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BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

September is a great time to come back to church! **Sunday, September 8th** is when our Sunday morning youth education classes and activities will kick off. Worship will be held in Ramstad Hall that day with a lot of great things planned. After worship, we will enjoy fellowship with some homemade apple desserts. For those of you who are able to share your wonderful baking skills with us, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet located on the volunteer board in the Narthex. Please feel free to reach out to friends and neighbors, including people you have not seen in church for awhile and invite them too. Also, do not forget the Christian Education Committee will be hosting an Outdoor Family Mess-tival from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. There will be fun—messy games for everyone to enjoy. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting stained or dirty. We will be featuring a dunk tank where for \$1.00 per throw you will be able to dunk your favorite Pastor Leanne, Youth Director Charee, and Interns Mark and Emily. We are looking forward to the fun!





CONSECRATION SUNDAY...

Come to Consecration Sunday on October 13th for Worship & Celebration

Please plan to attend Consecration Sunday on October 13th for Worship and a lunch celebration of the completion of First Presbyterian's Stewardship Campaign. The campaign will help us grow spiritually in our understanding of Christian Stewardship. Rather than a focus on the needs of the church, stewardship messages will explore the need of the giver to give as part of their own spiritual development.

Toward the end of September, you will receive an RSVP card for Consecration Sunday. No one will call you about a pledge, but we may contact you to secure your commitment to attend Worship on October 13th.

First Presbyterian Church Stewardship Committee





PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...

Hacked

Nobody knows how it happened: both of my computers have been searched and cleaned by a professional, and nothing was found, but still, somebody hacked my church email account and got all or a portion of my contact list. The first round was bad enough: apparently, using my name, a perpetrator requested funds to help a family in need. Then when that mailing ceased, and I thought all was clear, a second round occurred. Time passed, and now last week – again – and from what I gather, the emails make me sound increasingly desperate. Alas, I am powerless to stop a fourth round – it seems the list is being sold to ever more wicked people who desire to use my name in vain!

So... there are a few things I need you to know. **One**, my church email account has “fpcbismarck” in the sender address. I will never send you an email from a Gmail account. It isn’t me. **Second**, I will never ask you to buy a gift card of any kind for any church mission, and definitely NOT for my personal needs. In fact, I will never be asking on any personal level for money of any kind (because, A: it is wrong; B: I’d be ashamed; and C: if I did, I would be sanctioned and possibly removed from ministry – and rightly so!) Which brings me to a **Third** point: when, in my capacity as pastor, I am involved in appeals for pledges or donations, it will always be duly sanctioned by a church committee, for a church need or activity, in a professional, common appeal to all. It isn’t me. Tell everyone you know – it isn’t – don’t give to them.

That said, in true pastoral style, there is a spiritual lesson I am drawing from it. This whole thing is painful to me, because I was chosen for this precisely BECAUSE I AM A PASTOR. Somebody, somewhere knows that church folk are kind and generous, thus they think you all are easy targets for exploitation. They think that you would be savvy to a scam from a Nigerian Prince in need of cash flow, but that given your faith in Christ and desire to do his will through the church, you will be less skeptical of an email that comes in the Pastor’s name. I’ve been thinking about this: about how helpless and yes, angry, it makes me – and reflecting on the mis-use of my name and my calling to abuse and exploit people. The command of God, “not to use God’s name in vain” has become ever more precious to me now that my name has been taken in vain.

I know that when we hear that command, we often think about using God’s name as a swear word, but the command is so much bigger than that. It is about misapplying God’s name for selfish purposes, like taking an oath in order to get away with lying, or blessing a trend or movement in the name of God, even when it reflects nothing of God’s character, or hiding behind religion to solicit money from others. There are some who would deceive people into giving money with the promise of financial overflow from heaven. There are others who would sell you (for a small donation) Jordan River water, or anointing oil, a practice condemned in the scripture as “simony” (Acts 8:9-24). God’s blessings are not for sale. God’s grace is not magic. Those who do such things are taking God’s name and using it in vain. It is not right.

