

## **CHURCH YARD SALE**

FPC will be having its spring yard sale on April 14-15 in fellowship hall. The Christian Education team will be heading up the sale but needs help from all of you. Clean out your closets and garages and bring the items to the church! Tell your friends about the sale as well. We will be collecting items for the sale Monday-Thursday (April 10-13) from 9:00 am – 12 noon. If you need help getting supplies to the church or need to bring them at a different time, contact Danna Larson. Volunteers are also needed to help with the yard sale. Here are your opportunities:

Help with set up of sale: Tuesday-Thursday from 10 am – 2:00 pm

Help with Sale: Friday: 8 am – 4 pm; Saturday: 8 am to 3 pm

Clean up: Saturday (3-6 pm)

Contact Margaret Young or Danna Larson if you are available or sign up in the narthex.

### **Opportunities to Connect**

#### ***Sunday, March 19***

9:30 am Adult Sunday School Class

11:00 am Worship and Godly Play

#### ***Monday, March 20***

6:00 pm ECWS Evening Hospitality

8:00 pm ECWS Overnight Hospitality (through 9:00 am Tues)

#### ***Wednesday, March 22***

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir

#### ***Thursday, March 23***

6:00pm Session

#### ***Saturday, March 25***

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Game Nighty

#### ***Sunday, March 26 FISH Sunday***

9:30 am Adult Sunday School Class

11:00 am Worship and Godly Play

### **Announcements for March 19, 2023**

**GODLY PLAY** will meet today following the “Time with Children”. All children are welcome to be a part of this worship experience. Parents can pick up their children after the close of the worship service.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those individuals who have signed up to bring cookies for Sunday Coffee Fellowship after services! Your efforts are greatly appreciated! And if you are not baking cookies, please consider volunteering to host/hostess after services and taking the time to get to know the members of your church family. You do not need to be a Deacon to volunteer to serve! If the coffee intimidates you, don't worry as someone will be there to assist as needed. Thank you for your serious consideration so we may continue this time of weekly fellowship!!!

### **JOIN OTHERS FOR THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The great and foremost commandment, in Jesus' words, is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." What better way to begin the New Year, than with this as your focus? Join the adult Sunday School class as we explore examples of worship from scripture and share insights we've gained over the years. Scott Gruhn will facilitate the discussion in the library from 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday morning. We'd love to get to know you better! Join us as we open the scriptures to walk more closely with our Lord.

### **F.I.S.H. SUNDAY IS MARCH 26**

The last Sunday of each month is F.I.S.H. Sunday at FPC. This is the Sunday we collect pasta to donate to F.I.S.H. (Fellowship in Serving Humanity) which delivers food each week to those in our community who are homebound. In a recent newsletter, F.I.S.H. shared that the need to serve those in our community has increased by about 40 percent. Please consider how you can generously share by donating pasta. The Godly Play class bags rice for F.I.S.H. on this Sunday as part of their monthly service activities. Join them in Fellowship Hall following worship.

### **LENT IS HERE!**

Check out the Lent Brochure (on the Lenten table) for ways to get involved this Lenten Season. Pick up resources on the Lent table and find ways to support our Lenten mission projects. You will also be able to find this information on our FPC website. If you have questions, please contact: Danna Larson (staff), Marcus Geist (Mission) or Margaret Young (Christian Education).

### **JOIN US FOR A LENTEN GAME NIGHT**

People of all ages are welcome to join us on Saturday, March 25 at 6 pm for a potluck dinner and board games! Bring something to share for the meal and board games you like to play. Play is important in our faith formation. Play bonds us with God and with each other. Join us for a fun evening as we fellowship together.

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT**

#### ***\*Help Us Assemble Lunchbox Pantry Boxes***

Help us donate 100 pantry boxes to the Children's Lunchbox. The lunchboxes are distributed to children to take home on the weekend to provide food for them when they cannot get lunches in the school cafeteria. We will be collecting the food items during Lent. The following items are needed: shoe boxes, pasta shells, alfredo sauce, tuna, canned peas, canned fruit, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned chicken, stewed tomatoes, crackers, mac and cheese boxes, chili, canned corn, and fettuccini noodles. Bring your donations to the church between now and Easter. We will be assembling the boxes on April 23 following worship in fellowship hall.

#### ***\*Bring Easter Joy to the Women at Highlands Prison***

The mission committee invites you to help make 350 cards that we will give to the women at the Highlands Correctional Center for Easter. Stop by the "card table" in the narthex and make a card or take some supplies home and create your own cards and bring back to the church. We will be delivering the card to the women on Easter Monday.

Come join us for an **Easter Potluck Breakfast before** services on April 9! We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall upstairs. Bring some fruit, bread, pastry, or your favorite breakfast casserole. Deacons will be providing coffee service and beverages and there may even be some candy eggs? If you have questions, please contact Judith Burtner (907 782 9880) or Sarah Kleedehn (907 244 6934) or Diane Siewert (907 764 1288).

### **EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

Our ministry with the families who are without permanent housing will conclude at the end of April since the ECWS is a cold weather program of the city. The staff and volunteers are working hard to support families as they work hard to find housing before the end of April and/or figure out where they can go when our ECWS concludes.

During the next six weeks we need volunteers to help on Monday nights. We staff the ECWS from 5 pm on Monday evening until 9 am on Tuesday morning. Evening hospitality covers from 5 pm to 9:30 pm and the overnight hospitality covers from 9 pm to 9 am. Volunteers come between 6-9:30 for the evening hospitality. The overnight is divided into shifts, so no person must stay up the entire time. We can work with those who need to come later or leave earlier to meet family or work demands.

Thanks to those who have been providing meals for the families. The families are very grateful and appreciate the variety of dinners they are receiving.

Check out the following needs and determine a way you can join us:

March 20: 2 evening volunteers; 3 overnight volunteers

March 27: 3 overnight volunteers

April 3: evening meal needed; 1 evening volunteer;  
3 overnight volunteers

April 10: evening meal needed; 2 evening volunteers;  
6 overnight volunteers

April 17: evening meal needed; 2 evening volunteers;  
5 overnight volunteers

April 24: evening meal needed; 2 evening volunteers;  
5 overnight volunteers

Contact Marcus Geist, Ralph Duerre or Danna Larson for more information.

### **EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

All children ages 4 through sixth grade are welcome to join us for this year's VBS which is scheduled June 5-9. The VBS will run from 9:30-noon Monday – Friday. This year we will also have an afternoon session (J.O.Y. Camp) Monday- Thursday from 12 noon – 4 pm to support parents who need an all-day option. Check out the VBS information table for registration forms and volunteer opportunities. It takes about 30 volunteers to support our Vacation Bible School. Pray about ways you can help us. Questions? Contact Margaret Young, Diana Rotkis or Danna Larson.