

October 2024 Newsletter

I was visiting with a retired pastor who shared that the new pastor at the church where he worships has been talking about getting ready to welcome seekers into the congregation. My friend commented on it being commendable to work on giving people a big-hearted welcome, but it had been months since the congregation had a visitor from the broader community. He felt, and I agreed, that there does not seem to be a large pool of people seeking God or a local church. I believe God is seeking them and that we could do more to let them know that we are here to help people connect with Jesus.

If people find their way to us, we need to be ready to welcome them with friendship, good programs and worship. That is a priority. A higher priority is developing a passion for inviting people to come and journey with us. But it is more likely that people will find us if we bring them. It is easier to experience something new if we have someone who will walk alongside and show us the ropes.

I am afraid the pool of spiritual seekers is growing smaller in our culture. We need to broaden the pool by sharing witness and invitation, helping others get a glimpse that the spiritual experience adds enormous value to life, and it is worth the time and effort to connect to a community of Jesus' followers.

See you in church (and bring a friend....)

Loren



**Deadline for November Newsletter
is October 24th**

P W CORNER



Greetings Ladies,

Here we are in the month of October once again and the beautiful fall colors are starting to appear; we can only hope they will be as beautiful as ever. So far the weather has been quite nice – hopefully that will continue; it is always good to be able to enjoy all the fall colors as long as possible.

On Thursday, October 3rd the Fellowship Circle will meet at 9:30 A.M. On Wednesday, October 9th the Fall Festival Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale will take place from 11:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. We hope to have a great crowd similar to the attendance this last spring, so ladies, let's bake up a storm for the bake sale!! The luncheon committee will be contacting you to ask for salads, or bars. The regular PW meeting will be held Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 P.M.; we hope to have a good group in attendance.

Our church is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels October 7 – 11. Anyone interested in helping with this worthy project, please contact Sharon Law at 507-775-6643 to volunteer. Many thanks to all who help with this charitable project, and many THANKS to Sharon for keeping it all organized. Big thank you's to everyone who serves the goodies for coffee fellowship after worship each Sunday. It is really enjoyed by all, being a great time for Christian fellowship and friendship.

Everyone's prayers continue to be needed for Donna Dohrmann, Ruth Allen, Elaine Gransee, Joyce Olson, Dick Wolff and Dick Hewitt as they travel the road to better health. May God be with them all. Continued prayers are needed for our country, all in military service, government work, health care, law enforcement and Christian leadership.

Our dear friend and member, Joan Springsted passed on Tuesday, September 17th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Springsted family. May God be with all who are dealing with the loss of a loved one as they journey through daily life.

DID YOU KNOW?????

Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately – without the unpleasant side effects of traditional “pain relievers”.

Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns –

For a sore throat mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of vinegar with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon 6 times a day- The vinegar kills the bacteria.



Coca-Cola cure for rust – just saturate an abrasive sponge with Coke Cola and scrub the rust stain. The phosphoric acid in the coke is what gets the job done.



CHANGING LEAF COLORS –

The changing colors of leaves in the fall are due to a chemistry process. Chlorophyll, which makes leaves green, slows production as the days get shorter and temperatures drop. This allows other pigments in the leaves to become visible.

AUTUMN BABIES live longer – A study in the Journal of Aging Research found that people born in the autumn are more likely to live to 100 than those born at other times of the year.

(NOTE: - my mother was born in March and she lived to be almost 104!!)

CANDY CORN was originally called “chicken feed”- Since roughly half of Americans were farmers in the 1880’s, candy manufacturers produced agriculture-themed sweets for the masses of American farm children.

THIS IS AUTUMN

Garnet Ann Schultz

This is a day for dreaming
For leaving cares behind,
For walking lovely country lanes
All bright and autumn-lined;
This is a day for loving
The whole wide world aglow,
For finding magic splendor
In valleys far below,
The brilliant flame of sumac,
The cotton clouds on high,
An orchard soft and wistful
Beneath a peaceful sky.

A day for life unhurried
In sunny meadows fair,
A field of golden beauty
With wonders everywhere.
This is a day for many things,
For hearts that laugh and love,
For drying leaves and blazing hills
And eyes that look above,
A country walk – a magic dream
An early setting sun,
For this is autumn hushed and still:
Autumn days have come.



God’s blessings to all, may you enjoy all the beautiful colors of autumn. Please stay happy, healthy, and safe and above all be kind to one another.

