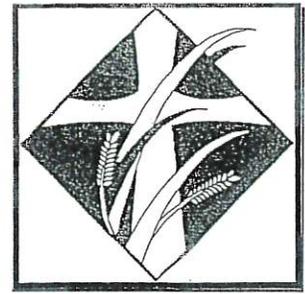




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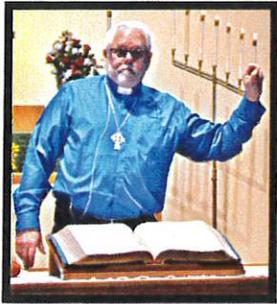
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Annual Meeting: Reports, Budget, Call Extension

Our church requires an Annual Meeting to be held early in the new year so that the previous year can be reviewed, new leadership appointments can be finalized, and a formal call can be made to the “Teaching Elder,” (the pastor.)



Rev. Bruce moderates the Annual Meeting.

All committee chairs had submitted reports of their activities for 2025, and those reports had been printed and distributed in previous weeks.

Rev. Bruce, who moderated the meeting, went through each report and asked each chair if he or she wanted to present or explain anything and several did.

He then asked if there were any

questions from the congregation. After he had gone through all the reports, he asked for a motion and a second, and all the reports were approved as written or as corrected.



Personnel Chair Pam Hatfield presents her report.



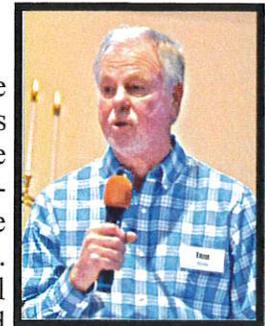
Cathy Wagner reports for the Communications and Outreach Committee.

Rev. Bruce also pointed out that the report included the names of the 17 new members who joined our congregation in 2025.

The Personnel Chair,

Pam Hatfield, then explained the terms of call her committee had recommended for Rev. Bruce, our Teaching Elder.

There were no questions and, in a voice vote on accepting those terms, Rev. Bruce’s call was approved unanimously.



Financial Chair Tom Wolfe explains the 2025 and 2026 budgets.

Rev. Bruce read a list of the names of people who had been nominated and had accepted the nomination to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for 2026.

Those names included Alison Fish, Tammy Porsche, Richard Johnston, Cindy Kuter, Chris Stried, and Jeri Torpy



The Annual Meeting Potluck featured an array of casseroles, salads, sandwiches, desserts, and more. (See more pictures on page 10.)

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'Tres Dias'—An Interdenominational Walk With Christ

by Rev. Bruce

Tres Dias is an international, interdenominational movement to help believers deepen their walk with Christ.

Tres Dias, which means "three days" in Spanish, begins with a three-day weekend retreat designed to create space for a spiritual renewal.

Tres Dias is intentionally ecumenical. Some denominations provide similar retreats that focus more on their doctrine (Catholic—Curillo, Lutheran—Via de Christo, Methodist—Walk to Emmaus, or Presbyterian Pilgrimage.)

In Tres Dias, essential Christian beliefs are affirmed, while denominational distinctives are respected.

Christians from many traditions serve and learn together, modeling the unity in the Body of Christ. The ecumenical focus reveals the breadth and the richness of shared faith.

The weekend encourages Christian leaders to grow as disciples who live out God's grace in everyday life.

Through a series of talks by laity

and clergy, shared worship, small-group discussions, and acts of service, participants experience Christian community in a powerful, personal way.

The weekend retreat strengthens Christians to serve within their own churches. Many participants return to their churches with renewed passion and purpose.

Tres Dias equips Christians to lead with humility, courage, and grace in their homes, workplaces, churches, and communities. Tres Dias offers a simple but profound gift: A space to encounter God's love, experience Christian unity, and be equipped to live as disciples in the world.

I attended my weekend in 1995 when I was in seminary. I have now served on 20 teams. Krista attended Tres Dias in 2001, and she has also served on several teams.

I encourage you to step away from daily activity to focus on God's love, God's call, and God's ongoing work in people's lives for three days.

