

Paul Sindze agreed to be on the Personnel Committee. Edie will get a list together of Deacons, members at large, and Elders who are on each committee.

New Business

M/S/C An audit will not be conducted this year due to fluctuation of staff and lack of volunteers to do the audit.

M/S/C to approve building use requests for Divinia Bull and Morgan Wade for a wedding on August 13, 2023 at 3pm and the Milwaukee Manor Association (Rene and Kathy are in this association) for May 6, 2023 from 10am - 12 noon.

Loren Wolfe will have devotions at the April 20, 2023 meeting.

Communion Servers for April 2, 2023 are Michel Makem and Rene Vanoni.

M/S/C to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Pastor Meg closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Cook, Clerk of Session



- May 4** Frieda Olin
- May 7** John McGovern
- May 9** Kaaren Fleischer
- May 12** Barbara Vanek
- May 17** Loren Wolfe
- May 20** JoAnn Hanson
- May 21** Yvonne Jenny
- May 23** JoAnn Geis
- May 24** Donna Case
- May 29** Lucy Schanus



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

GAME DAY

Mondays
May 8 and May 22
 Fellowship Hall



A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

- May 7**
Terri Maidment
- May 14**
Tom Mast
- May 21**
Barbara Metz
- May 28**
Todd, Amy Austin & Taylor Myhre

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

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

Hopefully May will bring us sunshine, flowers, and budding trees!

The Deacons have been busy helping with arrangements for the Reunion Potluck. We are also setting up a Photo Board, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a photo of you, or your family we would love to get it on the board. It will help us all to get to know each other's names.

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? Children, grandchildren, from High School, College, or Trade School? Please let Verneil Ewert know as soon as possible, so we can acknowledge them.

We would like to open our nursery again. If you would use the nursery or 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	Verneil Ewert	952-237-2201
Linda Brooks	952-240-9502	Lyle Crider	952-496-0822
Marinda Gay	952-445-1031	Jim Perry	952-492-5952
Rose Schmitz	612-670-6309	Harriet Volding	218-209-1982
Mary Wolfe	952-393-3973		

Sunday—May 14

*Charm is deceptive
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who
fears the Lord is to be
praised.*

-Proverbs 31:30 -

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY ♥

**SFPC
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Plots Available!

Call to Inquire

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Top award on the mat

Joel Makem pinned down one more top award, this one from the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Shakopee senior was selected the Ms. Minnesota Wrestler of the Year. She capped off her final season with the Sabers winning the 132-pound state title in the second-ever Minnesota State High School League girls state wrestling tournament.

Makem finished her career as a two-time champion. She won the 126-pound title last year with a 15-2 record. She finished 12-3 this season, pinning McKenna Hendrickson of Grand Meadow-LeRoy Ostrander-Southland in the title match.

In her six state matches over the last two seasons, Makem has five pins and one win by technical fall.

Last winter, Minnesota became the 30th state to have a sanctioned girls high school wrestling tourney, 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.

Makem becomes the sixth Minnesota girl to be named Wrestler of the Year. The previous five winners were:

2002: Brooklyn Conrad of Ortonville

2021: Katerina Lange of Martin County West

2020: Kya Rycachek of Hibbing

2019: Emily Shilson of Mounds View

2018: Makyla Welch of Cambridge-Isanti.

Makem also excels off the mat at Shakopee with a 3.94-grade-point average. She runs track, competes in dance, was the manager of the Sabers' varsity football team and a leader in the in the Black Student Union Club.

"Joel leaves a tremendous legacy here in Shakopee for our future girl wrestlers to look up to," Shakopee coach Alex Van Krevelen said.

On the boys side, Max McEnelly of Waconia won the Mr. Minnesota Wrestler of the Year. He finished his career as a four-time Class 3A state champion, winning the 195-pound state title in his final season with a 46-1 record.

McEnelly also won the 195-pound last year, while earning championships at 182 and 170 pounds in his sophomore and ninth-grade seasons, respectively.

The Mr. Minnesota Wrestler of the Year dates all the way back to 1990 with Chad Carlson of Willmar winning the first-ever award.



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Ephesians 6:12 - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.



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 22nd

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 26th

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 24th

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 28th

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!



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:

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