

THE *Bridge*

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8:30 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE

Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the stream will be made available on YouTube following the service.

9:30 AM

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour and Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Toward the end of my time living in New Jersey, there were a few earthquakes that reverberated throughout my borough and the surrounding areas. Each one was quite small, producing only the most subtle feeling of movement underfoot. Indeed, most people—myself included—never felt anything at all. And yet, these earthquakes were all anyone could talk about. At the retirement community where I worked, both residents and staff had the same question on their lips: “Did you feel it where you were?” All the local media outlets were writing about them and posting about them on social media. Even my aunt in Michigan was calling me to ask about them. Earthquakes, it seems, get everyone’s attention. Perhaps they always have.

In his first century gospel, Matthew uses earthquake language to get the attention of his readers both past and present. Most of us just miss it today because we are reading English translations instead of the Greek.

You see, three times, Matthew uses the verb *seiō*, which means to shake, to agitate, or to cause to tremble either literally- or metaphorically-speaking. (The English word seismic comes from this primary Greek verb.) Each time, the verb is used at a pivotal moment. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, Matthew tells us that the entire city “was in turmoil” (literally “was moved” or “was stirred”). Then, when Jesus died on the cross, the curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom, the earth shook (or “did quake”), and the rocks split (27:51). And, finally, when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb, there was “a great earthquake” as an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled the stone away. Then the guards became afraid. They shook (or “quaked for fear”) and “became like dead men” (28:4).

So, what’s with all the shaking and earth-quaking? Well, perhaps it is God’s way of getting our attention in the midst of a busy and distracted world. Perhaps it is God’s way of reorienting our hearts and minds and reminding us that we need to keep awake. God is always doing something new, always going beyond our limited human expectations, always shaking and stirring things up for God’s redemptive purposes.

I recently came across a quote while preparing my sermon for Palm Sunday. It was attributed to a late professor at Princeton Seminary whom I did not have the pleasure of knowing, Dr. Charles West. He said, “We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking, only to learn that it is God who is shaking them.” Like this quote, the events of Holy Week remind us that God can shake more than the foundations of the earth. God can shake us to the very foundations of our being—to our very core—in order to save us. As we enter into the Easter Season, how might God be shaking you?

Rev. Emily

“When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil . . .” – Matthew 21:10



April

Reverend Emily's office hours are every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30am - 3:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday with communion Choir presents "The Seven Last Words"	3 3:00 pm - Good Friday Worship	4
5 8:30 am - Worship with communion 9:30 am - Easter Breakfast hosted by Deacons & Member Care	6	7	8 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 8:30 am - Worship	13	14 12:00 pm - Sack Lunch & Sacred Stories Bible Study 1:15 pm - Deacons Meeting	15 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 8:30 am - Worship	20	21 12:00 pm - Sack Lunch & Sacred Stories Bible Study 6:15 pm - Session Meeting	22 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 10 am - 2 pm Thrift and Gift
26 8:30 am - Worship (no choir)	27	28 12:00 pm - Sack Lunch & Sacred Stories Bible Study	29 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	30	1	2



RULING ELDERS

BOB DINSE
TREASURER

N HALL
PERSONNEL

JASON HARMON
BUILDING GROUNDS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