Weekends are held each spring and fall. This spring Men's Weekend is April 16-19, and the Women's weekend is April 23-26, both at Army Lake Camp, N8725 Army Lake Road, East Troy WI 53120.

If you are interested in attending a weekend, please reach out to Krista or me. The cost is \$175, and I have applications for the spring weekend. Applications should be returned by March 30.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Bruce

Pastor's Schedule

Rev. Bruce will observe the Sabbath on March 13, 20, and 27. He will be on vacation March 5-9, 16-19.

Preaching Schedule Second Sunday of Lent, March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; **John 3:1-17; *Psalm 121.

"Love From Above"

Third Sunday of Lent, March 8,

Elder Bill Leonard

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; *John 4:5-42; Psalm 95.

"Listening In Love"

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; *John 9:1-23; **John 9:24-41; Psalm 23.

"Love Is Not Blind"

Palm Sunday, March 29

The Liturgy of the Palms: **Matthew 21:1-11; *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29.

The Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-26:66; or Matthew 27:11-54; Psalm 31:9-16.

"Love Comes Humbly"

Lenten Services: Looking For Love

Rev. Bruce will lead a discussion, through stories of Jesus that we will hear during Worship.

We will explore the unconditional love that Jesus demonstrated on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 and on Thursday evenings at 4 pm.

We will have a light meal and study. There will be a sign up for people to bring the meal each week.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have so much to be thankful for, despite life's challenges. Rock Prairie has done nothing but support me.

Caring for my mom and laying her to rest were the hardest things for me to do, but the cards, letters, phone calls, and emails kept me moving forward while I accept a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease.

Your kindness and support helped elevate me to acceptance, and I love this church for that alone.

Bruce has been a listening ear when I needed it most. Thank you for your compassion. We are blessed to have you, in my humble opinion.

I have been working on my very Catholic family to move to Rock Prairie.

So far, no takers.

God bless you all,

Laurie VanderJagt

Dear Editor:

Please extend the warmest "thank you" to your church for the immense diaper donation!

It never ceases to amaze me how many diapers we get from your generous congregation—what a blessing!

We love what we get to do, supporting families in crisis in our

'One Great Hour Of Sharing'

by Cathy Wagner

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

One Great Hour of Sharing is our annual Lent fundraiser, which starts Sunday, March 1, and continues through Easter, April 5.

The money raised specifically supports three missions:

* Presbyterian Disaster Assistance—This mission responds to natural disasters with volunteers

very own community. Thank you for giving to the most vulnerable!

Along with the many services the Helpline provides, we were able to distribute over 11,000 diapers and numerous other infant/toddler items to over 200 local families in Rock County last month.

We do not receive any government funding for our services. Our work would not exist if it were not for generous supporters like your church's members' generosity.

May God richly bless you!

Sincerely,

Gina Dummer
Executive Director
Pregnancy Helpline

Dear Editor:

Thank you so very much for the kind donation of \$1,000 to our pantry.

It will go to great use, and the community sure does appreciate this.

Thank you,
Jacki Hale,
Treasurer,
Whitewater Community
Food Pantry

and funding. It also responds in a big way to our brothers and sisters who are trying to escape persecution and violence in their home countries.

* The Presbyterian Hunger Program—This mission seeks to alleviate hunger by addressing the root causes. It educates people about farm techniques, distributes seeds and harvesting equipment, and also provides crop loans and micro credits.

* Self Development of People—This is an excellent mission that starts and supports many low-income area community and neighborhood projects in more than 30 cities in the United States.

You can contribute by putting cash or a check in the special OGHS envelopes in the pew racks and placing them in offering plate, or you can send a check to the church office.

You can also give by credit card at pcusa.org/give-oghs. (If you donate online, make sure you list our church in the last box on the form.)

Remember, IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

Letter Policy

The PRAIRIE PRESS welcomes letters from our members and friends.

We will print them all, as space permits.

Send or email or drop off your letter to the Church office,

attn: The PRAIRIE PRESS

The requested items for the Food Pantry Cart for February is pancake mix and syrup.

Let's fill up the cart and help our less fortunate and struggling neighbors as we show God's love by sharing our own blessings.



