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# First Presbyterian Church



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### *BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY*

#### *Sunday, September 9th*

Sunday, Sept. 9th is Welcome Back Sunday, when we again celebrate the start of all of the fall activities at First Presbyterian Church. To help celebrate, the Christian Education Committee and the Membership Committee ask the congregation to join committee members in bringing sweet breads, sweet rolls, or muffins to share in the Parlor after Worship. There will also be ice cream for the children to celebrate as well. This is an opportunity to rejoice in the start of fall activities and greet & meet other members & guests.

**All students are encouraged to bring their back-packs to church for "Blessing of the Back-Packs" and to pray for all our educators.**





## **FPC CHILD CARE CENTER...**

### **Keeping Outdoor Classroom Area in Tip Top Shape!**

Matthew Engel, Chair of the Property and Equipment Committee has been hard at work this summer! Whether it was mowing the lawn or spraying for weeds and mosquitos, Matt was a moving force in our play area!

Matt (and his garage) spent time giving some much needed TLC to the existing equipment, he has made sure to make the space happy and welcoming for our little ones.

Here are some before, during and after photos of equipment rehab work done this summer.



Thanks so much for your hard work Matthew Engel and ALL the Property and Equipment Committee for keeping the FPCCC and the whole church looking spiffy!

FPCCC invites you to join them at their third Open House in mid-October! (TBD) Tour the facilities, Enjoy a cookie and ask questions about our fantastic staff and services!







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

*1 Peter 4:8,9 ~ "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."*

In ancient times, the refusal to show hospitality, even to strangers, was a social scandal. Traveling was difficult, roads unsure and sometimes, one encountered ruthless bandits. Traveling was pure rigor, exhausting and slow, and finding water and food to replenish supplies was complicated. Locating an inn, or a place to sleep safely and comfortably was nearly impossible. One's best hope to make long journeys a little less awful was to encounter a town or a homestead where one could be taken in and given temporary sustenance. Even refugees and foreigners were included in the command of God to be hospitable (Ex. 23). Almost nothing would earn a person a bad reputation as quickly as refusing to help a passer-by.

The scriptures are replete with stories where the failure to be hospitable was condemned. Ezekiel 16 identifies the city of Sodom as one which was condemned for its hostility toward people who needed help; in 1 Samuel 25, Nabal faces tremendous punishment (and ultimately dies) for pushing away David's request for hospitality to his men. In Numbers 20, Edom is castigated for its refusal to allow Israel to pass through its lands, even though they promised not to drink from private wells or eat from private fields.

By contrast, scripture is replete with stories of hospitality rewarded: Abraham opens his tent to strangers who turn out to be messengers from God (Gen. 18); a foreign woman actually builds a home onto her house for the prophet of God (2 Kings 4) and still another woman is rewarded with enough food to keep her and her son alive during a drought, because she fed the man of God before her family (1 Kings 17). The Epistle to the Hebrews tells us (ch. 13), "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." The point here is really about the church and its capacity to be an oasis to those who come across our path.

It is no mistake that our Savior began his earthly life as the recipient of hospitality. Unable to find an inn, Joseph and Mary take refuge in a barn—offered to them no doubt, as an act of compassionate hospitality by one who was overstretched anyway. Hospitality was a pattern of his ministry, feeding the hungry, opening the table and telling tales about the human capacity for hospitality as he illustrated the nature of God. Breaking loaves and fishes to expand his meal table was just the beginning. A little can be a lot when we do as he commands. He set the pattern for us.

What I find is that hospitality, that is genuine hospitality, is the product of a generous heart. It is done happily, without resentment—sometimes, those who are the best at it seem to do it naturally, as if it requires no calculation, just...an open heart. Life has the potential to form stingy spirits within us, to teach us to be withholding, when in truth, we could spare a little without too much pain. It can teach us that people will ill-use us if we extend ourselves too much, or it can plant in our hearts a genuine fear that if we are too generous, we will exhaust our resources and not have enough when we need it. Said bluntly, the witness of the scripture is that we must "unlearn" those lessons, and live without fear and abandon the anxieties which keep us from enjoying the generous spirit of Christ.

