

Pastor's Letter for



December Newsletter Deadline– November 23rd

Greetings Friends!

I hope everyone had a happy, safe, and fun Halloween!

Thanks to everyone who donated, cooked, cleaned and ate at our Community Breakfast! We made \$1,435.25! Special thank you to Bob Tracy and Ally Holtz for coordinating everything. It was a great day!

There are so many exciting things happening at church in November! This Sunday November 6, we are celebrating All Saints Day, a baptism and communion!

We are having fellowship at the American Legion in Kasson again! We had a great turnout in October and are excited to get together again. We will meet on Monday November 7 from 5:30-7:00pm. The Masons are serving a Thanksgiving turkey with all the sides so you can get dinner too!

On Sunday November 13 we will present our fourth graders with their new Bibles and have a congregational meeting to vote on the new deacons and elders.

Hanging of the Greens service will be on Sunday November 20. It will be great to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! The deacons are providing a barbeque lunch following the worship service.

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 Chronicles 16:34, "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us live each day this month thankful for all that God has blessed us with.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda





November 6	Chris Wanous
November 11	Robert Gransee
November 14	Olivia Willert
November 15	Kristy Johnson
November 17	Joel Alberts
	Arlin Brigham
November 18	Derek Frodermann
November 22	Paulette Riedel
November 25	Deb Dodds
November 30	Charlie Heser



November 1	Steve & Michelle Willert
	Wayne & Rosalie Trom
November 10	Howard & Elaine Gransee
November 20	Randy & Lisa Carlsen
November 26	Don & Jane Heser

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 Prenzlow - continuing rehabilitation.

*Donna Dutton - for her recovery from Covid

*Jeanne Dunbar - for continued health.

*Grady Lundgren - as he continues treatment.

Also, his family for continued strength

*Brevig Family - for continued strength

*Jeanne Dunbar - for healing



Session Meeting



**November Session Meeting on
November 1st at 5:00 PM**

Church Information

Website: www.presbykasson.org

Pastor email: presbypastor@kmtel.com

Church email: presbykasson@kmtel.com

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

PW CORNER

Greetings Ladies,

Well, here we are in the month of November, my how quickly the year is going! The weather has been great so far this fall, the trees have given us many beautiful colors to enjoy this year and my phones' weather app. tells me the temperature for the first day of November is set to be 66 degrees; that sounds pretty good to me, and so far no mention of the white flaky stuff. Let's keep our fingers crossed for continued good weather and a tolerable winter.

This is the time of year when things get busier for PW which will be the situation this year. It will be a welcome change after dealing with COVID! Fellowship Circle will be November 3 at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Our PW meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. This will be our Prayer Service and Thank Offering. A few women put their heads together recently and came up with an event for a fund raiser which will be open to the public. Saturday, November 19th, there will be a SOUP & SLIDERS Lunch running from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Various slider sandwiches, soups, and cakes will be on the menu and the cost will be \$10.00. A bake sale will be held at the same time, so ladies – bake up a storm!!! It will be so good to actually be getting back to a more “normal” activity that will promote a feeling of friendship and fellowship for our group and the community; hopefully this will be a big success. Many thanks to everyone who helped deliver Meals on Wheels in October and also to Sharon Law for all her work keeping this organized. Our church is not scheduled for this duty in November. Many thanks also to all who donated items to the Community Breakfast and also to all who were such willing workers; also to Bob Tracy for getting the event so well organized.

Please continue heartfelt prayers for Grady and his family as he continues his battle with cancer. Prayers of support and good health are needed for Case Brevig; he was admitted to Mayo hospital Saturday. Continue your prayers and thoughts for Ruth Allen, Joyce Olson, and Jeanne Dunbar as they travel the road to improved health. Also, it is with sadness that I say prayers are needed for Donna Dutton who is in St. Mary's Hospital dealing with COVID and other health issues; she would certainly appreciate all kind thoughts, prayers, and cards. Of course all prayers continue to be needed for everyone in the armed forces, law enforcement, health care workers, Christian leaders, all who have lost loved ones, all victims of violent crimes, and those who are dealing with political persecution; may God be with and watch over them all.

With Thanksgiving fast approaching here are some fun facts:

Colchester, Connecticut once canceled Thanksgiving because they couldn't make pumpkin pies.

The Detroit Lions have played almost every Thanksgiving Day since 1934.

Philadelphia is home to the oldest Thanksgiving parade.

President Calvin Coolidge received a live raccoon as a Thanksgiving gift.

The first Thanksgiving lasted for three days.

The Native Americans and the colonists did not have turkey at the first Thanksgiving.

Thomas Jefferson refused to declare Thanksgiving a holiday.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**





BEAR HUGS

WE THANK THEE

Mar E. Linton

For guidance when the night is long,
And this, our heritage of song,
For dreams that lift our hearts on wings,
And for something in the soul that sings,

For faith that keeps hope burning strong.
We thank Thee, Lord,
For peace that understanding brings,
We thank Thee, Lord.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Judy Schwab

Give me this day with family and friends; Give me a home where love never ends;
Give me a smile for loved ones to share; Give me strong shoulders for burdens to bear.
Give me a moment to savor this day; Give me a lifetime my debts to repay;
Yes, all these I ask, And the reason I do is that as I receive I may give back to you.

