



Steepleviews



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April 2015 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Jim MacKenzie
Molly Morris
Crystal Rath
Pat Young
- 03 Trevor Chicky
Steve Elrick
Don Nugent
Bill & Norma Bruinsma
- 05 Sua Yang
- 06 Bill Hirschfeld
Candace & Dan Nostrandt
- 08 Margaret Bilsky
Mary Jane Franklin
- 09 Maile Church
Bev Kidder
- 13 Phillip McKinnon
Paul Osborn
- 14 Daymian Tabbert
- 15 Addison Chownyk
- 18 Kylee Manning
Dolly Nicolis
- 19 Shelby Anderson
Tegan Chicky
- 21 Peggy Burns
Jill Smeltzer
- 24 Olivia Addis
- 28 Susan Lavender
Pat Luedders
Steve Rath
Kim Scripps
- 29 Bill Frostic
- 30 Myra Elias
Doug Somero

Catch These Coming Events!

**Apr. 02 Maundy Thursday
Dinner &
Communion**

Apr. 03 Good Friday Service

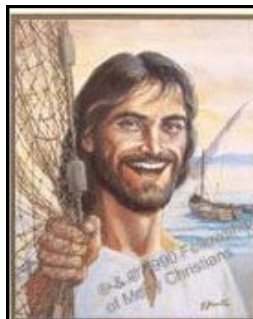
Apr. 05 Easter Sunday Service

Apr. 12 Holy Humor Sunday

Apr. 23 The Ladies' Lunch

Happy Easter 

Join us as we celebrate
Holy Humor Sunday
April 12!



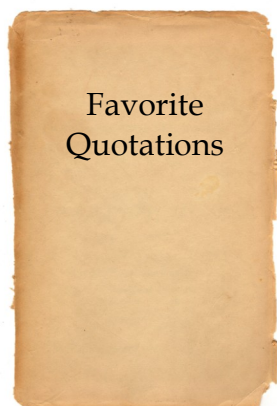
It is the old custom begun
by the Greeks in the early
centuries of Christianity
to celebrate God's
ultimate joke over evil:
Christ's resurrection.

Pastor's Page

A new book has come into the church's possession: Favorite Quotations Solicited by the 2nd Division of the Ladies Social Society of the Congregational Church, Frankfort, MI, 1907. It's a collection of contributed quotes from members of the congregation at that time, and some of the names still have links within our church family now. Mrs. Flora Penfold liked the thought by Washington Irving: "Happiness is reflective, like the light of Heaven; and every countenance, bright with smiles, glowing with innocent enjoyment, is a mirror transmitting to others the rays of a supreme and ever-shining benevolence." Mrs. Penfold was Alma House's husband's grandmother!

Please feel free to stop in and see if you recognize any names from this little gem that has come to light.

Pastor Dinah



Mission Moment

Libby Little sent along a little year-end report for the NOOR Eye Program in Afghanistan for 2014. Despite all the risks, there are doctors, nurses and staff still working to help people with vision issues. Last year, the program served 350,000 patients – 10,000 more women than men, over 15,000 surgeries, over 52,000 pairs of glasses and over 50,000 children were helped. Our \$50/month contribution may not seem like a lot, but for some people, it's the world.

Thank you for your mission monies!



Choir Rehearsal Change

Because of other obligations, the rehearsals for church choir will change to Wednesdays beginning April 8 at the same time of 7:30 p.m. As always, this group is open to anyone who likes to sing, and you don't even have to be a good music reader. Or if you'd like a soul boost, we are good with people listening to our rehearsals, which are often laced with laughter as well as notes. Bring your knitting or book and

just listen if you'd like. And thank you, choir, for all your faithful rehearsing.



Thank you

To all who helped with the St. Croix Falls High School musicians and concert last month. What a great exchange of all that is good in the world!



Congratulations

Honor Roll members: Maile and Lauren Church, Tucker Hubbard and Ella Whiting.

To Hannah Nostrandt, Maisie Nugent, Cecelia Schmitt and all the lady **Panthers and Coaches** on an impressive basketball season. Ranked #1 in the state, District and Regional titles, plus a trip to MSU to play in the Semi Finals. It's a great day to be a Panther!!

To the **Frankfort Panthers** Boys basketball team on their District and Regional titles.

Boys Ski Team on taking ninth place in state final. Bennett Schmitt came in 51st and Morgan Papineau came in 11th in the giant slalom.

