



# In Touch with FPCR



May, 2024

Beloved!

I am working on my taxes (April 13—nothing like the last minute!) and I keep thinking about this scripture:

*Mark 12:17: Jesus said, "Give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his." Their mouths hung open, speechless. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.*

When we were trying to figure out how to go forward at FPCR, I never considered the actual cost of having worship available every week. You are paying extra to have the heat and lights on each week; you pay about \$400 extra for pastoral leadership; you have to clean the church every week. You have to pay a musician every week. We are printing bulletins every week. When Alice sends out our financial reports, I continue to be amazed at how much you give to mission(s), how generous you are to the church, how faithful you are to each other. We LOVE being together.

There is no place to mark on my tax forms what I have gained in terms of learning from all of you. That to me is more precious than any amount of money I might owe. I hope the IRS never finds a way to charge me for learning from you. That is a bill I could never repay.

Much love,  
Cathy

**REMEMBER TO LOVE ALWAYS AND ALL WAYS!**

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Upcoming Services .....	2
Next Bible Study .....	2
Slinger Food Pantry .....	2
Mill Street Café .....	3
Holy Powerpack Video .....	3
Make Some Noise .....	3
April 7 Events .....	4

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars to attend FPCR services on **May 5** (Communion/Spring Luncheon), **May 12**, and **May 19**. Watch/listen for more information about **May 26**.

Bible Study will take place on **May 15**.

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

[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

*All are welcome for upcoming 10 am Sunday Services.*

**MAY 5**

**COMMUNION**

MESSAGE: **WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?**

LUNCH BUNCH MEETS

**MAY 12**

MOTHER'S DAY

MESSAGE: **IT WON'T LET ME GO**

PENTECOST OFFERING

**MAY 19**

SENIOR MUSICIANS RECOGNITION

MESSAGE: **ACTUALLY**  
PENTECOST OFFERING

**MAY 26 - TBD**

## ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

### Elders

Debbie Heppe  
Jackson Kujawa  
Melissa Kujawa  
Ken Schmidt  
Cheryl Weber

### Clerk of Session

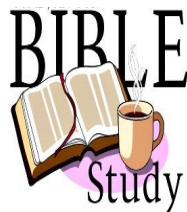
Elaine Schmidt

### Deacons

Cathy Romanski  
Rick Romanski

## MAY BIBLE STUDY—FOCUS ON HEAVEN

The next meeting date is **Wednesday, May 15, at 6:35 pm**, via **Zoom**. A Zoom link to this meeting will be sent prior to the scheduled day.



Last month began the study of Heaven. Participants found themselves back in the book of John reviewing Chapter 14:1-9. Two facts are made clear in these verses: (1) Jesus would be leaving his friends, the disciples, and (2) they could NOT come with him! The disciples couldn't understand this. Jesus began to explain in an understanding and comforting manner. Their hearts were still troubled, and they continued to question. He tried

to further explain. They still didn't seem to understand. He continued to try to explain, probably with a bit more frustration in his voice! He finally promised to return and take the disciples with him . . . that brought them some comfort.

The lesson helped us understand as well. It reviewed that Jesus prepared a place for us, that he atoned for our sins, and that he would return. The key to the lesson was that we need to remember to give our troubles to God. He will comfort us and calm our hearts in his time.

If you would like to join this group study, please email FPCR or contact Elaine Schmidt. A study book will be provided for you. You would be a welcome addition to the group!

## SLINGER FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

After careful counting by Rick and Cathy Romanski's grandchildren, **100 items** were delivered to the Slinger Food Pantry on April 8, 2024. The Pantry is very grateful to accept the FPCR donations.

The present Pantry needs include the following:



- ◆ **INSTANT HOT CEREAL PACKETS**
- ◆ **BOXES OF SUGARED/ KIDS' CEREALS**
- ◆ **CHUNKY SOUP**
- ◆ **PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS**

Please place donations in the bin found in the Church's narthex.

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated! Please either send a check payable to FPCR to PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076. Include SFP in the memo of your check.

**OR**

Make a cash donation at the church by placing your donation in the offering plate using the special envelope found on the narthex table. Again, mark SFP in the memo section of your check.

## May 5 Lunch Bunch

Please join your FPCR family for "brunch" following the service.