March 2026

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April 2026

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The theme Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 1:30 and Thursday Feb. 26, at 4 pm, will be "Lessons In Love," based on John 6:1-15.

The theme for March 4 and March 12 will be "Love From Above," based on John 3:1-7.

The theme for March 11 and March 19 will be "Love Is Not Blind," based on John 9:41.

(Note that there will be no class on March 5 and March 18.)

The theme for March 25 and March 26 will be "Love Is Not Late," based on John 9:1-41.

There will be a sign up for people to volunteer to bring the light meal for each class.

Thank You For Giving To The Lord

March brings the excitement of spring, or at least longing for spring to arrive.

Our new committee members and leaders began their ministry. We give thanks for those who:

- Braved the cold and snow to attend Worship;
- Brought pasta and sauce for our food pantries;
- Shoveled snow and salted walkways;
- Served Communion in Worship and to our homebound members;
- Provided food and organization for the Annual Meeting;

- Prayed for our members and those on the prayer list;
- Assembled The PRAIRIE PRESS each month;
- Agreed to be money counters and check signers for the church;
- Helped remove items from the manse;
- Created bulletin boards to welcome everyone.

We give thanks to those who live their faith with actions and service to Christ Jesus.

Per Capita and Our Shared Life in the Presbytery of Milwaukee

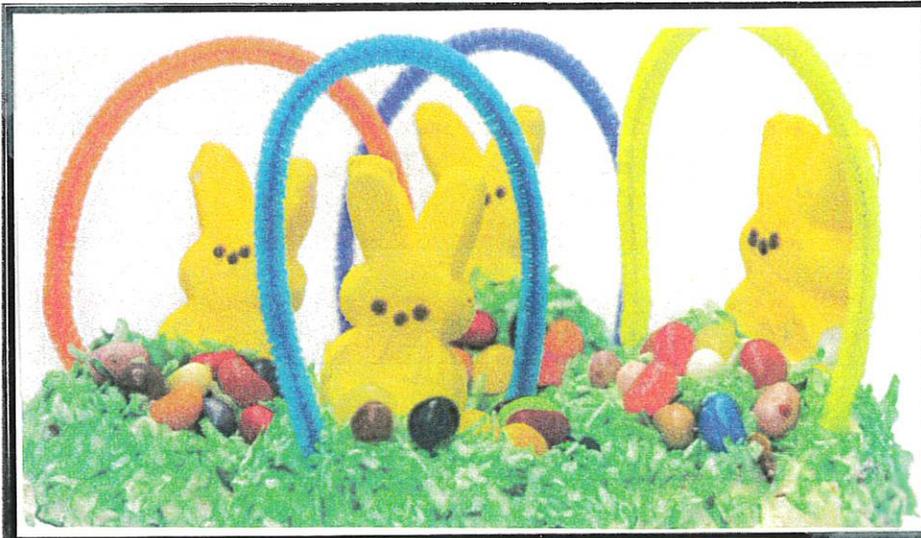
(Adapted from notes by Rev. Dr. Christian Boyd, Stated Clerk)

"Our Presbyterian polity defines our connectional nature. We gather locally, not isolated, but as a part of one body, worshipping and serving together, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

"Per capita is one of the most tangible expressions of that unity.

What Per Capita Is

"The Presbyterian Church
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On Palm Sunday (March 29), the Sunday School Children will again be building Easter baskets for donation to the Salvation Army. Therefore, we are looking for donations from our wonderful church family for the following:

- Wrapped candy;
- Plastic eggs;
- Unwrapped candy, such as M&M's or jelly beans (to be placed in the plastic eggs);
- Small toys.

If you would like the Christian Ed Committee (Chris Zhe, Katie Blija, Jean VanAcker, Nicole Barlass, Jessica Wellnitz, and Gail Wolfe) to shop for you, we will gladly accept any money donations.

The deadline for donations is March 22.

