

April 5, 2009 Ministry Opportunities & Notes
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This Morning: Pastor Rick's message is from Matthew 21 and titled **Another Palm Sunday – Another Visit To The Temple.**

Come Back Tonight at 6 p.m. when Pastor Rick will talk about **Two Weddings and Two Funerals (Walking with God in Our Later Years)**, based on selected verses from Genesis 24 and 25.

Today Is Communion Sunday. We invite all born-again believers to share in the Communion Service.

The Benevolence Fund Offering will be received as you leave the sanctuary this morning. The Benevolence Fund is used by the Elders to assist those with special needs in our church family.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maudy Thursday, April 9: The Witness, a drama about the life of Jesus Christ told through the eyes of the Apostle Peter, will be performed here at Plymouth this year at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by Oshkosh Christian School, and open to the public. **Tickets are \$5.00 each (checks should be payable to OCS), and are available from the church office during the week or at the door before each performance.** Other performance dates/times are Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. "The Witness" will take the place of our traditional Maudy Thursday service here.

Community Good Friday Service with Communion: April 10 at Bethel Worship Center, 903 E. Tennessee Avenue, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Plymouth is one of eight area evangelical churches participating. Come and go as you need to. **As a community service, we would encourage you to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry.**

Easter Sunday – April 12

- ♦ Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.
- ♦ Sunrise Breakfast – 8 a.m. **Sign up** on the sheet posted across from the church office. See below!
- ♦ Resurrection Celebration Service – 9 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ No evening service

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Breakfast!! If you can, bring Danish, a coffee cake, cinnamon rolls, or doughnuts to share! A freewill offering will be received to help cover the cost of the breakfast, which will be prepared and served by those going on the Visions Sr. High Discipleship Trip in July.



Mystery Dinner Chicago Mission Trip Fundraiser!

Date: Saturday, April 18

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Place: Plymouth Fellowship Hall

Menu: Mysterious! Come hungry and ready to "eat on the edge!"

Tickets: \$5 per person. Available from any of the students going on the trip. Also available from the church office during the week.

The July 15-19 Wings Jr. High Chicago Mission Trip will give students the opportunity to experience different cultures in Chicago's Inner City. One of their ministries there will be providing lunches to the homeless.

The **Easter Love Offering** follows our tradition of sending a special offering to two of the missionaries we help support. This Easter the offering will be divided between the Jon & Linda Rittenhouse family (Pursue Your Passion Ministries in California), and the Midwest Indian Mission in Crandon, Wisconsin. Check your church mailbox for the Easter letter and offering envelope. This offering will be received next Sunday (Easter).

Easter Lilies: If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of Easter lilies in honor of or in memory of someone, please write "Lilies" on your offering envelope and write the name of the person(s) being honored. The names of those remembered/honored will be published in the April 12 bulletin, so TODAY is the donation deadline.

New Adult Sunday School Class – Starts Today! A Deeper Look At Minor Prophets is a study of Amos and Hosea, led by Mike Ford. It's open to all, and meets in room #228 (Music Room).

For Each Performance of "The Witness:" Two volunteers 18 years or older are needed at each performance to sell tickets before the drama begins. Call the church office Monday morning (TOMORROW) if you can help.

You're Invited To A Church Library Open House – TODAY! Come and check out books and videos for the Easter season! Enjoy some refreshments! The Library Open House hours are 8:45-9 and 10:15-Noon.



Brat Fries – This Week At Festival Foods! 10:30-6 Monday-Thursday! Fundraiser for the Visions Discipleship Trip! Enjoy a delicious brat (or two!) Pray for good weather and hungry crowds!

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 19, during the 9 a.m. worship service. We will vote to accept new members that morning. A reception for our new members will be held after the evening service that day.



Concert on April 19: The Youth Agape Choir, a 15-member group of high school and college-age students from Montello, Pardeeville, and Portage, WI, will present a concert

titled “Sing Praises” here on Sunday, April 19, at 6 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received. This will be the second visit to our church by the choir, which has been performing for ten years and performed at Plymouth in 2004. The group, which features the vocal and instrumental talents of the students, is directed by Rachel Wynn, Pastor Joel’s sister.

Free Portable Sewing Machine: It works, but just needs to be cleaned and checked. It’s a J.C. Penney sewing machine. Call the church office if you’re interested.

Short-Term Mission Trip 6/13-7/27: Kirsten Sheveland will be returning to Western Christian Academy in Belize to assist our missionary, Dayna Wutke. Please be in prayer for her. If you are led to help support her financially, place your gift in an offering envelope with “Kirsten Sheveland/Belize Trip” written on the outside.

Scripture Memorization! Join with the Visions Sr. High Youth Group as they memorize 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 for their July 26-August 1 Discipleship Trip to California! Their challenge to *us* is to memorize verses 1-10 by Sunday, April 19. Pick up a Scripture sheet from the Usher’s Table!

Clothing Exchange: There will be just one Clothing Exchange this year, and that is set for August 20-22.

Dog Sitter Needed: Deb & J.R. Atkinson are looking for someone who would be willing to take care of Koda during some weekends this summer, the first of which is May 29-31 (that’s the weekend AFTER Memorial Day). If you can help, please call them at 233-5769.



Wedding Shower! All Plymouth ladies are invited to a Wedding Shower for *Amanda Kalmus and Aaron Johnson* on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, and at Target. Please sign up on the sheet posted across from the church office.

All-Church Rummage Sale

Dates: Friday, May 1, from 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, May 2, from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Plymouth parking lot & garage

Why? Fundraiser for the Visions Discipleship Trip

Watch for more details later!

Looking Ahead To Summer At Lake Lundgren Bible Camp! We will be offering transportation via the church van to camp and back for any weeks where four or more campers are signed up, **and** volunteer drivers are signed up. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Camp bulletin board next to Pastor Joel’s office. On the bottom of those sheets there’s a space for church van drivers to sign up, also! Thank you! Questions? Call Summer Camp Coordinator Lorrie Downs (312-2430).

New Flooring: If you feel led to contribute to the “Flooring Fund,” just write that on your offering envelope. If you’d like to serve on a Flooring Committee, let Dennis Behnke know.

Nursery Schedule

Date	Time	Infant Room	Toddler Room
Today	9:00	Jane Degler, Molly MacAdam	Lisa Koeppen, Betsy Hopkins
Today	10:30	Jamie Hoff, Kim Patterson	
Date	Time	Infant Room	Toddler Room
4/12	9:00	Holly Ford, Blake Van Maanen	Dianna Janness, Chris Hoffman
4/12	10:30	Nancy Howard, Tim Hoffman	

Tithes & Offerings – Weekly Update

Fund	Offering Needed	3/29/09 Offering
General	\$ 6,125/week	\$ 5,885.31
Building	\$ 1,154/week	\$ 993.00
Flooring	--	\$ 165.00

Tithes & Offerings -- Year-To-Date as of 3/29/09

Fund	Week #13 Budget	Week #13 Actual
General	\$ 79,625	\$ 69,038
Building	\$ 15,002	\$ 15,263