

The Bell

September, 2017

SEPTEMBER PROMISES TO BE A VERY BUSY MONTH

As Summer draws to a close, we move into what may well prove to be the busiest time of year for FPC. September is going to jam-packed with activities.

September 3 will include a come-forward communion.

Rally Day, September 10 will start off our Fall theme of Creation and the world around us. It will include the virtual blessing of the animals. If you haven't provided pictures of you and your pet, please be sure to do so by Wednesday, September 6.

The Rally Day service will also include the baptism of Ruth and Rich Rosenau's grandson, Noah Henry Freeman. We expect to have special violin music that day too by the Rosenau daughter, Chelsea, and possibly her sister Lindsay.

If you haven't done so already, you can pick up the latest church directory and register your kids for Sunday School. Ruth Rosenau and Ellen Teske would like to meet with parents and have them sign participation forms and get their children registered for classes that day.

Following the service on Rally Day, we will have a potluck topped off with root beer floats courtesy of the church school classes.

DON'T FORGET – SERVICE TIME RETURNS TO 10:15 ON RALLY DAY.

Wednesday night suppers return the week after Rally Day. (See the full schedule in this month's Bell and your directory.) September 13 will also mark the return of Wednesday night Bible study which will be on Isaiah.

In keeping with our theme of Creation, September 17 will be Land Sunday when the communion table will be decorated with symbols of a bountiful harvest and implements to cultivate the crops. We plan to show pictures of our farms or gardens that Sunday. Please send your photos to the office by September 13. The choir will return that Sunday too.

Thursday, September 21 will be the Spaghetti and Meatball feast to benefit the tiny house project.

September 24 will be Wilderness Sunday and will include a display of colorful leaves and the type of litter we want to avoid. Pat Andress will have a display in Fellowship Hall and be available to discuss land conservation in our area.

Spilling over into October, the first Sunday will be River Sunday commemorating water which plays such an important part in our community. This Sunday will include a renewal of our baptismal promise. October 3 is also World Communion Sunday. But more on October activities next month.

NEEDED: A FEW GOOD MEMBERS

The 2018 Nominating Committee has begun its work to fill a few key positions in our church.

In all there are five openings.

We need one Ruling Elder. The Elders make the rules for our church as outlined by our by-laws and the Book of Order. This position involves attending one evening Session meeting each month. These meetings usually last from an hour to two. In addition Elders are asked to serve communion and co-chair Sunday hospitality activities during the year.

Three Deacons are needed this year. The Deacons are in charge of member care. They serve as Shepherds contacting their flock with news of the church and providing assistance where necessary. They also call on shut-ins with Pastor Karel to administer communion. The Deacons meet about every two months. In addition Deacons are asked to serve communion and co-chair Sunday hospitality activities and are in charge of the Deacons' potlucks during the year.

Finally we need one member to serve on the Financial Review committee. This group reviews the way finances were handled during the year and reports their findings to Session. They meet at year-end to do their work.

All of these positions must be filled by church members and the Financial Review Committee requires some financial background to do the work required.

All of these positions serve for three years with the possibility of serving a second three-year term if desired. All of these positions will be elected by the entire congregation at the end of the year to begin their work in January.

If you would be interested in applying for one of these positions or if you know of someone you think would be qualified and interested, please contact one of the Nominating Committee: Lynda Butek Chair, Gary Shorrel, Gene Peissig, Anne Welke, Bob Denman, Margi Kohl, Corine Boos or Pastor Karel.

PASTOR KAREL BECOMES POLICE CHAPLAIN

Pastor Karel has volunteered and been accepted for a position as police chaplain with the Chippewa Falls Police Department.

This is a role that isn't new to him since he served as police chaplain in other areas before coming here. He will be working with Sgt. Thomas Wahl and Officer Brian Flug to implement his new tasks.

His duties will not involve working with the prisoners but with the police officers as they have to make death and severe accident notifications to families in the area.

This is very important work and one that will require his sensitivity and our prayers.

MISSION COALITION DELIVERS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Many thanks to everyone who donated supplies or money for the Mission Coalition Backpack drive. School supplies were loaded into the backpacks for distribution at Valley Vineyard School. Over 400 bags were given to the students in Chippewa County.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT TINY HOUSE PROJECT

The English Lutheran Church of Bateman is sponsoring a concert to benefit the tiny house project. This event will be held at the Heyde Center on September 18 and will feature Cloverton, a Christian singing group. The cost is \$15 for reserved seats in the first four rows and \$10 for general admission.

Cloverton, consisting of Lance Stafford on piano and vocals, his twin brother, Layne Stafford on bass, Kirby LeMoine on drums and Jose Svorinic on guitar, skyrocketed onto the Christian music scene in 2011 as the first Rock the Camp contest winners.

Soon after receiving this prestigious honor, Cloverton scored the most downloaded song in the history of KLOVE radio with their first single, "Take Me into the Beautiful," which also climbed the Contemporary Hit Radio (CHR) charts to 12. They also ranked 17 on the overall Christian Billboard top 25.

Tickets are available from the Heyde Center website or at the door on the night of the concert.

SPAGHETTI FEAST SCHEDULED

We will be hosting a real spaghetti feast to benefit the tiny house project on Thursday, September 21. Todd Teske will whip up spaghetti and meatballs from 11:30 AM (to cover lunch) until 7:00 PM to take care of dinner.

The cost of the meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Anyone under five is free.

