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April 2025

Northwood News

Note from the Pastor

He has risen! He has risen indeed! This is always our annual proclamation at Easter, late this year on Sunday, April 20! Let's glory in our loving and living Lord who rose from the grave on Easter morning! I appreciate all of you who worked so hard to make sure we had an especially meaningful Holy Week this year. From the "All Glory Laud and Honor" celebration of Palm Sunday to a combo-Good and Fun Friday Potluck this year where we have these 7 (a holy number) themes/segments of Good Friday: BETRAYAL, DENIAL, ALONENESS, ACCUSATION, SUFFERING, CRUCIFIXION, DEATH. Thanks to many of our elders who read (I'll get a final thank you later) and the Browns for finding a copy of this service on-line this year.

May our resurrection Sunday be even sweeter this year as I enjoy one last Easter with all of you! Later this month, on the Sunday after Easter, please don't forget the Hymn Sing at 3 p.m. on April 27 (over at First Naz. Church on Country Homes). I will be sticking around this year instead of vacation -- as I now have a date for medical leave for my spinal surgery (May 15 to June 1); please enjoy our tentative preaching subs on May 18 and 25 (Dr. Ken Cathcart) and pulpit supply (Rev. Katie Haney on June 1).

-In Christ's sacrifice and joyous resurrection, Pastor Sue Keim



Session Highlights

Session Report for March 2025

At their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, the Elders prayed together for the congregation, and had the following business:

-Approved collecting items for the birthday celebrations for Meals on Wheels by the Mission & Outreach Committee and Church Lectionary study for the Monday adult small group;

-Approved two new job descriptions for the Pastor/CRE/Head of Staff and Temporary/Interim job description and also the Parameters of Ethical Conduct document distributed last month;

-Approved the Pastor's medical leave for spinal surgery: May 15 to June 1; in April, they will vote on the following for substitute preachers: Dr. Ken Cathcart for Sundays in May, and June 1 for retired Rev. Katie Haney fill in as Moderator for the May 20 Session meeting;

-Approved a combo-Good Friday and Fun Friday potluck and service with 7 candles and readings at 6:00 p.m. on April 18;

-Heard Rev. Sue Keim served Home Communion with Deacon Sally Almond on March 5 to Elouise Engle and on March 6 to John and Diane Monteith and Jeanne Ross and heard reports from church staff and all Session committees. -Rev. Sue Keim, Moderator

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Financial Update:

February 28, 2025

Total Income:	\$26,038.76
Total Expenses:	\$31,730.70
Gain/<u>Loss</u>:	-\$5,691.94

Per Capita Income so far this year: \$832.00 – thank you!

Thanks for giving faithfully to the ministry and mission of Northwood!

Per Capita Reminder

The per capita for the 2025 year is \$39.00 (same as last year) and should be paid by each member of the Northwood congregation. Please remit, in the envelopes on the lobby table or in your 2025 Giving Envelopes) that amount to Northwood as this is the amount our congregation is charged for each member of the church by the Presbytery of The Inland Northwest. (and General Assembly) for our congregation's yearly membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

-Ken Cathcart, Administration & Finance Elder

Worship & Music

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE is 10:30 AM on April 20 – He is risen!

Holy Week & Easter Thank You

During this important time of our church year your Worship and Music Committee has been busy planning for the Lent/Easter season.

Cathy Brown spearheaded the “Finding Jesus” project to encourage people during this season to consider where you encounter the love of our Savior in your daily lives and activities. Congregants shared pictures which Cathy put into a Powerpoint to share along with her “Time for the Young at Heart” during the service.

This year, as is our tradition, we will be offering an opportunity to buy flowers in memory of or to honor someone. The slips will be in the bulletin for the three weeks prior to Easter. These



flowers make for a beautiful Easter morning (April 20). Flowers can be claimed and taken home Easter morning after the service.

For Palm Sunday, (April 13) celebrating Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem, we have ordered palm “spears” to wave in celebration.

The white shroud will be in place as well on Easter morning. Thanks to Joe Simpson for helping add the shroud to the cross for that morning.

During the normal “Fun Friday” potluck time (April 18), we will also be having a short Good Friday service with lighting of candles and readings. This is an important time recognizing Jesus’ journey to the cross. Without Good Friday there could be no resurrection and the joy of Easter morning. I hope all will attend!

Last year at Northwood, we had the talent, crafting and sharing (including our new white cross banner from Taffy Potter) from all of you!