March Birthdays

Mar. 1 Jeri Torpy

Mar. 4 Laurie VanderJagt

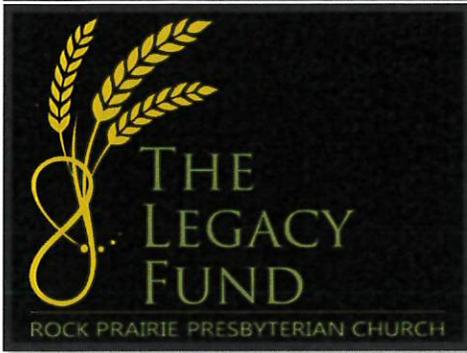
Mar. 12 Martha Johnson

Mar. 17 Sylvia O'Connor

Mar. 15 Dawn Hale

Mar. 20 Mark Marquis

Mar. 27 Ann Williams



by Frank Liston

During the past two years, most of our Legacy Fund articles in The PRAIRIE PRESS have told you HOW to make a charitable gift to the fund.

Here are a few reasons WHY you might consider making a charitable gift to the Legacy Fund:

- Unrestricted gifts to the Fund are preferred and, as a result, the Trustees are able to direct financial support to a diversity of needs. However, restricted gifts that meet certain criteria will also be considered;
- Gifts to the Legacy Fund are gifts that keep on giving. Only the growth of the fund is distributed and not the principal;
- Depending on your individual financial position, there are possible income tax benefits available to you;
- It is Biblical. Acts 20:35.

These are only a few reasons for your consideration—there are numerous others.

Give it some thought.

Ash Wednesday Service

As has become a February tradition, Rock Prairie Joined with 1st Presbyterian to commemorate Ash Wednesday with a 7 pm Worship Service in our Sanctuary.

Rev. Bruce and Rev. Lee Meister conducted the service., with a joint choir, directed by Krista Jones, providing a beautiful anthem.

Per Capita . . . (Continued from page 5)

(USA) describes per capita as the way members participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently share the costs of coordination and evaluation of mission as a congregational church.

“It strengthens our sense of covenant community.

arise.

“At the Presbytery level, per capita provides the backbone for the standard life of congregations and ministers. It supports pastoral care for teaching elders and congregations, constitutional guidance to sessions and committees, training and formation for leaders, commission and committee work, conflict navigation, and the administrative capacity that allows the presbytery to serve faithfully.

“When congregations face leadership transitions, conflict, or complex constitutional questions, presbytery and synod resources are available because per capita has sustained those systems over time.

A word of Gratitude

“As Stated Clerk, I am grateful for the pastors, clerks of session, treasurers, and sessions of the Presbytery of Milwaukee who approach per capita as part of faithful discipleship.

“When per capita is paid fully and in a timely manner, it strengthens the Presbytery’s ability to care for congregations and leaders. It strengthens our Synod’s capacity for constitutional oversight. It strengthens the General Assembly’s ability to serve the whole church,” Rev. Boyd concluded.

The 2026 Per Capita Apportionment

“For 2026, the Per Capita Apportionment for the Presbytery of Milwaukee is \$43.42 per active member as of Dec. 31, 2024:

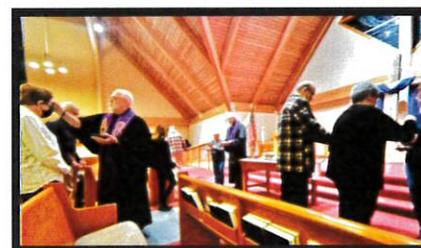
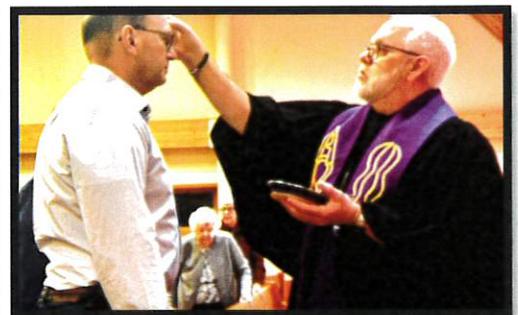
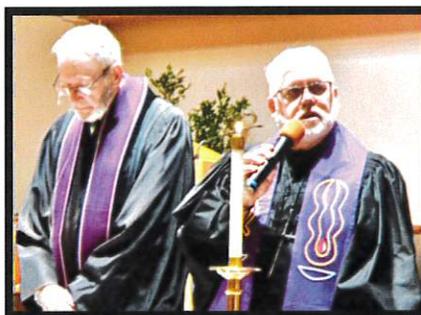
- \$11.26 to the General Assembly;
- \$5.50 to the Synod;
- \$26.66 To the Milwaukee Presbytery.