Till next time,
Sue



Great Fall Recipe Apple Fritter Cake

Cake -1/3 cup butter, room temperature

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup applesauce

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs

2 1/4 cups flour

1 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoons baking soda

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup Greek yogurt or sour cream

Filling - 2 cups peeled and large diced

Granny Smith Apples (about 2 medium)

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

2 tablespoons cornstarch

2 teaspoons water

1/2 cup dark brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Glaze - 2 cups powdered sugar

1/3 cup milk

1 teaspoon vanilla



Instructions

Filling - In a medium saucepan combine apples, granulated sugar, cinnamon, cornstarch and water. Heat on medium heat for 5-6 minutes until apples soften and the liquid thickens. Set aside to cool. Mix the dark brown sugar and remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside

Cake - Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9×13 pan with nonstick spray. Set aside. In the bowl of your stand mixer, fitted with the paddle attachment mix the butter and sugar together for 3 minutes until fluffy. Add the applesauce, vanilla, and eggs and mix on medium until combined, scraping the sides of the bowl as necessary. In a separate bowl whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Add the dry mixture and the Greek yogurt in alternating parts, starting and ending with the dry. Mix until just combined. Spread 1/2 of the cake batter in the bottom of the prepared pan. Top with the apple mixture, spreading carefully to cover the batter. Then top with 2/3 of the brown sugar, sprinkling all over the apple mixture. Cover with the remaining batter and sprinkle the remaining 1/3 of the brown sugar all over the top. Bake 35-40 minutes, or until the center of the cake is set.

Glaze - When the cake has only a few minutes left baking, prepare the glaze by mixing the powdered sugar, milk and vanilla in a medium bowl until smooth. When cake is done, immediately poke holes in the cake using a butter knife, about 30 pokes. Pour the glaze over the top of the cake spreading to cover it completely. Let the glaze set up for about 20 minutes before serving.

Community Events

For October



STEAK FRY

1ST SAT OF THE MONTH OCT-MAY

Kasson American Legion
Serving from 5-7 p.m.

Steak or Shrimp - \$14

Combo - \$17

All meals include Baked Potato, Coleslaw and Dinner Roll



NOT-SO-SCARY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

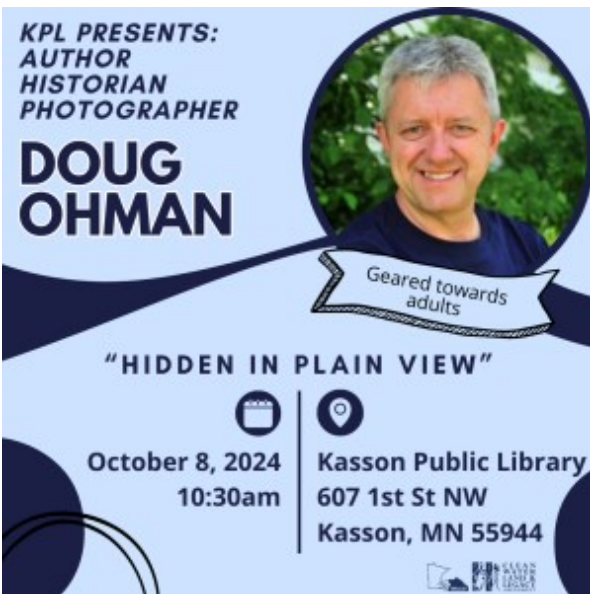
JOIN US! EVERY MONDAY IN OCTOBER!
ALL MOVIES RATED G OR PG

ALL MOVIES START AT 5:30PM

AT THE KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Not-so-Scary Family Movie Night

Every Monday during the month of October, the Kasson Public Library will be showing a family-friendly Halloween movie! Bring your pillows, blankets, and snuggle friends to cozy in for spooktacular fun! The movie starts at 5:30pm and there will be a small snack available.



KPL PRESENTS:
AUTHOR
HISTORIAN
PHOTOGRAPHER

DOUG OHMAN

Geared towards adults

"HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW"

October 8, 2024 10:30am

Kasson Public Library
607 1st St NW
Kasson, MN 55944

Hidden in Plain View with Doug Ohman

Join us **Tuesday, October 8th at 10:30am** for Hidden in Plain View with Doug Ohman. Walk along with Doug as he photographs cemeteries and uncovers stories of the long forgotten. Learn where the only Revolutionary War soldier to die in Minnesota is buried. Learn the difference between a cemetery and a graveyard and much more. This program is free and open to the public.