**Paulette and I wish each and everyone of you a very happy, healthy, blessed Thanksgiving.
May bushels of blessings come your way, and may the bounty of the season fill you with joy
this Thanksgiving Day.**

**Many blessings from Sue and Paulette,
PW co-chairs**



Inclement Weather Cancellation Notification Policy For First Presbyterian Church Kasson

If the worship service is canceled, there are four ways to find out:

1. Posted on the Church Website: <https://presbykasson.org>
2. Posted on First Presbyterian Church Kasson Facebook Page
3. KTTC - Channel 10 Television and Online at KTTC Closings and Cancellations: <https://kttc.com/closings-and-delays/>
4. Call the church 507-634-7481 for a recorded message of cancellation

For concerns regarding inclement weather, the Clerk of Session and Pastor Amanda together, make the decision about canceling worship, keeping the safety of all congregational members and staff in mind.



Fun at the Community Breakfast

October 15th



Upcoming Fun



**Fellowship @ the Legion
November 7th - 5:30 to 7:00 PM**



**PW Soup & Slider Luncheon & Bake Sale
November 19th - 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

Serving the Community **Through our Mission Works**

KM Care and Share

We have been contacted by KM Care and Share to adopt a family for the holidays! Once we have the list of presents, we will let you know what gifts they need!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We have been asked to ring the bell for Salvation Army on Monday December 19 from 9am-6pm. Be on the look out for a sign up sheet!



The Komet Pantry

We prepared 10 Meals in a Bag for needy students - October 16th



KoMet Pantry needs hygiene products for the month of November!

Mens & Womens - Full Size Shampoo or Conditioner
Body Wash
Bar Soap
Face Wash/Cleaner
Lotions
Shaving Creams
Pads/Tampons
Razors

Please drop off items in the fellowship hall.



Join the Advent Choir!

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

5 Reasons to Join:

1. You get to glorify the Lord through music
2. There's not a big-time commitment- just sing with us during the Christmas season
3. Singing in a group is more fun than singing in your shower
4. Make new friends at church
5. No experience needed! Everyone is welcome!

If interested in singing, please contact Pastor Amanda.



Christmas Decorations Needed!



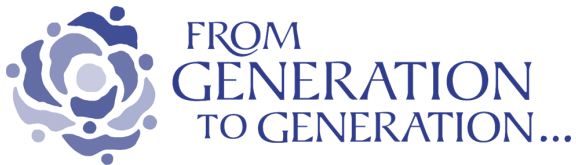
Wanted: fake pre-lit Christmas tree or a large Nativity set.

Do you have an extra fake pre-lit Christmas tree or a Nativity set (preferably large) the church could use to decorate during the Advent season?

We are putting together a new Christmas display in the choir loft this year.

If you have anything you can contribute or want to assist in decorating, please contact Pastor Amanda.

Advent Bible Study



This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.

**We will meet in the fellowship hall
Tuesdays at 10:30am-11:30am.**

Tuesday November 29 at 10:30am

First Week of Advent- "There's Room for Every Story"
— Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 1:1-17