What Per Capita Supports

“At the General Assembly level, per capita supports the services. This includes convening the General Assembly, national staffing, and maintaining the Church Leadership Connection.

“Also, per capita supports the mission agencies and programmatic work of the national church.

“At the Synod level, per capita supports judicial functions, leadership development, and coordination among presbyteries, especially when constitutional matters



'Sonshine Room': A Relaxing Place, As Well As A Library

by Ed Stried

When I served on the Building Committee for our new church in the early 1990's, sometimes our group would meet in the area that became the nursery.



The Sonshine Room is located just inside the southeast entrance, near the nursery.

At that time, the studs for the interior walls were up, the concrete floors had been poured, the roof was in place, and the furnaces were working, so there was heat even in the winter.

I can remember having a feeling of excitement about the prospect of the new building being finished and ready for our congregation to worship there.

I also remember thinking distinctly, at one meeting, about the room just to the east of where we were meeting—I could see the area the room would occupy right through the studs.

The description of a small, comfortably furnished warm room that could be used for meetings and could hold a collection of books and other items made me smile.

Well, that room that I had imagined has come to exist much as I

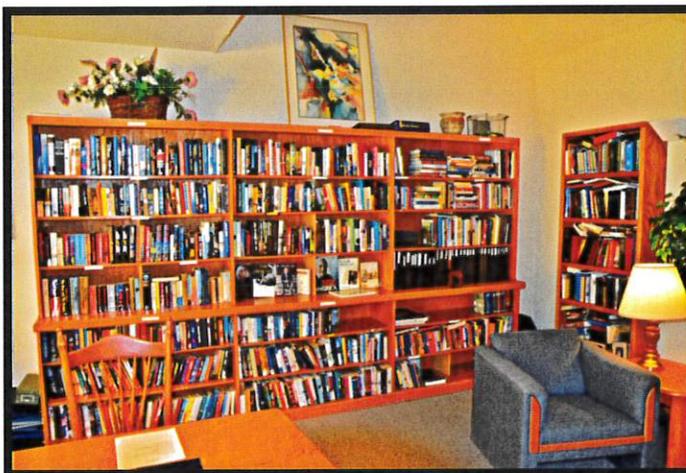
had imagined it. Stained glass from our former church has been added that makes the space even more beautiful and welcoming.

Originally called the Sunshine Room (because of its eastern exposure), it has been renamed "The Sonshine Room," in honor of our Lord.

There is a library housed there of hundreds of books that have been accumulated over the years, largely through the work of Shirl Scharine and others.

Often in winter months, the books have been placed on tables in the Fellowship Hall to encourage browsing. Anyone can take a book or books at any time—no checkout system.

Readers are encouraged to bring



The bookcases located in the Sonshine Room hold hundreds of books available to readers..

the books back and take some more. They are also encouraged to bring in any books (especially

paperbacks) and donate them to the library.

There are hundreds of books in our collection currently. They are mostly novels, but there are also many inspirational books and books on religion, among other types.

Being a former English teacher, I recently was looking for a book to take home to read when it occurred to me that the books could use a bit of organization.

The bookshelves that we have are of differing heights, however, so the idea of alphabetizing by authors' last names wouldn't work.

So I settled on grouping books together by genre and then placing books by author together (i.e. all the James Pattersons together and all the John Steinbecks together, etc.) so that if a person read a book that they liked, they could more easily find another by the same author.

I can't guarantee that the little organizing that I have done will stay in place as the books come and go, but I do plan to spend a little time here and there keeping it somewhat organized. (I would love to have a volunteer helper!)