To Hannah Nostrandt on being chosen Frankfort High School's **2015 Snow Coming Princess!**

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Welcome to the World!!

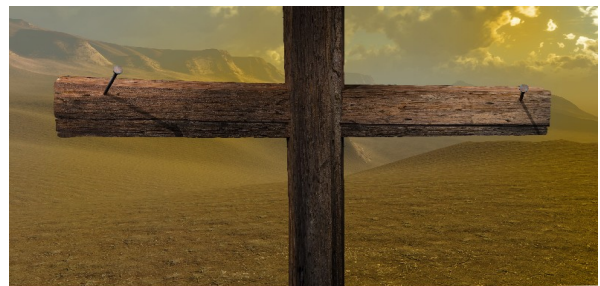
Miss Gwen Penfield
Kirkpatrick.



She was born on Pi Day - 3.14.15!
Congrats Great-Grandpa Jim Buzzell!

Jesus of Nazareth
requests your presence
for Maundy Thursday dinner
April 2
at 6:30 p.m.
in the Dining Room of
Frankfort Congregational
Church

A simple meal
will be served,
followed by sharing
Our Lord's Supper.
There is no charge
for this event, and all are
welcome to participate.



The Benzie County Ministerial Association invite all to a Community Good Friday Service 12:00 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, Trinity Lutheran Church 955 James St., Frankfort

A freewill offering shall go to Benzie Area Christian Neighbors and the Community Spirit Backpack Program

Happy Easter



Council Notes

There were 13 Council members at the March 12, 2015 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for February: **\$ 13,512.00**

Expenses for February: **\$ 7,089.93**

Missions:

Mission income for February was \$272.00 with each of our Mission Supports fully funded as per the Mission Committee's request.

Nominating:

Larry Neuhardt—Signe Ruddy's position still needs to be filled.

Personnel:

Andy Mollema - Rosemary Abbett has been hired as our new organist.

Property:

Andrea Frost—1) the Property Committee made the motion to approve the replacement of the present light bulbs in the Sanctuary with energy saving LED bulbs at a cost of \$625.00 (36 total bulbs) and take to Council for its approval; and 2) the Committee also made the motion to approve the purchase of Ultra Insulating Triple Cell shades for the front and side entrance doors at a cost of \$600.00 and take to Council for its approval. Approved. It was also noted that a thank you goes out to Bill Frostic for all his repair and installation work done at the Church and at the Parsonage.

Outreach:

Dinah Haag for Judy Grant—1) the St. Croix Falls HS Chamber Choir and Jazz Band are performing at the Methodist

Church on March 20th at 7:00 p.m.; 2) we are holding a Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion on April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room; 3) we have reduced our Yellow Book advertisement by 20% and will pay the amount of \$602.16 due in May plus hope to do away with the YP advertisement in the near future; 4) Al's Academy on "Kings of Hoarders" is March 26th at 5:30; and 5) The BalA/VisX class held in the Church and run by Mary Ann Short has been very successful.

Worship:

Ann Osborn—1) Ash Wednesday services had a fair turnout and hope to alternate with the Methodist Church in the future; 2) the Lenten Sermon Series is going very well also with Andy Mollema and Naomi Kolehmainen as our last two guest speakers; 3) we welcomed our new organist, Rosemary Abbett, who began on March 5; 4) upcoming events include: Palm Sunday services on March 29 (palms have been ordered and bulletin covers chosen and received), Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion on April 2; Community Good Friday Service at Trinity on April 3, Easter Sunday Service with Communion on April 5, and Holy Humor Sunday Service on April 12.

By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Investments, Memorials, and Women's Fellowship:

no reports and no new business

Pastor's Report:

Report was submitted to those present.

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

In need of your high school graduation photos!!



We are looking to put together a fun new bulletin board in the dining room and fill it with graduation photos.

So bring in your photo and let's see how much everyone has changed!!