Tuesday December 6 at 10:30am

Second Week of Advent- "God Meets Us in Our Fear"
Luke 1: 26-38, Isaiah 11:1-10

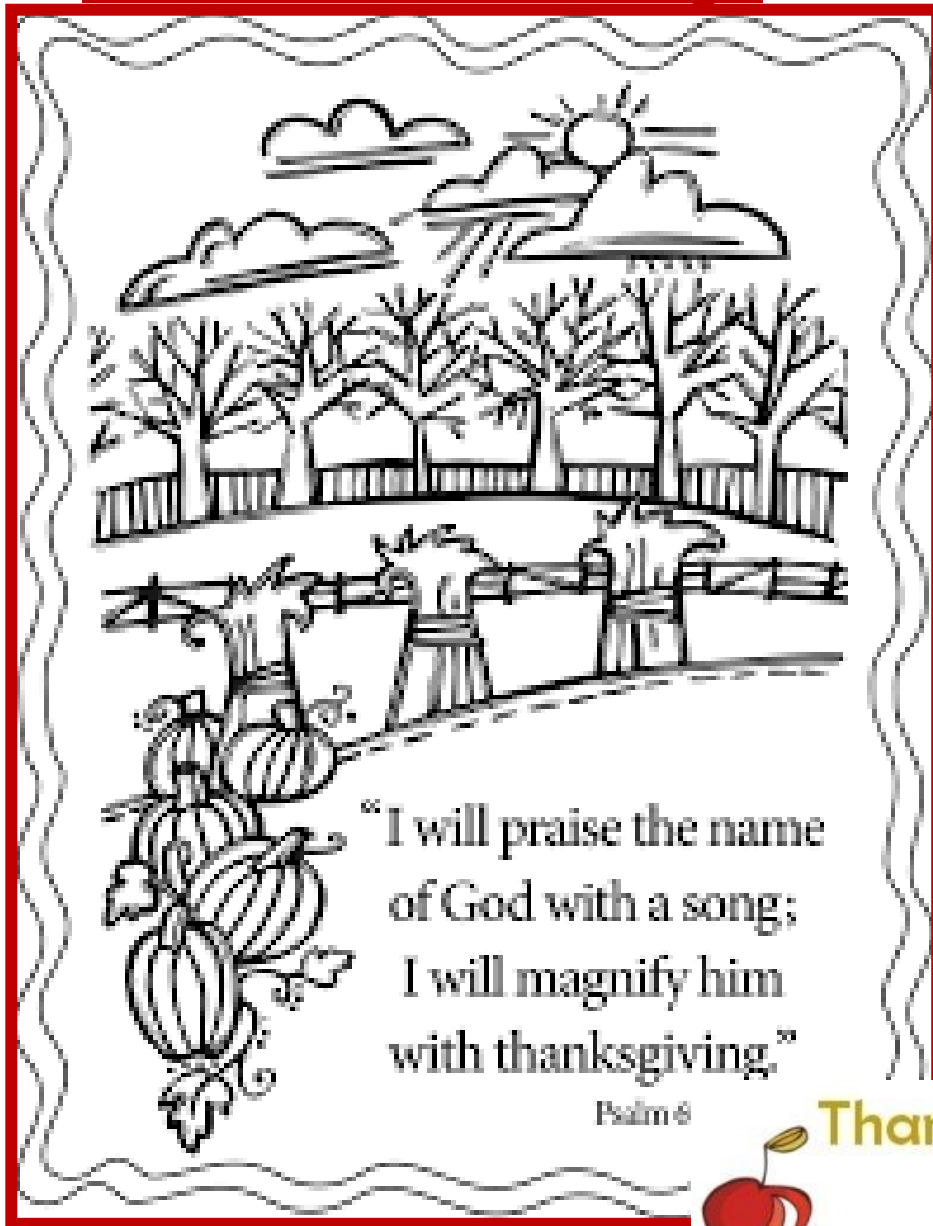
Tuesday December 13 at 10:30am

Third Week of Advent- "We Can Choose a Better Way"
-Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 35:1-10

Tuesday December 20 at 10:30am

Fourth Week of Advent- "We See God in Each Other"
-Luke 1:39-45, 56-58, Luke 1:46-55

November Kid's Page



Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."

Give

Taste and see that the LORD is good. *Psalm 34:8*

Enter **H**is gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. *Psalm 100:4*

Asscribe to the LORD the glory due His name. *Psalm 29:2*

Glory in His holy **N**ame; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. *Psalm 105:3*

Let us **K**neel before the LORD our Maker. *Psalm 95:6*

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything. *Ephesians 5:19-20*

Thanksgiving Word Search



Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."

"Praise the Lord! *Psalm 106:1*
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."

1. Carve
2. Celebrate
3. Colonist
4. Cornucopia
5. Cranberry
6. Dessert
7. Farmer
8. Feast
9. Gather
10. Harvest

11. Holiday
12. November
13. Pilgrim
14. Platter
15. Pumpkin
16. Thanksgiving
17. Tradition
18. Turkey
19. Vegetable
20. Worship



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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

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

Jane Hesar, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Troy Andrist

Robert Gransee, Elder, Chairperson

Stewardship Committee

Bill Kase- Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon

Ally Holtz, Elder, Chairperson

Worship Committee

Amy Borgstrom, 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.

October 11, 2022 - Bob Gransee, Property Committee looked into repair of the bottom pivot hinge on the back door.

There is a need for copy paper. Session members discussed the possibility of a member donating a box of copy paper.

A family in need of Christmas presents has been requested through Care and Share. Details will be forthcoming. Ingredients for a selected recipe were being purchased by church members to support the KoMet Pantry. October's recipe was Tator Tot Hot Dish.

Semcac food donation box was discussed with hopes of resurrecting it.

Communion will be served November 6 and a Congregational meeting will be held November 13 for the purpose of selecting members for Session and Deacons.

Submitted by Lisa Carlsen, Clerk of Session

Clerk's Corner - Highlights of Session Activities:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts September 2022	\$ 6,501.30
Expenses September 2022	\$ 7,953.43
Balance September 2022	\$ (1,452.13)
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.

November 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1 Session Mtg at church @ 5:00	2	3 Morning Fellowship Circle @ 9:30 AM	4	5 Daylight Savings Time starts Set your Clocks tonight
All Saints Day 6 Communion Worship Mtg after church	Fellowship @ the Legion 5:30-7:00 PM 7	8	9	10	11	12
4th Grade Bible Presentation 13 Congregational Meeting	14	15	16	17 Morning Fellowship PW Mgt @ 2:00 PM at church	18	19 PW Luncheon & Bake Sale
20 Hanging of the Greens	21	22	23 Deadline for Newsletter	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
1st Sunday in Advent 27	28	29 Advent Bible Study - 10:30 AM	30			

Save the Date for December events:

Sunday Dec 11- Christmas Caroling

Monday Dec 19- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
9am-6pm

Saturday Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service at 5:30pm

Sunday December 25- Christmas Day
Service at 10:00am

