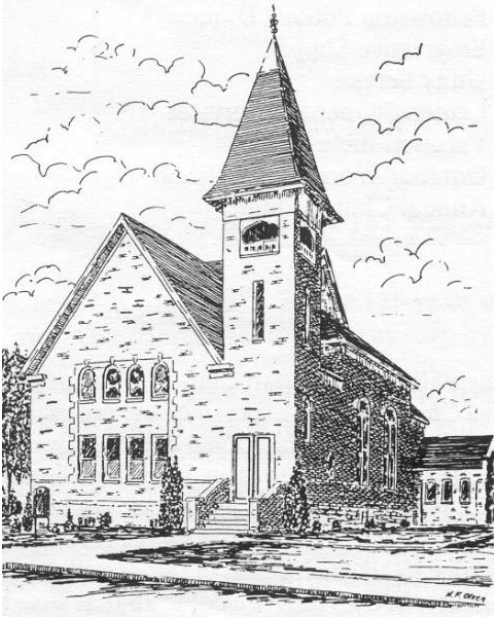


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Upcoming Events

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All meetings should be conducted by Zoom or conference call. Free Zoom accounts for those planning to meet for under 40 minutes can be opened at zoom.com.

During this time, we must keep our connection as a family of faith. You are requested to join me in reaching out to members for prayer and encouragement. This is critically important for those who are at high risk of contracting the virus. Because of the contagious nature of COVID-19, visitation is not allowed at hospitals, assisted living facilities, or nursing homes.

This crisis is impacting the country in many ways. As you are able, please continue your financial gifts to the Church. Some options to give electronically include Bill Pay through local banks and mailing gifts to Faith Presbyterian Church 108 Main St W., Silver Lake MN, 55381.

Let us keep our trust in the Lord and each other if you have a need, please let the deacons or elders know.

Megan Bisek, the church secretary, will no longer maintain regular office hours. Faith Leadership will keep the congregation updated as appropriate with all future decisions and plans. Please contact me or any elders on Session if you have any questions.

Let's keep our trust in the Lord, our Healer! Through God, the Father, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit may we know the depth of love and protection we have as the children of God.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Murphy Ashley, Jr.

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Session Report

What a winter this has been! As I am writing this I am hearing of a potential spring snow storm heading our way. I am hoping that we are on the low end of the snow totals if we are going to get any at all. The session had to have an emergency meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to make the difficult decision to temporarily close the Church and cancel all services and events through Palm Sunday, April 5th. Session will be meeting prior to the 5th to reassess the situation and determine whether we will continue to be closed or if we will be able to have Easter services. With our congregation having a higher elderly population, we want to make sure to do our part in limiting contact and the potential spread of COVID-19. Let's pray that this pandemic is short lived and we can come together in worship to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!!

Deb Jensen, Clerk of Session



Treasurer's Report

For the first two months of the year the church has \$581,666 in assets. Most of which are in investments. Liabilities consist of paid payroll liabilities and money held for the donor advised scholarship payout. Assets less liabilities show equity of \$561,727 which includes the net loss of almost \$6,000. The Profit and Loss Budget to Actual report shows that revenue is 12% of the anticipated budget. Two months into the year calculates to be just over 16% so revenue is a little under what we would expect for the two-month mark. Total expenses for the two months are also under budget 11.6% vs. 16%. However, there is still a net loss. When comparing last year at this point to this year, revenue shows a difference of the legacy gift we received last year, about \$65,000. Not counting the legacy gift of last year, revenue is very close to the same amount for both years of January and February. Expenses are just under \$1,000 less this year than last year at this point. The difference in Net Income from last year and the Net Loss this year is the legacy gift income we received last year.