To be God’s agents and do God’s will, the PCUSA has put in place ethical *representational and fiscal* practices to which our church adheres. Transparency, honesty, straightforwardness – these words characterize our handling of resources; they come up regularly in budget discussions and are considered in financial decisions. We keep the promises we make when we ask folks to give in God’s name. And you have a right to know money is solicited and used. Our up-coming stewardship season and the results of it are straightforward open procedures entitling you to understanding of our mission and how we accomplish it. Jesus said that his disciples were as “sheep among wolves” so they must “be wise as serpents, harmless as doves” (Matthew 10:16). So... let us not shrink back from generosity, only be wise when offering it!



Leanne



CHANCEL CHOIR INVITATION...

"If I cannot fly, let me sing"
Stephen Sondheim

All adults and youth are welcome to join our Chancel Choir (no audition needed) in the Sanctuary **Wednesday, September 11th @ 7:30 p.m.** for our first rehearsal. Don't worry if you can't make all rehearsals as we work a few weeks ahead.

We're blessed with marvelous musicians and are very eager for your voice to join with ours in harmony as we lead others to the place of divine appreciation and wonder. It's time to joyfully share your gift of song. See you Soon!

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir Director
701-226-6890 or debirogers3@gmail.com



PAPA'S PUMPKIN PATCH POTLUCK...

The Membership Committee is sponsoring a back to fall schedule event at Papa's Pumpkin Patch. The event starts at 3:30 p.m. at the Patch in Shelter #1 on **Sunday, September 15th, 2019**. The Committee will cover the cost of admission for everyone attending. A potluck meal will begin at about 5:00 p.m. There will be a grill available for those wishing to bring items to grill. Lemonade, water, and condiments will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Please indicate the number in your party coming to the event and the potluck item you will be sharing.

See you all there!





PLAYTIME...

The kids are back in school and it's time for the adults to play! Bells, that is. Westminster Chimes will be returning to the bellroom on **September 4th** to begin their 46th season. This adult handbell ensemble meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to work on their monthly contribution to worship. Since the commitment to this group may be as short as a month at a time, we have a schedule that appeals to busy people and snowbirds alike. Feel free to contact the office or Director, Lael Hoerauf at 527-1953 for more information or to schedule a private introduction to this expressive musical form.



Come and make a joyful noise with friends!



SHARING THE ABUNDANCE OF OUR GARDENS...

The harvest season provides us with many opportunities to share the fruits of our harvest. We are sharing through our church community, and on two weekends in September, we have the chance to share even wider!

On Sunday, September 1st and Sunday, September 22nd the Banquet's "Adopt-A-Block" Food Distribution Truck will be parked in our church parking lot from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. During that time, church members are welcome to share donations of garden produce or fruit trees with the Banquet at the truck. The truck is refrigerated, so will help to keep produce in peak condition.

The "Adopt-A-Block" Food Distribution Truck is like a food pantry on wheels. The truck takes food to Bismarck neighborhoods to meet people where they are at. The "Adopt-A-Block" Food Distribution Truck is parked each Monday at South Central High School, 406 S Anderson Street from 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. and each Wednesday from 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at Jeannette Myhre School 919 S 12th Street.

It is a wonderful chance to share!

ADOPT-A-BLOCK
Needs YOUR Garden Produce!

The Dream Center Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution Truck has been well received. So much so that we have more demand than we have produce items. We are asking gardeners or produce farmers with extra produce to donate to feed the hungry in our community.

Accepting donations of garden produce on the following dates.

First Presbyterian Church
214 E. Thayer Ave. Bismarck
Sunday, Sept. 1 & Sunday, Sept. 22
9:30 am - 11:30am

Please, bring your produce to the Adopt-a-Block Truck in the parking lot.

Adopt-a-Block Product Distribution

South Central High School
406 S. Anderson St. Bismarck
Mondays 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Jeannette Myhre School
919 S. 12th St. Bismarck
Wednesdays 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

For more information contact Jim Barnhardt: 701-226-4324 or e-mail jimbarnhardt@mcn.com

The BANQUET
A Community Meal
DC DREAMCENTER BISMARCK



NURSE'S NOTES...

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **FREE CLASS:** "The Impact of Brain Injury", in Parlor, Lunch & Learn ***September 11th, 2019 from 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.*** Presented by Nicole Livedalen. Falls are the number one risk of brain injury in older adults. Post-injury outcomes are dependent upon pre-injury functioning such as age, pre-existing medical conditions and medication use. As adults age, the brain shrinks, creating more space for blood and swelling therefore symptoms do not pop up as soon, which can increase the risk of mortality or long-term effects of falls.
- ♦ Senior Strengthening Exercise Class begins ***September 9th, 2019*** every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.
- ♦ Office Days are every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Nurse Office.
- ♦ Sunday Blood Pressure Clinic is ***September 15th, 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.***



I was reading an article from the CDC about mold. I would like to share some of their information.

