

# OUR JOYFUL NOISE



# MARCH 2023

First Presbyterian Church  
1220 South Market Street  
P.O. Box 758  
Lake Park, Iowa 51347



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Church Office: 712-832-3401

Clerk of Session: James Kessler

Church Secretary: Jeanie Hawn

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00-11:00 am



March Newsletter Sponsor is

Lyla Akkerman

In honor of her birthday.

## Session Notes

Regular Session Meeting, Tues. Feb. 14, 2023

The daycare plans are moving forward, barring any unforeseen obstacles Amber should be operational mid-April. More discussion and contract to be presented at the March Meeting.

Resignation of Marcy Troendle as Treasurer and Ruling Elder was accepted. Jeanie Hawn to replace her as Treasurer Pro-tem.

Request of Transfer for Brian Kessler to 2nd Presbyterian of Oil City, PA was approved.

Elders have decided they are actively going to visit anyone who is in the hospital and/or recuperating at home.

B&G has issues with a leaky roof, lights being left on and damage to a plate on the front door. Lynette E. has requested a new vacuum.

James Kessler was elected Clerk of Session.

Jeanie Hawn was hired as Secretary with hours to be 8-11 am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Congregational Meeting set for March 5th after regular service with Ken Byers presiding. This is to vote on the nomination of Jeanie Hawn to replace Marcy Troendle as Ruling Elder Class of 2023.

Other approvals: 9-week Bible Study, new dates for Special offerings and use of church March 11th.

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

55 families (125 individuals) were served by the Mobile Food Pantry



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st-Julie Christensen

2nd-Emily Hiveley

4th-Carter Ray

5th-Rylan Ehret, Marcy Troendle

6th-Lincoln Marki

10th-Angie Manwarren

14th-Ashley Delaney

15th-Lona Hedquist

16th-Carol Jensen

17th-Kevin Winter, Jasmine Marki

19th-Connie Clark

20th-Josie Byers

25th-Myrna Matthiessen, Kyle Louscher, Marvel Byers

26th-Lyla Akkerman

28th-Brody Boles

31st-Lynetter Ehret

## Happy Anniversary!

17th-Lee & Jasmine Marki

18th-Wes & Tina McClure



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN SERVICES

Having a Maundy Thursday service is under discussion by several ruling Elders and Clerk of Session .

Good Friday services will be held at our church, jointly with LP UMC and Harris UMC. Friday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at LP UMC.

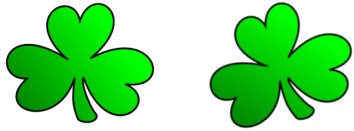
As Easter approaches think about your Lily for Easter. Cut off date for ordering your lily through the church is mid-March.

Contact the office for more information.

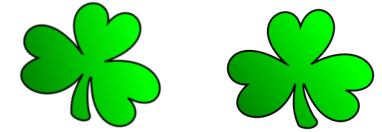


## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday, March 26, 2023



# March 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Julie Christensen-Birthday	2  <b>MOBILE FOOD PANTRY 4:30-6:30</b>  Emily Hiveley-Birthday	3	4  Carter Ray-Birthday
5 2nd Sunday in Lent  Al Grigg  Rylan Ehret-Birthday Marcy Troendle-Birthday	6  Lincoln Marki-Birthday	7	8  <b>PW Meeting</b>  <b>H-LP FFA Blood Bank</b>	9	10  Angie Manwarren-Birthday	11
12 3rd Sunday in Lent  Al Grigg	13	14  <b>FINANCE MEETING 6:00 SESSION 6:30</b>  Ashley Delaney-Birthday	15  Lona Hedquist-Birthday	16  Carol Jensen-Birthday	17  Lee & Jasmine Marki- Anniversary  Kevin Winter-Birthday Jasmine Marki-Birthday	18  Wes & Tina McClure- Anniversary
19 4th Sunday in Lent  Mark Volkens  Connie Clark-Birthday	20  <b>Newsletter items deadline</b>  Josie Byers-Birthday	21	22	23	24	25  Birthdays- Myrna Matthiessen, Kyle Louscher Marvel Byers
26 5th Sunday in Lent  Karen Schwaller  OGHS offering Lyla Akkerman-Birthday	27	28  Brody Boles-Birthday	29	30	31  Lynette Ehret-Birthday	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are in or going to the hospital, or at home recuperating, please contact a member of the Session or the office .  
The Elders will gladly pay you a visit.

### Sunday, March 5th

Congregational Meeting immediately after our regular service. This is to vote on the nomination to elect a replacement for Ruling Elder Marcy Troendle, Class of 2023.

### Wed. March 8th at the Lake Park Community Center

The H-LP FFA is hosting a community Blood Drive.

11:00 am-4:00 pm

For an appointment or for questions, please contact

Mylee Watje 712-330-2020



### Bible Study

A 9-Week Bible Study titled “Celebrating Sabbath” will begin in late March. Plans are to have this on Sundays after our regular service. We will enjoy a light meal then proceed into the Bible Study.

If you are interested, please contact the office no later than March 19th.

## In the Service of the Lord

**Flower Chairperson:**

Marvel Byers



### IN THE PULPIT

**Sunday, March 5-**Al Grigg

**Sunday, March 12-**Karen Schwaller

**Sunday, March 19-**Mark Volkers

**Sunday, March 26-**All Grigg

### Previous Month Attendance and Giving

1/29/2023– No Service

02/05/2023– 19- \$975.01

02/12/2023– 23-\$695.00

Souper Bowl- \$344.00

02/19/2023- \$545.00

**Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00**

**Per Capita Paid for 2023 is 9**

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill you heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Did you miss a Sunday?

Please visit our website [www.fpclakepark.org](http://www.fpclakepark.org)

Audio Worship Services Available



## FRIENDS ARE FOR SHARING LAUGHS

### AND WIPING TEARS

The Methodist minister had been summoned to the bedside of a Baptist woman who was very ill. As he went up the walk, he met the little daughter and said to her, "I am very glad your mother remembered me in her illness. Is your minister out of town?" "No," answered the child. "he's at home, but we thought it might be something contagious and we didn't want to expose him to it."

"Ladies and Gentlemen," blared the announcer at the rodeo. "Rusty Davis will now perform the dangerous breathtaking feat of galloping up to his bandanna and picking it off the ground with his teeth as he passes. "Let'er go, Rusty!" The drums rolled, the chute opened, and out came Rusty on his swift Palomino. Nearer and nearer to the handkerchief he came. Just as he reached it, Rusty swung low from the saddle. He and the horse sped past, but the red handkerchief still lay on the ground. An embarrassed silence gripped the stands. Rusty wheeled the horse and galloped over to the announcer. There was a hasty conference. Then the announcer turned to the microphone and proclaimed. "Ladies and Gentlemen, Rusty Davis will now ride back and pick up his bandanna, and his teeth."