

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Please enjoy this month's newsletter.

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook.
There is a lot of information that is
regularly updated!

Please call or email the office with
any questions. 815-625-0452
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Normal hours-Mon-Friday 9a-1p
The office will be closed on the
days listed below.

May 1-closed at 11a

May 23 -closed

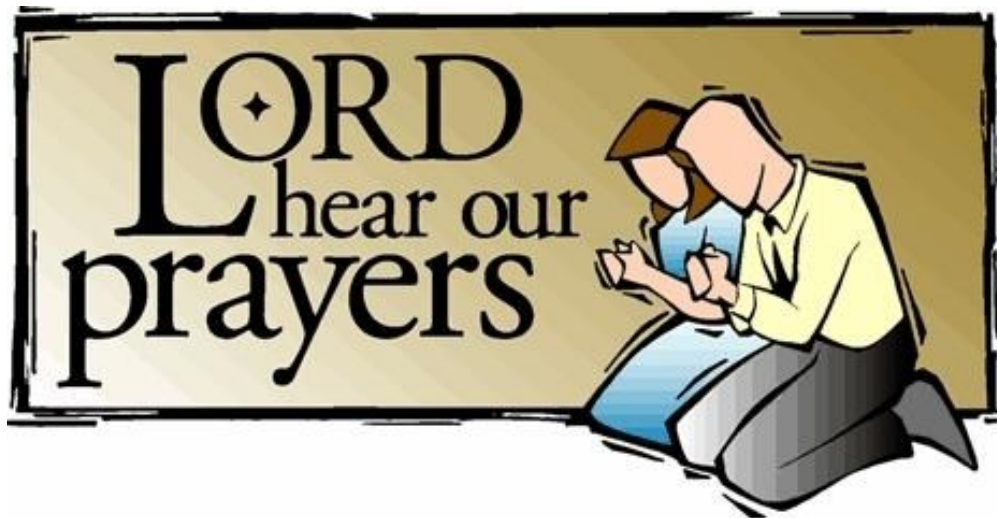
Memorial Day May 26 -closed

May 30 -closed at 12p



Listed below are the leaders who have generously offered their time and talent to lead our weekly worship. Please help welcome them while we are in a current state of transition.

Al Connelly
Dr. Reverend David Spaulding
Nan Pashon



Please pray for:

At Resthave - Ann Musgrove

Prayers for - Marlene Jennings, Mary-Terrie Snavelly, Ron & Jackie Williams, Judy Aggen, Guy Edge, Lee Wright, Tim Weir, Cynthia Miller, Mary Connelly

Session's Corner

We'd like to remind everyone of the opportunities to meet the Pastoral candidate on May 3rd at 10am or 2pm. Sunday May 4th our Pastoral candidate will be preaching and there will be a congregational meeting following the service to vote on accepting the candidate as our Pastor. Reminder-Please remember that when parking in the lot between our Church and the Raymond James/Elston Counseling building we are only to park in the spaces closest to our Church. We can also park in the Sterling Federal parking lots and in the WMP&J parking lot.

***REMINDER OF THE NEW DOOR POLICY**

It is the policy of the First Presbyterian church of Sterling that all the exterior entrance doors are not left unlocked during group events or meetings unless the door is attended by an adult.

First Presbyterian Church Session

ADOPTED MARCH 2025

Per Capita

We can only be the church with one another.

Through sharing in generous support of per capita and participating in the opportunities per capita funds, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) uplifts and empowers all worshipping communities as an integral part of being the church.

The per capita in 2025 is \$44 per church member ₄



Help us out—it's easy:

Like providing snacks? Want to show off your baking skills? Sign up for Fellowship! Think Flowers provide a beauty to our worship? Sign up for Flowers!