Mold growth is one specific contaminant that decreases indoor air quality. There are hundreds of mold that can grow indoors and all thrive in damp environments. Mold spores float in the air & can create or exacerbate health problems. Some molds are toxic, others can trigger asthma attacks or cause stuffy noses, watery eyes, or headaches. People with chronic lung diseases can develop mold infections in their lungs. The key to preventing mold growth in a building is to control moisture. Fixing leaks & seepage is a crucial step to reducing moisture. Reducing the humidity in a building can stop moisture. Mold growth or the potential for mold growth can be detected by visually seeing the mold growth, smelling musty odors, and water stains or damage.

Molds can be found almost anywhere; they can grow on virtually any organic substance, as long as moisture and oxygen are present. Mold can grow on wood, paper, carpet, foods, and insulation. When excessive moisture accumulates in buildings mold growth will often occur, particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or unaddressed.

All molds have the potential to cause health problems for all ages. Molds can produce allergens that can trigger allergic reactions or even asthma attacks in people allergic to mold. Molds are known to produce potent toxins and/or irritants. Some moisture problems in buildings have been linked to changes in building construction practices during the 1970s, 80s and 90s. Some of these changes have resulted in buildings that are tightly sealed, but may lack adequate ventilation, potentially leading to moisture buildup. Building materials, such as drywall, may not allow moisture to escape easily. Moisture problems may include: roof leaks, landscaping or gutters that direct water into or under building, unvented combustion appliances and delayed maintenance or insufficient maintenance are also associated with moisture problems in schools and large buildings. Different people react to mold exposure in different ways, but children, seniors, and immune suppressed people are usually most vulnerable to the negative effects of mold. The type and severity of the symptoms depend on the types of mold present in a building and the extent of mold exposure, but infants/babies whose immune systems have not yet fully developed can be at risk for really serious complications.

According to the InspectAPedia site leaks in the air handler can cause rust damage and may invite mold contamination in the AHU or in the HVAC system ductwork. Leaks out of the air handler can also damage surrounding building components such as drywall or insulation. Prevention of air handler condensate or other





moisture leaks that lead to rust, damage, and mold contamination in the air conditioning system must be addressed to prevent poor air quality. The evaporator coil and problems of frost build-up in the air handler must also be addressed. Look at stains indicating that condensate had blown off of the evaporator coil or otherwise spilled into the air handler cabinet where the wet fiberglass insulation is. Wet fiberglass and other wet insulation material form a potential mold reservoir right in the air path. If an air conditioning system also lacks a good air filter and it has become loaded with organic dust and debris, combined with water also forms a possible growth medium for toxic or allergenic mold inside the air handler or duct work.

“Two painters, one old man and a youngster were painting a very large home. It was getting late in the day when they reached the second floor. There ahead of them was a very long corridor. The older painter said, ‘I’ve had enough for on day. I quit. How about you?’ With that the younger painter headed toward the corridor and said, ‘Not me. I’m in this for the long hall.’ “

INFO FOR SENIORS:

Many aging adults are unaware of the available care options and programs that can help maintain their independence and quality of life. Here is a free resource that provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support and care options that are available in your area.

Please visit the website below for information

<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/north-dakota>



THE BANQUET DINNER...

First Presbyterian Church will again serve The Banquet Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church on ***Thursday, September 5th, 2019.*** Approximately 400 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 meals (30 volunteers needed)
- * Sign-up to bring desserts to Trinity Lutheran Church on September 5th to be delivered by 4:00 p.m.
- * Donate money to help with the purchase of food and supplies. Please write “The Banquet” on the memo line of your check before mailing your donating or delivering it to the church office.

Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.



CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS...

We are still looking for a Child Care Center Board Parent Representative!

If you have a son or daughter in our First Presbyterian Child Care Center program, please consider being a Child Care Center Board Representative! This is your chance to make a difference at the Child Care Center and participate in making decisions regarding board policies. The board meets just once a month.