What also took me into the Sonshine Room was looking for a place to house the church's collection of copies of The PRAIRIE

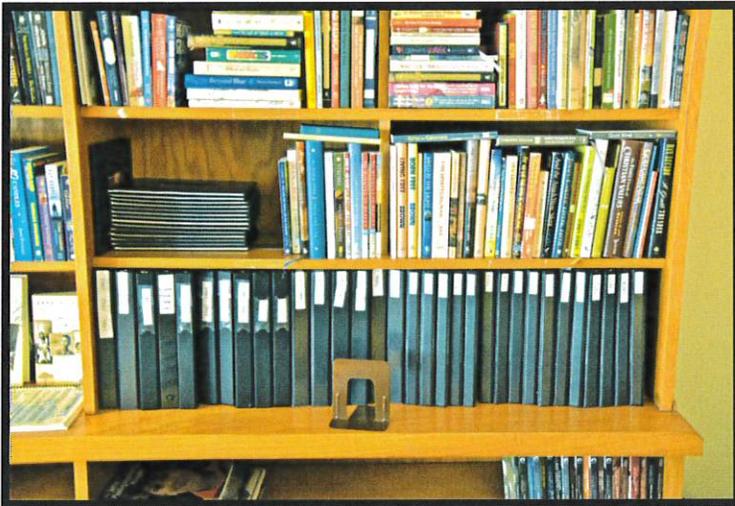
PRESS. Due to some reorganizing of one of the church offices,

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the copies of the church's monthly newsletter (that date back to the early 1980s) were put up in the

that happened here years ago, and often I can find the information I'm looking for.



The collection of the collected copies of The PRAIRIE PRESS is now shelved in the bookcases in the Sonshine Room.

rafters storage area.

I decided that was a bad place for them for several reasons. One, at higher than normal temperatures, the paper the pages are printed on would disintegrate more rapidly.

Two, I think that the collec-

tions of those publications provide a history of our church that is not available anywhere else. I know I regularly try to look something up

looking for photographs of a person who is being honored on a special occasion. Photocopies of

Also, I am sure that many of our present members would find it interesting to look through accounts of events that have occurred, perhaps involving them or their children or grandchildren, in years past.

Sometimes, members of a family are looking for photographs of a person who is being honored on a special occasion. Photocopies of

volumes of The PRAIRIE PRESS there for anyone to browse through at any time. (You can even take them home, if you promise to bring them back.)

(Ed's note: We are missing the following issues: February of 2004, March of 2013, February of 2003, all of 1982, and January through August of 1983. I know that some of you are collectors. If you could bring in any of those missing issues, I could make photocopies to make our collection more complete. Thanks for taking a look.)

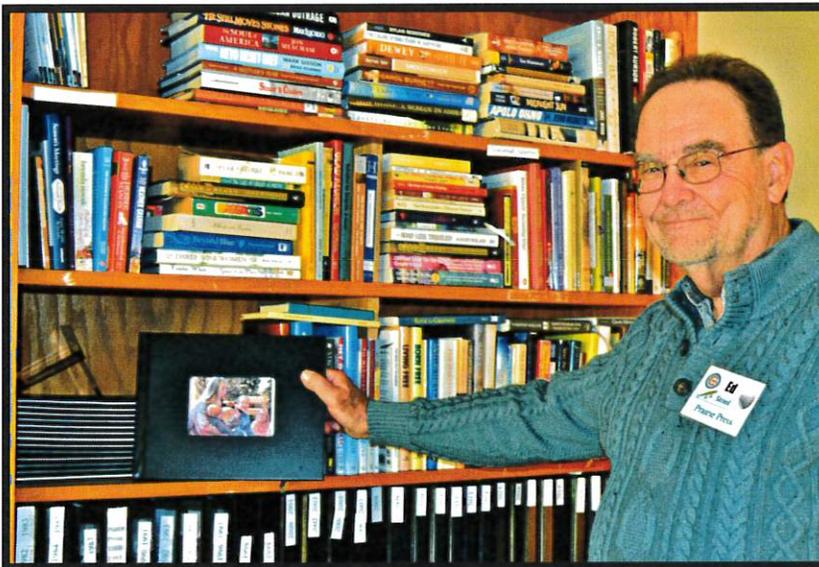
Similarly, I have shelved the 18 years of Kids' Kirk photo books that I have created (including the most recent one, which I have recently finished.)

