

# MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER



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**Gayle Kaufeld, Choir Director**

**Quinita Kase, Organist**

**Don and Jane Heser, Custodians**

**Amanda Frodermann Parish Nurse**

**Jennifer Mittelstadt, Treasurer**

## **Elders & Committees**

**Randy Carlsen-Clerk of Session**

**Thelma Givan- Membership, Mission, Personnel**

**Robert Gransee- Property**

**Tami Hanson-Christian Ed, Personnel, Worship**

**Gayle Kaufeld- Christian Ed, Nominating, Worship**

**Jennifer Mittelstadt- Christian Ed, Membership, Personnel, Stewardship**

**Mike Prenzlowl-Property**

**Paulette Riedel-Nominating, Membership, Missions**

**Sheryl Scholer- Christian Ed, Worship**

## **Deacons & Committees**

**Sue Alberts- Stewardship, Worship, Nominating**

**Steve Johnson-**

**Paul Riggs- Membership, Stewardship**

**Wayne Trom- Property**

**Michelle Willert- Mission, Property**

## Pastor's Letter for May Newsletter

May is my last month as your interim pastor. In June, Pastor Amanda comes on board for the next stage of your journey.

Having the summer to get settled in, meet more people, and start planning, works out well for both her and you. I'm excited for you all and wish you shalom!

Probably the most important thing about my time here is my time here. When Amy sent out a request for someone to cover a few months, I planned to be done by June 2019. So much for that idea! The Session and I had to rework the agreement, I had to do some fancy talking at my regular job, the PNC took a few steps forward and a few steps backward, and all of you hung in there. Having a plan is great, having some agility and resilience when the plan changes is even better.

Our time together confronted me with the fact that I'm not as resilient nor agile as I thought. I prefer predictability and stability. Much of the leadership snake oil peddled around focuses on developing a vision, having a direction, and being decisive. Good stuff for sure, but secondary to a critical part of what makes church different from any other organization. "Love one another as I have loved you" is how our real boss put it. Genuine, palpable love must condition both our plans and our execution.

Several times during the 6 months that turned into 18 months, I found myself frustrated that things were taking twists and turns. God would gently remind me: "Carl, step 1 is love these people and live so they know it. Step 2 is if things don't work out the way you plan, go back to step 1." As to why the interim lasted 18 months, it wasn't my fault nor the PNC's, nor was it really any of the candidates who almost said yes. The flooded choir room, COVID-19, and all kinds of other things aren't anyone's fault. Through those times we first need to love one another and then figure out the next steps.

Sometimes it is our fault. There are things I said from the pulpit or in meetings or in conversation that I wish I could take back. I'm trying to reduce those instances, but they still happen. Forgiveness is one of the most powerful tools in love's tool kit. You were realistic in recognizing mistakes as mistakes, but did not hold them against me and part ways. You extended forgiveness, rarely using those words but instead demonstrating it in deed by continuing to worship, to greet me personally, to ask for prayer, to comment on a sermon that hit you a certain way. You lived Step 1 and step 2!

My biggest prayer is that love will mark your time with Pastor Amanda as it marked my time with you. Thank you for the privilege!



[Newsletter Deadline](#)

[May 20 - 8 AM](#)



<i>May 1</i>	<i>Joshua Lipps</i>
<i>May 3</i>	<i>Steve Willert</i>
<i>May 6</i>	<i>Gayle Kaufeld</i>
<i>May 8</i>	<i>Jason Pedersen</i>
<i>May 10</i>	<i>Ava Holtz</i>
	<i>Dan Yeazel</i>
<i>May 20</i>	<i>Becky Halvorson</i>
<i>May 23</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Joe Jones</i>
<i>May 25</i>	<i>Folmer Carlsen</i>
	<i>Caitlynn Wanous</i>
<i>May 27</i>	<i>Marv Horsman</i>
<i>May 28</i>	<i>Niall Flynn</i>
	<i>Devin Meyer</i>
<i>May 29</i>	<i>Jody Jurgensen</i>
<i>May 31</i>	<i>Amy Borgstrom</i>



<i>May 8</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Emily Brigham</i>
<i>May 9</i>	<i>Paul &amp; Leah Leisen</i>
<i>May 28</i>	<i>David &amp; Beth Gransee</i>
<i>May 31</i>	<i>Jack &amp; Dusty Heiserman</i>



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.

