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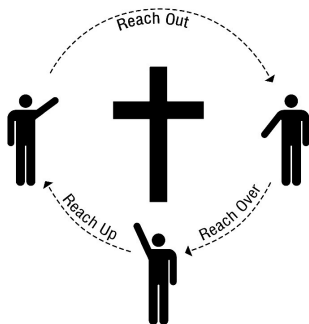
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Pastor's News and Notes

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

FPCS 2024 Renewal Theme



Reach Out, Reach Over, Reach Up

Our 2024 theme comes from the Great Commission that Jesus gave his church:

Jesus said:

Proclamation: *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*

Reach Out: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,*

Reach Over: *baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Reach Up: *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

Promise: *And behold, I am with you all ways, to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:18-20

April Showers bring May Flowers!

We are coming to the end of our first year of our three-year restart process, which ends at the end of May. In the past year we had over 50 first time visitors. This is a testament to our Lord answering the prayers of our 10 most wanted. Thank you for continuing to invite your family and loved ones. Let us finish this first year strong by reinviting all those who have declined your previous invitations. We do not know when God will call someone to himself, but since we are still waiting for his return, we know he is still calling. Let us be especially attentive to divine appointments this month and see how our church will bloom as we close out the year.

*Let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap,
if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9

New Sermon Series

During the next three months we will be studying the New Testament book of Ephesians. It is a natural follow-on study to the book of Acts. Paul wrote this epistle during his prison time in Rome. We left Paul at the end of Acts, under house arrest and chained to his prisoner guard. What do you think the prisoner guards learned from Paul during that time? Ephesians has been called Paul's most elegant letter. Let us spend time together meditating on this each week and be blessed by God's Word.

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Website

Coming soon! Our new church website is in the final phase of construction. As with most work projects, deadlines are fluid and progress does not come as fast as we hope, but all work out according to God's good timing. Unless some other obstacle arises, the site will be up and running in April – God willing!

Church Directory

Thanks to the hard work of Arlene Nordin and Janine Hart, our Church Directory App is being updated. The App is called "Instant Church Directory" and is very useful for keeping in contact with the church family. At our April fellowship gathering, Janine will be available to help you set up this app on your smart phone or tablet. Also, during the fellowship gathering, we will be taking pictures to add your smiling face to the Directory.

Inquirer class

The Inquirer Class is scheduled to be held during the month of May. The class will be given over four consecutive Sundays. It will meet during the Sunday School hour at the same time as the regular Adult Sunday School class. Tentatively, we are planning to meet in the upstairs conference room next to the library. The class is designed to review what it means to be Redeemed, Reformed, Presbyterian, and Christian. This class will be helpful for those who are new to our church and for those not so new who desire to be reminded of the foundational beliefs of our Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

How you can serve to grow the church:

There are many ways to serve. Here are but a few critical positions that are needed: Office Assistant, Website Updater, Outreach Team Member, Worship Greeter and Usher. These are just a few of the opportunities to serve. Please consider how you might join the body of Christ as we connect with our community to grow our church.

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April Benediction

And My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever, Amen.

Philippians 4:19-20

Pastor Karl

Caring Christian Women April Fellowship Dinner

We are planning a Potluck salad luncheon for the April Fellowship Dinner. We are asking that all join us and bring your favorite salad to share. We cannot thank you enough for your participation as it is our opportunity as a congregation to get to know each other better.

God Bless and we will see you there on April 21st!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 CCW 10:00 am	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am	8 Deacon meeting 4:00 Elder Meeting 5:00	9	10 Small Group Bible Study 4:00 pm	11 Outreach meet- ing – 11 th at 4:00 pm	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am	15	16	17 Small Group Bible Study 4:00 pm	18 CCW 10:00 am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am Oscar’s Restaurant	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Church Fellowship Luncheon after worship.	22	23	24 Small Group Bible Study 4:00 pm	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Worship 11:00 am	29	30	27 Small Group Bible Study 4:00 pm			