

In Touch with FPCR

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

What fun and excitement May and June bring to individuals and families. These are traditionally the months when high school and college graduations take place. In recent years, recognition and celebrating has spilled over to those being promoted from pre-school, kindergarten, elementary school and middle or junior high school as well. There was even a sweet celebration posted on Facebook where high school students were assigned kindergarten students. The pairs walked together through the halls of the local high school while the band played the graduation march. There were many balloons and streamers decorating the halls. Parents, friends, and other students provided a lot of cheering, laughter, and cell phones for pictures!

Graduation marks an end and a beginning for so many students across the country. What a cherished ritual to be followed by either additional education, jobs, or possibly travel.

FPCR congratulates three high school graduates this year:

CONGRATULATIONS NOAH DEIBERT

On June 10, **Noah Deibert**, son of **Jeremy and Kayla Deibert**, will graduate from Hartford Union High School. Noah was a student athlete and particularly enjoyed football. He was confirmed at FPCR in 2017.



CONGRATULATIONS JACKSON KUJAWA

Also graduating on June 10 from Hartford Union High School will be **Jackson Kujawa**. Jackson, the son of **Ryan and Melissa Kujawa**, was confirmed at FPCR in 2017. Also a student athlete, Jackson played baseball and football at Hartford High.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars to attend FPCR services on **June 4** and **June 18** (Father's Day).

Next month's Bible Study will take place on **June 25**.

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 upcoming 10 am Sunday Services.

JUNE 4
SERMON: BUILT ON A ROCK

JUNE 18
FATHER'S DAY
SERMON: HOPE

Additional and updated information is posted on the website:
www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

Elders

Carol Frank
Jim Frank
Debbie Heppe
Melissa Kujawa
Cheryl Weber

Clerk of Session
Elaine Schmidt

Deacons
Emma Kujawa
Cathy Romanski

JUNE BIBLE STUDY—COST OF FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting date is **Sunday, June 25, at 10 am** via **Zoom**. A link to this online meeting will be sent Thursday, June 22.



To join the group for the first time, please email FPCR or contact leader, **Elaine Schmidt**.

The group continues to study the Book of John and will discuss John 15:12-16:4 on June 22.

In May, John 15:1-11, titled *The Secret of the Vine* centered on a favorite Bible verse,

John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches." The lesson reminded us that we are all branches and draw nourishment and life from the vine (Jesus). We all need a faith relationship to Jesus in order to share in Christ's life.

We were challenged in the lesson to seek a deeper level of commitment to spiritual intimacy with the Lord Jesus.

Next month's topic is, "The Cost of Friendship" and highlights the comforts and costs of friendship with Jesus as well as others. Close relationships are Christlike!

SUMMER NEEDS AT THE SLINGER FOOD PANTRY

At this time, the items of greatest need at the Slinger Food Pantry are:

Flour
Ravioli
Chunky soups
Hamburger Helper
Rice-A-Roni
Saltine crackers
Any kind of beans
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Men's deodorant bar soap



The Pantry is very grateful for any/all donations. Please place your donations in the bin found in the Church's narthex.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

Carol and Jim Frank; Carol Frank's son, Jim;
Ron Grunke; Ron Grunke's daughter, Shelley;
Melissa Kujawa's father, Bill;
Elaine Schoeni's neighbor, Louie;
Jean Zeller's granddaughter, Ashley;
Hartford High School Student Athlete, Michael Turner; and
Daryl Schmidt.

Please also pray for the **family of Rosemarie Schmidt**, FPCR member who passed away on May 22, 2023.



MAY SERMON JOTTINGS

Date: May 14, 2023 (Mother's Day)
Text: John 14:15-21
Sermon: Choosing Life
By: Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

The message on May 14 centered on love—love of God, love of ourselves, love of our neighbor, and love of one another. These are the love commandments God has made. This is choosing life as Jesus taught. We are called to choose life and LOVE—inclusively.

- Seeing one another as equals, as beloved children of God, and seeing that God loves all people is being the church, choosing life, and loving others.
- Choosing life is loving one another as Jesus commanded. We need to remember who we are and whose we are. We belong to God as does the earth and all creation. Jesus calls his disciples to choose love and live lives in and through the God of love—not the ways of the world.
- God lives in us. God is in our being. God loves us in the midst of our humanness, in spite of ourselves.
- In loving one another, we should see every person as a sister or brother. It is important for us to be humble and see Christ in one another.
- “If we cannot truly accept our weaknesses as well as our gifts, we will be unable to love one another in their brokenness and giftedness.” (Marjorie J. Thompson, *Soul Feast, An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*, p. 138-139).