Please include Bev and Jim Stucky in your prayers. Both would like prayers for healing.

Clint and Judy Patterson mourn the passing of his sister, Cynthia Patterson on March 29th

Pray for our world's recovery during this time of suffering.

Please include Jeff Bernards in your prayers. For those of you who do not know Jeff, he was a long time K-M HS math teacher and most recently has been serving South Zumbro as pastor. He has recently been diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome and is currently hospitalized at St. Marys.



May Session Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

### Church Information

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Secretary office hours	
	Wednesday & Friday 8-12
Sunday School	9:00 am
	& Confirmation
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

# Session Update to the Congregation

Greetings, everyone!

Wed. April 15th, 2020

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy during this period of practicing our patience. It is time for all of us to look after our neighbors and make sure everyone's needs are met. Prayer helps, but so does the sound of a friendly voice taking time to reach out.

The Session's original notice to the congregation back in March said that we would cancel services and activities through Easter to comply with the recommendation to Shelter at Home issued by the State. We pray that it will never again be necessary to cancel services for Easter! It's just too important for our church family to celebrate Christ's Resurrection together!

If you didn't happen to catch them, we offered three services for Holy Week on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/presbykasson/](https://www.facebook.com/presbykasson/) They are still available if you'd like to take a look. Many folks who viewed them were happy with the connection they felt with their church on Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday.

The Church Session met on Monday, April 6th, via Zoom, to discuss where we go from here. We decided to Suspend all services and church-related activities until further notice. We will observe the recommendations from the Federal Center for Disease Control and the MN Dept. of Health for guidance about when it will be safe to resume our regular schedule. We are all eagerly looking forward to that day!

In the meantime, more worship services are being planned, will be recorded and added to Facebook. We will have a supply of DVD copies on hand if anyone would like them. You may contact Worship Committee Chair, Gayle Kaufeld (269-2670), if you have questions or would like DVDs.

The church office hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am-noon. Please feel free to call secretary, Ann Driver, at 634-7481 if you need anything.

Your Church Session



## **2020 SALAD LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER**

Greetings all Presbyterian Women,

Spring is once again with us and this is the time for our biggest fundraiser of the year – our famous SALAD LUNCHEON. Of course,

due to the current health situation we are all faced with it is not possible to actually have that event, so we would like to try to replace the live event with a VIRTUAL SALAD LUNCHEON. Since this is actually our biggest fund raiser of the year we would like to try to raise part of what we would profit from a public event to try to build up our treasury balance. As you probably know, at the end of each year at our December PW meeting we disburse the funds we have to local charities and the need for donations to these entities will be much greater this year due to the pandemic, and the fact that many people will be struggling to make ends meet because of lower income or complete loss of income.

Having said all that, we would like to conduct a VIRTUAL SALAD LUNCHEON. We challenge you to create your favorite salad or make a new one you have been wanting to try, keep track of the cost of all the ingredients and make a contribution in that amount to the PW. Your family can benefit from this also by having a delicious salad to eat, or if you don't want to actually make the salad, just search a cookbook, add up the cost of all the ingredients of a salad that looks good. You can mail a check to the PW or take your donation to the church if you have access to enter church and put your check in a basket that will be on the table in the fellowship hall close to the box being used for church offerings. Of course, if you want to donate more than the actual cost of the salad that would be very generous of you and very much appreciated. I'm sure you all have the church address but for your convenience it is: 101 6th Ave. NW, Kasson. This could be a fun project and perhaps a nice change from your daily routine being closed up in your house.