And let's be honest—much of what people need costs us very little: some of our time, a friendly smile, and invitation to coffee, and open heart...too many people go through this world feeling like a number on a time-clock, or a cog in somebody else's wheel. A little hospitality, a welcome, and hour of oasis can be enormously healing when it humanizes someone whose journey is long and whose resources (emotionally, spiritually and





## **PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE (cont.)**

materially) are slim. It really is a matter of spirit, and one simple kindness can go a long way in showing the love of God. So, let's be open to what the scripture tells us multiple ways, Romans 12:9-13 ~ "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

*Pastor Leanne*



## **PAPA'S PUMPKIN PATCH POTLUCK...**

***Sunday, September 16th from 4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
At Papa's Pumpkin Patch***

Kids of all ages, families and guests are invited to come together at Papa's Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, September 16th for fun, fellowship and food. Papa's is north of Bismarck on River Road. Directions to find Papa's: <https://papaspumpkinpatch.wordpress.com/visitor-info/>

Entrance fees will be covered by the Membership Committee. (Other activities with a small fee will be on your own.)

Grilled meats, buns and water will be provided. Please bring some food to share. If you like to reduce waste, you may also bring your own re-usable plates and utensils. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex on the Volunteer Board so we know how many brats to cook!

Please invite friends and family!







## **CHANCEL CHOIR INVITATION...**

This special invitation is to all young adults and adults to help serve our congregation in a meaningful, exhilarating, and spiritual way...by singing with the Chancel Choir. If you've sung in a choir or have been involved with music ministry, you don't need to be told what a joy it is to sing to the Lord in worship, and lead others to that place of divine appreciation and wonder.

***Wednesday, September 5th marks our first rehearsal and we lead the congregation September 9th.***

Here at First Presbyterian we're blessed with marvelous musicians and would love for you to join us. There's no need to be able to read music or audition to sing with us. We're eager for new members and everyone is welcome. Choir rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary and prepares at least 4 weeks ahead, so don't worry if you can't make all rehearsals.

We'd be thrilled to have your voice join with ours in harmony. Don't let your music remain inside. It's time to share.

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir Director  
701-226-6890 or [debirogers3@gmail.com](mailto:debirogers3@gmail.com)



## **DINNERS FOR 8...**

The Membership Committee would like to invite you to participate in Dinners for 8, starting this fall. This is a fun opportunity for hospitality and increased connection among our church family and friends. Singles and couples of all kinds are encouraged to participate. Each "couple" will host a dinner, brunch or lunch. Can be casual and simple, or whatever is your style, in your home or elsewhere. Be creative and be you! Most of all have fun! Please sign-up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.





## **THE BANQUET DINNER...**

First Presbyterian Church will again serve The Banquet Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church on **Thursday, September 13th, 2018**. 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 13th,
- \* Donate money to help with the purchase of food and supplies for the Banquet (funding 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 September 13.

Thank You!  
Outreach Committee

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## **SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION...**

The Outreach Committee is again conducting its annual clothing drive for Myhre Elementary School during the month of September. Please consider purchasing any of these needed items: sweatpants in neutral colors, boys and girls underwear, and socks. All items should be in sizes 4-12. These “emergency” clothing items are stored by the school social worker in order to provide dry clothes in case of accidents in the classroom or on wet playgrounds. These greatly appreciated items can be dropped off in the donation box in the church Narthex.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE...**

The Administrative and Personnel Committee is reviewing the Sunday Nursery Attendant position. The nursery averages 1 child most Sundays. It is a paid position with currently one attendant, who is a qualified Child Care employee. Our Adult to Child/Youth Ratio policy states “no staff member or volunteer is to be left alone with any child at any time without justifiable reason pertaining to the child’s well-being. If alone, every effort shall be made to meet in an open room with a window and another person in close proximity to the meeting room. Suggestions at the August Session meeting include the possibility of the installation of security cameras.



