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## Holy Week & Easter Schedule



**Wednesday, April 5**, 5:45 pm supper; 6:30 pm the final Contemplative Worship, Susan Skovran speaking.

### Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday Worship & Brunch

Worship is at 8:15 & 10:45 am. Pastor Bill will preach. Lectionary for the day is Luke 19:29-44, Jesus' triumphal entry. The Deacons will provide a delicious, relaxing brunch between services (*more on page 2*).



### Thursday, April 13, Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm Supper and Worship around the tables in Gideon Pond Hall. Pastor Mary Koon preaching.

### Sunday, April 16 - Easter

6:30 am **Sunrise Communion Service** in Bloomington Cemetery (Lyndale at 104<sup>th</sup> St.).



**Worship at the church at 8:15 and 10:45** with Pastor Bill Chadwick preaching. Music will be provided by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra. (*See p 2 for more info on the Intergenerational Orchestra and how you can take part.*) There will be *no Faith Formation class* on Easter Sunday but the children will have great fun with the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at 10:15 am.

Deadline for the May 2017 Oak Leaves is - **April 15** - Articles may be edited for space and/or content.

April 2017

**One Great Hour of Sharing** -- Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. This offering gives us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need through three programs. *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* helps communities recover from devastation of disasters. The *Presbyterian Hunger Program* helps alleviate hunger and its causes, and creates access to healthy food for entire communities. The *Self-Development of People* partners for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice. Your generous gifts will help fund projects in more than 100 countries. At Oak Grove, we will collect this offering on Palm and Easter Sundays.

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**2017 Per Capita = \$33.75**

**The Deacon's Bench - Palm Sunday Brunch**



We will again hold the traditional brunch, hosted by your Deacons, on Palm Sunday, April 9, at 9:15 a.m. Mark your calendars now! We will enjoy delicious food, good conversation, and the blessings of fellowship.



**Be Part of the Intergenerational Orchestra**

Instrumentalists, it's not too late to sign up to play with our orchestra on Easter Sunday. Let Judy Cooper ([jcooper@oakgrv.org](mailto:jcooper@oakgrv.org)) know if you can play so she can prepare a folder of music for you. The first rehearsal is Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 am in the choir room.

Folders are ready for those who have already expressed an interest; please get those from Judy.



**New Member Inquiry Classes**

**April 23** - at Noon (lunch & childcare provided)

**April 30** - at 9:15

**May 7** - at 9:15 with the Session,.You will be received as members at 10:45 worship.

If you're interested or want more info, contact Sandy at 952-888-2114 or [skcrum@centurylink.net](mailto:skcrum@centurylink.net).

**Upcoming Group and All-Church Outings**

>**Tuesday, Apr 4, Burger 'n' Brew Men's Fellowship** at noon at Zeke's in Bloomington.

>**Thursday, Apr 6, Caregivers' Tea & Funtime Respite Care** at 2:00 pm at the church.

>**Saturday, Apr 8, Crafting with Apostles, 9:00 am** at Church of the Apostles in Burnsville.

>**Thursdays, Apr 13 & 27, Provocative Parables Bible Study** at 9:30 am at the church.

>**Thursday, Apr 20, Lunch Bunch Respite Care** at 11:00 am at the church.

## April 2017 Preaching & Lectionary Schedule

### Preaching

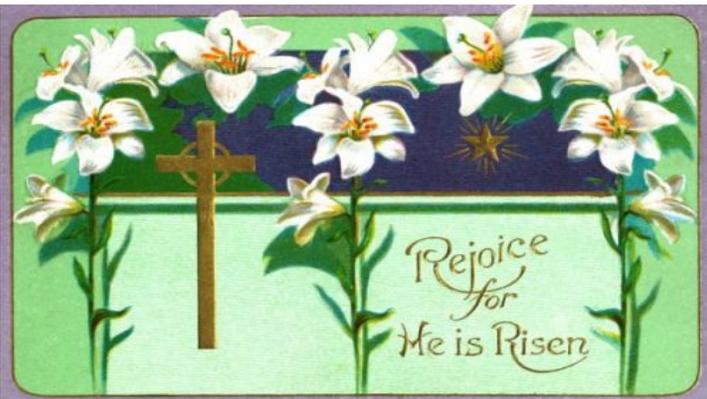
- Apr 2 **Jermaine Ross Allam**
- Apr 9 **Bill Chadwick** - Palm Sunday
- Apr 13 **Mary Koon** - Maundy Thursday
- Apr 16 **Bill Chadwick** (all Easter services)
- Apr 23 **Mary Koon** - Messy Church
- Apr 30 **Bill Chadwick** - Confirmation

