



# *First Presbyterian Church* **HERE & NOW!**

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***HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!***

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

First Presbyterian Church will again serve The Banquet Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church on **Thursday, October 19th**. Approximately 350-450 Bismarck/Mandan community members will be attending and will join us for food and fellowship.

Please consider helping out for this important event in one of the following ways:

- ◆ Sign-up to help set-up and serve the meal (30 volunteers needed).
- ◆ Sign-up to bring desserts to Trinity Lutheran Church on October 19th.
- ◆ Donate money to help with the purchase of food and supplies for the Banquet (funding for the meal comes from donations only). Please write "The Banquet" on the memo line of your check before mailing your donation or delivering it to the church office.

Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Desserts should be delivered to Trinity Lutheran Church by 3:00 p.m. on October 19th.

Thank You!  
Outreach Committee

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# Child Care Center Appreciation Sunday!



## **Bismarck Lions Recycle for Sight**

Usable glasses can make a difference! Lions help to conserve sight by providing usable eyeglasses to children and adults throughout the world.

The poor eyesight of more than 157 million people without access to eye care could easily be corrected with used—yet usable—eyeglasses.

The lack of eyeglasses denies children and adults the opportunities for education, employment and a better quality of life.

Please stop by the Church Office to donate your used glasses (including sunglasses) to those in need.

### **Here are a just a few things parents have to say about our mission:**

*“As a parent, you entrust daycare providers to take care of, teach, and guide your children. The First Presbyterian Child Care Center has done a great job doing all of these things with my children! My children and my husband and I have developed great relationships with the teachers and the children look forward to going to “school” everyday!”*

*“We are so thankful to have caregivers who we can trust to provide the highest quality and gentle care for our children. Our children love their teachers and friends which makes it much easier to drop them off each morning.”*



Following services, the child care center will hold its annual Open House, where congregation members can tour the rooms, ask questions and have a snack. BONUS! This year the newly purchased Outdoor Classroom equipment will be installed soon – take a trip outside to see YOUR donated dollars in the awesome new pieces.



## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE....**

*“God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
Nature’s wonder Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door;  
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise,  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.”  
 (“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”, Hymn #422)*



The *stewardship emphasis* is meant to be a celebrative time of year. The concept of Christian stewardship—of caring for and utilizing responsibly the totality of God’s generosity and giftedness entrusted to us, for God’s purposes (including our resources, our time, our talent, our full blessings) - of course, is meant to be an all-year, full-time and full-life activity.

But during the Fall of the year, traditionally a time of harvest—stewardship is emphasized (often calling it a campaign) as we in the church family all are asked to pledge, as best as we are able, to the giving we anticipate for the coming year. Our pledge cards never are meant to be “promissory notes,” but rather are truly prayerful covenants between each of us and our generous and gracious God.

This year your Stewardship Committee has enthusiastically planned a campaign that not only includes the pledge drive—but also the following highlights:

### Every Member Visitation:

Volunteer church visitors during the weeks of October 8th and 15th will be prepared to stop in to visit church member homes for a brief, friendly visit to: share with you exciting events and ministries currently going on at FPC; to ask *you* for your input, ideas, needs you would like the church to meet; and leave with you your 2017 stewardship pledge material. (Note: *You will not be asked to complete or return your pledge card during the visit.*) If you are not available for a visit, please inform the church office and your pledge material will be mailed to you. (Sorry that you will miss out on a friendly visit!)

### Sunday Worship and Sermons Celebrating FPC’s Stewardship:

On Sundays, October 22nd and 29th the sermons will be: “Joyful Generosity” (10/22), with a focus on mission and with a special opportunity for expressions of Thanks throughout the congregation; and “Catch the Giving Spirit” (10/29), which also will be the service to offer and consecrate our pledges, as our prayerful covenants for the 2018 year.

### Stewardship Luncheon:

An opportunity for fellowship and food as a congregation will take place also in October 29th in Ramstad Hall as our stewardship celebration comes to a conclusion.