-Bob Brown, Worship & Music Elder

Worship Assistants for April:

April 6 – Tami Robinson

April 13 - Scott Robinson

April 20 (Easter) - Sharon Cathcart

April 27 - Bill Ailes

Greeters for April:

Week 1: Carol Christenson

Week 2: Susan and Gerry Riddle

Week 3: Jane and Terry Nielsen

Week 4: Gayle and Mike Fetcho



Easter Memorial Flowers

It is time to order spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Each plant costs \$10.00. Please fill out the form in the bulletins March 30-April 13 and place it in the offering plate with cash or a check marked for flowers. Please have your order in by Palm Sunday, April 13!

Robin Johnson Thank You

Thank you all for your prayers for my Niece's pre-mature son, Atticus. He is now 1 year old and a miracle from God, plus medical science. He has made so many strides. Although months behind in some development, his mother and grandmother can now enjoy a happy baby participating in life!



IN MEMORIAM:

Mickey DeLon 'Mike' Altman

August 2, 1935 - January 20, 2025

Christian Education

Adult Small Group Study on Mondays – 1:00 p.m.

The Adult Small Group has begun a new study on the Church Lectionary, which is listed in our new hymnals. They still meet on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Men and women are both welcome. Please contact Christian Ed. Elder Rod Christenson for more info.

Northwood Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Susan L. (Sue) Keim
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Whitworth Auxiliary Annual Spring Tea And Style Show

You are invited to attend this annual event on Tuesday, April 22, 1-3:00 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9704 N Division St. Proceeds benefit Whitworth students. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Please see Cathy Bowers for tickets.

Fellowship

April 18 Fun/Good Friday

Fellowship will still have our potluck on Good Friday, April 18, starting at 6:00 pm. Following our shared meal, we will have an observance of Good Friday with 7 extinguishing candles and readings to commemorate the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus by the Worship & Music Committee. Please join us for a meaningful evening.

-Elder Sharon Cathcart, Fellowship Comm.



April Birthdays

April 12	Glenn Wimpy
April 17	John Stramiello
April 20	Diane Monteith
April 28	Cathy Brown

Cribbage Group Restarted

We have resumed playing cribbage on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and continue *every other Thursday* here at Northwood in the social hall. If you have cards and a cribbage board, please bring them. If you want to learn the game or are a veteran who wants the challenge of beating others, you are welcome. So, mark your calendars for the next one on April 3, April 17 and so on until we decide to quit for the summer months.

-Cathy Bowers

Mission and Outreach

One Great Hour of Sharing - Easter Offering

On Sunday, April 20, we will be receiving your offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has connected us in God's healing, tending, and growing to create a world where all needs are met. One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in more than 100 countries. 100% of all funds given is sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency and is used as follows: 36% Presbyterian Hunger Program, 32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and 32% Self-Development of People. The back of your insert, which begins April 6, gives you three ways you can give a gift. Let's be there to help support those who need us now! Thank you for your generous support of One Great Hour of Sharing.

-Elder Jane Nielsen Mission & Outreach

Food Bank Reminder

Mission and Outreach would like to encourage you to continue bringing food for the Mead Food Bank. It has been awhile since we have had enough food to take to them. The items that they need are: canned fruit, canned vegetables, and other canned items such as chili, spaghetti, and soups. Please consider adding some of these items to your grocery list. Food can be placed in the cart near the kitchen door in Celtic/Fell. Hall. The Mead Food Bank staff are always so grateful when we come with a car full of food! Thank you, Jane Nielsen, Elder

APRIL

Wednesday – April 2

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – April 3

1:30 pm Cribbage Fellowship Group

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6

10:30 am Worship Service

Tami Robinson, Worship Asst.

Worship & Music Comm. Meeting

Monday – April 7

1:00 pm Adult Small Group

***Spokane schools Spring Vacation*
– April 7-11****Tuesday – April 8**

6:00 pm Mission & Outreach Comm.

Wednesday – April 9

1:00 pm Administration Comm. Mtg.

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Palm Sunday – April 13

10:30 am Worship Service

Scott Robinson, Worship Asst.

Monday – April 14

1:00 pm Adult Small Group

Meals on Wheels

Tuesday – April 15

7:00 pm Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday – April 16

Meals on Wheels

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday – April 17

1:30 pm Cribbage Fellowship Group

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Good Friday – April 18

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6:00 pm Good/Fun Friday potluck**EASTER Sunday – April 20**

10:30 am Worship Service

Sharon Cathcart, Worship Asst.

Cathy Brown, Children's Message

Tuesday – April 22

1-3 pm Whitworth Auxiliary Tea (off-campus)

Wednesday – April 23

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Second Sunday of Easter – April 27

10:30 am Worship Service

Bill Ailes, Worship Asst.

3:00 pm Hymn Sing (off-campus)

Wednesday – April 30

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

