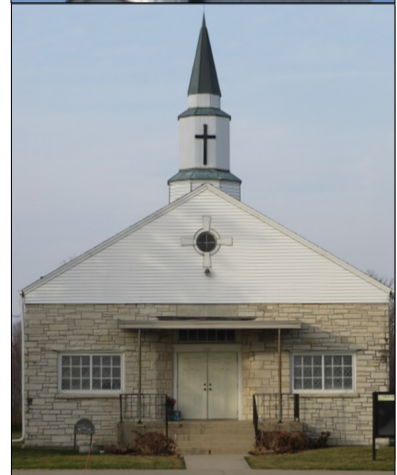




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In Touch with FPCR

Thank You, Pastor Cathy



As you may/may not know, Easter Sunday (April 20) was Pastor Cathy’s last service at FPCR. We said good-bye knowing we were losing her work with us and that we were “in transition” as a church family.

We first met Pastor Cathy as a “liaison” to the session prior to COVID. After she retired from her full-time pastoral work and took a short break, she began a part-time contact with FPCR in October 2023.

Pastor Cathy brought an energy to FPCR that will be missed. In addition to her uplifting Sunday services, we will miss the Prayer Bowl, weekly *Flock Notes*, Picnic with the Pastor, concern for the Slinger Food Pantry, and her attention to those in need of ministerial care.

***Remember to love always and
 all ways.***

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.
www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome for 10 am Sunday Services during this transitional time as follows:

MAY 4
Devotional
and
Congregational Meeting

MAY 11
Mother's Day Service
by
Elaine Schmidt and
Cathy Romanski

MAY 18 AND 25
Please check the website
or contact
FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com

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OGHS SPECIAL COLLECTION



FPCR again observed the special collection for One Great Hour of Sharing. There were two components to FPCR's

participation: the actual monetary collection AND the decorating contest for the "Gracie" Fish Banks.

There were four entrants in the decorating contest this year, fewer than in previous years, but those entries showcased members' creative artistic talents. **Elaine Schmidt** was declared the winner for her bejeweled fish shown in the picture above.

As a church family you generously contributed **\$352.57** between the envelopes and "Gracie" fish banks. That amount was mailed to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Presbyterian Mission Agency to help relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assistance in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Thank you to Judge **Allen Schoeni** and to the Mantheis for providing the "trophy" tulip plant.



REJOICE! THE LORD HAS RISEN!



Left: Worshippers participate in the Easter service.
Right: Pastor Cathy Manthei.



Left: The Easter cross stands at the front of the church in celebration of Easter.
Middle: Eric Zhang with Pastor Cathy
Right: Jayden Schmidt, Pastor Cathy, and Cora Schmidt.

The FPCR family celebrated Easter with family, friends, special music . . . and joy in our hearts for the gift of Jesus' resurrection. **Eric Zhang** provided keyboard music, **Jayden Schmidt** read, and **Cora Schmidt** played two flute solos.

DEACON JEAN SCHOENI ORDAINED



After citing her outstanding “Deacon Heart,” Pastor Cathy Manthei ordained **Jean Schoeni** as a Deacon to the Class of 2028 at the April 13 service.

The FPCR family appreciates your willingness to serve and congratulates you, Jean.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following individuals with birthdays in **April**. We wish you many years of God’s blessings.

- 04 - Val Heidtke
- 16 - Jason Tutkowski
- 18 - Jim Frank
- 19 - Debbie Heppe
- 20 - Keith Clark

THE SPRING LUNCHEON WAS ENJOYABLE



Thank you to **Debbie and Mike Heppe** and **Melissa Kujawa** for organizing and hosting the spring luncheon on April 13.

The FPCR family enjoyed delicious “shared” dishes and socializing after the service. (See page 4 for the spring salad recipe contributed by Jean Zeller.)

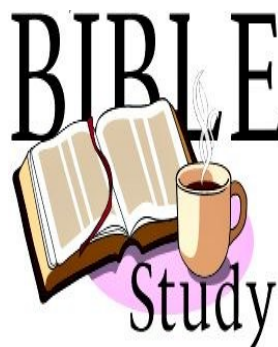
Top left: Enjoying each other’s company are **Elaine Schmidt, Cathy Romanski, Cheryl Weber, and Jean Zeller.**
Top Right: **Kate Kujawa** makes her selections while **Mike Heppe** serves the now-traditional “Heppe Ham Buns”!
Bottom: **Jerry Schmitz, Elaine Schoeni, Allen Schoeni, Leslie Schmidt, Jean Schoeni, and Keith Clark** gather.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY ON MAY 14

What will heaven be like? Based on Revelation 21 and 22, this is the topic of the eighth and final lesson in the “Heaven” study guide. The study is planned for **May 14 at 6 pm via Zoom.**

“Meeting God” is the topic of the next study selected by the group. It includes 12 lessons. If you wish to join the group, please contact Elaine Schmidt. The beginning of the next study would be an excellent time! Also, please let Elaine Schmidt know if you have an opinion about whether or not to meet during the summer.

There was no group Bible Study discussion in April.



YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

MAY 4—10 AM

Please plan to attend FPCR on **May 4 at 10 am** for a **devotional and congregational meeting** in lieu of a full worship service.

This will be an opportunity to share information and your thoughtful opinions as FPCR moves forward. **Everyone’s input is important!**

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40 YEARS OF JUDGING MEATS

The Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors held their annual convention April 9 through 13 in Madison. In a refrigerated room, **Jean Schoeni** judged and rated natural casing hot dogs and uncured specialty brats, just two of 40 possible classes. All products must be tasted as part of the evaluation - unless they appear to be unsafe. It was Schoeni's 40th year serving as one of the judges for this organization. It makes you wonder how many of those different classes Jean has judged over her 40 years with WAMP.

An aside . . . depending on the class, the participant must submit samples ranging from a minimum of one pound to a whole ham, turkey, or salami. The untouched portions are sent to a local Madison food pantry at the end of the convention. This year the organization donated 987 pounds of a variety of products . . . a wonderful gift for many!



SLINGER FOOD PANTRY'S GREATEST NEEDS

Cereal

Personal Hygiene Items

(liquid soap—bar soap is covered by Jean)

Juices and Drinks

(Examples are Tea, Coffee, Fruit Juices)

Desserts

UPGRADED BASEMENT EXIT LIGHTS

Mark Manthei purchased replacement exit/emergency signs for the two basement exits. **Rick Romanski**, **Jerry Schmitz**, and **Allen Schoeni** installed the signs at the beginning of April.

The change helps FPCR pass its fire inspection as these lights will stay on at all times including during a power failure.

Thank you all for this necessary upgrade.

FOR YOUR RECIPE COLLECTION

Jean Zeller contributed a tasty spring salad to the luncheon on April 13. Since many at FPCR have asked for the recipe, please find it below:

- 1/2 bunch romaine lettuce
- 1/2 head iceberg lettuce
- 1 small can of mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 small pkg. sliced almonds (about 1/4 cup)
- 1/2 red onion sliced thin

Dressing – mix ahead and chill

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|--------------|---------------------|
| 1/4 C. oil | 1/2 t. salt |
| 2 T. sugar | Dash pepper |
| 2 T. vinegar | 1 T. parsley flakes |

Combine 1 T. sugar and sliced almonds in a small fry pan. Stir over medium heat until sugar is melted on almonds. Cool on waxed paper.

Just before serving toss lettuce, oranges, onion, almonds, and dressing.

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