In my time serving with you as Pastor—I have come to know you as a generous congregation who stands ready to give of yourselves in whatever ways necessary for the good of the church. As a result, First Presbyterian Church is positioned to begin a new year in 2018 strong in its commitment in faith, equipped with the spiritual gifts God has bestowed upon you all, filled with an enthusiasm to serve your Lord and serve your neighbors in the community, with a talented and devoted church staff—and with you all possessing a prayerful confidence and hopefulness in God’s faithful leading.

Come and join enthusiastically in this year’s *stewardship emphasis*, making it the best one in church memory!

Pastor David Reiter



## ***JOYFUL GENEROSITY***

### ***2018 Stewardship Campaign Launches in October***

*“Each one of you should give what he has decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver.” ~*

2 Corinthians 9

We must each decide what is in our hearts as we pledge our levels of giving to First Presbyterian for the coming year. The Stewardship Committee also wants to hear what is in your heart about the future of the church. With help from Deacons, Elders and other church members, we have put together a team that will individually visit with members. This will not be a conversation about your pledge but a sharing of thoughts about how the church can better serve you and the community. You can expect a call between October 1-15.

It's OK to opt out of a visit. Just call the church office at 701-223-6091.

We also want to share the good news of our growing church programs, such as:

- ♦ *Parish Nurse*—we have hired a parish nurse who will help with the health and wellness needs for our members.
- ♦ *Child Care Center*—the Child Care Center is building an outdoor classroom to help the children be more active and improve their physical and mental wellness.
- ♦ *Youth Ministry*—we see a great deal of energy and excitement in our youth programs. Three interns will be helping Ashley this Fall to recruit kids and provide more programs.
- ♦ *Community Outreach*—our church continues to serve the Bismarck community in many ways, including helping to address homelessness and hunger.

We will share a celebratory meal after the Sunday worship on October 29th.

We ask that you give prayerful thought to celebrating God's blessings by sharing back a portion for God's work.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL**

It is that time of the year when the Administrative and Personnel Committee is working on the budget for 2018. The committee is responsible for making staff salary recommendations to the Budget Committee. We are also continuing the process of membership roll review. The goal is to determine who on the current membership list may no longer want to be recognized as a member of FPC Bismarck. A letter will be sent to those individuals asking if they wish to remain on the list or wish to be removed.



## **HELP BUILD BRIDGES IN OUR COMMUNITY**

The *Bridging Cultures: Building Connections* Cultural Competency Seminar will be held October 14th from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. The Membership Committee is sponsoring a table at the event for 7 of our members to have a place in this important workshop.

Speakers Sunitha Mortha, Director for Global Formation of the ELCA Lutheran Church in Chicago, and Cheryl Ann Kary, Director of the Sacred Pipe Resource Center in Mandan discuss how to bridge the cultural divide by learning skills to communicate effectively with diverse members of our community and how to put into context our own cultural worldviews.

If you would like to attend, please contact Karen Ehrens, 258-4596, to reserve your spot and for more information.



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 22nd 2017—following worship for the purposes of:

- ♦ Electing Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2020, and one Deacon for the Class of 2018; and one member to the Child Care Center Board for the Class of 2018: and
- ♦ Approving changes updating the Congregation's By Laws.

Please plan to participate in these important decisions in the life of the church.





*"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN  
THE WAY HE SHOULD  
GO; EVEN WHEN HE IS  
OLD HE WILL NOT  
DEPART FROM IT."*

*PROVERBS 22:6*

## *Christian Education*

### ***BIG NEWS!***

If you haven't noticed, our Christian Education Director, Ashley, along with her husband Geoff, are expecting a baby girl this coming November! They are so very excited for this new chapter in their lives, and look forward to sharing our baby girl with the congregation as soon as possible. Before that is possible, Ashley will be absent from church for maternity leave. There is no way to guess the exact dates, but Ashley is expecting her maternity leave to be from mid-November to mid-February.

