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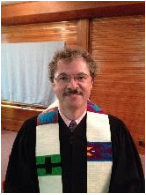
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Pastor Tim Gerarden

Each week we invite you to pray for one of our congregations. Currently the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted travel to take pictures. There are three congregations who have yet to be listed, we will lift them up as soon as possible. So, we are lifting up again congregations that are previous Prayer Churches of the Week as we can all use a little extra prayer in these trying times.

This week we lift up for your consideration Pioneer Presbyterian Church of Chatfield, MN and First Presbyterian Church of Utica, MN along with their Pastor the Rev. Tim Gerarden. These two congregations are yoked together in what was for many years referred to as the Trinity Parish. A third congregation in Lewiston was the third point in "Trinity" but they closed their doors four years ago. The Parish was first formed 46 years ago. These congregations are in Southeastern Minnesota in JKP Region 1. The two Churches have a combined membership of just under 100 members. In days before the pandemic Both congregations participate(d) in a number of community events. Community meals, Trunk or Treat, and ice cream socials are were among the fellowship activities; while support of local food pantries, space for self help groups, and a worship service at the county fair are were part of their service outreach. Tim Gerarden has been a faithful and driving force for the congregations and his leadership and ministry is greatly appreciated. Tim, who served as the JKP Moderator in 2019, has served the Parish for over 20 years. Please remember these good people in your prayers this week.