Carol and I hope you and all your family and friends are staying healthy and now that nice weather is here you are able to be outside enjoying some sunshine whenever possible. As we hear and read all around us, we are in this together and we will come out of this together, hopefully as good as before or even better.

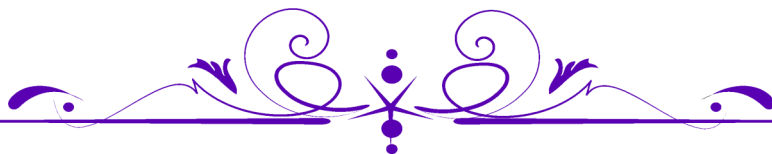




## When to wear a mask—from The Minnesota Department of Health

The federal government has issued some new guidance on the [use of cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19](#). CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).

- Here are a few important things to keep in mind:
- Masks or cloth face coverings can help with preventing **your** germs from infecting others – especially in situations where you may spread the virus without symptoms.
- Wearing a mask **does not** protect you from others who may spread the virus. So, whether or not you wear a mask, you still need to wash your hands frequently, cover your cough, and practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of space between people.
- People who are sick should still stay home. Wearing a mask does not mean people who are sick should go out into the community. If you are sick and need to go to the doctor, call your health care provider before going in and wear a mask to the clinic.
- **Don't buy or wear surgical or N95 masks.** These supplies are in high need in health care facilities to protect health care workers.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.



### FACE

### MASKS ARE AVAILABLE

Our Jane Heser has been busy. She's been making face masks. She brought them in on Wednesday for anyone: family and friends who may need one. They are located in the Fellowship Hall on the round table. The masks are all adult sized. If you need children's masks, call or text her at 507-273-9375. Remember young children under the age of 2 should not wear them.

Thank you very much for your hard work and dedication to our families and friends.

### KEEP SEWING



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

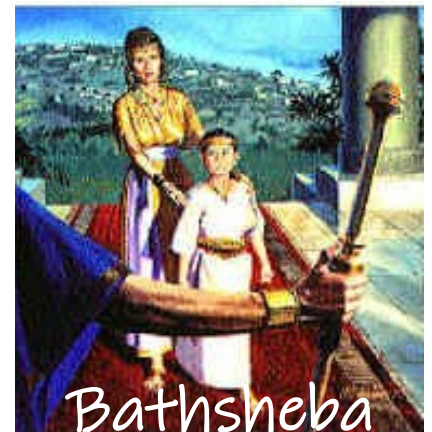
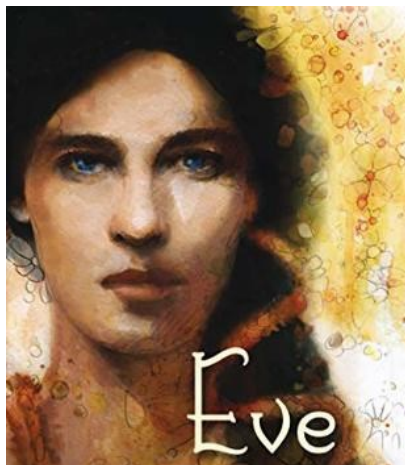
We celebrate Mother's Day in May. It made me think of my Mother, who passed a year ago, which got me thinking about some of the famous mothers in the Bible. There are many, but a few stuck out the most as playing key roles in the coming of Jesus Christ. ( From an article by Jack Zavada.) *"None of them was perfect, yet each showed strong faith in God. God, in turn, rewarded them for their confidence in him."*