During this time, we are asking the congregation to help out as much as possible with our children, youth, and family activities. Please speak with Ashley if you think you may be able to help in any capacity. Things we will need extra attention with:

- 1) Christmas Pageant: It's important to have extra hands available helping kids during rehearsal and preparing costumes. Rehearsals are Wednesday, November 29th and December 6th, with the Pageant during Worship on Sunday, December 10th.
- 2) PresbyTeens Leader: We have a great number of kids attending PresbyTeens, and are lucky to have a great leader help with our youth. It would be specially helpful to have another leader available while Ashley is gone. This person would be in charge of leading lessons with half the group Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- 3) Sunday School and PAC Teacher: We are always looking for new leaders to help teach our young ones on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Join us as a leader assistant if you're unsure of teaching, or jump right in and sign-up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.
- 4) Young Disciples Message: as much as we'd love to hear Pastor Reiter every Sunday morning, it will mean so much to our young ones to meet some new people from our congregation during the Young Disciples message on Sunday mornings! Consider leading a small talk with the kids, and talk with Ashley or Pastor Reiter if you have any questions.

Ashley's maternity leave is a great time for our kids to get to know some more familiar faces from the congregation! Our kids and youth enjoy being together, but what is greatly important is them seeing adults who care about them, and are taking an active part in the lives of their faith. If you think you may be someone who could help in any capacity, talk with Ashley soon, to see where you may fit in best.

## *Christian Education (continued)*

### ***October Events:***

#### All Ages Movie Day ~ Sunday, October 1st!

All ages are welcome to join us after Worship to enjoy the movie “Captain Underpants” in the Movie Room (207). Free pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be available. We hope you can join us!

#### Wednesday, October 4th: Bring a Friend to PAC and PresbyTeens!

Our PAC and PresbyTeens are asked to invite friends for a fun night together on October 4th. Kids are welcome to join us from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for dinner, a Bible lesson, and fun together!

#### Save the Date for the Sky Zone Trampoline Park on Sunday, October 15th!

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting an all-ages, family welcome, Sky Zone event Sunday, October 15th. Look forward to more information coming soon!

#### PresbyTeens Badlands Retreat October 21-22:

Our 6th-12th Grade PresbyTeens are encouraged to join us for a night in the Badlands during their Fall Break from school. We’ll leave Saturday morning, October 21st to enjoy the beauty of Badlands Ministries Bible Camp. We are excited to be offering this event FREE to active PresbyTeens, charging \$85.00 for any friends who wish to join. Permission slips are online, and due to Ashley by Wednesday, October 18th. Adults are encouraged to join us!

## *PRAYERS ON YOUR PHONE?*

The Office of Theology and Worship has developed a smartphone app for daily prayer. The *Daily Prayer app* provides simple, yet rich devotional resources for morning, midday, evening and close of day. Each service includes psalms and readings from the confessions. Other elements include opening and closing words, biblical canticles, a thanksgiving for light, and a prayer of confession. An advanced features menu allows users to customize which elements appear.

The app is available for both iPhone (iTunes) and Android devices (Google Play or Amazon).

Don’t forget our youth! There is a devotional app called *d365* that is written especially for them! It seeks to provide reflections on themes that impact our faith journey and hope to provide a quiet space in life for prayer and meditation. You can download the app on your phone also to check it out!

*Taken from an article of “Presbytery of the Northern Plains”, PNP Connection*





## **PARISH NURSE NEWS...**

Hello First Presbyterian Church:

My name is Wanona Goetz and I am your NEW Parish Nurse. I am so excited to meet all of you. I do have an office at church and the door is always open. I plan to be at the church for you to be available to come meet me and assist you in your health issues.

My available in office hours are:

Monday	8:00 am—2:00 pm
Tuesday	11:00 am—3:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am—1:00 pm. A Blood Pressure Clinic will be held during this time as well.

Please call me or e-mail me for those who request a personal visit either at church or home. I am able to visit you outside these office hours upon your request. Phone: 701-223-6091 or e-mail: [parishnurse@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:parishnurse@fpcbismarck.com).

What is a Parish Nurse? Well, a Parish Nurse is a licensed registered nurse who has the same basic duties and responsibilities of a registered nurse the only difference is the Parish Nurse mostly provides for patients within a faith community. Most Parish Nurses follow the same practice as Holistic Nurses whereby balancing body, spirit and mind health to achieve overall wellness.