Spring is coming, so that means the Winsome Women's Retreat



is coming up. The May 12-15 overnight retreat at Mackinaw Island is a deal and a treat. For more information, you can check out win-somewomen.org or call Judy Grant at 231-557-4784



Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family, friends and community on the passing of 18 year old, Frankfort High School student, Abby Burgess
To the family of Robert Burch, Rob's father
To the family of Lee VanderKarr, Molly Frostic's cousin
To the family of Delie Holmes, Cary Buzzell's mother

Please Remember in Prayer

Larry Braithwaite
Arthur Berry
Donna Blough
Joanne Brown
Robin Brunette
Luke Forest
Katy Gunning
Shar Hammond
Evie Knotnerus
Beverly Matthews
Debby McKnight
Dolly Nicolis
Cheryl Noll
Arlene Olsen
Isabelle Osborn
Jim Shane

Paul Oliver Long Term Care

Suzanne Gum

Our Prayers are extended to the family of:

Bob Anderson
Leonard Kittleson
Leonard Nemoy
Bonnie Warren

Those serving in the Military:

Matt Conrad
Ryan Kingsinger
Clark Robinson



We Got Mail

I will be taking over for Julie Robinson as our weekly Ushers & Greeters scheduling coordinator. Julie did a great job and I hope I can do as well as she did. If for some reason you **can not** make it on your appointed Sunday please contact me at 231-352-9726. As always, I will be calling on Saturdays to remind you of your scheduled Sunday. Thank you,

Mary Reed

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Bill Frostic and Andrea Frost for doing a lot of switching of switches and light bulbs and outing of outlets at both the church and parsonage. Isn't it funny how things seem to happen in streaks: four to six light switches all going bad at the same time? Anyway, thanks!
- John McElduff for the continued and faithful snowplowing. Sarah Chownyk, Andrea Frost for the "Johnny on the spot" snow shoveling.
- Thank you to Marti Mollema and Maggie Baker for the beautiful dining room transformations.
- Thank you to Mary Ann Harness for the amazing wreaths and sprays decorating our fellowship hall.

Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors



On Tuesday, April 7th, eat dinner at one of these partner restaurants, **Fusion Restaurant in Frankfort or Platte River Inn in Honor** and 10% of your bill is donated to BACN.



April's Ladies' Lunch

Hey how about a ladies' lunch on Thursday, April 23, at noon @ the A&W Restaurant. There will be a sign up sheet in the dining room for all who would like to attend. Please sign up by Tuesday, April 21.

April is Women's Fellowship Appreciation Month!!



The history of the work of women in the church is long, and the ladies of our Church family here at First Congregational are a great part of that heritage. Without our ladies, this place would not feel so much like a church home. So we thank you, one and all, from the bottom of our hearts!



Don't forget about that important piece of communication: our web page at fccfrankfort.org! Reference that joke from last week's sermon or remind yourself of special dates, pictures, and loads of awesome stuff!

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April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. <div>Jim MacKenzie Molly Morris Crystal Rath Pat Young</div>	2 9:00 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Comm. <div>6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner & Communion</div> 7:30 p.m. Choir →	3 <div>Good Friday Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church</div> Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Don Nugent Bill & Norma Bruinsma	4
5 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship, Communion & Sunday School  Sua Yang	6 1:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class 2:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class Bill Hirschfeld Candace & Dan Nostrandt	7 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. <div>Dine out for BACN</div>	8 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Margaret Bilsky Mary Jane Franklin	9 9:00 a.m. Yoga Maile Church Bev Kidder	10	11
12 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School <div>Holy Humor Sunday Worship</div>	13 1:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class 2:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class Phillip McKinnon Paul Osborn	14 Daymian Tabbert	15 7:30 p.m. Choir Addison Chownyk	16 9:00 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association	17	18 Kylee Manning Dolly Nicolis
19 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 & 2:45 p.m. Nursing Care Facility Worship Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky	20 1:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class 2:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class	21 Peggy Burns Jill Smeltzer	22 9:30 a.m. Human Service Collaborative 7:30 p.m. Choir	23 9:00 a.m. Yoga <div>12:00 p.m. The Ladies' Lunch @ The A & W</div>	24 FHS Drama Olivia Addis	25 FHS Drama
26 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School FHS Drama	27 1:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class 2:00 p.m. BalA VisX Group Class	28 Susan Lavender Pat Luedders Steve Rath Kim Scripps	29 7:30 p.m. Choir Bill Frostic	30 9:00 a.m. Yoga Myra Elias Doug Somero	May Day	

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Date	Greeters/Ushers Head Usher: <i>Candace Nostrandt</i>	
5	John & Leslie McElduff, Marti Mollema and Bill Hirschfeld	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by 10:00 a.m. ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. (Greeters and Ushers are the front line people in welcoming visitors and new church family members!)
12	Donna & Ron Phillips, Mary Ann Harness and Mary Reed	
19	Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Lori Dougherty and Jill Smeltzer	
26	Sue King, Connie Bennehoff, Maggie Baker and Judy Grant	