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# FAITH EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY  
10AM

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Welcome to Spring? It was -10 this morning so it is a little odd to be thinking about Spring, but I know it is around the corner. Something that has been on my mind a lot recently, are the benefits of our church being a part of a denomination. For those of you unfamiliar with that word, I find this definition helpful, "A religious organization whose congregations are united in their adherence to its beliefs and practices." We are members of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a smaller denomination in the United States composed of 629 churches. An important question that is welcomed to be asked is, "why be a part of a denomination?" Those who are against denominations would argue that they are just an unnecessary expensive oversight (in the EPC there is no cost but a recommended support). I want to briefly mention three benefits of being in the EPC, and there are many more.

**Accountability:** I lead with this because I view it as the thing that is most missed in the independent church, but it is often not known to be missed until it is too late. We live in a sinful fallen world and there is an enemy who is trying to do anything he can to derail the mission of the church. Too often we hear stories of churches, pastors, leaders who have fallen prey to various temptations whether they be temptations of power, pleasure, greed, or influence. When a denomination is functioning well, it provides accountability and a means of a church working through these challenging circumstances. The denomination gives a place for those church members who recognize something isn't quite right to be able to report their concerns to a neutral party to assist the church in staying faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Shared Mission:** A second thing that cannot be done well by a single congregation is to accomplish goals and works in which collaboration is required. I love going to our meetings and hearing about the work God is doing around the world through EPC World Outreach or church planting. In a denomination we can come together to plant churches, send missionaries, and see God move in mighty ways around the world. While this is still possible in independence the amount of resources required make it impossibly difficult for all but the largest churches.

**Equipping:** Perhaps the most day to day benefit of the denomination is the training and equipping your pastor, elders, and other members receive through the gatherings of the denomination. I know that I have benefited tremendously in my growth as a pastor from our Presbytery and General Assembly meetings. I come back refreshed, encouraged, challenged, and feeling like I have met with the Lord and am now ready for the next day. If you ever want to join in a meeting, please let me or another elder know and we would love to find a good one for you to be a part of.

There are so many more reasons that a denomination is a blessing, for a full article on it you can look up "in praise of denominations by Kevin Deyoung" he has an article published by the Gospel Coalition that goes into many more benefits of which I do not have the space to write about here.

God bless you all!

*Pastor David*

Pastor David's Office Hours:

Mon 9 - 12 & 1 - 4 pm | Tues & Wed 1-5 pm | Thurs 9 am - 12 pm | *Pastor David's Phone:* 906-290-3510





## Are We Really Listening?

I have had countless opportunities in multiple roles to be a good listener who comforts and encourages others. Sadly, I have often been preoccupied, impatient or too intent on what I am going to say next to truly listen to what the other person was saying. Many of us have the inclination to fix things. Too often, we try to impose our opinion or solutions for the situation, when they just want to be heard. A truly compassionate listener offers a safe and nonjudgemental space. Sometimes, a hurt or sad person may just need some company. They may not want verbal communication beyond a few words. Listening can mean just being there, so they are not alone. It may be short phone calls, cards or texts that show that someone cares about them.

Children may just want someone to spend time with them. We are sometimes only half listening or do not fully engage when children interrupt or make us impatient. Children will stop coming to interact with you if they are not encouraged by your sincere attentive or funny responses. They need a trusted adult who wants to spend quality time with them and provides a safe place to share their hurts and concerns. I enjoy listening to their stories and hearing their unique views of their everyday life experiences. It reminds me of my younger days and sometimes I share a funny

family story or memory. It may or may not have a lesson. The old teacher in me can't help using teachable moments like Jesus did to share the Good News to his listeners.

When older people start to have more profound memory issues or difficulties with some basic life skills, they can try the patience of family and friends. A loving listener learns to smile and encourage them when Grandma again forgets what is going to happen next or that she has already told you that bit of news or story several times. I was fortunate to have been blessed with loving role models who listened to me when I needed someone or who I saw lending a compassionate listening ear to others. God is the ultimate good listener who loves all his children. As God's children, we are to love and care for others. One way we can do this is to become better listeners. Jesus instructed his followers, "Anyone who has ears to hear should listen and understand." Mark 4:23 NLT Lord help me to hear and follow your teaching words to become a better listener.

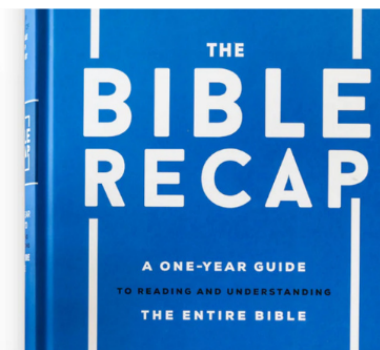
Paula Guth, the Church Mouse

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## Homeschool Choir

We're so happy that the Marinette County Homeschool Choir is using our church to practice! Please be praying that God be glorified as children learn and that this be a great outreach for our church. Special thank you to Mark Allard for conducting the choir!