Margie Nelsen, Treasurer

Faith Presbyterian Church of Silver Lake
Balance Sheet by Class
 As of February 29, 2020

	General		TOTAL	
	Feb 29, 20	Feb 28, 19	Feb 29, 20	Feb 28, 19
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
10000 · FCB General Checking xxx13	10,227.31	89,505.28	10,227.31	89,505.28
10100 · FCB General Savings	16,348.53	26,324.38	16,348.53	26,324.38
11000 · Hutchinson Coop Investment	113,284.25	99,056.73	113,284.25	99,056.73
11100 · New Covenants Investments	421,806.19	309,425.78	421,806.19	309,425.78
Total Checking/Savings	561,666.28	524,312.17	561,666.28	524,312.17
Other Current Assets				
12100 · Accounts Receivable	0.00	1,561.76	0.00	1,561.76
Total Other Current Assets	0.00	1,561.76	0.00	1,561.76
Total Current Assets	561,666.28	525,873.93	561,666.28	525,873.93
TOTAL ASSETS	561,666.28	525,873.93	561,666.28	525,873.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	-235.06	141.40	-235.06	141.40
25000 · Pass Through Liabilities	174.50	6,220.37	174.50	6,220.37
Total Other Current Liabilities	-60.56	6,361.77	-60.56	6,361.77
Total Current Liabilities	-60.56	6,361.77	-60.56	6,361.77
Total Liabilities	-60.56	6,361.77	-60.56	6,361.77
Equity				
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	567,622.97	461,936.90	567,622.97	461,936.90
Net Income	-5,896.13	57,575.26	-5,896.13	57,575.26
Total Equity	561,726.84	519,512.16	561,726.84	519,512.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	561,666.28	525,873.93	561,666.28	525,873.93

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- Janine di Giovanni
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Faith Presbyterian Church of Silver Lake Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual General Fund

	<u>Jan - Feb 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00		
42000 · Per Capita	1,519.95	4,000.00	38.0%
49500 · Tithes/Offerings	9,513.45	83,000.00	11.5%
49550 · Pola Czesky Revenue	25.00	5,500.00	0.5%
Total Income	<u>11,158.40</u>	<u>92,500.00</u>	<u>12.1%</u>
Expense			
60000 · Administrative	1,980.31	20,026.00	9.9%
61000 · Christian Education	0.00	5,850.00	0.0%
62000 · Church at Worship	349.23	5,980.00	5.8%
63000 · Church Property	3,786.10	34,900.00	10.8%
64000 · Mission	1,121.11	8,250.00	13.6%
64900 · Stewardship	0.00	300.00	0.0%
65000 · Pastoral Ministry	10,192.53	75,182.00	13.6%
Total Expense	<u>17,429.28</u>	<u>150,488.00</u>	<u>11.6%</u>
Net Ordinary Income e	<u>-6,270.88</u>	<u>-57,988.00</u>	<u>10.8%</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
49600 · Interest - Bank Ck & Sav	2.93	30.00	9.8%
49650 · Interest - Hutch Coop	371.82		
Total Other Income e	<u>374.75</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>1,249.2%</u>
Net Other Income e	<u>374.75</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>1,249.2%</u>
Net Income e	<u><u>-5,896.13</u></u>	<u><u>-57,958.00</u></u>	<u><u>10.2%</u></u>



Faith Presbyterian Church of Silver Lake
Profit & Loss (General Fund)
 January through February 2020

	Jan - Feb 20	Jan - Feb 19	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	0.00	100.00
41500 · Legacy Bequests - Estate Gifts	0.00	64,852.63	-64,852.63
42000 · Per Capita	1,519.95	1,755.35	-235.40
49500 · Tithes/Offerings	9,513.45	8,936.98	576.47
49550 · Pola Czesky Revenue	25.00	0.00	25.00
Total Income	11,158.40	75,544.96	-64,386.56
Expense			
60000 · Administrative	1,980.31	1,952.70	27.61
62000 · Church at Worship	349.23	547.50	-198.27
63000 · Church Property	3,786.10	6,497.99	-2,711.89
64000 · Mission	1,121.11	1,242.40	-121.29
65000 · Pastoral Ministry	10,192.53	8,056.00	2,136.53
Total Expense	17,429.28	18,296.59	-867.31
Net Ordinary Income e	-6,270.88	57,248.37	-63,519.25
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
49600 · Interest - Bank Ck & Sav	2.93	7.17	-4.24
49650 · Interest - Hutch Coop	371.82	319.72	52.10
Total Other Income	374.75	326.89	47.86
Net Other Income	374.75	326.89	47.86
Net Income e	<u>-5,896.13</u>	<u>57,575.26</u>	<u>-63,471.39</u>



“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.”

