

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR

MARCH 2021

Greetings Friends!

I cannot believe it is already March!

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with our in-person worship service.

Our Zoom Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday nights at 7pm. We are continuing our Lenten Bible study, The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus.

Congratulations to our new class of deacons: Karen Tracy and Wayne Trom and our new class of elders: Ally Holtz, Paul Pogalz, and Steve Willert. I ask that you join me in praying for them as they seek to faithfully serve our church.

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul Riggs, Jennifer Mittelstadt, Tami Hanson, Bob Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan Kaufeld. Thank you to Diane Krecji, Amy Borgstrom, Ally Holtz, and Al Riedel for teaching Sunday school. Thank you to Ann Riggs and Gayle Kaufeld for setting up the communion table.

For Lent I am reading A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent by Walter Brueggemann. I am sharing parts of this devotional on the church's Facebook page every Thursday. Please be sure and tune in.

My verse for us this month comes from Romans: 12:12 "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

This season of Lent as we anticipate the celebration of Easter, let us be patient while we wait in the wilderness. This is the time where we can turn our hearts to God in prayer knowing that he is always with us in the waiting.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda

April Newsletter Deadline

March 24th 8 AM

New Local Number for
Pastor Amanda:

Pastor Amanda has a new local number: 507-218-2267.

She can still be reached on her old cell phone number but can also be reached here if you need to call locally.





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



Please keep Bev Livingston and Bev Stucky in our
prayers. Dick Wolff is recovering from Covid at
this time in the Chosen Valley Care Center
1102 Liberty St SE
Chatfield, MN 55923
He is hoping to be moved closer to home soon.

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



March Session Meeting will be held on Mon-
day, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm.



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Wednes-
day, March 3 at 5:30 pm using Zoom. Members
will receive an invitation to the meeting in their
email.

Church Information

Website: www.presbykasson.org
Pastor email: presbypastor@kmtel.com
Church email: presbykasson@kmtel.com
Church Phone: 634-7481
Pastor Phone - 507-218-2267
Pastor Office Hours Wednesday 9am-noon,
and by appointment.
Secretary office hours
Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon
Worship 10:00 am

Thank You

The KoMet Food Pantry sincerely thanks you for the generous cash donation! The need for food and supplies are many at the High School. Your donation helps us meet the need so our students can focus on their academic success! Again—our many, many thanks.



Well, we made it through that long cold spell. Good thing we are hardy Minnesotans.

Lots of things are happening in March, like day light savings time begins (*March 14th*), we have Meals on Wheels (*March 15-20*). Be sure to call Sharon at 507-775-6643 or Carol at 504-634-7634 to volunteer to drive and deliver. We have the St. Pat's day (*March 17th*), first day of spring (*March 20th*) and of course Palm Sunday (*March 28th*).

Looking at the PW booklet, there is no meeting in March, but we all know that it is Food Share Month. This time we won't even ask you to fill our food box. Instead, let's set aside all of our change and some green backs too and give it to Semcac for the Dodge County food shelf.

By giving money, they can purchase what they need for the shelves and the bonus is that the money is matched and will go farther. You can put your money or a check in an envelope and give it to our Treasurer, Rosalie. She will see that Semcac gets the money.

I've been thinking of a recipe for March and somehow green food doesn't seem too appetizing to me. All of the other recipes we've given you were for desserts. For a change, let's make "Boiled Dinner". It's so easy. All you need for ingredients are leftover ham, cabbage, onions, potatoes and carrots for color and water. Everything goes into the pot. Cover it with water and cook until veggies are tender and eat. (Don't cut the veggies small, make chunks.) Hope you enjoy it!

Remember to keep April 15th open for our April PW meeting at the Hubbell house. More details will come later.

Sue and Carol





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39th Annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

"Food insecurity means access to adequate food is inconsistent and limited by a lack of money and other resources throughout the year. Food insecure households report their diets to be of reduced quality, variety, or desirability and/or experience disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake." In 2020, 9% of Minnesotans had incomes below poverty level (\$25,926 for a family of four). This included 11% of Minnesota's children. Semcac's Kasson Food Shelf served 432 households with 2,221 visits and distributed 115,829 pounds of food during 2020. Clients may also receive information and referrals to other community services.

Minnesota FoodShare envisions a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly by promoting the collection of food and funds to stock food shelves across the state. As an official participant, Semcac's food shelves will receive a percentage of March FoodShare funds based on donations raised during the campaign and the number of people served in a year.

