

Pastor's Letter for September Newsletter

October Newsletter
Deadline– September 27th

Greetings Friends!

It is September and fall is on the way!

Huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale! I am so appreciative of everyone's hard work and so glad it was successful!

I am starting a new kind of office hours. Once a month I will be having "Pints with the Pastor" at the American Legion in Kasson. The first meeting is on Monday September 12 from 5:00-6:00pm. Join me for a drink and fellowship.

On Sunday September 18 Sunday school is back! The kids and confirmation class will begin at 9:00am. The kids' class will spend the first fifteen minutes of their lesson singing with Ann Driver in the choir room. During worship we will have a blessing of the backpacks for all those back in school.

We will also have a congregational meeting that Sunday to vote on changing our church by-laws. See the Frequently Asked Questions in the newsletter for more information. We will be having a church potluck after the congregational meeting so bring a dish to share!

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

My verse for us this month comes from 1 Timothy 6:11-12, "But as for you, people of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." As we enter this school year let us do so pursuing righteousness, faith and love knowing that we are called to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda





*Happy
September
Birthdays*

Sept 8	Judy Gransee
Sept 11	Ron Carlsen
	Joan Springsted
Sept 15	Coy Borgstrom
Sept 18	Jane Heser
	Jared Johnson
Sept 19	Larry Pedersen
Sept 20	Ian Frodermann
	Zachary Kase
Sept 24	Michael Brigham
Sept 26	Al Riedel
Sept 27	Dick Wolff
Sept 28	Carol Prenzlowl



Sept 5	Pastor Amanda & Josh Boss
Sept 23	Chris & Ally Holtz

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 Prenzlowl - 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

A Sprout of Love

Because you serve with all your heart,
I want to tell you from the start
That all the love and care you show
Is planting seeds of faith to grow.
They may not be seen overnight
But soon will blossom from the light.
You shine on leaves that need much grace
And warm each branch with your embrace.
So keep this set of prints to view
And know this little sprout
loves you.

Session Meeting



September Session Meeting on
September 13th at 5:30 PM

Church Information

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Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

PW CORNER

Hello all ladies,

Here we are once again, fast approaching autumn, the first day of which is September 22. The colors are truly beautiful that time of year if mother nature chooses to bless us with the gorgeous colors that are possible in the fall. It would be wonderful to have several weeks of warm, enjoyable, fall weather.

September is the month for us to again begin our active PW meetings schedule. The newly created Fellowship Circle will meet September 8th at 9:30 at church. We will once again have our PW Retreat and meeting on Thursday, September 15th, 9:30 A.M., at Jane Carlsen's cabin in Lake City. All women are invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful event. As always,

there will be delicious food to enjoy as well as an interesting program.

Another event the entire church enjoys is the Walking Taco Luncheon which will be served on Sunday, October 9th after morning worship. Get your taste buds ready to enjoy some "Mexican" cuisine.

Our church will be delivering Meals on Wheels September 12 – 16, so please contact Sharon at 775-6643 to volunteer for this opportunity to serve our communities. Many thanks to all who are so willing to participate in this worthy project and many, many thanks to Sharon for keeping it organized. On another note, many kudos to all who organize and serve coffee and treats after worship Sunday mornings, everyone appreciates the efforts and fellowship enjoyed by all.

Prayers continue to be needed for Grady Lundgren and his family as he continues his battle against cancer, he is such a little soldier. Keep Grady's mom in your thoughts and prayers also as she continues her return to good health. Prayers are also needed for Jeanne Dunbar, Joyce Olson and Ruth Allen as they continue on their journey to better health. Thoughts and prayers of support are needed for the Brevig family as well as for Nora Carlsen and her parents as they return to good health. Keep all in our church family in your thoughts and prayers who have lost a loved one or who are in need of comfort in difficult times. Pray for all in public service, law enforcement, government officials, health care workers, Christian leaders, battle torn countries, all who have been victims of the horrible shootings, and people affected by natural disasters; may God be with them always.