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Deacons' Report

With Easter Sunday right around the corner, the Deacons send "Spring-Like" greetings to each and every one of you. We have started the year 2020 by welcoming newly elected (however, very familiar) friendly faces to the group. Serving as the class of 2022 are: Helen Jensen, Jacki Rossi, and Nancy Krcil. Several members attended a day of continuing education and information in Willmar. The topics were interesting and had valuable information. Thank you to those who attended the appreciation spaghetti dinner hosted by the Deacons. This is just one of the ways that we can keep in touch with our church community. If you have prayer concerns for yourself, family members, and friends do not hesitate to call the church and/or one of the Deacons and we will send prayers as needed. Would you like to visit? Also, please call and let us know. The days of just dropping in are less than welcoming at times, so it's nice to know that you are awaiting us! Betty Williams, JoLen Bentz, Linda Prochaska, Doris Wraspir, Linda Brooks and Margie Fronk complete the current Deacons.

JoLen Bentz, Moderator



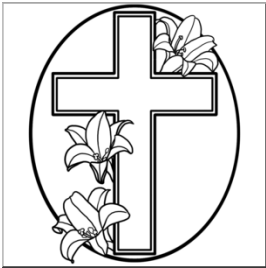
Pastor Nominating Committee

These past few months have been very busy ones for the PNC group. We have made numerous calls for references for candidates that we feel will be right for our church. We have interviewed three people personally and done follow-up calls and emails with them. At this point we have one of them who we are very interested in but there is more conversation to be held. Please keep praying for our group as we continue the search.

Barb Wawrzyniak



Music and Worship



The Music and Worship Committee continues to meet each month. A thank you goes out to Barb Quast who served on the committee the past two years. At the Annual Congregational Meeting Linda Brooks volunteered to be on the committee. Regular members are Jacki Rossi, Laura Pieper, Barb Wawrzyniak, Bret Nelsen, Rev. Ashley, and Dorothy Merrill. The Advent Season went very well. 25 Memorial Poinsettias adorned the Sanctuary during the season with all the rest of the beautiful decorations.

Lenten Services began on Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30pm. Services continued each Wednesday until March 17 starting at 5:30pm with a light meal. WOW started at 6:15pm and the service started at 6:30pm. Choir practice followed the service. Lenten Devotional booklets were ordered for members' personal devotion time. A communion Service will possibly be held on Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:30pm. An Easter Sunrise Service will hopefully be held, April 12, 2020 at 8am. Weather permitting; it will be held in the Presbyterian Cemetery. (watch for further news about location) A fellowship will be held between Sunrise and Regular Service in the Fireside Room; the regular Easter Communion Service will hopefully be held at 10am at the Church. Other Services held were Presbyterian Disaster Sunday on March 1. A special offering took place for the fund. March 8 was the Gifts of Women Sunday Service. It was conducted entirely by the women of the congregation, including a women's choir. Anyone having a worship concern, please contact Rev. Ashley or any committee member.

Dorothy Merrill

Christian Education

Spring greetings from Christian Education! WOW has unfortunately been suspended for the time being due to COVID-19, however, we look forward to seeing the children's smiling faces as soon as possible! Prior to Session making the hard decision to follow state protocol the CE Committee was working on planning VBS for this spring/summer and working on some exciting new events for the youth of our Church. If you would like to be a part of Christian Education, please let us know, new ideas are always welcome!

Britany Jensen



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Building and Maintenance

Members: Dorothy Merrill, Mark Krcil, Brent Posusta, Jerry Brooks

2019 was a very busy year for the Building and Maintenance Committee. 2020 will be no different. Decisions will need to be made on the remodeling of the bathroom in the Manse.

There was a funny smell in the basement kitchen area which found its way upstairs. The culprits turned out to be the floor drains in kitchen and men's bathroom. They had dried out and become very smelly, but all we needed to do was pour a gallon of water and a quart of vinegar down the drains. It really made a difference. We will need to do that again from time to time because materials dry out in the drain and cause the smell. All fire extinguishers have been updated till fall of 2020.

The furnace is working fine and the church is warmer. I am making a request that all the doors leading into the Sanctuary and Fireside Room be closed when not in use.