There are some great pictorial memories there of our wonderful children, showing them as they have grown up in our church right in front of us..

(Ed's note 2: We are currently missing the 2025 book. If you have it or if you see it around the church, please give it to me or to Sandi in the church office.)

I hope that you will take a look at the books and publications in the Sonshine Room sometime soon and that you will feel free to take advantage of the possibilities for enjoyment that are shelved there!

(Ed's note 3: The Prairie Pals group has plans to move some of the books from the Sonshine Room out to tables in the Fellowship Hall, where they will remain for some time. Please take some books to read and bring some new ones back. After the books get moved back to the Sonshine Room, I will find time to reorganize them to make finding books a little easier.)



Ed Stried holds up one of the Kids' Kirk photo books that are also shelved in the Sonshine Room.

photographs and articles can easily be made. All that is required is for you to do some looking.

So I have put all the collected

New Policy For Children Taking Communion

by Katie Blija

What is Rock Prairie's policy regarding children taking Communion?

This question was asked of the Christian Education Committee in January, and we started a discussion at our January meeting to determine an answer.

The truth is that, up until now, Rock Prairie has had no formal policy, and it was up to parents to decide when their children were ready to take Communion.

Rev. Bruce shared the policy used in the churches he had previously served. That policy includes, in part:

"We invite children to share in the Sacrament, offering the following guidelines:

"The Session welcomes baptized children to receive the Sac-

rament of Holy Communion when they receive instruction in the significance and meaning of the Sacrament in Sunday School and are present in the Worship Service. The Session and pastor will equip and support the parent(s) in nurturing the baptized children to respond to the invitation to the Lord's Supper.

"Parent(s) will encourage participation in Sunday School and Worship. When the child expresses an interest in participating in Communion, the parent(s) will discuss the meaning of the Sacrament and explain its significance to the child. A child who understands the meaning and importance of the Sacrament may receive Communion.

"If the child and parents wish for the child to receive the elements, they will meet with the pastor to

discuss the meaning and significance of the Sacrament. The pastor will share this meeting in the Session to schedule a Service of Recognition, acknowledging the baptized member will receive the elements. (Book of Order W-4.2002) This special event will take place at the next regularly scheduled Communion Service following the Session meeting."

The Christian Education Committee felt it was a good idea to adopt this more structured policy for the church. With the agreement of the Session, a single-hour class has been scheduled during Sunday School time on March 22. During this time, the elementary-aged students will explore what Communion is and why it's important, through various activities.

Participation in the class will not mean the students are automatically served Communion. Ultimately, it will still be up to our parents to decide how they want to participate in the Sacrament.

However, we encourage all our elementary-aged students to attend on March 22.

Please note: If your older elementary child is already taking Communion, he/she will not be excluded because of this policy. The class will, however, be a good review for them and will allow them to be part of the community that helps the younger children learn the significance of the Sacrament.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Bruce or anyone on the Christian Education Committee.

'Paint & Sip' Creates Art



We had a great time at the second Paint & Sip event, held in the Fellowship Hall recently. There were 24 participants who followed the step-by-step instructions of Tannis Woodman, owner of Art-Vark Paint & Sip, as we painted a "Winter Barn" scene. Participants enjoyed a hot chocolate bar and snacks, served by RPPC bartenders Rev. Bruce and Jerry Peterson. Thank you to all participants and the helpers who made this fun and successful evening!—Sandi Fogel

Annual Meeting Potluck Pleases Attendees

by Martha Johnson

The potluck following the Annual Meeting was held on Feb. 1 in the Fellowship Hall.

This event always seems to be a hit, and 2026 was no exception. We had about 85 guests this year.

Fellowship Chair Lindi Paul and her committee organized everything, with Julie Engebretson leading the day's kitchen group.

There was a wonderful selection of food choices, including casseroles, salads, chili, soup, breads, veggie trays, ham and turkey sandwiches, cheese trays and crackers, and some fruit.