So what does a Parish Nurse do: well, a Parish Nurse seeks to foster physical, emotional, spiritual and social harmony leading to a healthy and healing relationship with God, family and faith community.

So let us look at the role of a Parish Nurse:

- H: Health Advisor
- E: Educator on Health Issues
- A: Advocate/Resource Person
- L: Liaison to Faith & Community Resources
- T: Teacher of Volunteers, Staff and Faith Community Members
- H: Healer of Body, Mind, Spirit and Community

The Parish Nurse is accountable to the Pastor, congregation and the Session, through the Administration and Personnel Committee.

Please call me and let me be available to help you so to convey the healing presence of Christ through words, deeds and prayers.

I plan to offer an issue every month to provide educational materials for your convenience.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!



## OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:

### *What You Need to Know*

*Cancer* is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the breast, it is called *breast cancer*. Except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women.

Breast cancer *screening* means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before she has any symptoms. A *mammogram* is an X-ray picture of the breast. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Most women who are 50 to 74 years old should have a screening mammogram every two years. If you are 40 to 49 years old, or think you may have a higher risk of breast cancer, ask your doctor when to have a screening mammogram.

### Some things may increase your risk

The main factors that influence your breast cancer risk are being a woman and getting older. Other risk factors include—

- \* Changes in breast cancer-related genes (BRCA1 or BRCA2).
- \* Having your first menstrual period before age 12.
- \* Never giving birth, or being older when your first child is born.
- \* Starting menopause after age 55.
- \* Taking hormones to replace missing estrogen and progesterone in menopause for more than five years.
- \* Taking oral contraceptives (birth control pills).
- \* A personal history of breast cancer, dense breasts, or some other breast problems.
- \* A family history of breast cancer (parent, sibling, or child).
- \* Getting radiation therapy to the breast or chest.
- \* Being overweight, especially after menopause.

### Symptoms

Some warning signs of breast cancer are—

- \* New lump in the breast or underarm (armpit).
- \* Thickening or swelling of part of the breast.
- \* Irritation or dimpling of breast skin.
- \* Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area or the breast.
- \* Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area.
- \* Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood.
- \* Any change in the size or the shape of the breast.
- \* Pain in the breast.

Other conditions can cause these symptoms. *If you have any warning signs that worry you, call your doctor right away.*

More information: [www.cdc.gov/cancer/breat/](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breat/) \* (800) CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) \* TTY: (888)-232-6348

*Info taken from the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion*



#### Can't Afford a mammogram?

If you have a low income or do not have insurance and are between the ages of 40 and 64, you may qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram through CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. To learn more, call (800) CDC-INFO



## **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **PNC at Work**

Since the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected at the Special Congregational Meeting on September 10th, the committee has met twice and plans to meet at least weekly on Monday evenings to review Personal Information Forms (PIF's) from candidates that have been referred to the committee thru the denominations computer matching system that matches the information provided in our churches Ministry Information Form (MIF) with the information in a candidates PIF. Thus far we have reviewed and evaluated a list of 23 candidates that were referred from the matching system and have requested that an additional group of 25 be sent forward for review and evaluation. From that group of 50 candidates we hope to conduct further evaluation of those identified for further consideration, and then proceed to schedule interviews with those highest ranked candidates that are interested in an interview with us. In the meantime we will continue to accept referred PIF's until we believe that we have identified the candidate(s) that would best fit the needs of our church and a candidate wishing to become our next pastor.

While we attempt to move efficiently and swiftly through this process, we continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we understand that He will eventually lead us to the person He is leading toward us. We ask that you keep the PNC in your prayers as we continue to work.

*Jim Skaret*



### **PRAYER CHAIN**

A prayer chain provides the power and strength of collective prayer for those in need. If you would like to join the prayer chain, or have a prayer need, please contact:

Nanc Skaret at  
skaret@bis.midco.net  
Or 258-4703

You may also call the church  
office at  
223-6091



### **MUNCH & MINGLE**

Munch and Mingle is an adult fellowship for singles and couples of senior age. Join the group each month on the second Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. in the Ramkota Dining Room. Meet new people or catch up with longtime friends. No reservations needed!