## *CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...*

### *Back to (Sunday) School!*

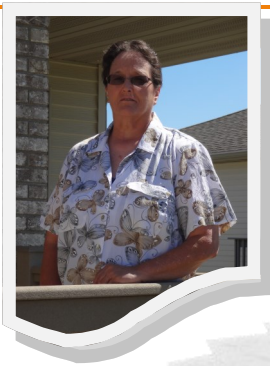
In Sunday Worship, September 9th, we are going to kick-off a new season of Christian Education!

Here's what is on the schedule:

- ◆ **Adult Bible Study:** Sunday morning, 9:00 a.m. (Room TBA). Have you ever wondered how we ended up with 3 gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, which are so very similar? Did you ever wonder why these scriptures are included in our Bible, but some others left out? Who made the decision? How did they decide? What is the relationship between these three gospels? Why are there some differences in the texts, even when they seem to be telling the same story? Join us as Pastor Leanne answers some of those questions, and leads us in an examination of the texts themselves. We will be talking about the history of the gospels and comparing their stories so that we might better understand the story of Jesus and his church.
- ◆ **Sunday Kids:** Children ages 3 through 5th Grade are welcome to join us in Sunday School each Sunday after the Young Disciples Message in Worship. We join together in learning songs, playing games and learning lessons from the Bible from 10:15—11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday Nights:** First Presbyterian Church! Our Kids meet here at 5:45 p.m. and start the night with a meal together at 6:00 p.m. The kids and youth enjoy their age-appropriate programming from 6:30—7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Presbyterian Action Club ~ PAC:** (1st-5th Graders) - PAC is our kids' time together each week to explore the bible through fun and games, and a really great time! Our kids get to know their faith from learning a different story each week, and have fun together with different games and crafts! 6:30—7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **PresbyTeens:** Our 6th-12th Graders each week to explore their faith and explore their fun! Through games, lessons and awesome discussions—we are learning more and more about our faith and our relationship with God in each Wednesday night together.

But...we still don't have a C.E. person...!? Our youth program is being staffed by our interns, volunteers and the Pastor! AND...the search is continuing. We trust God's guidance and are anticipating a joyful answer to our prayers!





## **NURSE'S NOTES...**

### **Happy September Everyone!!**

Since this is the harvest season, I decided to tell you a little story about a farmer. Here it goes:

A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A little boy, playing in front of his house, saw him and called, "What've you got in your truck?" "Fertilizer," the farmer replied. "What are you going to do with it?" asked the little boy. "Put it on strawberries," answered the farmer. "You ought to live here," the little boy advised him. "We put sugar and cream on ours."

**September** is National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month. According to the Healthline magazine at least 2.7 million people in the United States have atrial fibrillation. It's the most common type of heart arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat) that can interrupt the normal flow of blood. This interruption means the condition puts you at risk of blood clots and stroke. Atrial fibrillation may be temporary, may come and go, or may be permanent. However, with appropriate medical care, you can live a normal, active life. The heart contains four chambers: two atria and two ventricles. Atrial fibrillation occurs when these chambers don't work together as they should because of faulty electrical signaling. Normally, the atria and ventricles contract at the same speed. In atrial fibrillation, the atria and ventricles are out of sync because the atria contract very quickly and irregularly. Atrial fibrillation is often referred to as sick sinus syndrome because the sinoatrial (sinus) node in the right atrium controls the electrical impulses. The cause of atrial fibrillation isn't always known. Conditions that can cause damage to the heart and lead to atrial fibrillation include: high blood pressure, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, heart valve disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, in which the heart muscle becomes thick, heart surgery, congenital heart defects (meaning heart defects you're born with), an overactive thyroid gland, pericarditis (which is inflammation of the sac-like covering of the heart), taking certain medications, binge drinking or thyroid disease.

