

March 2020

Back in August, I wrote about the Session's intent to improve communication. We had some water damage then, and word didn't reach everyone like it should have. The rooms were cleaned and new carpet installed, and very generous people worked hard and contributed in other ways. Recently we had another snow event that resulted in cancelling Sunday morning services (that was Feb. 9 btw). Even though word got around, there was room for improvement. So we worked through some ideas, and the Worship Committee came up with a great plan so that next time snow shuts things down we tell as many people as possible.

What's really cool to me is how everyone cares about everyone enough to do this work. You initiated the work on communication back in August, and you initiated the work on it 8 months later. Wanna know something else? When we had a visitor on Feb. 16, I heard people talking about not letting the guest sit alone! Nothing warms a parent/teacher/pastor/coach/manager heart more than seeing their child/student/parishioner/athlete/employee catching on! YOU do great things already, but there's always room for improvement as YOU care for each other.

On March 15 you will hear a pastor candidate preach the gospel, and you will then vote on extending a call for this person to be your next full-time pastor. If you keep doing this great work of caring and communicating, you will maximize the assets this person brings. To see the things I see, and hear the things I hear, gives me all kinds of confidence in your future ministry together! As John wrote to Gaius, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth." What an exciting time, and as always you'll be in my prayers!

Pastor Carl





Mar. 3	Mick Madsen Gavin Pedersen
Mar. 6	Shannon Abbott
Mar. 7	Leah Leisen
Mar. 8	Noreen Schwen Kaylea Brogan Heather Gransee Matthew Hesar
Mar. 11	Norah Hesar
Mar. 16	Sue Alberts Kirsten Rausch
Mar. 18	Clint Patterson Lauren Abbott
Mar. 19	Rhonda Rocap
Mar. 20	Tom Erwin
Mar. 22	Marsha Brigham
Mar. 23	Shannon Hrtanek
Mar. 25	Mike Prenzlow
Mar. 27	Colin Law Beth Gransee Colin Flynn
Mar. 28	Jesse Johnson Madison Wilke
Mar. 29	Bev Stucky
Mar. 30	Casey Erwin
Mar. 31	David Gransee Dylan Gransee

Happy New Year, ancient Romans! Welcome to the third month of the year—or, if you were born before 150 B.C., the first! According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December.



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, HI.

Pray for those in the care center: Jean Wein-
knecht, Bev Livingston

Pray for Lew Severance for better health.



February Session Meeting will be held on
Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Church Information

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Sunday School	9:00 am
& Confirmation	
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am
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First Presbyterian Church

Inclement Weather Notification Policy

Cancellations will be communicated the following ways:

- 1. The homepage of our website (www.presbykasson.org)**
- 2. The church Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchKassonMN)) First Presbyterian Church-Kasson MN**
- 3. KTTC—Channel 10 (on TV and on <https://kttc.com/closings-and-delays/>)**
- 4. As a recorded message on the answering system at the church: [634-7481](tel:634-7481)**
- 5. In case of power outage, use common sense and stay safe.**

-Session/Worship Committee

WHAT IS THE REAL HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY?

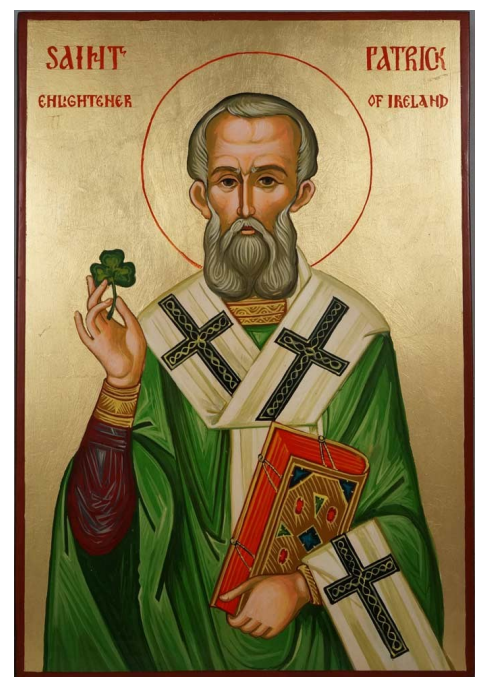
St. Patrick is considered the patron saint of Ireland and he's not even Irish! Nor is he a canonized saint. He was born in Roman Britain in late 300 AD, His name wasn't Patrick either. It was Maewyn Succat, which he didn't like, so he changed his name to Patricius.

His father, was a deacon in the early Christian church, however, Patricius was not a believer. At 16 years of age, he was captured by Irish raiders, taken to Ireland and was enslaved for 6 years as a shepherd. During this time he was converted to Christianity. When he finally escaped, he had a vision to bring Christianity to the Irish people who were mostly pagan and druidic.