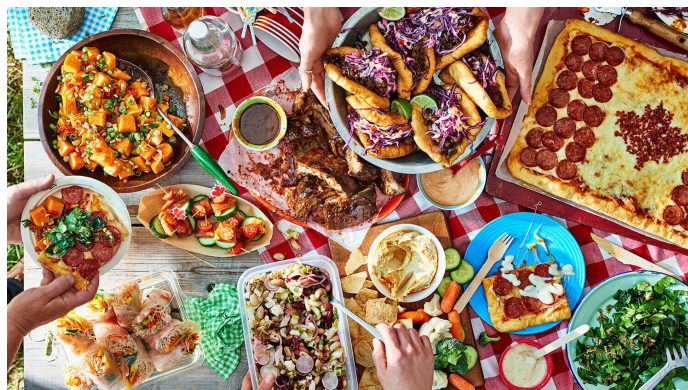
Flowers, Fellowship, & Liturgist

check out the sign-up sheets they are in the narthex.

Or, call the office (815-625-0452) and we can sign you up!

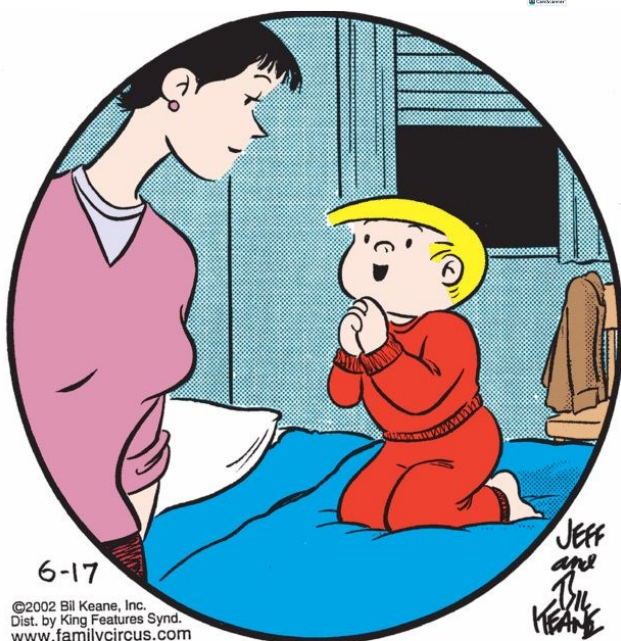
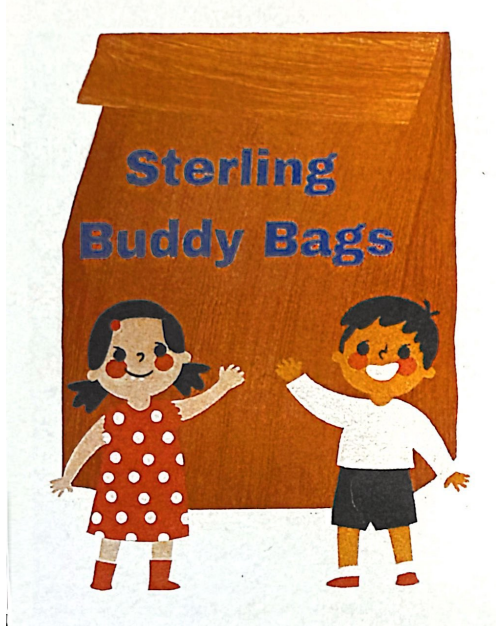


**The next potluck is June 29th!
Join us and bring a dish to pass.**



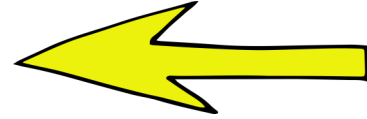
Attention

The cost is rising for the buddy bags program. It takes approximately **\$560 a week** to keep it going. Please keep **MAY 6th** in mind to go to the restaurant **The Factory** (103 W. 3rd Street Sterling Illinois 11a-9p.) You may dine in or carry out and the program will get a percentage for the day. This is an easy way to help and also feed your family at the same time!



"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

Mark your calendars!



Let's Feed Children



INDIVIDUAL PASTA DRIVE

MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

Help the United Way serve FREE meals for children in Whiteside County.
15,000+ servings will be needed this summer.
Donations may be collected at your church and New Life Church
(702 W Lynn Blvd., Sterling) May 12th-16th, 8:30AM-3PM.