If you or someone you know is interested, or if you'd like more information, please contact Shawn, Vanessa or Sarah Rixen (current parent rep) for details.

On that note, we'd like to thank Damita Engel for dedicating six years to the Child Care Center Board not only as a parent representative, but also board chair. She will be missed, and we wish her the best!

Thanks!

Child Care Center Board

Ella Gutzke, Chair
Sarah Rixen, Parent Rep.
Paul Ronningen, Church Member
Linda Jordre, Church Member
Becky Rosenkranz, Church Member
Vanessa Hein, Assistant Child Care Director
Shawn Stettner, Child Care Director



SEPTEMBER PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MONTH IS HERE...

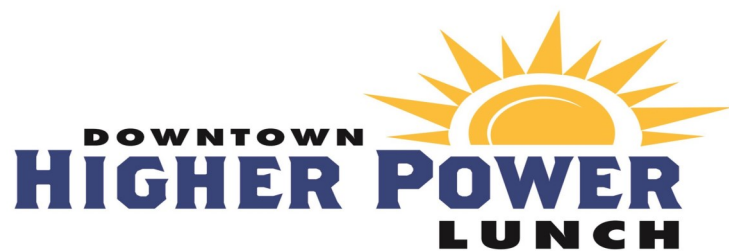
1,354 Bismarck/Mandan children each week lack food over the weekend. On Friday afternoons the Back-Pack Program delivers packs to schools in our area. During the week these children have meals at school, the weekends may find them in need of food. Because of the generosity of our church family and the wonderful history with the "Back-Pack for Kids" program at the Community Action Agency we help these young people. Mission and Outreach Committee is asking you to donate jelly and/or peanut butter in **plastic containers** during the entire month of September. As we think about a little boy in kindergarten and his big sister in second grade, who worry about being hungry on weekends, our gratitude for being able to help, shines through! Amazing what a jar of peanut butter and jelly can do to help fulfill a weekend of hunger.

Thanks so much!



SEPTEMBER HIGHER POWER LUNCH

Our September Higher Power Lunch will be held on Wednesday, September 18th from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Pastor Leanne will be our speaker. If you plan to attend, please register at www.fpcbismarck.com, go to the Higher Power Lunch tab and click on the link to register. We need you to do this so we can have a count of the number of meals to prepare. Ella Gutzke will be putting up a volunteer request sign-up sheet on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex, please consider helping. Also, if you want to become a HPL Team member please consider joining this group. We are looking for two or three people. You can contact current team members, Ella Gutzke, Al Hoberg, Jan Schultz, Kathy Mayer, Joe Satrom or Gladys Cairns. Watch for Charee's Higher Power Lunch information on Facebook at Downtown Higher Power Lunch.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE...

The September 15th Peace and Global Witness Offering helps the Presbyterian Church promote the Peace of Christ. Your donations will work toward peace in challenging time.

First Presbyterian Church can retain 25% of the offering to do good works in the community. Another 25% goes toward Presbytery ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please contribute what you can on ***September 15th.***





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What a summer this has been! I have done quite a few things for the first time myself, and it has been an absolutely amazing experience to be able to share these first with our youth as they are experiencing some of these “1st” as well. As busy as we have been during the “off” season here at the church, we are in full swing gearing up for another season of Confirmation, PAC/PresbyTeens,

more Adult Education, and the beautiful sounds of our choir and bells will be echoing through the Sanctuary before we know it!

The youth have started school again...and so have I. Before the summer I had completed 3 of the 8 courses for my Christian Education Youth Certification, and I am very excited to get back into my studies again. I will be among the 1st of the graduating class from Group University. I look forward to the opportunities and education this will share with me, and I know it will enhance my work here at First Presbyterian Church.

We have such a fun filled September planned for our FPC youth and family members! Back to Church kicks off on September 8th with a fantastic worship service planned and an Outdoor Family Mess-tival planned for later in the day! You won't want to miss the messy fun and the opportunity to dunk me, Pastor Leanne, Mark and Emily. We will also be holding a fundraiser that day. Our youth will be selling 2020 FPC Calendars. There are 2 beautiful designs to choose from and will be **\$5.00 each**. PAC and PresbyTeens will begin on Wednesday, September 11th with a fun filled (possibly wet) game night to kick-start the season! And Confirmation will start back up on Wednesday, September 18th. Saturday, September 28th, we will have a Pedal for Pizza Bike Ride starting at 3:00 p.m. at Pioneer Park and then after, meet back at the church to feast on Pizza.