## **October 2017 Ushers/Greeters/Reception Host**

### **October 1st:**

**Captain:** Wendy Skager

**Ushers:** Don Bigwood, Jerry Wilson, Priscilla Wilson, Ron Carlisle, Neva Carlisle

**Reception Host:** Lynne Bigwood

### **October 8th:**

**Captain:** Nanc Skaret

**Ushers:** Tedd Gutzke, Ella Gutzke, John Richter, *2 Volunteers Needed*

**Reception Host:** Ann Lynch

### **October 15th:**

**Captain:** Lynne Bigwood

**Usher:** David Massey, Gaylene Massey, Carolyn Barks, *2 Volunteers Needed*

**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*

### **October 22nd:**

**Captain:** JoAnn Hodny

**Ushers:** *5 Volunteers Needed*

**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*

### **October 29th:**

**Captain:** Lynn Dodge

**Ushers:** Mark Jensen, Dave Nix, Alice Nix, *3 Volunteers Needed*

**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*

### **LAY READERS**

Oct. 1st          Alice Nix

Oct. 8th      *Volunteer Needed*

Oct. 15th    *Volunteer Needed*

Oct. 22nd     Don Bigwood

Oct. 29th    *Volunteer Needed*

*If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please find a replacement and then contact the office with the changes.*

**223-6091**

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

#### **Sunday, October 1st**

Nanc Skaret	Jenni Boeckel
Carole Watrel	Wendy Skager
Fred Larson	Dennis Rosenkranz
Diann Johnson	Clyde Johnson
Olivia Bachmeier	Dale Hoerauf

*Communion is available to be served at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation. Please call church office to schedule time.*

## **FINE ARTS FESTIVAL**

### ***Plein Air Artists, Children's Choir Headline Festival***

Howdy partners! You're in for some surprises at this year's Fine Arts Festival scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 27th and 28th. On Friday evening artists, judges, workers and the general public will be greeted by a Western Hoedown in Ramstad Hall complete with shoe-tappin' music and Mountain Oysters. Those in attendance will meet the artists and learn who the winners are. Pull on your cowboy boots and stop by from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



The gallery opens at 9:00 a.m. sharp Saturday and will offer treats in the Parlor Coffee House featuring caramel rolls by the Westminster Chimes in the morning and the Church Ladies' Apple Crisp in the afternoon. A variety of entertainment will be offered throughout the day. Gallery doors will close at 4:00 p.m.

Featured artists in this year's Festival will be the Prairie Plein Air Artists of Bismarck. The group organized in 2013 when a group of area artists interested in the Plein Air method organized. Painting "En Plein Air" is a French term meaning to "paint outdoors," the goal being to capture the moment, essence and mood of the scene. If weather permits these artists will paint in the churchyard during the Festival rendering paintings of the church and surrounding area.

A special event is also planned for Sunday, October 22nd, then the Central Dakota Children's Choir under the direction of Teri Fay Storhaug will sing during the service. This is held in conjunction with the Festival's goal of promoting arts for youth. The CDCC is one of the groups to receive a \$1,500 grant from the Festival Committee.

Make plans to attend or help with the 2017 Fine Arts Festival. Your presence will be appreciated and your assistance even more. For more information or to offer your assistance, contact any Festival steering committee member or go to the website at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com). And find us on Facebook!





## ***CHILD CARE CENTER VISION SCREENING***

Twice each year, usually in the spring and again in the fall, members from the Lions Club come to the FPCCC and provide vision screenings. The parents have been very receptive to these screenings, with approximately 50% participation each visit. During the two years that we've offered the service, three referrals have been made. It has been such a wonderful experience partnering with the Lions Club to offer this important service to the children in our care.

### ***Reaching out to communities to save sight***

Eighty percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Around the world, Lions partner with medical professionals and community leaders to screen young children, primary school students, and adults to identify those at risk for vision loss. The venue for Lions' vision screenings varies from schools, to workplaces, to community health fairs, and the screening methods depend upon the age group. But the results are always the same. Early identification leads to timely referral, professional treatment, and improved or restored sight.