LABOR DAY will be celebrated Monday, September 5th this year.

In September 1882, the unions of New York City decided to have a parade to celebrate their members being in unions, and to show support for all unions. Other regions started having parades, and by 1887, Oregon, Massachusetts, New



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York, New Jersey, and Colorado made Labor Day a state holiday. After violence related to the Pullman railroad strike, President Cleveland and lawmakers in Washington wanted a federal holiday to celebrate labor. Cleveland signed an act in 1894 establishing the federal holiday. Labor Day was made a legal federal holiday on June 28, 1894. The old tradition of not wearing white after Labor Day goes back to the late Victorian era which is not actually followed any more. [EmilyPost.com](http://emilypost.com) explains the logic behind the fashion trend – “white indicated you were still in vacation mode at your summer cottage”. ALSO, Labor Day is the unofficial end of “Hot Dog Season”.

BEAR HUGS



The finest kind of friendship is between people who expect a great deal of each other but never ask it.

Love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8

God's blessings on each and every one of you; may He keep you all as healthy and happy Christians in His loving arms always.

Many blessings to all for a pleasant, enjoyable fall,
Paulette and Sue, PW co-moderators

Upcoming Fun

Kickoff to Sunday School
Sunday, September 18th

BLESSING of the BACKPACKS!



On Sunday, September 18, during worship, we will bless all the backpacks of those going back to school. Children are invited to bring their backpacks to worship for the blessing.

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

On Thursday, August 25, Friday, August 26 and Saturday, August 27 the church held a rummage sale. We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated items, who sorted and priced everything, worked at the sale, and helped with clean up. It was a team effort, and it is so appreciated!!!

Special thanks to Paulette Riedel, Diane Krejci, Allyson Holtz, and Nicky Wilke for organizing the sale.

Thank you to all our helpers: Amy Borgstrom, Jill Boyum, Donna Dohrman, Ann Driver, Peggy Engle, Ted Ferry, Bob Gransee, Heather, Stella, Lucy, and Clay Gransee, Mike and Carol Prenzlowl, Ruth Pederson, Al Riedel, Sandy Riedel, Rome and Bill Stromme, Bob Tracy, Pastor Amanda and Charlotte (the foreign exchange student)

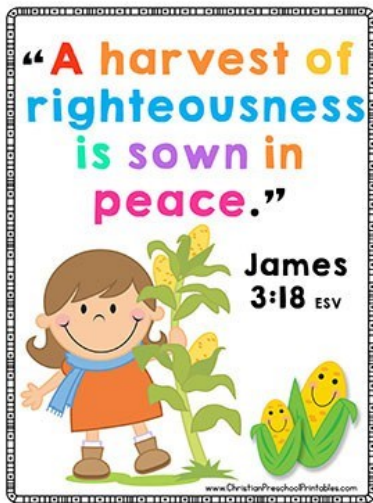
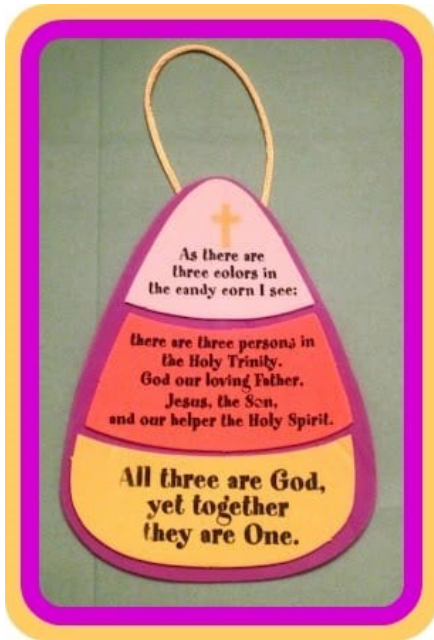
We raised over \$2,000 dollars!!!! We are so grateful!!!



