

## Suspension of On-Site Activities

This week, our church's session voted to extend our suspension of all on-site church activities through the end of April, except for our soup kitchen and food pantry.

## At-Home Worship Guide

Just because in-person events are suspended doesn't mean that our worship stops. On our website, you'll find [a do-it-yourself guide to hosting worship](#) at home or over the phone with a friend.

## Conference Call Devotionals

On Sundays through Thursdays, from 5pm to 5:30pm, Pastor Alex and Carrie are hosting interactive devotionals via Zoom conference call. Check your email inbox for the latest instructions and password for this ongoing devotional time.

## Worship Service Online Broadcast

We encourage everyone with internet access to watch [1st Presbyterian Church of Saginaw's YouTube livestream worship service](#) on Sundays at 10:25am. If you miss the broadcast, they keep recordings of past services on their YouTube page. No account is needed to view this. After the service, Alex and Carrie are hosting a "coffee hour" conference call from 11:30am to 12pm. Check your email inbox for the latest instructions and password for this recurring fellowship time.



### April Birthdays

1	Pam Cross
5	Gary Hamilton Mason Wnuk
7	Gene Lawter Ryan Herderich
16	Cletis Klaffer
18	Rudi Tucker Natalie Riewe
21	Jon Nugent
22	Bob Grayhek
24	Aden Allen



### Making Connections

**Church Hours:** None

**Pastor Hours:** None

**Pews News Deadline:** If you want your news item in Pews News, please submit your info the Wednesday before the next issue.

**2020 Per Capita:** \$29.00

**Going Deeper:** To learn about becoming a Christian or a member here, please contact Pastor Alex.

Weeks April 5—18, 2020

### Church Staff

<b>Pastor</b> Alex Peterson	<b>Organist</b> Katherine Nold
<b>Office Admin.</b> Linda Warren	<b>Faith Nurse</b> Linda Hamilton
<b>C.E. Director</b> Carrie Sumrall	<b>Custodian</b> Orlando Rodriguez
<b>Music Director</b> Heather Hundt	

### Prayer Concerns

Dustin & Emily McConnell  
Gloria Michelson  
Willard Schaefer  
Emma Liogghio  
Barb Scrimger  
Germain Blais  
Denise Rowden  
Chuck Dixon  
Amy Sullivan (*sister of Dixons*)  
Jane Waldrup  
Lena Brown  
Donn Mosher Family  
Van Dyke Family  
Bill Smoot  
McKim Family  
John Michelson Family  
Nan Marvicsin  
Jack Burris  
Mosher Family



## Church Plaster Repair and Renovations

The plaster and paint repair team has completed repairs work on our church library and association rooms and has now begun work on the sanctuary. However, the amount of water damage is larger than originally anticipated, and so session has increased the budget from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for this portion of the repair work. Thankfully, our church in 2017 voted to accept a low-interest loan from our denomination, which we will be using to cover much of these additional costs.

## Honoring Holy Week at Home

This may be the first at-home Easter service our church has ever seen, but we still want to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord. So here are two ways to honor Holy Week this year...

**Palm Sunday:** On Palm Sunday, we will scatter palm leaves on the church lawn near the main sign. If you travel near the church in the next day or two, we hope you pick up a palm leaf as a reminder of Christ's victory parade into Jerusalem in the week leading up to Easter.

**Maundy Thursday & Good Friday:** Join Alex & Carrie on the usual 5pm Zoom conference call for Holy Week devotionals.

**Easter:** We encourage people to craft giant tissue paper flowers at home and attach a "leaf" to the stem with a word or phrase of Easter joy and celebration. Drop these off in the church choir room anytime during Holy Week, and then on Easter we will "plant" these flowers in our church lawn to celebrate that, just as flowers herald the new life of spring, Christ is risen indeed!