Of course, the entire front coffee table was filled with desserts (which no one ate, haha.)

Everything was delicious and appreciated by the enthusiastic attendees.

We always want our guests to line up down the long north hallway so we can have a line going down both sides of the serving tables. But that doesn't always work.

But this year, for some reason, everybody listened and did it right! People even cleaned off their dishes and helped with other stuff, too!

We didn't offer entertainment, only fellowship, but that is something we all need in these crazy times.

Special thanks to all of the Fellowship team members who helped (and even many others who also

helped.)

If you weren't able to join us this year, watch for next year's meeting date .

WE ROCK PRAIRIE PEOPLE ARE REALLY NICE! Thanks for coming, everyone!



Kelsey, Matt Mawhinney Join Congregation

by Chris Stried

Baby Wyatt Mawhinney lives in Whitewater on Townline Road with his parents, Kelsey and Matt, and their Corgi puppy Charlie.

Kelsey and Matt got married two years ago at Rotary Gardens in Janesville and welcomed Wyatt into their family seven months ago. You may remember his Baptism a few months ago here at Rock Prairie.

Matt is a farmer for the Mawhinney Farms, the family agricultural operation where they grow corn and soybeans.

Matt represents the fourth generation of Mawhinneys to work on the farm, currently working alongside of his dad and his uncle.

He has lived and worked on that farm his whole life. Matt says, "I love being a farmer because no two days are the same."

He adds that he likes being out in the country, saying, "I love the clean, quiet living."

Kelsey works for the Lake Ridge Bank as a Crop Insurance Agent. She has worked there for almost five years. She says, "I basically ensure that the farmers get a paycheck."

Kelsey, originally from Brooklyn, Wisconsin, met her future husband Matt while they were

both students at UW-Platteville.

Hunting—mainly for turkeys, deer, and waterfowl—and spending time with family are the things that Matt loves to do when he has some time off.

Kelsey also loves to spend time with family. In addition, she loves to bake and work out. She likes going on long walks in the country and enjoys spending time in the gym when she can't be outside.

Chocolate chip cookies, banana muffins, and banana bread are a few of her baking specialties.

Both Kelsey and Matt have their hands full with their jobs and with little Wyatt, but they hope to become more active with Rock Prairie one day.

They say they love the welcoming spirit and sense of community that Rock Prairie Church provides.

Please help us welcome Kelsey, Matt and Wyatt.



Kelsey and Matt Mawhinney participate in the Baptism of their infant son, Wyatt.

Correction On Our 2025 Budget

by Tom Wolfe,
Finance Chair

At our recent Annual Meeting, I reported the financial results for the fiscal year 2025. My report was in error.

While it reported a surplus of \$7,841.89, our bookkeeper and financial consultant discovered adjustments that needed to be

made.

The adjustment totaled \$11,220.03. The result of these adjustments was that we had a deficit of \$3,379.04 instead of the original surplus that was reported.

To summarize:

- \$7,841.89 surplus originally reported;
- \$11,220.73 year-end adjust-

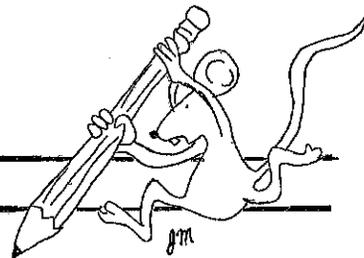
ments;

- \$3,379.04 resultant deficit.

The church's cash position was not affected.

If you would like a revised financial report, please contact Sandi Fogel in the church office.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Wolfe, Financial Committee chair.



The Church Mouse

Dear Friends,

A new year is dawning!

It is a blessing . . . ours to use, not abuse.

Here are some things for you to think about that might help you get off to a good start:

GOOD ADVICE

(Part 3 of 3)

- 17. Exercise daily—walk with the Lord.
- 18. Never give the devil a ride—he will always want to drive.
- 19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- 20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
- 21. He who angers you controls you.
- 22. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
- 23. Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.
- 24. Be ye fishers of men—you can catch them and He'll clean them.
- 25. God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

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Good bye—and thanks!

—The Church Mouse

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