The KoMet Pantry is looking for help stocking their baking cupboard for KM High School students. They are asking for Cake mixes, Brownie mixes, Cookie mixes, frostings, small bags of sugar and other frequently used baking supplies. We will be collecting through Oct 13.

The KoMet Pantry provides basic living necessities (food, clothing, hygiene products, and/or school supplies) to KMHS students in need.



More Area Community Events

Presbyterian Women's Assn.

Invites you to the

Fall Festival

Salad Luncheon

*Serving a wide variety of salads, hotdish, dinner rolls,
dessert and beverage*

**Wednesday,
October 9th
11:00 AM -
1:00 PM**



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

**101 6th Ave.
NW
Kasson, MN**

Adults: \$12

Children under 8: \$6

Take-outs are available



There is an opportunity to help your neighbors on Saturday, October 28, when the Kasson Hy-Vee and Dodge County Salvation Army are having the first annual Community Winter Gear, Food & Hygiene Drive.

That is the day that food, hygiene, and winter clothing items can be dropped off in front of the Kasson Hy-Vee Store. Organizers ask that freshly cleaned coats be bagged before dropping them off. There will be volunteers available to help with your donation.

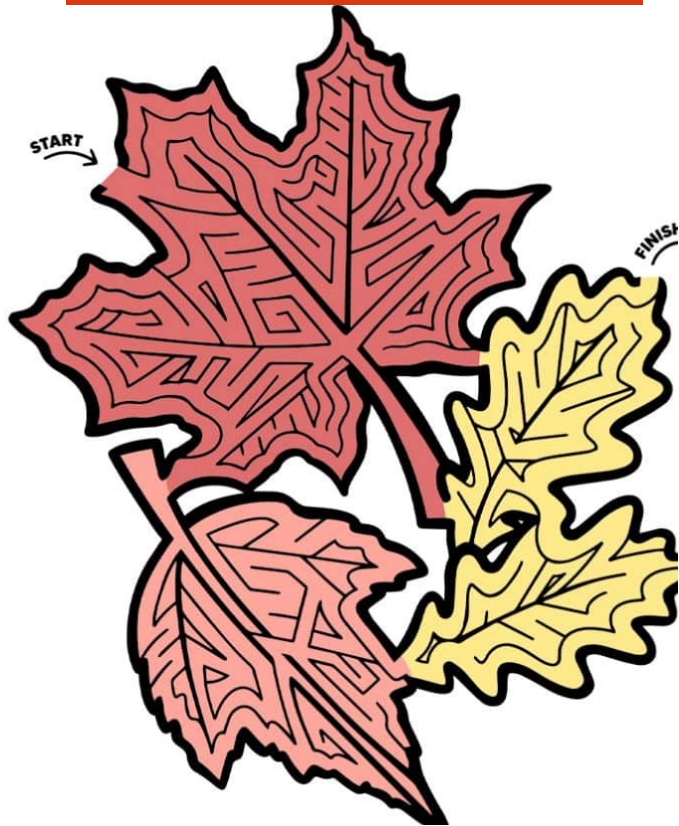
Winter gear needed includes boots, coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and scarves.

There is a lengthy list of food items including flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking soda and baking powder, powdered sugar, cooking oil, cake/brownie mix, cake frosting, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, peanut butter, instant potatoes, canned fruit, veggies, soup, beans, and meat, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, Hamburger Helper meals, and condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayo, dressings, and jelly.

These items will be distributed by the Salvation Army from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson.

October Kid's Page

October Word Search



October	Rake	Autumn
Harvest	Scarecrow	Orange
Halloween	Corn Maze	Red
Pumpkin	Hayride	Brown
Leaves	Fall	Yellow





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
				Fellowship Circle 9:30 AM		Steak Night @ Legion
WORLD COMMUNION 6	7	8	FALL FESTIVAL 11 am- 1 pm 9	10	11	12
SunSchool 9AM Worship 10 AM	← Meals on Wheels →			Deacons Mtg @ 5:45 pm		
13	COLUMBUS DAY 14	15	16	17	18	19
SunSchool 9AM Worship 10 AM		Session 5:30 pm		PW Mtg @ 6 PM		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SunSchool 9AM Worship 10 AM				Deadline for Oct Newsletter		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
SunSchool 9AM Worship 10 AM				HALLOWEEN		

October Observances & Fun Facts

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness

Oct. Birthstone - Opal and Tourmaline

October Flower - Calendula