### Lectionary

- Luke 18:31--19:10 - Jesus came to seek & save
- Luke 19:29-44 - Jesus' triumphal entry
- Luke 22:1-27 - Preparation for the Last Supper
- Luke 24:1-12 - Resurrection of our Lord
- Loving God's earth and its inhabitants.
- Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60 - Controversy in the early church

**Singles** and others who are interested - **Friday, April 28** at 7:30 pm, join us for the play, *Noises Off* at **Normandale College Theatre**. If you are a senior, tickets are \$5.00; \$10 gen'l admission. Meet at 7:00 at the theater to pick up ticket. Call Jane Jacobson if you plan to attend (612-267-9068).

**The Oak Rovers** (group for mature adults) will attend *Rise Up O Men* at **Plymouth Playhouse** on Thursday, May 11. This play is the latest in the Church Basement Ladies series and features the husbands of some of the ladies. We have reserved 30 seats. The performance is at 1 pm. We'll have lunch beforehand catered by Green Mill. The price for lunch and play is \$39. Signups are April 9 and 16. Or call Mary Jones at 952-831-7655. We need a final count by April 20.



**Oak Grove Passover Seder**  
**You are invited!**

The Senior High youth are preparing a **Passover Seder** to share with the congregation. Please join us on Monday, April 10 at 6 pm. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend! Please sign up outside the Sanctuary so we know how much food to prepare. We are excited to share this unique event with you.

Questions? Contact Mary (mkoon@oakgrv.org) or Travis (tscottoakgrv youth@gmail.com).



From **Oasis** and the **Supportive Housing Committee**: Thank you so much for the wonderful cleaning supply drive! The Oasis cleaning closet is restocked and client youth have been able to take full advantage!



Now that Oasis is stocked with cleaning supplies, we're moving on to something even more basic than clean surroundings – **clean (new) underwear!!** (Don't leave home without it!) They have a big need for men's and women's underwear, all sizes, and women's socks. We'll be collecting these until Easter – leave them in the designated green bin. As always, **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** If you have questions, contact anyone on the Supportive Housing Committee, John Crampton (jcramp48@gmail.com), Nancy Hauser (nhauser@smithgendler.com), Rod Myers (myersrod@comcast.net), Sue Powers (smpowers43@gmail.com).

**Social Justice Committee Book Club** on the book called *A Good Time For The Truth*. We will meet on Thursdays April 6 and May 4 to finish the book. The reading assignment for April 6 is to read the first half of the book and answer questions that Amy Zsohar has sent us by email. You are welcome to join us. Please contact Amy ([azsohar@yahoo.com](mailto:azsohar@yahoo.com)) so she can send you the questions and the videos. For each book, the presenters and book study group will decide the length of time spent.

**Westminster Town Hall Forum,**  
Tuesday, April 11, Noon

*Building the Beloved Community*

**Otis Moss III**—Senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Acclaimed preacher and social activist, supporting community advancement, civil rights, environmental justice and economic equality.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is at 12th St. & Marquette Ave, in Minneapolis. Parking is available in the area lots. Town Hall Forum presentations are free and open to the public.

**Join us for the 2017 Race for the Cure!!**  
*submitted by Sue Greimel*

Sunday, May 14 7:30AM at Southdale. Register at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/TwinCitiesRaceForTheCure2017>. Make sure to select the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church (Greimel) team!! T-shirts and goodie bags will be delivered to Oak Grove on Saturday, May 13. If you're interested in carpooling, please let Sue know.

Contact Sue Greimel with questions ([sgreimel@comcast.net](mailto:sgreimel@comcast.net); 612-805-2896). If you can't join us, but want to donate, go to: <https://www.crowdrise.com/OakGrovePresbyterianChurch>

**Capital City Brass will play at Oak Grove** on Palm Sunday, April 9, at both services. Come and enjoy!!!

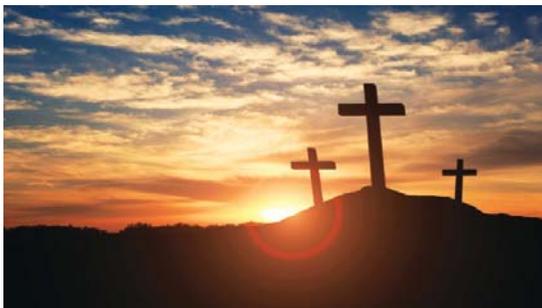
The Capital City Brass Quintet has been active in the Twin Cities music scene since 1986. The quintet has appeared in many venues, formal and informal, and has been heard on Minnesota Public Radio. The group premieres many new works and performs a varied repertoire of classical music ranging from Renaissance to present day, as well as a broad spectrum of jazz and rock arrangements. Each musician has over twenty years of performing experience -- excellent performers and interesting people to boot!