There was a light out on the stage in the basement. It has been fixed along with the light in the kitchen. We will be removing the air-conditioners in the basement windows because they don't work. We will then be checking into something to dehumidify basement.

Please don't hesitate to let committee members know if you notice something that needs fixing.

Thanks again,
Jerry Brooks

Personnel Committee Report

Nothing new to share at this time. Job evaluations are complete. Have a great Spring.

Doris, Bruce, and Nancy,

Food for thought: Grab a greeting card you have laying around or make one and send it to someone...anyone. Brighten someone's day!!



Silver Sails Mariners



First of all, I would like to say how badly we will miss the 3 members that have passed away since December: Wayne Micka, Pearl Branden, and Mabel Hlavka. They were very important and active members committed to the Mariners and our Church.

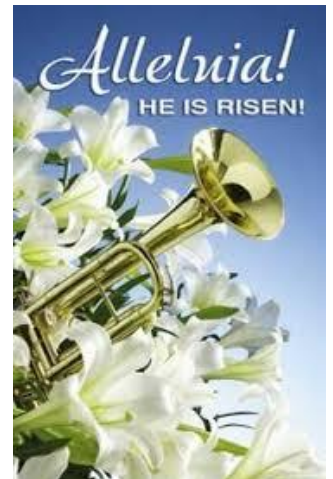
This year, 2020, we planned to start the year off with our Mariners' Luncheon at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe, but it was canceled due to the Coronavirus precautions. We are planning to reschedule as soon as it is safe to do so. This is going to be a very important meeting. We need to make some decisions for the future of the Mariners.

We will also hold the election of officers and discuss Music in the Park, which will be July 30, 2020. In addition, we need to come up with a menu. Jimmie Wendolek will be playing that evening. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, PLEASE TALK TO ANY MEMBER OF THE MARINERS.

Jerry Brooks, Skipper

Music Notes

Alleluia! Christ is Risen – Those are the words we love to hear at Easter and I can assure you that the choir will be signing them joyously. During Lent we have brought you songs of praise, love solemnity leading to Holy Week with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Hopefully our Easter Morning Worship Services will bring songs of celebration of the risen Lord from Sunrise service through our traditional Easter Morning Worship at 10am. The handbells will do their part to also bring songs of Easter joy as they will begin ringing at 9:45am on Easter morning with a mixture of old familiar hymns as well as songs of praise and glory to the risen Lord. Please come and join us for uplifting songs of joy throughout the Easter season. Please stay tuned for further news as to whether our Easter Services will be proceeding.



Barb Wawrzyniak, Choir Director

Presbyterian Women

On Sunday March 8th, 2020 our church service was Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday. The complete service was done by women from our church. I feel we are blessed with talented women in our church. All who took part did such a good job. JoLen Bentz had a superb message and she told of many things the women of the church do. She went back to the early church ladies which we now call PW.

The first meeting I attended was in 1968. The meeting was held in the main part of the church and there were 20+ in attendance. Pearl Nuwash was the Moderator.

There are still a few of us struggling to keep PW active. It only takes one hour a month out of our busy lives. PW means all women of the church!!! We do have a Bible Study following the meeting. The study this year is "The Ten Commandments" It's very interesting!! It would be great if you could come to Bible Study - all are welcome.

PW meets the first Wednesday of every month at 1pm and Bible Study starts at 2pm. Please keep our PW in your thoughts and prayers.



Donna Holm, Secretary

REPRINT

On October 20, 2019 members 80 years and over were honored. A short biography of each was read and they were presented with a certificate. Members present who were recognized: Mildred Friauf, Marjorie Stritesky, Donna Holm, Mabel Hlavka, Pearl Branden, Wayne and Barb Micka, Ernest Svanda, Marlyce Bjork, Daniel Dostal and Carol Nuwash. Other members who were not present were: Marian and Donald Adamek, Fran Knick, Ronald Makovsky and Karen Hendrickson, Loretta Svoboda, Mary Ann Jurek, Grace Konerza, Donald Radoush, Germaine Smutka, Dorothy Micka and Lorraine Trnka. A Pot Luck Dinner was enjoyed by all after the Worship Service.



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What do you call ten rabbits
marching backwards?



Bittle

A receding hareline.