## ***Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths***



### **Boy Scout Troop 6 Wreath & Swag Sales**

The Boy Scouts will be having their annual wreath sale and will be on hand in the Narthex to take orders on Sunday, October 1st and Sunday, October 8th. Wreaths and swags will be here in time to have them up during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Scouts and parents of Troop 6 thank the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for 100 years of generous support!





## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

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#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Session approved the request from Cleo and Vern Kersey for removal from the membership roll. A thank you letter was read from Boy Scout Troop 6, expressing appreciation for the generous contributions to the trailer wrap fundraiser. Presbytery of Northern Plains will meet Oct. 6-7 in Hallock, MN. Jim Skaret will attend as a Commissioner from our church.

The deaths of Elizabeth Brostrom and Diana Cofell were noted; membership is 502.

The Clerk attended a Sessions Records meeting in Jamestown. The Register and Session minutes were approved with no exceptions.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Total Income YTD Actual	\$292,712	Budget	\$299,767
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$316,785	Budget	\$330,634
NET Income	-\$24,074	Budget	-\$30,849
Per Capita YTD Actual	\$11,988	Budget	\$11,500
Unrestricted General Fund	\$153,790.91		

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Session will continue to begin meetings at 6:00 pm.

Session approved a special Session meeting on Saturday, November 18 to discuss "What's Next" – part of the Designated Pastor Call and Covenant.

Pastor Reiter is working with Administrative and Personnel Committee to determine a completion date for his ministry. He will be away October 9-18 and October 30-Nov. 3.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (from meeting and committee minutes)

**Administrative and Personnel**—Review of the membership roll should be completed by December. The committee recommended a 2% increase in staff salaries for 2018. The CE Interns will remain at \$12.00 per hour.

Session approved the facility application for use of Ramstad Hall and the kitchen for Thanksgiving Day Meal sponsored by Ministry on the Margins with assistance from the Outreach Committee.

**Business and Finance**—Dan Mayer reviewed the investment portfolio with the committee. Total value is \$1,681,000. 37% of the portfolio is fixed income with a return of 4.2%; 63% is invested in equities with a return of 13.9%. The committee will decide the funding source for the sidewalk repair after billing by the city.

**Christian Education**—The 3 Interns will divide the hours with funding coming from the Richter-Chapman Memorial Fund. As of Sept. 11, \$122 has been donated for the church plates. Committee members will be prayer partners for the children of the church. The committee

## ***SESSION HIGHLIGHTS***

approved using up to \$2000 for the PresbyTeen Badlands Retreat Oct. 21-22. During Ashley's maternity leave, Jan Gilchrist, Jody Bachmeier, the Interns and others will have some of Ashley's duties.

**Membership**—Dinners for Eight sign up is on the volunteer board. Jerry Wilson is organizing the bridge players. The committee is sponsoring a table of 7 for the Bridging Cultures: Building Connections Cultural Competency Seminar.

**Outreach**—The committee will work with Property and Equipment as to the placing of the welcome sign. They donated money to the Scout Troop 6 trailer wrap. Policy and procedures for the Scholarship process have been added to the Operations Manual. Session approved an additional statement that the Session would authorize the spending of the Scholarship funds once the Scholarship Sub-committee determines the recipients.

Session approved the committee request to partner with Ministry on the Margins to help plan and seek outside funding for the Thanksgiving dinner. Volunteers will be asked to sew Love Bears to give at the dinner.

**Stewardship**—Visiting stewards will have training September 28 at 7:00pm.

**Property and Equipment**—Matt Engel will check with Lindtech to see if the temperature can be more consistent during the daytime and nighttime hours. Concrete work is being completed by the west doors. Stained glass from the original church building has been donated by the Taylor family and Sue Sorlie will find ways to display them.

**Worship and Music**—Organ and pianos will be tuned this fall. Once Jan Candee leaves for the winter months, the church will need a substitute organist/pianist.