## Presbyterian Women Circle News

**Circle News** – *Evening Star* meets Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm at the church; call Connie Nesbitt, 952-935-3810. *Goodrich-Nord* meets Wednesday, April 12 at 8:45 am at the church; call Joan Stanko, 952-888-7577.

**Next Coordinating Team Meeting**, Tuesday, May 2 at 8:30 am. Business meeting will begin at 9:00. All women members of the church are encouraged to attend.



## Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 22

PW's Spring Gathering will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater on Saturday, April 22 from 9:45 am to 2:45 pm. The theme this year is "Caring for Yourself and Caring for Others," featuring Carolyn Klaver, RN, a Community Dementia Care Specialist. She will speak on caring for patients with dementia and maintaining a healthy brain. All women of Oak Grove are invited to attend and registration forms will be in the church office. Registrations must be received by April 13.

The **Defibrillator class** will be October 21, 2017. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Holly Mae Dredge at 952-831-5854.

## Upcoming Concerts



**River Heights Chorale** will be at Oak Grove on Sunday, April 23 for a concert at 3:00 pm. Free and open to all.

**Bells of the Lakes** (handbells) will have a concert at St. Luke's Lutheran in Bloomington (1701 W Old Shakopee Rd.) on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 pm. The St. Luke's Bells of Praise will play one or two selections with them during the concert (*Oak Grove's own Carol Long will be playing with the St. Luke's choir*). Free and open to all.



**Adult Faith Formation**

**Sundays**

**Apr 2 Shalom & the Bible.** The last of the 3-part series exploring the book of Daniel. Led by Pastor Jermaine.

**Apr 9 – Palm Sunday Brunch – No Adult Faith Formation**

**Apr 16 – EASTER – HE IS RISEN! No Adult Faith Formation**

**Apr 23 –** Presented by our church's **History Sub-Committee**. They will start with a short history of the Dakota Mission and the Pond brothers. We'll learn about the relationship of native Dakota people with specific families who were the earliest members of Oak Grove Church! Then they will show us two new historical panels to be hung in the church's main hallway. We think that this historical aspect of "Shalom" is the perfect way to conclude our church year's theme!

**Apr 30 –**This final Faith Formation presentation will be by Nonviolent Peace Force.

**Wednesdays**

**Apr 5 & 13** Please attend the Wednesday contemplative & Maundy Thursday worships.

**Apr 19 – Frank Bliss** will speak about his recent trip to India (*tentative*). This is our final Wednesday offering for this school year.

**Children's Ministry**

**Messy Church and Volunteer Appreciation, April 23**

April 23 will be a joy-filled Sunday! We will continue to celebrate new life and Christ's resurrection through Messy Church and Volunteer Appreciation. If you have helped in the nursery, taught Sunday School, worked in the kitchen on Wednesday nights, led Children's Church, been a Covenant Partner or helped with our children/youth in any way, you are invited to stop by Gideon Pond Hall A and B for a light breakfast. Children will be on hand to serve you!

**Children and Youth** you are invited to meet in the kitchen on Saturday, April 22 at 2 pm to help set tables and prepare food. See you then!



Invite your friends to join us for **Vacation Bible School** for 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade----9AM –Noon !!! We will explore “HERO” qualities – courage, integrity, responsibility, empathy, and patience !!! We will have drama, science, creative arts, music and more!! Contact Mary ([mkoon@oakgrv.org](mailto:mkoon@oakgrv.org)) or Karen ([bkgerdes@comcast.net](mailto:bkgerdes@comcast.net)) with questions.