VIP Corner

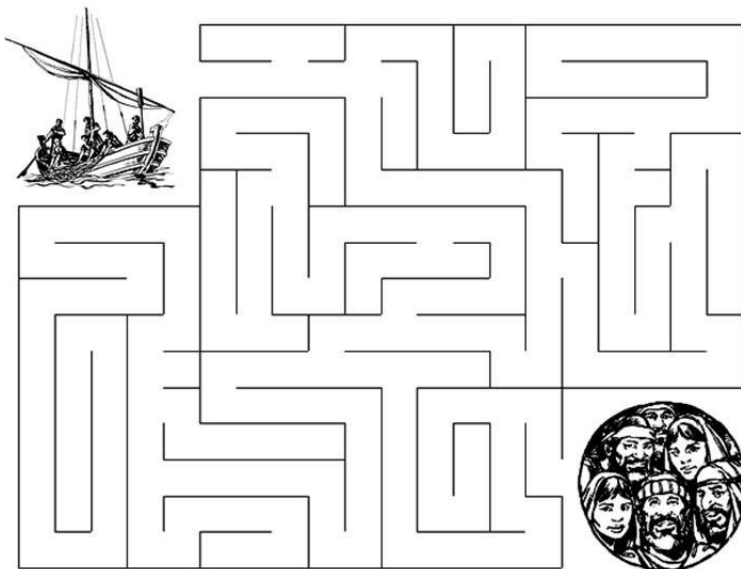
Paulette Riedel, Diane Krejci, Ally Holtz and their helpers dedicated long hours of preparation, before, during and after our church rummage sale.





September Kid's Page

Help Jesus and the disciples find the way to the crowd.



Bits of News & Updates for Us

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

Clerk of Session

Lisa Carlsen

Christian Education Committee

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

Ally Holtz, Chairperson

Membership Committee

Paul Riggs-Deacon, Ann Driver, Thelma Givan

Bill Kase, Chairperson

Mission Committee

Michelle Willert-Deacon, Nicky Wilke

Lisa Carlsen, Elder, Chairperson

Nominating Committee

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

Steve Willert, Elder, Chairperson

Personnel Committee

Steve Willert -Elder, Amy Borgstrom, Kristy Johnson

Paul Pogalz , Elder, Chairperson

Property Committee

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

Robert Gransee, Elder, Chairperson

Stewardship Committee

Bill Kase- Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon

Ally Holtz, Elder, Chairperson

Worship Committee

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

Ally Holtz, Chairperson

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:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church Kasson met on August 16, 2022.

The July budget reflects the annual payment of the building and workman's comp insurance. Funds from savings were used to cover this expense.

Pastor Amanda will be attending an on-going spiritual direction group with clergy in the Presbytery. She is also attending a daytime presbytery clergy retreat.

Pastor Amanda will be doing a sermon series this fall titled "What Disciples Do." She has all the hymns and scripture selected up to the end of the year!

A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday September 18. Church locks will be changed after this date.

Pastor Amanda is cool! Or at least she will be as Session approved to replace the office air conditioner.

Lisa Carlsen, Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts July 2022	\$ 5,229.00
Expenses July 2022	\$ 13,978.18
Balance July 2022	\$ (8,749.18)
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.





September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes SAVE THE DATE - On Saturday, October 15th the church will be holding a Community Breakfast (formerly known as Real Breakfasts). If anyone is available to help please contact Bob Tracy.				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 1st Day of School @ KM Grades 5-12	7	8 1st Day of School @ KM Grades K-4 Morning Fellowship Circle @9:30 AM	9 Marigold Days	10
11 Patriot Day Marigold Days	12 'Pints' with the Pastor @ the Legion 5-6 pm	13 Session Mtg at church @ 5:30	14	15 PW - Retreat & Meeting	16	17
<div>← Meals on Wheels →</div>						
18 Sunday School Kick Off Blessing of the Backpacks Congregational Mtg. after service Potluck -Bring a Dish to Share!	19	20	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24
25	26	27	28 Deadline for Newsletter	29	30	