Semcac is asking service clubs, organizations, businesses, churches, and individuals for their support during March. Please bring donations of funds, food, and personal care items to your local food shelf from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mondays or Wednesdays. Due to the continued concerns with COVID 19, cash donations are preferred. Donations must be received on or before April 6 to count towards the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. Thank you for being part of our efforts to bring food security to our community!

Amber Duncan
Dodge County Food Shelf
105 South Mantorville Avenue, PO Box 36
Kasson, MN 55944
634-4350

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| Dodge County | Fillmore County | Freeborn County | Houston County | Mower County | Steele County | Winona County |
| 634-4350 | 765-2761 | 373-1329 | 725-3677 | 433-5889 | 451-7134 | 452-8396 |

With additional programs operated in Goodhue, Olmsted, Rice and Wabasha Counties
Please remember Semcac programs in your financial and estate planning. Your legacy is a gift to the future.

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Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study is Happening!

The Zoom link will be sent out via email. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Invite a friend and join us!

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton explores Jesus' life and ministry. We will watch videos of Adam Hamilton walking where Jesus walked and lived, explaining the historical and Scriptural significance of each place.

Wednesday March 3 at 7pm -The Healing Ministry

For this week's The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus study we will explore the healing ministry of Jesus in Capernaum.

Wednesday March 10 at 7pm –Proclaiming the Kingdom

For this week's The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus study we will explore how Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God in the mountains.

Wednesday March 17 at 7pm -Calming the Storm

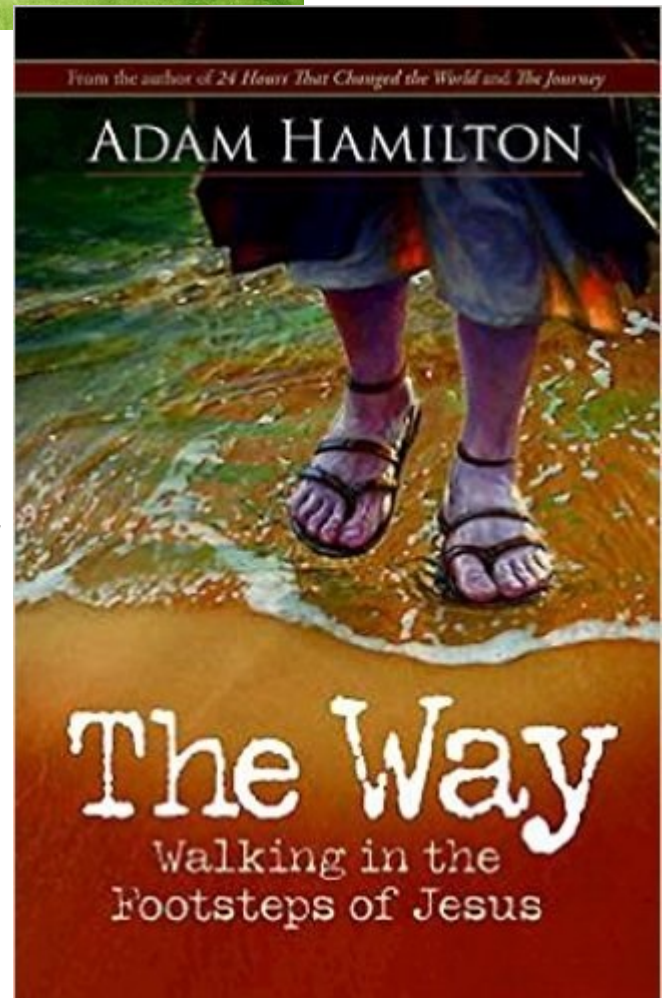
For this week's The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus study we will explore the story of Jesus calmed the storm at the Sea of Galilee.

Wednesday March 24 at 7pm – Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor

For this week's The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus study we will explore Jesus and his encounters with the outcasts of society.

Wednesday March 31 at 7pm – The Final Week

For this week's The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus study we will discuss Jesus as he enters Jerusalem,



Easter Memorial Garden

The Worship Committee will provide the opportunity to purchase Easter plants for the Memorial Garden. This year Easter lilies, mums and begonias will be available. Unfortunately, azaleas will not be available.