There will be a few changes in the curriculum this year. We will have multi-age “Growing in Grace and Gratitude” curriculum in Sunday School so all will be able to enjoy learning at the appropriate level. For PAC we will enjoy the DigIn program from Group. This year will be “Epic Teachings of the Bible” portion of the program. More music, videos and crafts to learn from. PresbyTeens will be mixing it up between Think Believe Do and Grow Curriculum, along with some fun games from Youth Ministry. I will be introducing different prayer stations through out the year that had been introduced at Triennium that I feel had a great impact on the youth there who participated.

Along with the new curriculum, we have decided that with the offerings from Sunday School and youth group, we will be sponsoring a child through Compassion International. Our youth will be corresponding with the child through letters and pictures, and will be able to see first hand that their generosity can make a difference to someone in need. I will get you more information once we receive our child has corresponded with us.

We are in the last half of Confirmation for our Confirmands. There are some service projects we will complete before May. One of the MANDATORY service requirements will be for the Confirmands to Walk for a Cause. The Designer Genes Walk for Down Syndrome is on Saturday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m. We will meet on the South lawn of the State Capitol. The other walk is the CROP Walk for Hunger, Sunday, October 13th meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church between 12:45—1:00 p.m. Please let me know which one the youth will be able to attend.

So much is happening with First Presbyterian Church this fall! Please keep our families, kids and youth in your prayers that they make and keep faith and church a priority in their daily lives. It is so important to find how we will personally live out our faith-as kids, youth, parents and people. Support and prayers are always appreciated along this journey.

Charee



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Save the Date for our Great Fall Events

Sunday, September 8th: Sunday School Returns with Outdoor Mess-tival from 2-4!

Teachers are needed for our fabulous kids during Sunday School. The lessons are simple and are already laid out—our kids are fabulous! There is a sign-up sheet on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex, or you can talk to Charee if you have any questions.

Wednesday, September 11th: PAC & PresbyTeens resume with a fun-filled game night!

1st—12th Graders have their Wednesday nights busy with lots of fun together! We meet in our Game Rooms at 5:45 p.m., and enjoy dinner together at 6:00 p.m. PAC and PresbyTeens separate from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. for their own lesson time, and fun time together!

This year, our PAC Parents are being asked to join us for 2-3 Wednesdays, serving as Table Parents and assistants to our awesome volunteers and intern leaders. Please sign-up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex for when you are able to help out.

Saturday, September 15th: Papa's Pumpkin Patch Potluck @ 3:30 p.m. Shelter #1

The Membership Committee invites everyone to come together at Papa's Pumpkin Patch north of Bismarck on River Road on Sunday, September 15th starting at 3:30. The Committee will cover the cost of admission for everyone attending. A potluck meal will begin at about 5:00 p.m. There will be a grill available for those wishing to bring items to grill. Lemonade, water and condiments will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Please indicate the number in your party coming to the event and the potluck item you will be sharing. Hope to see you all there!

Saturday, September 28th: Designer Genes walk for Down Syndrome @ 10:00 am

This walk is to raise awareness of the potential of individuals with Down Syndrome to live, learn, work, and contribute to their community. No donations are required to walk. If you would like to donate to Designer Genes, donations are taken online at www.DesignerGenesND.com. The walk is 1 mile long, which is three loops around the south grounds of the Capitol. The three loops are symbolic of Trisomy 21, which is the chromosomal diagnosis for Down Syndrome. Pets are welcome and must be on a leash and should be comfortable in large groups and with small children. Lunch will be served after the walk at the Capitol grounds and everyone is invited to stay and continue to visit and play games.

Saturday, September 28th: Pedal for Pizza ~ Family Fun Day

Join us for a Family Fun Day Bike Ride! Mark Jensen will be leading the way for this fun FPC family bike day. Meet Mark at Pioneer Park at 3:00 p.m. After the ride, we will meet at the church to enjoy a pizza party! Keep an eye out on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Please put your name down and how many will be with you so that we will have an estimate for how much pizza we can feast on!