**April Nursery Volunteers**

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|--|---|
| <b>Apr 2</b> Katie Krentz; Chris & Karen Diller      | <b>Apr 23</b> Cindy St. Martin; Seth & Allison Thomas |
| <b>Apr 9</b> (Palm Sunday) Jim Koon; Nancy Kachel    | <b>Apr 30</b> Leslie Jones; Jessi & Brandon McKinnon  |
| <b>Apr 16</b> (Easter) Laura & Eugene Orr; Bev Bliss |   |

## TECH CORNER

You have probably noticed the new Welcome TV Screen in the foyer located on the wall right behind and above the Welcome Desk at Oak Grove. Each day Beth Angerhofer, our Office Administrator, works up the daily schedule and posts it to the screen. We display events and their locations in the building every day. We also use the screen for projecting pictures for funerals and other events. The TV screen has taken the place of the hand written whiteboard signs that were used in the past to share important information. It is active during all business days (8a - 9p) when there are meetings and on select Saturdays and of course on Sunday mornings. In an effort to save energy the welcome screen is shut down early when there are no evening meetings, and/or no Saturday and Sunday afternoon events. Special thanks to Beth who keeps the church events organized and gets the electronic information to the TV screen.

### Help Oak Grove While You Shop!

If you are an Amazon shopper when you order something from Amazon.com, please use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Search for Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and be sure to select the "Bloomington" one. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total order to Oak Grove Church at no extra cost to you. You'll be able to use any account you may already have with Amazon after signing in at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Please contact Gene Dodge ([uno12@aol.com](mailto:uno12@aol.com) or 952-881-4015) if you have any questions.

## Financials

*submitted by Sue Greimel, Treasurer*

| Through<br>Feb 28   | 2017      |            | Act vs Budg<br>Fav/(Unfav) | 2016<br>Actuals |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
|                     | Actuals   | Budget     |                            |                 |
| <b>Income YTD</b>   | \$113,150 | \$115,360  | (\$2,210)                  | \$125,860       |
| <b>Expense YTD</b>  | \$110,746 | \$134,038  | \$23,292                   | \$108,183       |
| <b>Income – Exp</b> | \$2,404   | (\$18,678) | \$21,082                   | \$17,677        |

Even though February income was down \$2,502 from the budget, we're still in the black for the year - good news! We've also received \$3,300 in Per Capita, and given \$5,000 to VEAP, \$4,000 to Clearwater Forest. Thanks to all Committees for keeping expenses down, and to all of you for making good on your pledges – we hit 98.6% of our 2016 target!!

## April Birthdays

(If you don't see your birthday, we either don't have that information or you requested that it not appear.)

\*Important birthday (1-21) \*\* Significant birthday (85+)



1 Sara Anderson; Heather Duvall; Polly Johnson; Tammy Kaplan; Karolyn Lee  
 2 Vera DeLaHunt  
 3 Micala Burns\*21  
 4 Dawn Acker; Carol Dykstra; Mary Render  
 7 Brian Ebeling; Rachael Hudson  
 8 Cindy St. Martin; Deanne Turja  
 9 Lynda Alexander; Verona Stoesz\*\*85  
 10 Allan Gebhard  
 12 Jan Lichtenberger  
 15 Lois James  
 16 Maureen Switzer  
 17 Jim Dutcher; Tyler Hudson; Anita Johnson\*3

18 Avery Marrone  
 19 Mary Ann Brihn\*\*94; Jake Krey  
 20 Sarah Orr\*2; Carmen Roberts  
 21 Kay Lancette  
 22 Judy Acker; Lizanne Ham; Barbara Nelson\*\*86  
 23 Vanessa Davidson\*2  
 24 Autumn St. Martin\*14  
 25 Andy Snyder; Steve St. Martin\*\*90  
 26 Jennifer Myers  
 27 Harry Lichy\*\*85  
 28 Joy Langer; Bob Ritter  
 30 Linda Blair; Micky Decknatel

### Condolences to family and friends of:

**Betty Vance**, former member, died Feb 6.  
**Daniel Rogers**, Jim's brother, died Feb 22.  
**Mary Peinovich-Putzer**, Brooke Brandt's grandmother, died Feb 23.  
**Sally Zitzmann**, Mary Crampton's mother, died Feb 25.  
**Charline Miller** died March 1.  
**Don Rogers**, Jim's son, died March 1.  
**Blanche Loscheider** died March 3.



**Pastor Jermaine Ross Allam** on being accepted into the highly prestigious PhD program of Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The Oak Grove Session is now in a period of discerning a job description for that half-time staff position come September. Please keep the Session in prayer and if you have suggestions, please give them to Pastor Bill (bchadwick@oakgrv.org) or Clerk Connie Nesbitt (nesread@hotmail.com).