**Who is at risk for atrial fibrillation?** The following factors increase your risk of atrial fibrillation: increased age (the older you are, the higher your risk), being white, being male, heart disease, structural heart defects, congenital heart defects, pericarditis, history of heart attacks, history of heart surgery, thyroid conditions, metabolic syndrome, obesity, lung disease, diabetes, drinking alcohol (especially binge drinking). The following might increase your risk: a family history of atrial fibrillation, sleep apnea and high-dose steroid therapy.

**What are they symptoms of atrial fibrillation?** You might not experience any symptoms if you have atrial fibrillation. However, you might experience one or more of the following: heart palpitations (feelings like your heart is skipping a beat, beating too fast or hard, or fluttering), chest pain, fatigue, shortness of breath, weakness, lightheadedness, dizziness, fainting and confusion.

**How is atrial fibrillation diagnosed?** Your doctor may use one or more of the following tests to diagnose atrial fibrillation: a physical exam to check your pulse, blood pressure, and lungs. Electrocardiogram (EKG) a test that records the electric impulses of your heart for a few seconds. If atrial fibrillation doesn't occur during this test, your doctor may have you wear a portable EKG monitor. These include: a Holter monitor (a small portable device you wear for 24 to 48 hours to monitor your heart); an Event monitor (which is a device that records your heart only at certain times or when you are having symptoms. It's worn for weeks or until







## **NURSE'S NOTES...(cont.)**

atrial fibrillation symptoms occurs). An Echocardiogram (which is a noninvasive test that uses sound waves to produce a moving image of your heart), a Transesophageal echocardiogram (which is an invasive version of an echocardiogram that is performed by placing a probe in the esophagus), a Stress test (which monitors your heart during exercise), a chest X-ray (to view your heart and lungs) and blood tests to check for thyroid and metabolic conditions.

**How is atrial fibrillation treated?** You might not need treatment if you don't have symptoms, if you don't have other heart problems, or if the atrial fibrillation stops on its own. If you do require treatment, your doctor may recommend one or more of the following: **Medications** help normalize the speed of your heart contractions; medications to prevent atrial fibrillation or blood-thinning medications to prevent blood clots from forming. **Procedures** such as electrical cardioversion (a brief electrical shock resets the rhythm of your heart conditions). **Catheter ablation** (a catheter delivers radio waves to the heart to destroy the abnormal tissue that sends out irregular impulses). **Atrioventricular (AV) node ablation** (radio waves destroy the AV node, which connects the atria and ventricles. Then the atria can no longer send signals to the ventricles. A pacemaker is inserted to maintain a regular rhythm). **Maze surgery** (this is an invasive surgery that can be either open-heart or through small incisions in the chest, during which the surgeon makes small cuts or burns in the heart's atria to create a "maze" of scars that will prevent abnormal electrical impulses from reaching other areas of the heart. This surgery is only used in cases when other treatments were unsuccessful). Your doctor might also recommend treatment for underlying health conditions, such as a thyroid problem or heart disease; that might be causing atrial fibrillation. **Outlook:** most cases of atrial fibrillation can be managed or treated. However, atrial fibrillation tends to reoccur and get worse over time. The most common complications of atrial fibrillation are strokes and heart failure. If you have atrial fibrillation and aren't taking proper medication, you are five times more likely to have a stroke than people who don't have atrial fibrillation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Prevention:** you can reduce your risk of atrial fibrillation by doing the following: Eat a diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables and low in saturated and trans fat. Exercise regularly. Maintain a healthy weight. Avoid smoking. Avoid drinking alcohol or only drink small amounts of alcohol occasionally. Follow your doctor's advice for treating any underlying health conditions that you have.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◆ There will be a Blood Pressure clinic in the church conference room Sunday, September 16th 2018 at 9-10 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.—Noon.
- ◆ There will be two free classes on "SCAMS" offered by the Consumer Protection Division of the North Dakota Attorney General Office on September 18th, 2018 at Noon and at 6:30 p.m. in Ramstad Hall. Everyone is welcome!
- ◆ The FREE strengthening classes will resume on September 6th, 2018 in the Parlor every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Wear good, supportive shoes and bring water. See you there!