Questions? Contact United Way at 815-625-7973 or
kolson@uwwhiteside.org

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Great Option: Easy Mac Pouches
No bowl = less expensive!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday May 15th, 8:00 AM
Red Apple Restaurant, Sterling

Men's Prayer Breakfast is the third Thursday of each month. The food is good, the people are friendly and the formula is as easy as ABC:

Attend

Be trustworthy

Commit to

Prayer

See you there!



May 2025

05/05 Kraig Knutsen

05/07 Ann Musgrove

Samantha (Pashon) O'Keefe

John & Deborah Haglund (A)

05/13 David & Pat Twining (A)

05/14 Jeff Brown

05/16 Emma Boze

05/17 Brad & Cindy Cassens (A)

Rodney & Nancy Weber (A)

05/19 Jane Pease

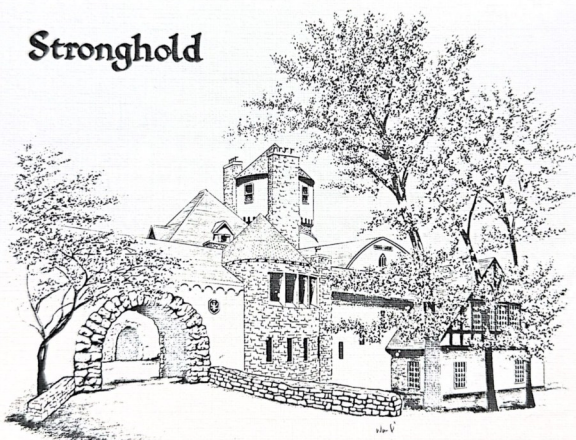
Ronald Williams

05/21 Robert Sutkay

05/22 Donald Vogel

05/24 Sherry Asbury

Stronghold



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First Presbyterian Church of Sterling,
Thank you for your recent donation
to the ministry of Stronghold,
Your support allows Stronghold to
continue it's longtime service to guests
while also improving the property.
You are helping us touch lives in
meaningful ways to make a
positive difference in our world.
Many Blessings,
The Stronghold Staff

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REMINDER!



Hello Friends! Let's talk CommUNITY VBS. Yes, that's right, it's that time again. Time to think of how we and other churches in our community come together to share God's love with children. This year's VBS is TRUE NORTH where kids will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure. True North VBS shows children that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust.

CommUNITY VBS will be *Sunday, July 20 through Thursday, July 24, 5:30-8:00*. We are once again partnering with local churches and this year's CommUNITY VBS will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