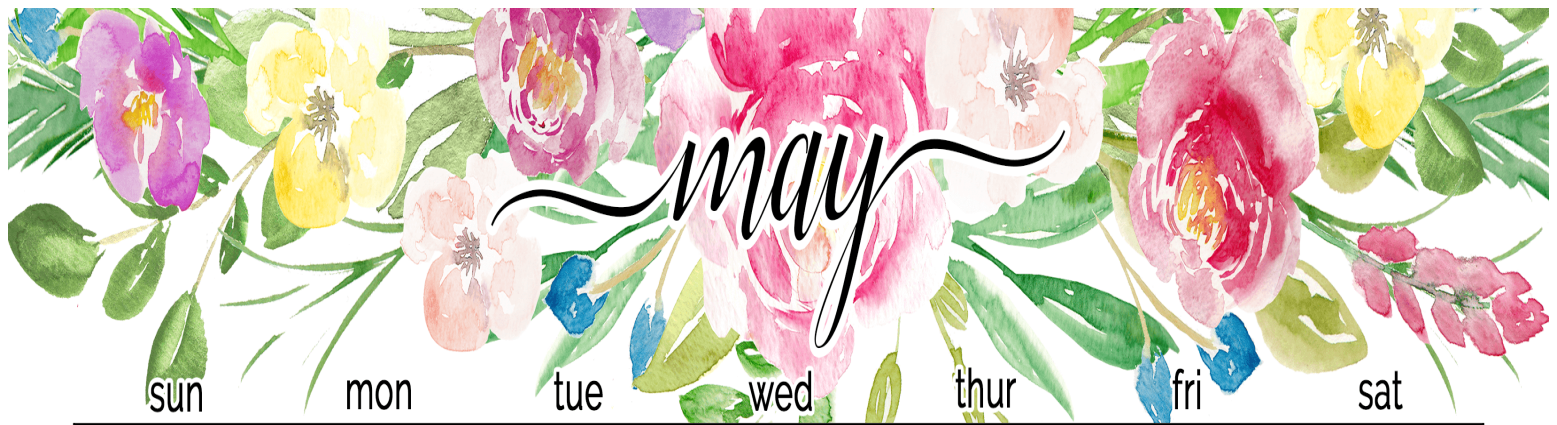
Eve – *"was the first woman and the first mother. Without a single role model or mentor, she paved the maternal way to become 'Mother of All the Living.' Despite many tragedies, Eve went on to fulfill her part in God's plan of populating the Earth."*

Jochebed – *"the mother of Moses, is one of the underappreciated mothers in the Bible, yet she also showed tremendous faith in God. To avoid the mass slaughter of Hebrew boys, she set her baby adrift in a basket on the Nile River, hoping someone would find him and raise him. God so worked that her baby was found by Pharaoh's daughter. She even became her own son's nurse. God used Moses mightily, to free the Hebrew people from their 400 year, bondage of slavery and take them to the Promised Land. Although little is written about Jochebed in the Bible, her story speaks powerfully to mothers of today."*

Bathsheba – *"she was the object of King David's lust. She was a wife to Uriah the Hittite, so David had him killed so he could have her. God was very displeased about this and struck dead the baby from that union. In spite of this, Bathsheba remained loyal to David. Their next son, Solomon, was loved by God and grew up to become Israel's greatest king. From David's line would come to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. And Bathsheba would have the distinguished honor of being one of only five women listed in 'Messiah's ancestry'."*

I never thought about these ancient-time mothers the same as today's mothers, but I now realize that mothers, past and present, are the same. While some struggle with parenting; most love, protect and nurture their children. Fortunately, God is always here to give us guidance and a helping hand.





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<b>Comments</b> - Due to the CoVid-19 Pandemic, all church related events are cancelled until further notice.  If the church was to open: These are the events that are listed in the PW booklet.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Choir—7:00 pm Salad Luncheon			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day	Session Mtg 5:30 pm		Choir—7:00 pm Morning Circle 9:30 AM Sharon, Hostess			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Choir—7:00 pm	PW Mtg 2 pm		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Choir—7:00 pm			
31	Reminder: If your circumstances allow it, please send your offering to the church. We still have modest bills to pay such as utilities and office supplies. We will also be sending the loose offerings dedicated for area food shelves, which are a lifeline for many					
Communion						