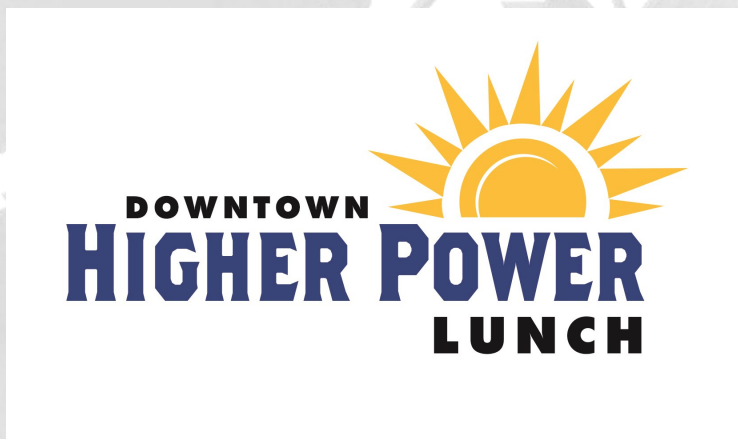


## **HIGHER POWER LUNCH...**

### ***Wednesday, September 19th is our next Higher Power Lunch***

Our August Higher Power Lunch guest experienced a very moving message presented by Nicole Huson, daughter of Ella and Tedd Gutzke. Nicole lifted us all up in the knowledge that it is best to use prayer and to listen to the answers. Her message certainly reached our hearts with the joy of possibilities. Kathy Mayer catered a wonderful salad and soup menu. We are gifted to have loving volunteers that make these lunches possible. It is difficult to strongly express adequately our gratefulness!

On Wednesday, September 19th, the Higher Power Lunch guest will gather starting at 11:30 a.m. We are so please that our family member, Steve Adair, will be our speaker, sharing his faith journey. Your Outreach Committee through the HPL Team encourages you to participate. If you wish to be a guest in September or any upcoming HPL please register at our church's webpage: [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com). Through registration is how we know how much food needs to be prepared.



Stephen E. Adair (Steve) lives in Bismarck with his wife Laura. They have two young adults in college. Steve has been an elder and deacon at First Presbyterian Church for several years. Steve is the Director of the seven-state Great Plains Region for Ducks Unlimited, where he oversees cooperative programs with private landowners and public agencies to secure a place for wetlands and grasslands to help foster a more sustainable future for wildlife and people. Steve grew up on the Texas Gulf Coast where he first became interested in stewardship of God's creation. He received his Ph.D. in ecology from Utah State University and his B.S. in biology from the University of Texas at Austin.







## **THE LEAST OF THESE...**

***On October 7th, Sunday from 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.***

Your Outreach Committee has formed a subcommittee which includes Karen Ehrens, Joe Satrom, Paul Ronningen, Gladys Cairns and Karen McDonald with Pastor Leanne. We will facilitate a gathering wherein we will discuss the face of poverty, the intersection of race relations opening a conversation that hopefully will continue. The gathering will begin with a light meal in Ramstad Hall.

Our Presbytery will be meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Mandan for the fall meeting on Monday, October 8th. Our gathering tentatively named “The Least of These” on Sunday evening is presented in collaboration with our Northern Plains Presbytery. It is expected that our Presbyterian brothers and sisters across our Presbytery may be attending because they will be in town for the Presbytery meeting the next day. The public in Bismarck and Mandan will be invited.

Our subcommittee will be meeting soon to develop the details for this gathering. We will keep you informed with the hope you will choose to attend this gathering. Perhaps you would like to be a part of the planning subcommittee and if so please contact Gladys Cairns at 220-6030.