### Thank You, Oak Grove

We can't thank you enough for all your hard work in hosting our presbytery meeting on March 11. You all truly went above and beyond to make Oak Grove a warm, inviting and ample venue! None of this would have been possible without your help! *Staff of Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area*

(Following is in response to letter from Session (see insert))

On behalf of the Sabes JCC, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for reaching out. During times like these, your support and solidarity is comforting and affirming. We are so grateful to be part of a supportive community. *Joshua Wert, CEO, Sabes JCC*



**2017  
 Chili  
 Cook-off**

*Branching Out, featuring...*

– from the Multicultural Committee

**Ed and Larie Ann Schmidt** are from International Falls, MN.

Trivia Time: Their first date was snow tubing in Canada. They were high school sweet hearts, and have very much enjoyed sharing friendship and history of growing up in a small town, which has made married life even happier. Ed carried out groceries for Bronko Nagurski at National Tea. Larie Ann was named after her parents. The secret to a long marriage: share the same values of faith, finances and fun. Have a sense of humor and respect your spouse. The song played at their wedding was *Bridge Over Troubled Waters*, which still holds true today.

They have two children, three grandchildren, and two poodles to keep them busy. Ed is an Eagle Adviser for Boy Scouts. Larie Ann is a Deacon at OGPC, and loves working on craft projects. They were taught to warmly welcome guests to their home and to offer food and drink. They both were raised living with extended family, so they have the feeling that the house will just expand to fit the people coming to visit, and no one should leave hungry.

The Easter season brings many traditions to their family. In Larie Ann's ancestry, her maternal grandparents came from Ukraine. This meant holidays were always special times with cabbage rolls, ham, pierogies, borscht, kielbasa, saffron bread and beets mixed with horseradish. The artistry of Ukrainian eggs (Pysanky) adorn the holiday table. They usually start celebrations with an egg cracking game or krashanka battle. The goal is to crack another player's egg and be the winner. Kids can be very tricky at this game. Some buy a wooden egg, color it in appropriate color (red, yellow or blue) to make it look like all the others and simply fool everyone who dares to play against them.

The Easter morning greeting is *Christos Voskres!* (Christ is Risen!). When you greet someone the response is *Voyistynu Voskres!* (Indeed He is Risen!). This was taught to their children as soon as they could speak and it brings the focus to the reason for this holy day. The joy of tradition -- the children love to carry on the family history of the Easter celebration.



**More  
Chili  
Cook-off**

**SPRING SERIES Bloomington-Richfield  
Grief Support Coalition  
Thursdays April 6 – May 25, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Oak Grove Lutheran Church  
7045 Lyndale Ave S, Richfield MN**

| Date     | Topic                                  |
|----------|--|
| April 6  | <i>Understanding Grief</i>             |
| April 13 | MAUNDY THURSDAY, NO MEETING            |
| April 20 | <i>Is It Grief, or Something More?</i> |
| April 27 | <i>Grief &amp; Self-Awareness</i>      |

## From Pastor Bill

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to Pastor Jermaine! Out of over 100 applicants, Jermaine was one of five candidates to be accepted into Union Theological Seminary's (New York) PhD. program! He will start this fall.

Fully expecting Jermaine to be accepted, the Session has begun discussions of future staffing after Jermaine's departure. The budget that the session adopted for 2017 contained moneys to continue the position. At the session meeting February 28 we invited retired pastor Cal Cooper to facilitate a conversation about our staffing needs, which was very helpful. We will keep you informed as we go forward.

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Here's a powerful paragraph from my morning devotions recently. *How is your prayer life going? Most of us find it discouraging to analyze our prayer lives. Don't be. It's self-defeating. Just resolve today to involve God in everything you do: the mundane, the important, work and play, in your problems and in your planning. Pray for yourself, for those you love, for those you come across. Worship (God), seek (God's) forgiveness, thank (God) for all (God's) gifts, ask (God) for what you need.*

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The new Men's Mentor Group (ages 25-35) got off to a great start on February 27, with seven young guys and four of the five mentors present. Three more young men have indicated they will be joining the group at its next meeting. We meet the fourth Monday of the month from 8:00 - 9:15 pm. All men, Oak Grove members or not, are invited.

Faithfully, Pastor Bill



**2017 Intergenerational Retreat at Clearwater Forest**