**Nominating**—One elder and one deacon are needed to complete the nominees for 2018.

**Board of Deacons**—New chair/co-chairs will be needed for 2018.

**Child Care Center Board**—Staffing remains a challenge. Beginning 2018, there will be new regulations on meals for infants. Appreciation Sunday will be October 15. \$500 was received from Capital Electric Cooperative; Ella Gutzke had applied for this grant.

**Fine Arts Festival**—Preview party, gallery, entertainment, publicity, gift gallery and coffee house are all being planned for the festival.

There was no unfinished or new business.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Vonda Bailey  
Etta Schue  
Jan Candee  
Phyllis Lindblom  
Aaron (Bud) Johnson  
Bryson Fru  
Joe Satrom  
Laura Jensen  
Cindy Cross  
Darin Svihovec  
Neva Carlisle  
Michele (Missy) Gilchrist  
Jane Boeckel  
Bella-Rae Fru  
Kaitlin Dixon  
Linda Jordre  
Solomon Bannerman  
Ron Carlisle

### OCTOBER

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### Anniversaries

Arne & Donna Arneson	October 6th
Jeff & Susan Schafer	October 6th
Mike & Becky Mahlum	October 10th
Gary & Jan Gilchrist	October 12th
Bob & Cathy Kinnischtzke	October 14th
Tom & Pam Lannoye	October 14th
Mike & Jackie Lannoye	October 15th
Don & Cindy Cross	October 16th
Duane & Karen Ebrens	October 23rd

All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from the church's membership database. If we made a mistake, or missed you or a loved one, we apologize and ask that you please let us know so we can update our system. If you do not want your birthday listed in a bulletin or newsletter, please let us know that as well.

Thank you!





# October Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>9:00am</b> Faith Issues/ Cont. Issues Group <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> All Ages Movie Day (207) <b>Boy Scouts Wreath Sale</b>	<b>2</b> <b>6:30pm</b> PNC Meeting (Parlor)	<b>3</b> <b>9:30am</b> FAF Meeting (Parlor) <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (Room 202) <b>5:30pm</b> Property & Equipment (201)	<b>4</b> <b>9:00am-11:00am</b> Blood Pressure Clinic <b>5:45pm</b> PAC/ PresbyTeens <b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30pm</b> Choir	<b>5</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm) <b>6:00pm</b> Outreach Comm. (Parlor)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>11:00am</b> Diana Cofell's Memorial Service
<b>8</b> <b>9:00am</b> Faith Issues/ Cont. Issues Group <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>Boy Scouts Wreath Sale</b>	<b>9</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Admin & Personnel (Parlor) <b>5:30pm</b> Worship & Music (Conf.Rm) <b>6:30pm</b> PNC Meeting (Parlor)	<b>10</b> <b>5:15pm</b> Suzuki Music <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (202) <b>5:30pm</b> CCC Board (Conf. Rm.)	<b>11</b> <b>9:00am-11:00am</b> Blood Pressure Clinic <b>12:00pm</b> Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) <b>5:45pm</b> PAC/ PresbyTeens <b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30pm</b> Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9:00am</b> Yoga (202)
<b>15</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Child Care Center Open House	<b>16</b> <b>6:30pm</b> PNC Meeting (Parlor)	<b>17</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Business & Finance (Conf. Rm.) <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (202) <b>7:00pm</b> Bridge	<b>18</b> <b>9:00am-11:00am</b> Blood Pressure Clinic <b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30pm</b> Choir <b>*No PAC/</b>	<b>19</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Deacons (Parlor)	<b>20</b> <b>FAF Art Drop Off Days</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:00am</b> Yoga (202) <b>PresbyTeens Badlands Retreat</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:00am</b> Faith Issues/ Cont. Issues Group <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Congregational Meeting <b>PresbyTeens Badlands Retreat</b>	<b>23</b> <b>6:30pm</b> PNC Meeting (Parlor)	<b>24</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (202) <b>6:00pm</b> Session (Parlor)	<b>25</b> <b>9:00am-11:00am</b> Blood Pressure Clinic <b>12:00pm</b> Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) <b>5:45pm</b> PAC/ PresbyTeens <b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30pm</b> Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5:00pm- 7:00pm</b> Fine Arts Festival (Ramstad)	<b>28</b> <b>9:00am-4:00pm</b> Fine Arts Festival (Ramstad)
<b>29</b> <b>9:00am</b> Faith Issues/ Cont. Issues Group <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Stewardship Luncheon	<b>30</b> <b>6:30pm</b> PNC Meeting (Parlor)	<b>31</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (202) <b>Halloween</b>	<b>** Please be advised...there are outside groups that meet at the Church throughout the week/weekend. If you have questions regarding room availability, please call the office at 223-6091. Thank You! **</b>			