## **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING...**

The month of September has been designated the Season of Peace. During this time, we are encouraged to better define and deepen our calling as peacemakers. By personal reflection and learning as well as by inspiring and challenging one another we can all increase our commitment to peace.

The journalist Walker Knight said, “Peace is active, not passive; peace is doing, not waiting.” On Sunday, October 7th we will collect our Peace and Global Witness offering. This offering allows us to provide resources to deal with conflict and nurture reconciliation. 50% of our gifts go to efforts around the globe to bring communities together and stop terrible things like human trafficking. 25% of our gifts support peacemaking in our region and 25% of our gifts will stay here in Bismarck to support local compassionate efforts.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we follow Jesus’ example as the Prince of Peace.

Stewardship Committee



## *STEWARDSHIP & MISSION INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE...*

How quickly time passes! We have enjoyed the leadership of Pastor David and the energetic enthusiasm of Christian Education Director, Ashley. They both have given us a positive and joyful step in our church lives. The time to start again promises new opportunities. With the help of our New Pastor, Leanne, we will share in the ministry that Christ is calling us to.

God has revealed his good intentions for us and all mankind. He wants us to share in his glory by letting us develop our own good intentions too. When we express our good feelings about the blessings that we have shared, and what we plan to do, we feel the joy and satisfaction that is possible through our life of stewardship.

This year, our stewardship theme is “Good Vibrations”. These of course, are the feelings we get when the Holy Spirit has reminded us of our good intentions and how we can share our gifts by working through His church. Our members have personally taken the time to proclaim the Word of God:

- \* Feed and clothe the poor and needy
- \* Support the daycare and nurture the youth
- \* Visit the shut-ins
- \* Remember the sick

*“Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”* ~ Matthew 25:40

Back by popular demand, on September 30th the Pony Express will fire up the horses. The Trail Bosses will have the saddle bags ready; they have filled them with cards to show Your Pledge or Your Estimate of Giving for 2019. This of course, is vital to our church making a reasonable budget. The routes will be short with one family passing the bags to another; when complete it should be taken back to the Trail Boss and they will take it back to the church. Then, on October 21st, we will all meet in Ramstad Hall after church to celebrate the fact that we have joined together, as members and friends, to continue God’s work, with a celebration brunch.

If for any reason, you would like to opt out of the Pony Express delivery, please let the church office know before **Monday, September 24th, 2018** and we will send you an “Estimate of Giving” card in the mail.

*John Richter*

**John Richter, Chairman of Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Committee**







## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Total Income YTD Actual	\$ 265,735	Budget	\$291,664
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$ 277,575	Budget	\$330,798
NET Income	- \$ 11,840	Budget	- \$ 39,134
Unrestricted General Fund	\$172,007.69		

Vickie Hass, Financial Assistant, prepared a summary comparing the first six months of last year and this year. About \$25,240 pledged income last year has not been received so far this year and over \$10,000 of that amount was from members now deceased or who have moved away.

#### MODERATOR’S REPORT

Pastor Leanne stated that FPC is blessed to have high quality staff. Active shooter training was held for the CCC and staff on August 23rd and it showed a need for better alarm system connecting the office to the CCC. The Installation service for Pastor Leanne will likely be Sunday afternoon, November 18. Session will have a one-day retreat to begin a visioning process, date TBD. Adult Education class begins at 9:00 a.m. on September 16, focused on the Synoptic gospels. Several people have expressed interest in church membership and a class will be held soon.

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

**Administrative and Personnel**—To express gratitude for church staff for their hard work during the time without a pastor, there will be a recognition event after a Sunday worship service. Session discussed the possibility of installing a camera in the nursery room used on Sunday mornings and the need to rewrite part of the church manual policy to clarify having one attendant in that room. Ella Gutzke has volunteered to remain on the CCC Board next year.

**Business and Finance**—The church investment portfolio will be reviewed at their next meeting. A list of questions was developed and sent to Stifel in advance of the meeting.

**Christian Education**—The quality of leadership of VBS did not meet expectations and the church paid a reduced price for the four leaders from Camp of the Cross.

