

Pastor's Letter for August Newsletter

September Newsletter
Deadline- August 24th

Greetings Friends!

I can't believe it's already August!

We have exciting news in my house, Josh and I are hosting a foreign exchange student this year. Charlotte is 16 years old and from the Netherlands. She will be with us for the school year, and we are excited to show her the great state of Minnesota!

We have exciting events coming up in the life of our church.

On Wednesday August 18- at 5:00pm we will meet for Berne Wood Fired Pizza Night. Come eat pizza and fellowship with your church family! More info can be found at www.bernepizza.org. Don't forget your lawn chairs and drinks!

On Thursday August 25-Saturday August 26, we will have rummage sale. All the proceeds will go towards the church budget.

Save the date for our Sunday school kick off on Sunday September 18! There will be a congregational meeting that day as well.

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Bob Tracy, Wayne Trom, Steve Willert, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee and Brian Rohrs. Thank you to the Session members for serving communion. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship.

My verse for us this month comes from Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." As we prepare for the school year let us remember to love and serve the Lord, building upon the faith of those who came before us.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda





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| August 2 | Payton wilke |
| August 5 | Bev Livingston |
| August 6 | Sharon Law |
| August 7 | Randy Carlsen |
| | Jackson Wilke |
| August 13 | Allyson Holtz |
| August 14 | Hayden Prenzlou |
| August 23 | Mackenzie Alberts |
| August 25 | Case Brevig |
| August 26 | Jane Carlsen |



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| August 1 | Carl & Jennifer Mittelstadt |
| August 6 | Max & Hannah Boukal |
| August 18 | Dan & Ann Driver |
| August 31 | Rev. Clint & Judy Patterson |



Prayer Chain



Pray for our service men in the military.

*Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force

*Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.

Please pray for continued healing and strength.

*Carol Prenzlou - continuing rehabilitation.

*Donna Dutton - for health and continued well being.

*Grady Lundgren - as he continues treatment. Also, his family for continued strength

*Brevig Family - for continued strength

*Joyce Olson - for healing

*Jeanne Dunbar - for healing



Session Meeting



**August Session Meeting on
August 16th at 5:30 PM**

Church Information

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Church Phone: 507-634-7481

Pastor Phone - 507-218-2267

Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW CORNER

Greetings ladies,

Summer is moving along and we are in the month of August already; it seems like the warm weather just started and before we know it the weather will be cooling down. While the colors of fall are very pretty, it would be nice to slow down just a little!! We just need to enjoy the warm weather and longer days while we can.

There are no PW activities planned for the month of August; however, if Paulette and I can come up with something really fun we will contact all of you. The usual PW retreat will be happening this year and the date for that is Thursday, September 15th. More details for that meeting will come later. Our church is responsible for delivering

Meals on Wheels for August 1 – 5. I'm sure Sharon has everything lined up for this duty, so here's a BIG THANK YOU to her for keeping this worthwhile project going smoothly. A large THANK YOU also to all the men and women who so willingly carry out this task; I'm sure all the recipients of the meals are truly grateful. Many thanks also to the good folks who provide and serve the wonderful treats for fellowship after our worship services; we all enjoy that very much!!

Please continue to keep Grady Lundgren and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his battle with cancer. Helpful thoughts and prayers continue to be needed for Nora Carlsen and her parents as they work to get back to better health. Please continue to keep Jean Dunbar, Joyce Olson and Ruth Allen in your daily prayers and concerns as they travel the road to better health. As always, our prayers are needed for all who have lost loved ones, for everyone in Ukraine, for all in public service, law enforcement, health care workers and Christian leaders, may God bless them all.

BEAR HUGS

There's happiness in little things,
There's joy in passing pleasure,
But friendships are, from year to year,
The best of all life's treasure.

A friend stands by when storm clouds fly,
They're there through thick and thin.
And when you really need some help
They even step right in.

May God bless all of us as we all travel through life.
Have a great rest of the summer; stay healthy and happy!

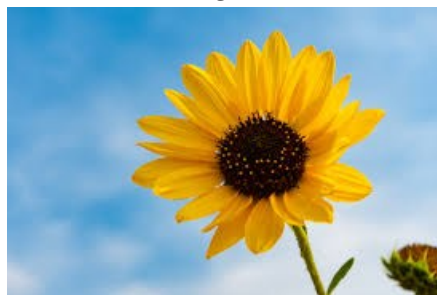
Many blessings from Paulette and Sue,
PW co-chairs

George Eliot

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person; having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but to pour them all out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and then, with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

1 John 3:1



Rummage Sale

Thursday, Aug 25, 5-7 pm

Friday, Aug 26, 8-4 pm

Saturday, Aug 27, 8-12 pm

Drop off rummage sale items in the choir or Sunday school rooms before **Thursday, August 25th**. We will be working on organizing and marking items as they are brought to the church.

After the sale concludes, we will donate the remaining items to local charities. With this in mind, we will not be able to accept the following: Child furniture, televisions, major appliances, broken furniture, computers, tires, and batteries.

HOWEVER, if you have items above (flat screen TV, newer cribs, etc) that you are willing to donate we can attempt to sell them, though if they do not sell it will be your responsibility to retrieve them from church if they do not sell. (If you have questions, call Ally at 507-273-8977)



VIP Corner

We couldn't have a service without you.
Thank you for your dedication.



Upcoming Fun

August 18th - Berne Wood
Fired Pizza Night at 5:00pm
Bring your own plates, silver-
ware and beverages. Let's
have some fun!!!!!!