## ***OCTOBER FUN FACTS***

The 10th month of the year brings us Halloween, Columbus Day, and the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, October is the tenth month of the year. In early Roman calendar, it was actually the eighth month and there are 31 days in October.

In North Temperature zone, the first frost happens, leaves change colors and leaves fall. By the time, most of the birds would have left for the South hemisphere to protect themselves from cold weather. However, in the southern hemisphere, October's weather is just like the northern hemisphere's April weather.

In October, farmers bring the last of the fall crops and ship them to other parts of the U.S. and also, many apples are harvested.

### **Below are some fun facts about October:**

- ◆ The birthstones for October are the tourmaline and the opal.
- ◆ The zodiac signs for October are Libra (September 23-October 22) and Scorpio (October 23-November 21).
- ◆ The birth flower for October is the calendula.
- ◆ On October 1, 1896, free rural delivery of mail started in the United States.
- ◆ On October 4, 1957, the first artificial satellite was launched by the Soviet Union.
- ◆ On October 5, 1947, the first presidential telecast address from the White House was made by Harry S. Truman.
- ◆ On October 7, 1816, the Washington (first double-decked steamboat) arrived at New Orleans.
- ◆ On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in America.
- ◆ On October 18, 1867, the U.S. flag was formally raised over Alaska.
- ◆ On October 22, 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first President of the Republic of Texas.
- ◆ On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.
- ◆ Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- ◆ National Cookie Month
- ◆ National Chili Month
- ◆ National Pizza Month
- ◆ National Dessert Month
- ◆ Lupus Awareness Month
- ◆ National Seafood Month
- ◆ Columbus Day—second Monday of October
- ◆ October 31st—Halloween.





## *Halloween Holiday Trivia & Safety Tips*

- Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Reese's #1.
- Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.
- The fear of Halloween is known as *Samhainophobia*.



## *Trick-or-Treating Tips*

- Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark.
- Always trick or treat in groups, accompanied by an adult.
- Stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks.
- Only visit well lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't enter any houses unless you know the people.
- Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Always watch for cars backing up or turning.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Be polite and say "thank you".
- Don't eat any candy until it's inspected for tampering under bright lights.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.

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### **Sunday Worship Schedule:**

**Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

**No Sunday School until September**

### **Office Hours:**

**Monday—Friday  
8:00 AM—5:00 PM**

### **Staff**

#### **Pastor**

***Rev. Dr. David Reiter***

#### **Christian Education Director**

***Ashley Tangen***

#### **Finance Assistant**

***Vickie Haas***

#### **Administrative Assistant**

***Charee Linton***

#### **Parish Nurse**

***Wanona Goetz***

#### **Organist**

***Jan Candee***

#### **Choir Director**

***Debi Rogers***

#### **Handbell Ensemble Director**

***Lael Hoerauf***

#### **Maintenance Manager**

***Les Hornbacher***

#### **Membership Services**

***Judy Lentz***

***Shelli Peterson***

#### **Child Care Center Director**

***Shawn Stettner***

#### **Child Care Assistant Director**

***Vanessa Hein***

## **FAMILY NEWS**

*Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of those who have passed away:*

### ***Elizabeth Brostrom***

*Betty passed away on September 6th, 2017*

### ***Diana Cofell***

*Dianna passed away on September 20th, 2017*

*"And ye now therefore have  
sorrow: but I will see you again,  
and your heart shall rejoice, and  
your joy no man taketh from  
you." ~ John 16:22*

