

APRIL 2026

# NEWS TO PERUSE

The Official Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Hayfield

## What's coming up!



**March 29 Palm Sunday**  
Easter Egg hunt after worship

**April 2 Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 Service with Communion

**April 5 Easter Sunday**  
Breakfast before worship

**April 8 PFP & Session**  
6:30 & 7:00 pm

Why are people so tired in April?

Because they just finished a 31-day March.



## Women's Book Club

Please join us for Women's Book Club! We meet monthly (usually the first Monday) from 6:30-8:00 pm at someone's home to discuss the focus book of the month. Our group is comprised of women from our community and beyond - all are welcome.

April: "Beneath the Badge" by Dave and Christi Dyke

May: "What Was Taken" by Carol Haack

Questions?

Contact Molly Heydt (507-438-9795) or  
Kristi Jacobsen (507-259-5726)



**Join us!**  
**Easter Breakfast**  
**Starts serving**  
**at 9:00**



## *FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE*

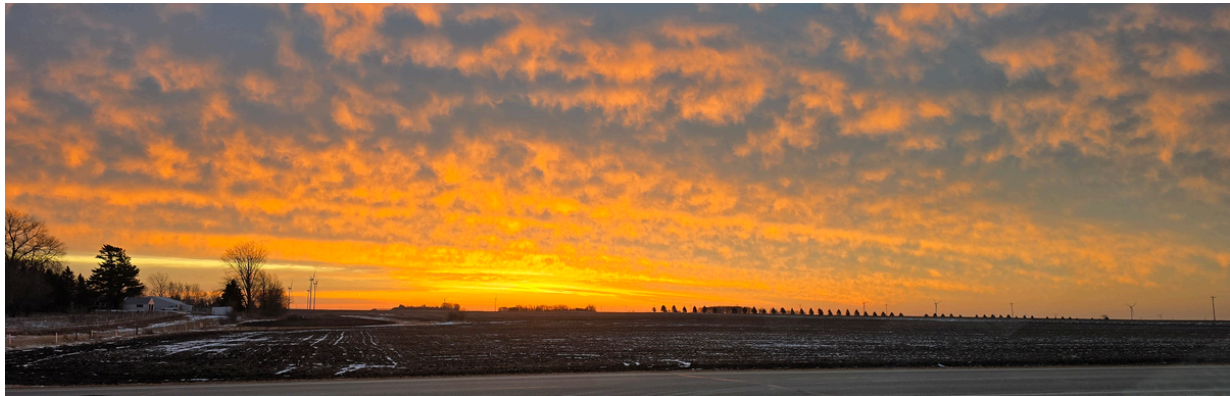
What do you mean by that? This is a question that I would like to nominate as being one of the most important questions we can ask. We live in a world with an overwhelming amount of information and along with that, an almost endless supply of opinions on much of that information. And thanks to social media and comment sections, we are able to read or hear a lot of those opinions on everything going on in the world; from views on war overseas, to reviews on the newest Marvel movie. We can even often find these different opinions all on the same website or app. It can all get overwhelming for our own mental health if we are not careful to regulate what we consume. It seems some younger people are realizing this and it has even led to a new trend called “nothing maxing” where you get away from your screens and do nothing.

But my focus today is not on the amount of information we consume, although it is an important topic; I’m wondering about our abilities to understand what we are consuming. It seems to me that with the rise of information and opinions, there has also been a rise in the speed and emotion involved in the responses. It doesn’t take long on sites like Facebook or Twitter to find very opinionated responses to all kinds of things and events, even within minutes of them happening. We saw this happen locally in our own state with the viral videos of tragic events during the ICE surge.

I don’t have a problem with people having strong feelings and opinions online, but it seems we have a problem with the actual understanding of one another. It seems that very few messages on these various websites actually have a goal of finding common ground and/or understanding in the midst of a disagreement. I think there are at least a couple reasons for that; one being that it is difficult to discern the motive behind a post by someone we don’t know personally and only have their short written word or video clip. We are more likely in that situation to assume ill intent and argue back right away instead of asking honest questions to try to learn more; like we might do with a friend who we are speaking with in person. A second challenge to finding common ground is that many of the “people” online are presenting themselves as someone who they are not or they are purposely exaggerating their views because their primary goal is to get more “likes” and in the end, make more money. There was a politician that titled those who make a business out of being angry online as “conflict entrepreneurs” and I thought that was pretty accurate.

It has become so easy to share opinions that reach millions of people around the world without having to prove any of it as truthful or accurate; and really have no accountability if it turns out to be a lie or a mistake. We can’t even be confident in video images anymore with it being so easy to make fake versions.

So what can we do? I don't think we are going to be able to slow down technological advance very much, and much of it can be very useful in the future, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be striving to increase our wisdom and discernment along the way too. I can't imagine that Biblical writers like Paul could even dream of a fraction of the advances that have happened in the world since the first century, but the encouragement to be faithful and to produce the fruit of the Spirit is still just as important. What this might look like could be displayed in lots of different ways including things like being slow to respond in anger and quick to listen and ask questions like 'what do you mean by that?' And for people like me, it might not hurt to try to spend less time on apps that don't really represent the way the world is for most people out there.



*Thank you!*

## VOLUNTEERS

### April 5

Lay Leader  
Usher/Greeter  
Coffee Hour  
Counters

Rachel Gagliasso  
Tanner & Maggie  
Easter Breakfast  
Tara & Kristi

### April 12

Lay Leader  
Usher/Greeter  
Coffee Hour  
Counters

Nancy Dahlen  
Lee & Sarah  
Gary & Dawn  
Kristi & Joe

### April 19

Lay Leader  
Ush/Greeter  
Coffee Hour  
Counters

Jon Jacobson  
Brad & Molly  
Dan & Melissa  
Joe & Jackson

### April 26

Lay Leader  
Usher/Greeter  
Coffee Hour  
Counters

Molly Heydt  
John Kruger  
David & Jenna  
Jackson & John

*Happy  
Birthday!*

April 1 - Annie Becker  
- Blakelee Johnson  
April 2 - Lee Gunderson  
April 4 - Sam Born  
April 9 - Brad Heydt  
April 11 - Kristi Jacobsen  
- Tony Kramer  
- Mills Kramer  
April 14 - Judy Reese  
April 18 - Ada Olson  
April 21 - Jude Johnson  
April 29 - Klayton Kramer

*TIME TO  
Celebrate*

*Happy  
Anniversary!*

April 2  
Denny & Jan Louks  
April 15  
Josh & Amanda Kvasnicka  
April 21  
Joe & Mariah Gunderson  
April 24  
Bill & Lynn Wanzek

### Financial Information

#### General Fund

Last 4 Weeks  
(1 miss due to snow)

**\$5,106.50**

Budget for 4 weeks

**\$8,968**