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 27TH 2019

CLERK'S REPORT

The deaths of Harvey Sand, August 11th and Penny Blotsky, August 6th were reported. Membership is 360. Pastor Leanne stated that Fred Larson is at Sanford Sunset Care Facility in Mandan and would welcome visitors.

Session approved the acceptance of Lyle & Sue Johnsen by letter of transfer from Watford City Presbyterian Church and Rick and Lori Lee, former members of Jamestown Presbyterian Church. These new members will be presented to the congregation in September.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Total Income YTD Actual	\$292,270	Budget	\$283,958
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$293,504	Budget	\$301,863
NET Income	- \$ 1,234	Budget	- \$ 17,905
Unrestricted General Fund	\$182,811.51		
YTD Investment Results	\$180,091.14		

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Leanne noted upcoming events: Back to Church Sunday, Sept. 8th; Wholeness Sunday and Adult Sunday School, Sept. 15th; Blessing of Pets, Sept. 29th, 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative and Personnel—Session asked the committee to study options for reducing the number of Elders/Deacons and possibly combining some committees.

Business and Finance—The committee met with John Mayer of Stifel for the annual portfolio review. Investment allocation will remain 65% equity and 35% fixed income. The management fee is .85%. A new account, Parish Nurse Fund, has been established.

Christian Education—Volunteers are needed for the September 14th "Fun in the Sun" event on the church grounds. Sunday School/PAC/PresbyTeens will sponsor a child through Compassion International. Calendars for \$5.00 will be sold as a PresbyTeen fundraiser. Confirmation class will meet the second Wednesday each month (except September—third Wednesday). Business and Finance will be asked to recommend using the Lovering Fund to pay for the CE Interns for the rest of 2019. The Richter-Chapman Fund will be depleted.

Membership—About 85 attended the pig roast at Glencoe Church August 24th. The Clerk of Session will send a thank you to the church.

Mission and Outreach—The committee has produced a brochure for visitors/members that describes their activities. Gladys Cairns will be moving to Henderson, NV in November. Dick Weber volunteered to serve as Chair of the committee for the remainder of the year; Administrative and Personnel will be asked to approve this assignment. Pastor Leanne will be the speaker at the September Higher Power Lunch. There will be a peanut butter/jelly drive in September for the Back Pack for Kids program.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Property and Equipment—A sub-committee of Jay Cofell, Matt Engel and Jim Skaret will begin a feasibility study for a new heating/air conditioning system.

Stewardship—The new Stewardship approach will include three presentations by church members as to what the church means to them. Current Elders and Deacons will meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner on October 6th, with Rev. Steve Sathre speaking. Consecration Sunday will be October 13th with a catered lunch.

Worship and Music—The committee will order Thanksgiving/Harvest banners and pay for registration cost for the 2020 handbell festival.

Nominating—Three more Elders and several Deacons are still needed for the 2020 slate of officers.

Board of Deacons—The Recording Committee will check prices for a new copier of discs.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





SEPTEMBER USHERS/GREETERS/RECEPTION HOST

- September 1st :** **Captain:** Abby Bjornson
Ushers: Carole Watrel, Larry Larson, Bev Patch-Larson, Peggy Hoge, Joe Satrom
Reception Host: Emily Ehrens
- September 8th:** **Captain:** Alice Nix
Ushers: Gaylene Massey, David Massey, Lori Orser, Peggy Hoge, Dave Nix
Reception Host: Donna Richter
- September 15th:** **Captain:** Neva Carlisle
Ushers: Tedd Gutzke, Don Bigwood, Ella Gutzke, Ron Carlisle, Joe Satrom
Reception Host: Lynne Bigwood
- September 22nd:** **Captain:** Nanc Skaret
Ushers: Dick Weber, Vic Sonneman, Joe Satrom, Cindy Cross, Don Cross
Reception Host: Judy Lentz
- September 29th:** **Captain:** Kathryn Brown
Ushers: Mary Magnusson, Letha Lewis, Keith Magnusson, Alice Nix, Dave Nix
Reception Host: Jae Reile

LAY READERS

September 1st
Alice Nix

September 8th
Lorraine Dopson

September 15th
Gloria Blanco

September 22nd
Lori Orser

September 29th
Donna Richter



*If you are interested in
volunteering, you may sign up
on the Volunteer Board in the
Narthex, or call the church
office at:*