On this Mother's Day, choose love. Let us be grateful for the love given, shown and nurtured to and in us from our mother's and those like a mother in our lives.

God loves all of us . . . Always!

Date: May 28, 2023 - Pentecost and Communion
Text: Acts 2:1-21
Sermon: Spirit and Living Water
By: Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

This service was on Pentecost which is 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is considered the beginning of the church. We wear the liturgical color red to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit who came down to the disciples in a rush of violent wind and with fire. Imagine being there! The people gathered and were speaking in tongues so that everyone could understand. This all occurs after Jesus was raised and ascended. The Holy Spirit is coming to assure the disciples and all who hear that although Jesus is no longer with them, God is with them through the Holy Spirit. This is like living water to them.

- The Spirit has been loosed into the world, and its creative and life-giving power is now the gift of families and communities, of churches, and of nations.
- The Spirit calls all of us to unity, to come together.
- The Spirit is living water for all of us and all people. This is the Spirit of love. We experience the living water of the Spirit in partaking together in the Lord's Supper.
- May all of us work toward unity, reunion, and loving all people and one another. May all of us work toward building the realm of God.
- How is the Spirit calling you to use your unique gifts and talents as living water in our hurting world?



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

- 1 - Ryan Kujawa
- 5 - Annette Schmidt
- 6 - Wayne Tutkowski
- 7 - Cathy Manthei
- 16 - Catalina DeSua
- 17 - Emma Kujawa
- 23 - Michael Schmidt



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to the following couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in **June**. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come!

- 20 - Tony & Kathleen Schmidt
- 30 - Jerry & Alice Schmitz

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET ...

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- Rick Romanski for checking and tuning the hot water heater. It is turned off for the time being.
Melissa Kujawa and Elaine Schmidt for organizing the geraniums for Mother's Day.
Debbie Hepe for wonderful Mother's Day treats!

Mark your Calendar! Church Picnic August 20, 2023 All are invited. Stay tuned for more information.



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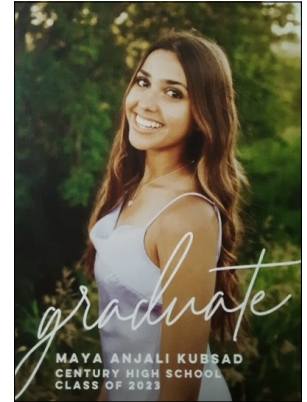
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ANOTHER 2023 GRADUATE WITH TIES TO FPCR

CONGRATULATIONS MAYA KUBSAD

On May 28 Maya Kubsad, daughter of Shrikant and Karen Schmidt Kubsad, graduated from Century High School, Bismarck, North Dakota. One of the Valedictorians (4.0 grade point average), she was also a student athlete. Maya was baptized at FPCR in June 2006.



JAYDEN SCHMIDT HAS DOUBLE CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Jayden Schmidt, daughter of Daryl and Brenda Schmidt who was confirmed at Crown of Life Lutheran Church/School, Hubertus, WI, on May 21. Then, on May 25, she participated in her Eighth Grade Graduation ceremony, also at Crown of Life. Jayden will attend Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School next year.



Brenda, Daryl, Cora, and Jayden Schmidt after the confirmation service.



Grandfather Ken, Jayden, Cora, and Grandmother Elaine Schmidt.



Jayden Schmidt receives her Eighth Grade Diploma.

WE SAY GOODBYE TO ONE OF THE FPCR FAMILY



On May 22, 2023, Rosemarie Schmidt passed away peacefully at Kathy Hospice in West Bend at the age of 87. 'Rosie' was a devoted Christian who loved the Lord and FPCR. She spent her adult life farming with her late husband, LaVerne, just north of the church. They raised four children (Randall, Harold, Steven, and Dwain). Rosie was a strong woman who worked tirelessly beside her family. She didn't shirk any duties be it gardening, milking, field work, or housework.

Many at FPCR will remember and miss her positive attitude and quick smile. She loved conversations about how to cook garden vegetables to which Allen Schoeni can attest. He has several great 'Rosie' ideas for rhubarb and asparagus.

Her memorial service will be held at Phillip Funeral Home, 1420 Paradise Drive, West Bend, WI, on Saturday, June 24. Visitation will be from 11 am to 1 pm immediately followed by a service officiated by Paul Zachow. The committal and burial will follow the service at Washington County Memorial Park, 3358 Paradise Drive, West Bend, WI. Mourners may return to Phillip Funeral Home for a luncheon hosted by the family. (Obituary: https://memorials.phillipfuneralhome.com/rosemarie-schmidt/5198832/index.php)