## Bible Recap

A handful of people from the church are doing this bible reading program! Why don't you join us?? There's many options to follow along: podcast, book or bibleapp. Everyday you get about 3 chapters of the bible to read and then the authors breaks down what you've read that day!



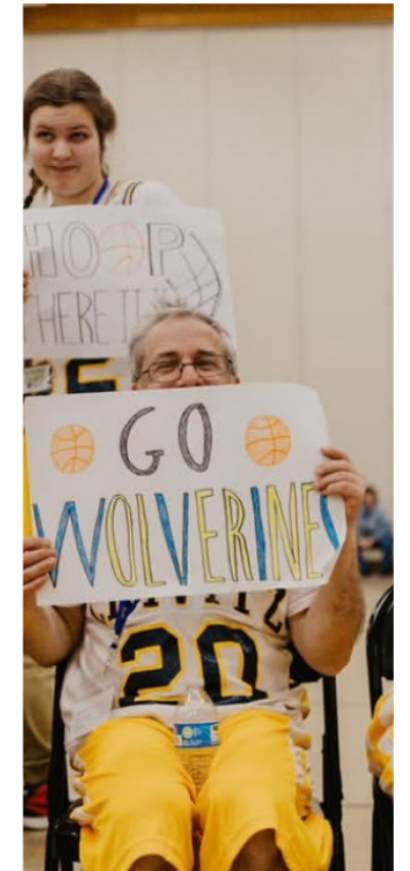
## Spring

Spring is a reminder that in our darkest coldest times, there is light around the corner. There is life in the dead branches, green waiting to burst through the cold ice, warmth is waiting to fill our hearts. There is hope that all is not lost. We know that we serve a God who will work all the bad into good. In the end, HE WINS.



## What is Lent?

The purpose of Lent is to prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday, traditionally by fasting and prayer. Historically, fasting involved abstaining from eating food for a certain period of time. During a fast, we learn to depend on God for strength and spend time in focused prayer.



Thank you x a million!!!

We would just like to extend our biggest, most heartfelt thank you for all the meals you've provided to the Special Olympics Team and Able Church.

Many of you know that the disability population is one of the most unreached people groups in our nation!! Thank you for helping them hear the gospel and find community!

Just recently we heard a story about a man from the Special Olympics Team praying at a family gathering before the meal. He is sharing Christ with the lost!!

Thank you for making it all possible!

# MARCH 2024



## COMMUNION

March 2nd	Brenda W & Lyle C
March 9th	Lynn B & Derrick M
March 16th	Nora S & Randy C
March 30th	Howie E & Brenda W

## COUNTING

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2nd	Nora S
March 9th	Randy C
March 16th	Mary P
March 23rd	
March 30th	Jim P

## SAVE THE DATE!!

3/29, 6pm

WORSHIP NIGHT, PIE, & ICE CREAM!!

Lent/Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday - March 5; Potluck 5:30, Service 6:30

Lent Services March 13-April 10; Potluck 5:30, Service 6:30

No Potluck/Service April 17th

Good Friday Service April 18th, 7:00pm

Easter Sunrise Service 8:30am

Breakfast

Regular Easter Service 10:00am

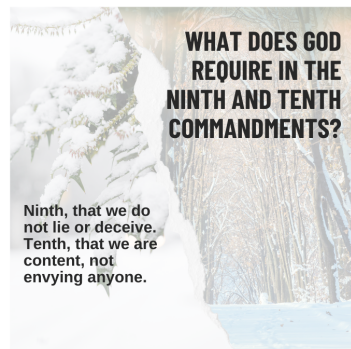
## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wendy Glynn	6 <sup>th</sup>
Taylor Pelkin	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jerry Reiss	7 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Chapek	9 <sup>th</sup>
Cindy Brandt	12 <sup>th</sup>
Derrick McGee	14 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Loomer	17 <sup>th</sup>
Patrice Sessler	19 <sup>th</sup>
Eloise Pleuss	20 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Chapek	21 <sup>st</sup>
Brenda Reiss	21 <sup>st</sup>
Kim Koelzer	21 <sup>st</sup>
Rob Wenzel	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Cecelia Malke	26 <sup>th</sup>
Bryon Boehmke	26 <sup>th</sup>
Amy Kaufman	29 <sup>th</sup>
David Pleuss	29 <sup>th</sup>

Tom and Linda Loomer 17<sup>th</sup>

Rick & Marianne Ricciardi 29<sup>th</sup>

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we (hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!



# MARCH



# 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 Worship 10am Potluck after service	3 Jail Outreach Homeschool Choir 6:15-7:15	4 Sarah's Circle 12:30 Special Olympics 5:30 AA 7pm	5 Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 2pm Ash Wed 5:30potluck 6:30 service Able Fellowship 5:30pm	6 Men's/Women's Group Potluck 5:30 Study 6:15	7 AA 7pm	8
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**PRAYERS**