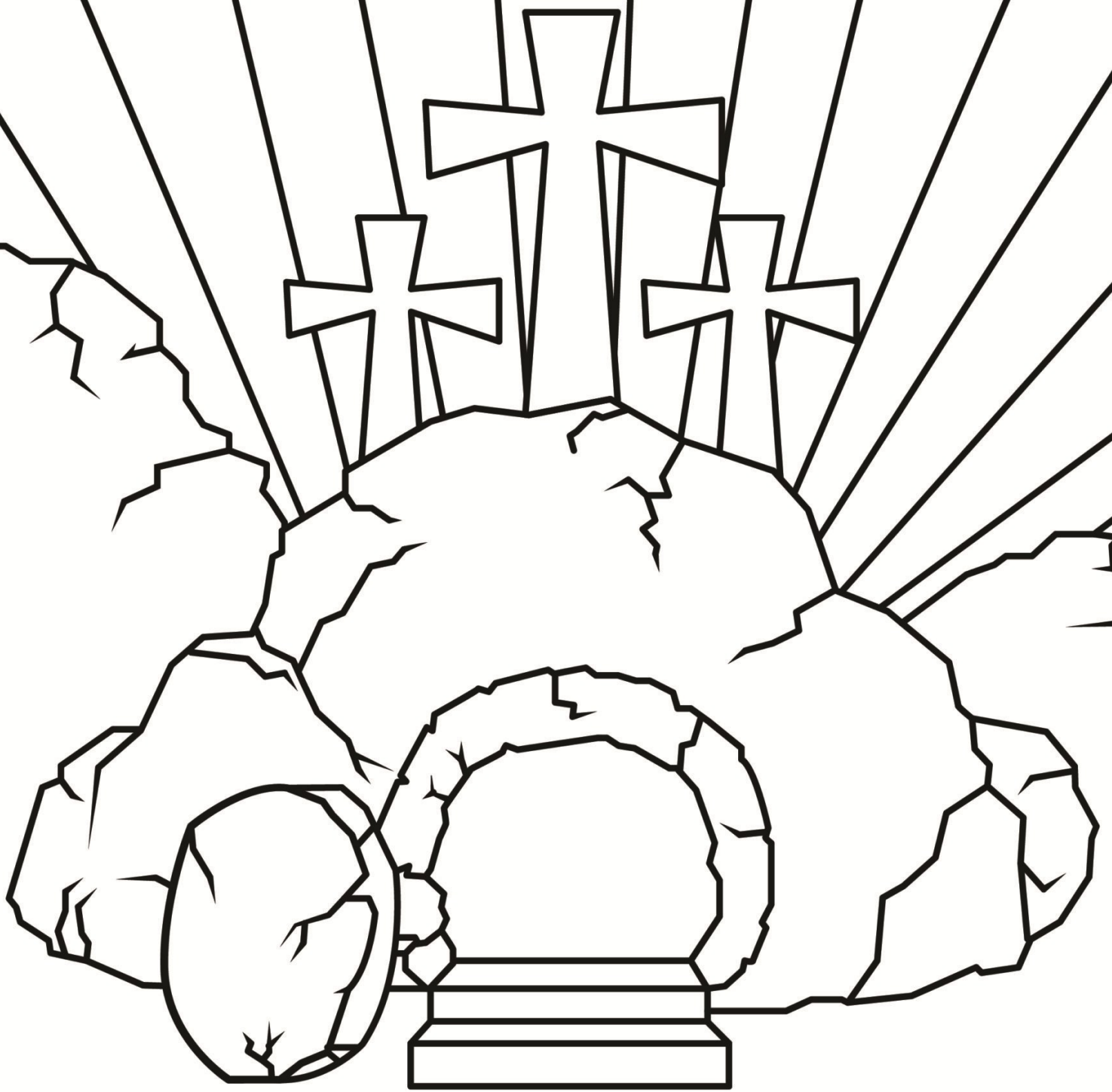
Friends, there are lots of ways to be involved. FPC gets to prepare dinner on the first night of VBS. We'll need kitchen helpers for that Sunday. Keep Your eyes open for our CommUNITY wish list where you can pick items to purchase to help cut costs for VBS. We can also always use prayer, lots and lots of prayer!

Mark your calendars, tell your friends!



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00p -Youth Outlook	2 2:00p -LSSI 2:00 -Woodlawn	3 7:30a -Woodlawn 10:00a -LSSI 10:00a or 2:00p -meet Pastoral Candidate
4 9:30a -Worship led by the Pastoral Candidate Fellowship 6:30p -Boy Scouts	5 6:00p -Cub Scouts	6 6:00p -AA	7	8 6:00p -Youth Outlook	9 2:00p -LSSI	10 10:00a -LSSI
11 9:30a -Worship 2:00p -Girl Scouts 6:30p -Boy Scouts	12 6:00p -Cub Scouts	13 6:00p -AA	14	15 8:00A – Men's Breakfast 6:00p -Youth Outlook	16 2:00p -LSSI	17 10:00a -LSSI
18 9:30a -Worship Fellowship 6:30p -Boy Scouts	19 6:00p -Cub Scouts	20 6:00p -AA 6:00p -Session	21	22 6:00p -Youth Outlook	23 2:00p -LSSI	24 10:00a -LSSI
25 9:30a -Worship Fellowship 6:30p -Boy Scouts	26 6:00p -Cub Scouts	27 6:00p -AA	28	29 6:00p -Youth Outlook	30 2:00p -LSSI	31 10:00a -LSSI



Jesus Is Risen