JESSICA HARRSION
WORSHIP & MUSIC
FAITH FORMATION

KRISTINA MOSLEY
WORSHIP & MUSIC
MISSION AND OUTREACH

ROBERT MOSLEY
MISSION AND OUTREACH

MARILYN PAULSON
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JACK WIRCH

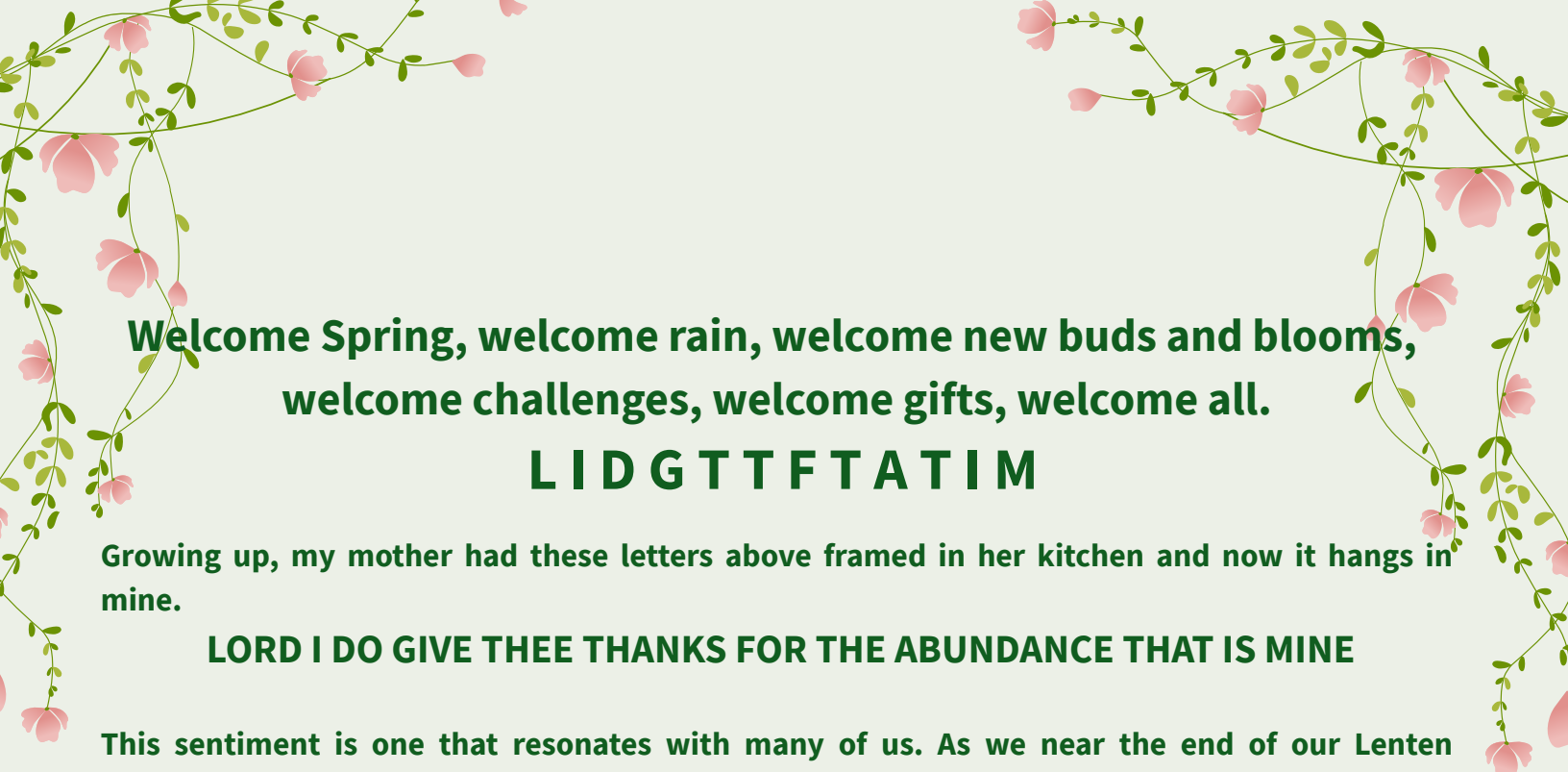
MEMBER CARE/DEACONS

KAREN ANGELL
PEGGY BALFANZ
SANDRA BUSER
ANNIE LEONARD
RONDA MARQUARDT
ROXY SCHULTZ

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on Tuesday evening, March 17th via ZOOM

- Celebrated communion on March 1st, with Reverend Emily presiding
- Celebrated home communion with Barb Zimmerman on March 9th. Deacon Sandy Buser accompanied Reverend Emily on this event.
- Began review of Church By-Laws with Session.
- Planning annual church financial review to be completed by the end of April.
- Drafting a weather-related church cancellation policy / procedure.



**Welcome Spring, welcome rain, welcome new buds and blooms,
welcome challenges, welcome gifts, welcome all.**

L I D G T T F T A T I M

Growing up, my mother had these letters above framed in her kitchen and now it hangs in mine.

LORD I DO GIVE THEE THANKS FOR THE ABUNDANCE THAT IS MINE

This sentiment is one that resonates with many of us. As we near the end of our Lenten Journey, we come to appreciate Holy Week and the Risen Christ, to celebrate our own renewing, reawakening, moving into something NEW. In our Lenten guide for Palm Sunday, (Matthew 21:1-11) Matthew suggests “This is the one who changes everything.” Everything IS changed. Everything is NEW. What a concept! WE are changed, WE are new, WE are blessed with an abundance not of our own making, but of God’s. This is a glorious moment! Such a time for hope!

What a perfect time in each of our own lives to take the opportunity to dwell on that abundance that is ours, to stop and feel gratitude for our blessings of family and friends, for our homes and our church, for our needs that are satisfied, for every thing and every one in our lives. It’s a time to thank those who have added to our joy and happiness, the ones who support us and sustain us when we need a lift or a steady hand, the ones who pray with us and show up when we struggle.

While we are offering thanks and prayers we remember all the ways we share with one another in our church family; special thanks to Ronda Marquardt for her beautiful hand-made Easter cards she gave to the Deacons to send out to all our members.

The reflection for Palm Sunday asks where we sense holy rumbling in our lives; where does Christ’s presence unsettle, challenge, or reorient us? What might Jesus be riding into and asking us to see or receive anew? Ponder these and consider your abundance in the midst of it all.

-Deacon Annie Leonard





Dump Cake by Lonna Norton

Preheat oven at 350 degrees

Dump 2 cans pie filling - any kind - on
bottom of a greased 9 X 13 pan

1 box yellow cake mix sprinkled on top

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup melted butter dribbled on top

Sprinkle on pecans if desired

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes

Serve with Cool Whip.

Enjoy!



JANUARY 2026

TOTAL INCOME (w/o pass thru)	\$	12,695.31
TOTAL EXPENSES (w/o pass thru)	\$	10,172.30
GAIN	\$	2,523.01

Reconciled Bank Balance 1/31/2026 \$ 26,475.35

If you haven't paid your Per Capita yet, please do so as church has to pay this bill at the end of March.



Visit our website often to get access to past sermons, musical selections from the Harmons, and stay up to date with our church calendar. Click the button below to be taken to our website. Click the "Online Giving" button to be automatically directed to the Online Giving page.

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If you don't want to worship in person, please join us in live worship every Sunday, streamed from our Facebook page at 9:00am. FPC of Winneconne regularly posts pictures, videos, church information, and events on our page. Please "like" our Facebook page for updates.

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Various church-related meetings, special gatherings, and Bible Study will be held via Zoom. Links will be provided in our weekly email as scheduled.