Our local green house is asking for final orders to be received by Sunday, March 7th. If you would like a plant, please sign up on the bulletin board near the kitchen in the fellowship hall at the church. Specify the type of plant you would like and deposit cash in the envelopes provided there.

Easter lilies: \$11.00

Mums: \$13.00

Begonias: \$13.00



If you would like a plant but can't go to the church, please call Gayle Kaufeld at 269-2670 to make other arrangements.

Those who purchase plants for the garden may take them home following the Easter Sunday service. A list of memorials will appear in the bulletin. Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary.



Children's Sunday School Plan for In-Person Worship

Children's Sunday School classes (the class for younger children and confirmation class) will take place during worship and will last approximately 30 minutes.

The children will be required to wear masks and go directly to their Sunday school classrooms.

Children of the same family will be seated together 6 feet apart from other children outside of their household.

The children will check in with their Sunday school teacher when they arrive. They are not included in the count of 40 people for worship since they will be in a separate location from the sanctuary.

If your child feels sick or has had a fever in the last 24 hours please do not send them to Sunday school.

2021 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ELDERS, DEACONS, AND INTERESTED MEMBERS

Clerk of Session

Randy Carlsen

Christian Education Committee

Sheryl Scholer, Elder, Chairperson
Ally Holtz- Elder, Tami Hanson-Elder, Amy Borgstrom,
Nicky Wilke, Diane Krejci and Al Riedel

Membership Committee

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder, Chairperson
Thelma Givan-Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon, Ann Driver

Mission Committee

Tami Hanson, Elder, Chairperson
Thelma Givan-Elder, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Nicky Wilke, Carol Prenzlów

Nominating Committee

Steve Willert, Elder, Chairperson
Thelma Givan-Elder, Gayle Kaufeld-Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon, Roma Stromme-PW

Personnel Committee

Thelma Givan, Elder, Chairperson
Tami Hanson-Elder, Amy Borgstrom, Kristy Johnson

Property Committee

Robert Gransee, Elder, Chairperson
Wayne Trom-Deacon, Jane Heser, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Troy Andrist

Stewardship Committee

Ally Holtz, Elder, Chairperson
Paul Riggs-Deacon, Tami Hanson-Elder

Worship Committee

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder, Chairperson
Dan Kaufeld-Organist, Quinita Kase-Organist, Sheryl Scholer-Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon,
Carol Prenzlów, Bob Tracy-Head Usher, Amy Borgstrom, Ann Driver-Church Secretary.

These people are to receive notification of their committee meetings. The Pastor is a member of committees. Any church member is welcome to attend a committee meeting.



Mantorville Apartment Fire Response

We were devastated to learn about the apartment fire that occurred in Mantorville on February 4.

The First Presbyterian Church Session has donated \$1200 from our local mission fund to SEMCAC. SEMCAC will then divide the money to the impacted individuals/ families.

If you are interested in helping those who have been affected by the apartment fire here are some ways to help:

The following donations can be dropped off/ mailed to SEMCAC:

- Gift cards to Walmart/Target would be great in the amount of \$50.
- Gas cards to Kwik Trip or Caseys in the amount of \$25.
- If you want to send a check/cash, make it out to SEMCAC, Attn: Mantorville Fire Response. The money will be carefully and equitably divided, going to the fire impacted individuals/families.

SEMCAC Address:
105 S. Mantorville Ave.
P.O. Box 36
Kasson, MN 55944

Church Cancellation 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/) 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**

"Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!'"

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'"

(excerpt from The Story, p. 363)

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



Palm Sunday Hidden Message Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle and circle them. The words can be right to left, up and down. Hidden between, or touching those words, are six more hidden words. Circle those six words in a different color and write them in the correct order at the bottom of the page to unscramble the hidden message.

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Hidden Message:

Bible Story
CARTOONS.com

Find 20 Palm Branches



Jesus rode into Jerusalem triumphantly.

A large crowd waved palm branches and shouted "Jesus is our King!"

MARCH 2021

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| 7 | 8 Session Meeting 5:30pm | 9 | 10 Bible Study 7PM—Zoom | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Daylight Savings | 15 | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day Bible Study 7PM—Zoom | 18 | 19 | 20 Spring Begins |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Bible Study 7pm— Zoom Deadline for Newsletter | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Palm Sunday | 29 | 30 | 31 Bible Study 7PM—Zoom | | | |

← Meals on Wheels →

March is FOOD SHARE MONTH