Needless to say, he was not welcome on the Irish mainland. He found a following on some small islands off the coast of Ireland. As he gained followers, he returned to Ireland and is said to have baptized over 100,000 and aided in the formation of around 300 churches.

Did he really rid Ireland of snakes? No, there were no snakes in Ireland. Some say that the ridding of snakes represented Patircius' ridding Ireland of its pagan and druidic ideals. He did use the three leaf Irish shamrock to teach his followers the concept of the Christian Holy Trinity.

St. Patrick's Day started as a religious celebration in the 17th century to honor the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. This Feast Day always took place on the anniversary of his death. It came to the United States when there was massive immigrations of Irish people escaping the Great Famine.



MARCH

Scripture a Week

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Exodus 33:14

The Lord replied, "My Presence will be with you, and I will give you rest."

Romans 8:28

In all things God works for the good of those who love Him

Zechariah 10:1

Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other



A few years back, I had seen an ad in the newspaper about getting a free radon testing kit from the Government Services Building in Mantorville. I decided to have our home tested, and I was glad I did, because it turns out the radon level in our basement was high. I'm not the only one. According to the MN Department of Health, the average radon level in Minnesota is more than three times higher than the average radon level in the US. They recommend that every Minnesota home be tested. The primary risk from long term exposure to radon is lung cancer. It is the number one cause of lung cancer for non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. They estimate that 21,000 people in United States die each year from lung cancer due to radon exposure. We recently had our home retested, as we sustained some changes to our foundation and mitigation system due to the flooding this past year. The EPA recommends having radon levels retested every 2 years, as levels can change due to changes in the season or structure. Interested in having your home tested? According to the Dodge County Public Health's website, there is a limited number of free radon test kits available through Dodge County Public Health in Dodge Center, and additional radon test kits available at Dodge County Environmental Services Office in Mantorville. They can also be purchased at <http://www.radon.com/testkits>. More information on radon can be found at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/radon>.

Sincerely,

Amanda Frodermann, RN



Job 12:10 (New Revised Standard Version) In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.



One of the most well-known aspects of Semcac is the Food Shelf, which in Dodge County is located at the Kasson office.

The Food Shelf is open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

Those who meet the Food Shelf qualifications are able to visit the facility once a month for 14 pounds of food per person. Participants get to do their own shopping and choose the food that fits their family needs.

The Food Shelf really relies on donations of money and food from area residents and organizations,

Keep in mind, our church session is donating all loose offerings for the month of March to our Food Shelf.

Easter Memorial & Honor Garden

The sign-up sheet will be posted on the PW bulletin board near the kitchen

from March 15 through April 5th.

You may choose from a variety of plants when you sign up. Please use the payment envelopes when you enter the information about your donation.

Kindly remember to make your payment in cash.

Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary this Easter Sunday!



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

March is Minnesota Food Share Month. This year we will include the KoMet Pantry for food donations. KoMet Pantry is located in the KM High School and services approx. 15 families. HS Students have access to food, clothing, shoes, hygiene products, school supplies, concert attire, even recipes and ingredients to make a meal at home.

There is a box in the Fellowship Hall where anyone can donate at anytime. Our church wrangling up the personal hygiene donations (soaps, shampoo, conditioner, hair products, deodorants, etc). For Food Share Month items to donate can be:


Chicken, Hamburger, Hotdogs, Fruit, Frozen Vegetables, Pizzas & Pizza Rolls, Corn and Flour Tortillas, Canned chicken & Canned Tuna, Pinto Beans (bagged), Long grain rice & Minute rice, Kid Friendly Cereal, Granola Bars & Breakfast Bars, Oatmeal, Flour & Sugar (small bags), Cake Mixes, Vegetable Oil/Canola Oil - small bottles, Canned Frosting, Salad Dressing - Ranch, Italian, Mayo/Miracle Whip, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cheese, Butter, Pasta & Sauce

The KoMet Pantry has refrigerator and freezer storage space. Contact Nicky Wilke with any questions 507-273-2651 n.wilke@komets.k12.mn.us

First Presbyterian Mission Committee

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 Communion	2 ← Meals on Wheels →	3 NAMI @ 7:00 pm	4 	5 No Afternoon Circle	6 	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Starts	9 Session Mtg 5:30 pm	10 NAMI @ 7:00 pm	11 No Morning Circle Choir @ 7:00 pm	12 	13 	14
15 Pastor Candidate Visit Meeting /Church	16 	17  St. Patrick's Day NAMI @ 7:00 pm	18 Choir @ 7:00 pm	19 Spring Equinox	20 	21
22 	23 	24 NAMI @ 7:00 pm	25 Choir @ 7:00 pm	26 Ash Wednesday	27 	28
29 	30 	31 NAMI @ 7:00 pm				

Notes: NO PW THIS MONTH