**Membership**—Papa’s Pumpkin Patch sign-up is on the board. Event is September 16.

**Outreach**—Eleanor Sand has joined the committee. Sunday evening, October 7th, FPC will host a forum on “Lesser of These”, poverty and race relations led by Dr. Johnson. The event is open to the community.

**Property and Equipment**—Did not meet.

**Stewardship**—The whole church including children and youth will be involved in the stewardship campaign in October.







## ***SESSION HIGHLIGHTS***

**Worship and Music**—Organist Arvy Smith was thanked and complimented for playing more organ music.

**Nominating Committee**—Meets August 29. The committee was reminded that more women Elders should be sought.

**Board of Deacons**—An emergency pantry for parents is being considered. Property and Equipment Committee will be consulted regarding the use of the coat-hanging space downstairs.

**Child Care Center Board**—Financial status has improved and Ella Gutzke will work with Vanessa and Shawn to prepare the 2019 budget.

**Fine Arts Festival**—The committee will meet in September.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alexander Volk and Maddy Lobsinger will be using FPC facilities for their wedding, February 22-23, 2019.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Karen Ehrens	1st
Maren Stokka	1st
Angie Hoerauf	2nd
Vi Ruff	5th
Clayton Carlson	10th
Lynn Johnson Dodge	13th
Becky Rosenkranz	14th
Elizabeth Lucas	15th
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 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00am Worship	3 ~ Happy Labor Day ~ Office Closed	4 5:30pm Prop. & Equip. Comm. (201) 6:30pm Lay Ministers (Parlor)	5 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:30pm Search Comm. (Parlor)	6 10:00pm Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) 7:00pm Outreach Comm. (Parlor)	7	8 8:30am Circle (Parlor) 9:00am Yoga (202)
9 <b>BACK TO CHURCH</b> 10:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:00am BTC Celebration (Parlor) 12:30pm Christian Ed. Comm. (Conf. Rm) 6:00pm Private Event (Ramstad)	10 10:00am Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) 12:00pm Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm) 4:30-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 5:00pm Admin & Personnel (Parlor) 5:30pm Worship & Music Comm. (Conf. Rm) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Christian Ed. (Conf. Rm)	11 5:15-7:30pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 5:30pm Yoga (202) 5:30pm CCC Board (Conf. Rm)	12 12:00pm Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) 5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	13 10:00am FAF Meeting (Conf. Rm) 10:00am Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) <b>*Trinity Banquet ~ check sign-up sheet for times of arrival*</b>	14	15 <b>*Boy Scout Parking Lot Fundraiser for the Downtowner's Street Fair*</b> 9:00am Yoga (202)
16 9:00am Adult Christian Education Class 9:00am Blood Pressure Clinic (Conf. Rm.) 10:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 4:30-7:30pm Papa's Pumpkin Patch Pot Luck	17 10:00am Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) 12:00pm Business & Finance (Parlor) 12:00pm Thanksgiving Meal Planning Comm. (Conf. Rm) 4:30-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)	18 12:00pm SCAM Presentation (Ramstad) 5:15-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 5:30pm Yoga (202) 6:30pm SCAM Presentation (Ramstad)	19 11:30am Higher Power Lunch (Parlor) 5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	20 10:00am Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) 7:00pm Deacons (Parlor)	21	22 9:00am Yoga (202)
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# **FAMILY NEWS...**

*Our prayers and deepest sympathies are expressed to:*

***Patti Koranda***

*Upon the death of her mother*

*“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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**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. Leanne Simmons***

**Christian Education Director**

***Position Open***

**Finance Assistant**

***Vickie Haas***

**Administrative Assistant**

***Charee Linton***

**Parish Nurse**

***Wanona Goetz***

**Organist**

***Arvy Smith***

**Choir Director**

***Debi Rogers***

**Handbell Ensemble Director**

***Lael Hoerauf***

**Maintenance Department**

***Les Hornbacher***

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