

# The Prairie Breeze

MARCH 2023



## WELCOME TO PRAIRIE VIEW

All are welcome here at Prairie View. Join us Sunday's @ 10 am in-person at Prairie View.

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## UPDATE, ADD, OR CHANGE FAMILY INFO.

With 2023 Now here let us know of any changes. Click the link to fill out an update form.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Our First Saturday Breakfast crew could use a few more helpers. First Saturday Breakfast is the first Saturday of each month here at Prairie View. Starting @ 7:30 am. Our profit from this goes to help send people to camp. *Kitchen help is needed for February, March, and April as two of the regular volunteers will be gone.*

Contact Patti Schommer , Jud Cox to help



# PASTORS' NOTES

## Pastor Kori would like to share a letter from the Leadership Team

Dear Prairie View Family,

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:*

*A time to be born, and a time to die.*

*A time to plant and a time to uproot,*

*A time to kill and a time to heal,*

*A time to tear down and a time to build,*

*A time to weep and a time to laugh,*

*A time to mourn and a time to dance,*

*A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,*

*A time to embrace and a time to refrain,*

*A time to search and a time to give up,*

*A time to keep and a time to throw away,*

*A time to tear and a time to mend.*

*A time to be silent and a time to speak,*

*A time to love and a time to hate,*

*A time for war and a time for peace,*

*– Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

By now, most of you have received the news that Pastor Kori and her family will be moving this summer to serve the church in Wahpeton, ND. This news has been met with a wide range of emotion as the church begins to transition into a new chapter of Prairie View history. May the reasons for her move be accepted, and may we surround the Lehrkamp family and each other in prayer, seeking God's guidance as the events of the upcoming months play out.

The decision for Kori's move was one that has not been easy for those directly involved. Kori is one of our own; many have known and loved her since she was a small child and have watched her grow into the beautiful woman and wonderful leader that she has become. As a church we have walked alongside her on her journey of ministry since its inception, encouraging her, praying for her, and loving her every step of the way. Having her serve at her home church has been an honor these last few years.

However, the last several years have been financially challenging for the church. The church board has struggled to meet its obligations of the pastor's compensation package, pensions for our retired pastors, meet church apportionments, and overall operational costs. This is the reason why church leadership and Pastor Kori, with heavy hearts, have decided that now may be the best time for a change.

The decision has been made that our new pastor will be considered half-time. Half-time status will allow us to enter into a contract that we feel that our congregation can afford. This will require sacrificing some of the benefits that a full-time pastor can provide.

Church leadership has been discerning what our expectations of the new pastor may look like and are also aware that pastoral responsibilities will be worked out when the new pastor is available for conversation. Your Pastor Parish Relations team, and Leadership Team, have already been working with District Superintendent Dan Bader, and with the bishop Lanette and her cabinet members, to profile and search for a new pastor.

As we transverse this season of change, let us be in conversation. Seek out the church leadership, share your concerns and ask your questions. Talk with each other about how this moment may become an opportunity for God's light to shine amongst us and through us. Be in conversation with God, actively seeking Him and listening to how He is asking you to be in service.

If you are not already doing so, please pray. Pray for Pastor Kori and her family as she continues to be our pastor and yet prepares to go and serve a new church. Ask God to guide their steps, relieve their fears, surround them in His comfort, and to plant a seed of His excitement within them as they prepare for this new season of their lives.

Pray for your church leadership, particularly the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, as they prepare to begin meeting with prospective new ministers, searching for the best fit for our congregation. Pray for our new Pastor to be a good leader to our church and communities. Lift up the bishop, her cabinet, and our D.S Dan as they work alongside us.

Pray for us, the church. Ask God to continue to bless us, placing within us the desire to be a light for Him in this troubled world. Ask to enter this new season with the hope and knowledge that God is not yet done with us and has great things in store for Prairie View.

Let us find comfort and excitement in knowing that we are His and have been called by name. He will continue to love us, guide us, and make us a church body of His design.

In Christ's Love,

Your Church's Leadership.



**United Women in Faith**

All Women welcome

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm  
 Program: Growing Seeds 69  
 Leader: Rita Bell  
 Hostess: Rita Bell

United Women in Faith is a non-denominational women's organization with membership worldwide. All women are invited to attend a meeting to learn more of what the group stands for. The mission statement pretty much sums up the group interests:  
 "United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities."