Todd will take care of the spaghetti and meatballs but he needs help in the kitchen to serve and bake lots of cookies to serve for dessert.

If you can help serve or bake cookies, please contact Bonnie Gullickson or Anne Welke.

Even though we can't have our own tiny house because of space constraints, we can help the project by raising money for supplies and items to furnish the houses.

MOVING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Some of you probably noticed that you received the Bell both in the mail and electronically.

While we realize most of us like to get the hard copy, there are some who prefer the electronic version so we are trying both. Better two than none, right?

If you prefer one version over the other, please let me know and I will try to accommodate.

Lynda Butek, Bell Editor

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

The following people are celebrating anniversaries or birthdays in September.

September 1 Joyce Pugh and Art Schunk
September 4 Ruth and Rich Rosenow
September 5 Alana Radke-Gomez
September 8 Jean and Gene Peissig and Ky and Judy Anderson
September 9 Becky and Tim Hager
September 17 Linda Hanhart
September 18 Kevin Litten and Patricia McGuire
September 22 Bruce and Mary Rosenau
September 25 Jackie and Gary Reich and Rachel Fleming
September 26 Sara and Ryan Reemtsma, Connie Cooley, Jaime Ostrum and Christina Wiedenhoef
September 30 Jim and Kathi Mandelert

FALL DIRECTORIES ARE READY

The Fall 2017 church directories are ready to be picked up on Sunday at the Welcome Desk or during office hours – Tuesday through Thursday – in the church office.

Please remember, the directories will not be mailed but are only available at the church.

In anticipation of the new Fall directory, the Wednesday Night Supper schedule appears in this month's Bell. You can refer to this one until you pick up the new complete directory.

We certainly wouldn't want any Presbyterian to go hungry! You know Presbyterians LOVE to eat!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS 2017-2018

5:30 - 6:00 PM

**Christian Education 6p-7p
Choir Practice 6p-7p**

Sept 13—	Team 1
Sept 20—	Team 2
Sept 27—	Team 3
Oct 4—	Team 4
Oct 11—	Team 5
Oct 18—	Team 6
Oct 25—	Team 7
Nov 1—	Team 8
Nov 8—	Ham Loaf Dinner
Nov 15—	Team 1
Nov 22—	No Meal [Thanksgiving]
Nov 29—	Team 2
Dec 6—	Team 3
Dec 13—	Team 4
Dec 20—	No Meal
Dec 27—	No Meal [Christmas]
Jan 3—	No Meal
Jan 10—	Team 5
Jan 17—	Team 6
Jan 24—	Team 7
Jan 31—	Team 8
Feb 7—	Team 1
Feb 14	Ash Wed/Fish Fry Presby Men
Feb 21—	Team 2
Feb 28—	Team 3
Mar 7—	Team 5
Mar 14—	Team 7
Mar 21—	Team 8
Mar 28—	Team 1
Apr 4—	Team 2
Apr 11—	Team 3
Apr 18—	Team 5
Apr 25—	Team 7

**SUGGESTED DONATION:
\$4.00 FOR ADULTS
\$2.00 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10**

<u>MENU</u>	
Team #1	<u>SOUPERSPUDS</u> Lynda Butek 861-3936 Margi Kohl 720-8926 Corine Boos 382-4278
Team #2	<u>GRILLED BURGERS</u> Erik Anderson 723-0992 Kathi Mandelert 723-5992 Rick Koepke 720-1826
Team #3	<u>CHEF'S CHOICE</u> Kevin Litten 319-361-9607 Marlys Daniels 723-2851
Team 4	<u>SOKUPS HOT DOGS</u> Anne Welke 723-2306 Kathi Mandelert 723-5992
Team #5	<u>LASAGNA OR SURPRISE</u> Presbyterian Men Jim Mandelert 271-9719
Team #6	<u>BARBECUES</u> Anne Welke 723-2306 Bonnie Gullickson 723-2076
Team #7	<u>CHEF'S CHOICE</u> Sara & Ryan Reemtsma 577-1602
Team #8	<u>CHEF'S CHOICE</u> Teske's 715-834-7482

**MENUS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE AT COOK'S
DISCRETION!**

**TEAMS MAY
EXCHANGE IF
NEEDED!**

Questions? Please call Erik Anderson at 715-723-0992

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT – WE ALL NEED THEM

Matthew 14: 22-33 “Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone.”

This is from a commentary on Matthew 14: 22-33

“What is Jesus saying to Peter, to his disciples? I wonder if Jesus is saying to them, to us, faith means living out of your heart. You are going to have to lead, live, and love with your heart, Peter. You know who I am. Deep down in your heart, you know me and you know I will be there. Trust yourself. Trust your heart. Jesus’ words call Peter back to himself -- to his truth, to his heart, to his faith. And no valiant feat is necessary to verify what Jesus wants Peter to see that is already true about who Peter is.

I have a feeling that this is something preachers need to hear as well. It seems that only impressive statistics substantiate Jesus’ presence these days -- that you are successful in your ministry if attendance numbers look good, you have a large staff, a nice, big church building, an impressive budget, or some other outside acknowledgement of your worth. Trust yourself. Trust your innermost space, your heart, that what you are doing matters, that what you preach makes a difference, and that truly, Jesus is with you and trusts *you*. Sure, there will be times when you feel like you are walking on water, or at least think you could, no problem, and that is a great feeling. But in the end, only Jesus can manage such a miracle. The daily life of ministry is not extraordinary acts of faith, but hoping for a little more than “little faith.” Take courage.”

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