223-6091

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sunday, September 1st

Steve Adair	Letha Lewis
Shari Orser	Peggy Hoge
Donna Richter	Pam Anderson
Gloria Blanco	Jane Boeckel
Abby Bjornson	Kathryn Brown



*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.*

701-223-6091



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Karen Ehrens	1st
Maren Stokka	1st
Angie Hoerauf	2nd
Vi Ruff	5th
Clayton Carlson	10th
Lynn Johnson Dodge	13th
Edith Ruff	13th
Becky Rosenkranz	14th
Elizabeth Lucas	15th
Rick Lee	18th
Charee Linton	19th
Jack Luciano	24th
Keith Magnusson	24th
Tom Lannoye	25th
Anita Fru	25th
Dennis Rosenkranz	25th
Kathryn Brown	25th
Kathy Mayer	27th
Tedd Gutzke	27th
Brynn Asselin	27th
Stuart Libby	28th

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Julie Van Voorhis	16th
Shelli & Nathan Peterson	28th

All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from information collected on the updated information forms. 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!



SEPTEMBER

events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, September 1st, 2019	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, September 2nd, 2019		<i>Church Closed for Labor Day!</i>	
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Parlor
	5:30 pm	Property & Equipment Comm.	Ramstad Hall
	6:00 pm	Yoga	202
	6:30 pm	Lay Pastors	Parlor
Wednesday, September 4th, 2019	9:30 am	ECMC—Suzuki	202
	5:30 pm	Safe Child Practices Meeting For anyone working with our youth, parents, or anyone who wants to know what we do.	Parlor
	5:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
Thursday, September 5th, 2019		<i>*FPC is hosting and serving The Banquet Dinner at Trinity Lutheran</i>	
	6:00 p.m.	Membership Committee	Conference Room
Friday, September 6th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, September 7th, 2019	8:30 am	Circle	Parlor
	9:00 am	Yoga	202
<i>Sunday, September 8th, 2019</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Worship ~ Back To Church</i>	<i>Ramstad Hall</i>
	10:15am	Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 am	Back-to-Church “Apple” Fellowship	Ramstad
	2:00-4:00pm	Outdoor Family Mess-tival	Outside
Monday, September 9th, 2019	10:00 am	Senior Strengthening Class	Parlor
	12:00 p.m.	Business & Finance Committee	Conference Room
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205, 207
	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Conference Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Conference Room



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Tuesday, September 10th, 2019	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Parlor
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205
	5:30 pm	Child Care Center Board	Conference Room
	6:00 pm	Yoga	202
Wednesday, September 11th, 2019	9:00 am	Stewardship Committee	Conference Room
	9:30 am	ECMC Suzuki Music Class	202
	12:00 pm	Head Injury Lunch-n-Learn	Parlor
	12:00 pm	Munch & Mingle	Ramkota Hotel
	5:30 pm	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, September 12th, 2019	10:00 am	Senior Strengthening Class	Parlor
	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee	Conference Room
Friday, September 13th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, September 14th, 2019	9:00 am	Yoga	202
	11:00am-4:00pm	C.E. "Fun in the Sun" Event	East Lawn
		<i>Boy Scouts Parking Lot Fundraiser</i>	
Sunday, September 15th, 2019	9:00 am	Blood Pressure Clinic	Conference Room
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	201
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Sunday School	Downstairs
	3:30 pm	Papa's Pumpkin Patch Potluck	At the Patch
Monday, September 16th, 2019	10:00 am	Senior Strengthening Class	Parlor
	12:00 pm	Business & Finance Committee	Parlor
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	Parlor
	5:00 pm	Administrative & Personnel Conn.	Conference Room
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205, 207
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs



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Tuesday, September 17th, 2019	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Parlor
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205
	6:00 pm	Yoga	202
Wednesday, September 18th, 2019	9:30 am	ECMC Suzuki Music Class	202
	11:30 am	Downtown Higher Power Lunch	Parlor
	5:30 pm	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, September 19th, 2019	10:00 am	Senior Strengthening Class	Parlor
	1:30 pm	Book Club	Parlor
	7:00 pm	Deacons	Parlor
Friday, September 20th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, September 21st, 2019	9:00 am	Yoga	202
Sunday, September 22nd, 2019	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	201
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, September 23rd, 2019	10:00 am	Senior Strengthening Class	Parlor
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205, 207
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, September 24th, 2019	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	2:00 pm	Presbyterian Friends	Touchmark
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205
	6:00 pm	Session	Parlor
	6:00 pm	Yoga	202
Wednesday, September 25th, 2019	9:30 am	ECMC—Suzuki Music School	202
	5:30 pm	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