***United Women in Faith Focus Day  
 Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Keep looking  
 for more information as we get it.***

Birthdays

- 3/1 – Suzanne Givler
- 3/3 – Jason Frahm \*
- 3/4 – Josh Rickenbach
- 3/5 – Derrick Sletto
- 3/6 – Judy Cox
- 3/7 – Orval Frahm
- 3/10 – Megan Sanders
- 3/12 – Leona Dryden
- 3/23 – Jim Brown
- 3/29 – Christ Olofson

Anniversaries

- 3/27 – William and Norma Greenough
- 3/30 – Russ and Peggy Sanders

**Join us for Lent Bible  
 Study at Prairie View @  
 5:30 pm**

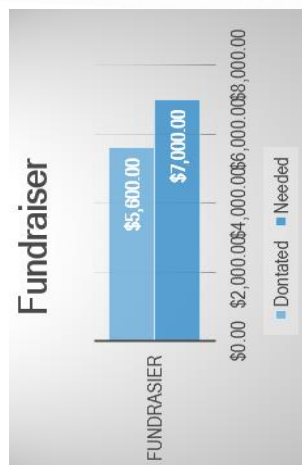
**You can Sign up to bring Soup  
 or Bread. There is a sign-up  
 sheet at the church.**

**Prairie View will be providing  
 the Soup and Bread for the  
 Bible Study at United Churches  
 on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at  
 noon.**

**YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY FUNDRAISER**




*PVUMC received a generous gift of \$3000 to re-imagine our children's music ministry! Currently we have \$5,600 of the \$7,000 raised! We have plenty of talented kiddos who love to sing and play instruments of various kinds and we want to help them use their gifts to honor God! We are looking to use this generous gift as seed money as raise an additional \$4,000 towards this project! Whose generosity will bless the PVUMC Kids Next?*



**Up Coming Holy Week**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Palm Sunday Service @ 10 am
- April 6<sup>th</sup>- 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service @ United Churches
- April 7<sup>th</sup>- Good Friday Service @ 5:30 pm
- April 9<sup>th</sup>- Easter Sunrise Service @ 8:30 am  
 Easter Service @ 10 am

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm Lent Bible Study	2	3 Pastors Day off	4 7:30am First Sat. Breakfast
			5 Youth Group 10:00am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School	6 9:30am Morning Bible Study	7	8 10:00am Wrapped in Love 5:30pm Lent Bible Study
12 10:00am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School	13 9:30am Morning Bible Study	14	15 2:00pm Women in Faith 5:30pm Lent Bible Study	16	17 Pastors Day off	18
19 Camp Sunday 10:00am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 11:00am Potluck Fellowship	20 9:30am Morning Bible Study	21	22 12:00pm Lent Bible Study @ United Churches 5:30pm Lent Bible Study	23	24 Pastors Day off	25
26 Leadership Team Meeting 10:00am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School	27 9:30am Morning Bible Study	28	29 5:30pm Lent Bible Study	30	31 Pastors Day off	





**Prairie Views 2023 Budget**

**2023 The Operating Budget was estimated at \$157,252.00**

**Our weekly average giving needed this year to meet our budgetary obligations is \$3,204.00**

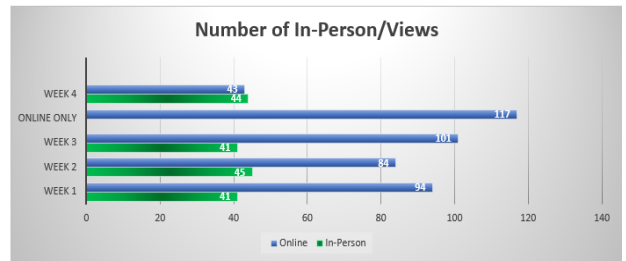
**Monthly giving needed for March.....\$13,104.00**

**Weekly giving needed in March..... \$3,267.00**

**Total weekly giving in February.....\$9,458.00**

**Total giving in 2023.....\$14,341.00**

**Thanks to all for your generosity!**



**Lenten Series:**

**LUKE: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws**

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. In the Gospel of Luke, a first century portrait of Jesus, we find stories of Jesus’ ministry with ordinary, unexpected people. They weren’t perfect. Many of them were struggling and didn’t have their acts together. Some of them were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, Jesus brought the good news of God’s kingdom to those who most needed to hear it. That includes you and me. Join us Sundays in worship at 10 am as we hear stories of Jesus’ care and compassion for all as he welcomes the sinner and outcasts. Join us on Wednesday’s at 5:30 pm soup and for a deeper look into these passages with a word from conference leadership and others across the Dakotas and we study Luke together.



**Join us on Camp Sunday!**

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 10 am**

**Youth Group and Family Movie Afternoon Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Youth ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to stay following worship for food, fellowship and fun. Please pick a pizza topping or two to bring and share choose one from the list below and text Pastor Kori your choice (605-430-4389)... (crust, sauce and cheese will be provided)

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|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Pepperoni      | Onion         | banana peppers   |
| Canadian Bacon | Mushrooms     | artichoke hearts |
| Sausage        | Pineapple     | anchovies        |
| Hamburger      | Olives        | Garlic           |
| Bacon          | green Peppers | spinach          |
| Chicken        | avocado       | cherry tomatoes  |

We will be talking about doing a Dinner Theater in the beginning of April. If you would like a part or participate, PLEASE attend this time! There will be a part for you AND/OR you can help service and cook ..



**March Mission to gather food to help stock the Hot Springs Food Pantry.**

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### First Saturday Breakfast

Our next First Saturday Breakfast will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. All are welcome to join us for great fellowship and the best breakfast. Free will donation all donations go to help youth in our community go camping.