SUMMER ROAD TRIP WORD SEARCH

Red Sea
Drive-Thru
Manna
Rest Stop

Grandparent's
Campground
Beach

Commandments
Promise Land



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August Kid's Page

Summer Word Scramble

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EVERYTHING
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Possible
WITH GOD

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Bits of News & Updates for Us

**2022 COMMITTEE
MEMBERS, ELDERS,
DEACONS, AND INTERESTED
MEMBERS**

Clerk of Session

Lisa Carlsen

Christian Education Committee

Ally Holtz, Chairperson

Amy Borgstrom, Nicky Wilke, Diane Krejci and Al Riedel, Jennifer Mittelstadt

Membership Committee

Bill Kase, Chairperson

Paul Riggs-Deacon, Ann Driver, Thelma Givan

Mission Committee

Lisa Carlsen, Elder, Chairperson

Michelle Willert-Deacon, Nicky Wilke

Nominating Committee

Steve Willert, Elder, Chairperson

Bill Kase -Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon, Catherine Gruhn, Peggy Engle, and Steve Springsted

Personnel Committee

Paul Pogalz , Elder, Chairperson

Steve Willert -Elder, Amy Borgstrom, Kristy Johnson

Property Committee

Robert Gransee, Elder, Chairperson

Wayne Trom-Deacon, Jane Heser, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Troy Andrist

Stewardship Committee

Ally Holtz, Elder, Chairperson

Bill Kase- Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon

Worship Committee

Ally Holtz, Chairperson

Quinita Kase, Sue Alberts-Deacon, Bob Tracy-Head Usher,
Ann Driver-Church Secretary

These people are to receive notification of their committee meetings. The Pastor is a member of committees. Any church member is welcome to attend a committee meeting.

Clerk's Corner - Highlights of Session Activities:

Session does not usually meet in July but did on the 19th to discuss the possibility of changing the Session and Deacon structure. Discussion took place and the congregation will make the final vote to amend the bylaws on Sunday September 18.

Halfway through the year and the budget is on target.

Interested in the old blue hymnals? Talk to a Session member or Pastor Amanda.

Communion will be held on July 31st. Due to scheduling conflicts it was rescheduled from August 7th.

A rummage/garage sale will be held on August 25th-27th.

Security options were discussed to replace current locks. We are still researching options.

Potential calendar of events was discussed. If you have ideas for outreach, fundraising, youth activities, etc. please contact a Session member or Pastor Amanda.

Lisa Carlsen, Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

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| Receipts May 2022 | \$ | 7,348.00 |
| Expenses May 2022 | \$ | 8,549.17 |
| Balance May 2022 | \$ | (1,207.17) |
| Needed weekly | \$ | 2,381.04 |
| Needed monthly | \$ | 10,317.85 |

The receipts do NOT include the non-cash items.

Because the newsletter comes out before the end of the month, the treasurer's report won't be finished, so it will always be a month behind.

Frequently Asked Questions about the First Presbyterian Church Bylaw Changes

approved by Session on 07/19/2022.

Session Members: Rev. Amanda Boss (Moderator), Lisa Carlsen (Clerk), Robert Gransee, Allyson Holtz, Bill Kase, Paul Pogalz, Steve Willert

What Bylaws are we changing?

We are changing the bylaws for the Session and the Deacons. We would like to decrease the number of members on Session to seven people. Those seven people would serve a two year term on Session and can serve a total of two terms, equal to four years.

We are also changing the deacon term limit to two years as well. Deacons can serve a total of two terms, equal to four years. The number of deacons (6) will remain the same.

What will the Bylaws actually say?

Section 1. The Session. The affairs of the congregation shall be conducted by a Session or a Board of Elders numbering seven members. The entire Session shall be the Trustees Book of Order G-4.0203. The Session meetings shall be moderated by the minister of this church, or in her absence by a moderator appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and from whose number shall be elected a Clerk to serve for a term of one year. All members of the Session shall be elected for terms of two years, except when being elected to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term. The membership of the Session shall be divided into three classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the November annual meeting. No member of the regularly elected session who has served two full terms of four years each may be reelected to the same office until a period of one year has elapsed after the term has expired.

Section 2. Deacons. A board of deacons numbering 6 members shall operate according to the Book of Order. All members of the Deacons shall be elected for terms of two years, except when being elected to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term. The membership of the deacons shall be divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the November annual meeting. The Pastor is an ex-officio member with no vote. The Deacons shall elect a President to lead the meetings and a secretary who will keep minutes of the meetings. The Deacons shall meet at least once a year in a join meeting with the Session. The Deacons shall meet at least quarterly.

Don't we have to have a congregational vote to change the bylaws?

Yes, the congregational vote will take place during worship on Sunday September 18.

Why are we decreasing the number of Session members?

Due to the decrease in active members the Session decided to take the time to reflect on the size of our Session. At the end of 2020, our church had 151 members listed as active, the membership committee worked through the list and our membership is now at 106 active members. We want to make sure the number of Session members accurately reflects on current membership. By decreasing the number of Session members and the length time they serve as elder, more people have the opportunity to serve on church leadership.

I have a question that you did not answer.

Any other questions can be directed to a member of session or Pastor Amanda, her email is presby-pastor@kmtel.com.





| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | <div>← Meals on Wheels →</div> | | | | | |
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| <div>Pastor Amanda - Vacation →</div> | | | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | Session Mtg at church @ 5:30 | -Berne Wood Fired Pizza Night at 5:00pm | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | | | Deadline for Newsletter | Rummage Sale 5-7 PM | Rummage Sale 8- AM-4 PM | Rummage Sale 8 AM-Noon |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | <div>Notes</div> <div>Save the date for our Sunday School Kick off and congregational meeting on Sunday September 18</div> | | |