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<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Thursday, September 26th, 2019	10:00 am	Senior Strengthening Class	Parlor
Friday, September 27th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, September 28th, 2019	9:00 am	Yoga	202
	10:00 am	Designer Genes Walk for Down	South Lawn of
	3:30 pm	Pedal for Pizza	Pioneer Park/FPC
Sunday, September 29th, 2019	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	201
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Sunday School	Downstairs
	4:00 pm	Blessing of Pets Worship	East Parking Lot
Monday, September 30th, 2019	10:00 am	Senior Strengthening Class	Parlor
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205, 207
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs



<i>Deut. 6:4-9</i>	May your teachers love you with all their hearts, souls & minds.
<i>Deut. 11:18</i>	May we be teachers of Your word
<i>Josh. 1:9</i>	Give our teachers strength and courage.
<i>Psalms 31:24</i>	May our teachers be strong in hope.
<i>Micah 6:8</i>	May they seek justice, have mercy and walk humbly with You, God.
<i>John 14:26</i>	Be the Comforter for our teachers and leaders.
<i>1 Cor. 15:58</i>	Make our teachers steadfast, giving themselves fully.
<i>Col. 3:16</i>	May the word of Christ dwell richly in our teachers and leaders.
<i>James 1:5</i>	May our teachers and leaders come to You for wisdom.
<i>2 John 1:5-6</i>	May our teachers and leaders walk in love.
<i>1 Peter 4:10</i>	May our leaders use their gifts to serve one another.
<i>Eph. 3:16-19</i>	Strengthen our teachers through your Spirit.

Lord, guide our *Leaders!*



CROP WALK FOR HUNGER...

***The 50th Anniversary
CROP Hunger WalkGood***

October 13th 2019

12:30 p.m. ~ Join us for the 50th Anniversary Celebration

1:30 p.m. ~ Walk for World Hunger

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The 1st CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk started 50 years ago in Bismarck! Walk or sponsor a walker in the 2019 Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday October 13th, at 1:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

To celebrate 50 years, the event will kick off at 12:30 p.m. with the walk's registration, an education fair, and a visit from Clark the Lark and Merifeather Lewis.

Special guests from Church World Services will be joining the Bismarck walk to help fight World Hunger. There will be two distances for the walk. A shorter walk of about 1/2 mile and the longer walk of about 2.5 miles. Be sure to stick around after the walk and have an ice cream sundae to celebrate the 50th Anniversary.

Not only does CROP Hunger Walk help those around the world, but also those in need locally. 25% of funds raised at the Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger will benefit the Soup Care, the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry, the Abused Adult Resource Center and AID, Inc.

Let's keep the ecumenical tradition of CROP Walk strong. Church World Service, our sponsoring organization, is made up of 35 different denominations of churches all working cooperatively to help people here and around the world. You can even designate the money you raise to go to a specific supporting entity (es. Heifer Project, Lutheran World Relief, etc.).

Sign-up today to walk or sponsor a CROP Walker! We will be having some of our fabulous Confirmands and youth walking in the CROP walk. To take part, or sponsor one of our FPC walkers, please contact Charee at 701-223-6091 or Alice Nix at 701-751-7501. Or, just show up at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on October 13th at 12:30 to learn, serve, and have fun.



CHURCH NEWS...

You are the BEST!

- ◆ Congratulations FPC! Pat yourself on the back!! At a recent event here at the church, a visitor made this comment:

"Cleanest church I have seen in a long time—I could eat off the floor."

We are proud to have Nathan to keep the church looking great, but you as a congregation do a lot to help keep the church looking great with all your care and volunteering.

FAMILY NEWS...

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of those who have died:

Harvey Sand

(Passed away August 11th, 2019)

"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



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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

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Finance Assistant

Vickie Haas

Administrative Assistant/Youth

Christian Education Director

Charee Linton

Parish Nurse

Wanona Goetz

Organist

Arvy Smith

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Lael Hoerauf

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Nathan Peterson

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