Sawmill Inn Restaurant and Pub  
1729 Wolf Rd, Richfield, WI 53076



## HELLO FROM JOYCE KOEHN

Last month, FPCR received the following email from **Cheryl Terman**, Rev. and Joyce Koehn's daughter:

*Hi folks!*

*Joyce Koehn asked me to share this pic of myself (Cheryl), her granddaughter Jen, and Jen's husband Dustin taken at the blessing of their new adventure "Mill Street Cafe" in North Lake, WI. Opening soon.*

*Joyce is well for a young lady of 93 and wishes to thank everyone for their cards and love and prayers!!!!*

This month brings an update to the above "story". The Mill Street Café opened on Monday, April 29. Jen will be serving breakfast beverages, bakery items, and sandwiches. The café's menu will expand as the business grows.

You may remember delicious treats that Jen occasionally provided to FPCR on special occasions when Rev. and Joyce were at the church. If you have an opportunity, stop in, say hello to Jen, and treat yourself to a coffee/tea and bakery item or possibly a smoothie and lunch sandwich. The Mill Street Café is located on Highway 83 in North Lake, Wisconsin.



Top: Cheryl Terman, Joyce Koehn, Jen and Dustin.  
Bottom: The Mill Street Café is Ready for You!



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

On April 12 FPCR's One Great Hour of Sharing contribution to the Presbytery (USA) for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's work throughout the world was mailed. The check amount was **\$568.89**. This included the fish bank donations as well as \$25.00 still owed from last year's offering. Thank you FPCR family for your ongoing generosity as more places need the work of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Your support is always appreciated.

## INTERESTING AND FUN

Though FPCR has met several individuals from the Milwaukee Presbytery, you may not know all who are a part of the leadership team. Below is a video link which introduces you to three leaders referred to as the "Holy Powerpack".

The video was produced and is narrated by **Ann Gibbs**, Associate for Ministry Vitality.

The three 2024 elected leaders in the video are: **Bill Leonard**, Presbytery Moderator who visited FPCR;

**Kim Trimboli**, Presbytery Vice Moderator; and

**Christian Boyd**, Presbytery Stated Clerk.

<https://bit.ly/PresbyLeadership>



## MAKE SOME NOISE!

Let's fill the bucket—**NOISILY** on May 19!  
Ushers will use a metal

bucket to collect your Pentecost Offering change (or envelope). Lakeshore Community Health Care - West Bend (formerly Albrecht Free Clinic) will receive 40%. The remainder will be submitted to PC(USA) to be utilized by Presbyterian Missions.

This offering is a PC(USA) church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.



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

16 - Jason Tutkowski

18 - Jim Frank

19 - Debbie Heppe

**Please watch/listen** for information about the service on **May 26**.

Pastor Cathy will be taking a well-deserved vacation on that Sunday.



---

**Remember:**

**You are  
a Miracle!**

---

**HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET . . .**

**REQUEST AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

Please email **FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com** with your preferred email address so we are able to send you an electronic copy of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

Thank You

**Jean Zeller** for selecting hymns on April 28.

**Cathy Romanski** for hymn selection on May 12.

**Debbie Heppe** and **Melissa Kujawa** for organizing the Spring Luncheon. It is always fun to celebrate with the FPCR family!

**First Presbyterian Church of Richfield**

**Location:**

2281 Highway 164  
Richfield, WI 53076

**Mailing Address:**

PO Box 22  
Richfield, WI 53076

**Website:**

<https://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com>

**Email:**

[FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com](mailto:FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com)

**APRIL 7—COMMUNION SERVICE, FISH BANKS . . .**



Pastor Manthei conducts the communion service.



Cheryl Weber and Mark Manthei serve communion.



Jean Zeller is gifted a crocheted Easter basket by Elaine Schmidt.



Debbie Heppe serves ham sandwiches and sides to the Zhangs, and Lilly. Jerry Schmitz and Cathy Romanski are up next!



Ken Schmidt, Mark Manthei and Reuben Heidtke make lunch selections.



The creatively decorated OGHS fish banks. Judged the best one for 2024 was the middle front—"Formal Gracie"—crafted by Alice Schmitz. The fish banks collected \$33.89 in coin.