



PRESBYTIDINGS



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What's New at First Presbyterian Church?

- Communion Sunday - Oct. 2, 10:30 AM
- Friendship Home/Home Communion - Oct. 2 - 1:00 PM
- Building & Grounds - Oct. 5, 7:30 PM
- PW Meeting - Oct. 6, 2:00 PM
- CROP Walk, Albert the Bull Park - Oct. 9, 2:00 PM
- Session - Oct. 19, 7:30 PM
- Coffee, Bazaar, Country Store - Oct. 26, 9:30 AM - Soup Supper - 5:00 PM

Pastor Kelley's Korner...

Harvest Time

This is the time of year when the farmers are getting geared up to bring in the harvest from their fields. It can be an exciting time as they hope for a good and bountiful return for their investment. There will possibly be late nights and early mornings as the field work begins. May we pray for their safety and well-being for each and every farmer in the fields this October. May their work be rewarded and appreciated by all. Let us take the time to cheer them on for their hard work, and their true dedication through this season of the year.

As I reflect on the theme of the harvest, I am reminded of Matthew 9:37-38, "Then he (Jesus) said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send our laborers into his harvest.'" As the farmer is busy at the task at hand, we too as faithful followers of Jesus Christ are called to a delightful duty to share the love and compassion of Christ with a longing world to hear and respond to the good news of our Savior. In so doing, we will be amazed

and delighted of God's gracious leading as we seek to discern his will as he directs us in a variety of ways to extend his grace and mercy. As we continue to further God's gracious work, may we continue to gather together in the study of God's Word through the opportunities of Sunday school, small groups, and devotional life. The scripture is our true foundation as we live our lives in relationship with God and one another. May we be nurtured as we encourage and support one another.

As we work to bring in the harvest, there is a quote from Martin Luther, "God does not need our good works, but your neighbor does." This statement simply states that we are saved by grace alone, and so we have the wonderful privilege to share this awesome gift with each and everyone we encounter through the opportunities that God provides. In this way, they too will receive the freedom that Christ gives to all who receive and believe. May we never lose sight of the most precious gift given.

There are many farming images throughout scripture, may you be enriched as you are fed and nurtured by the gracious Word of God and those gracious images.

Blessings through God's abundance,
Pastor Kelley L. Pedersen, Interim

Session Notes

The Session met for their regular meeting September 21 at 7:30 PM.

Highlights included:

- Mission Statement for 2017 was set at \$2,000.
- New lights have been installed in basement. New motion lights have been installed.
- Stewardship Sunday will be Nov. 13.
- Food Bank will be at armory Oct. 10.

The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2016, in Fellowship Room.



CROP Walk

CROP Walk – ending hunger one step at a time! We are all familiar with CROP Walk as it has been a tradition in Audubon County for over 37 years. Together we have raised literally tens of thousands of dollars to help fight hunger in the world and right here in our county.

On a global setting, over 50% of CROP Walk donations are used for refugee assistance, approximately 30% is used for disaster relief, recovery and hunger development. Administration, fund raising, etc., accounts for 18%.



On a county level, 25% of money raised in Audubon County will stay in Audubon County. This money will be divided equally between Caring and Sharing, Community Opportunities, and Ministerial Assistance.

This year's walk has been set for **October 9, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.** We will meet at Albert the Bull Park for the walk on the Recreational trail.

If you are unable to walk, you may show your support through a donation. Jolene DuVall will be happy to answer any of your questions or collect any contributions you wish to make.

Annual Soup Supper

The PW has set their Annual Soup Supper for October 26. Enclosed is a listing of helpers needed - **some people have been assigned more than one duty.** You'll note we are asking men to help with some of the heavy work. Please call Carma Hutchins, Jolene DuVall or Becky Marten if you have questions.



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| Coffee | 9:30-10:30 AM |
| Bazaar/Country Store | 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM |
| Soup Supper | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM |

This is not only a major fundraiser, but also a wonderful time for fellowship and cooperation. Everyone's help is very much needed and appreciated!

In Our Prayers



Let us remember daily those who need our prayers most. Among our people, prayers are extended to:

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| Rosalie Davis | Teresa Barnes |
| Donna Kessler | Norma Petersen |
| Lila Jean Jensen | Bernice Johansen |
| Delores Klever | Virgil Klever |
| Sue Barnes | Barbara Nielsen |

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please notify the office.

By the Numbers



Treasurer's Report August

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| Receipts: | \$ 11,007.40 |
| Expenses: | \$ 9,900.85 |

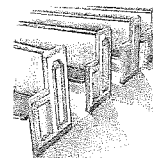
Per Capita for 2016 has been set at \$40.00 per member. 2016

breakdown is as follows:

Presbytery \$27.63; Synod \$5.25; General Assembly \$7.12

Church Attendance

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| Sept. 4 | 25 |
| Sept. 11 | 22 |
| Sept. 18 | 23 |
| Sept. 25 | 27 |



View from the Pews

Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women will be planning their annual Soup Supper at the October 6 meeting at 2:00 PM. The program will be Thank Offering. Hostesses will be the Priscilla Circle.

Kitchen Planning for October - Becky Marten

Food Bank – Aud. Armory – October 10

Individual Home Communions

If you or someone you know wish to have Pastor/Elders come to your home to serve Holy Communion, please call the church office at (563-3475).

Home communions in October will be October 2 beginning at 1:00 PM.

October Birthdays

- 1 Addisyn Zinke
- 3 Josh Fastert
- 5 Gail Richardson
- 9 Eliza Grabill
- 10 Alice Owen
- 11 Vickie Andersen
- 15 Becky Marten
- 17 Ron Owen
- 24 Mary Jo Krauel
- 25 Amber Williams
- 26 Earl Blohm
- 29 Nancy Wanninger
Karmen Grabill



October Anniversaries



- 6 Josh and Jessica Fastert (9)
- 9 Jay Dee and Peggy Mendenhall (56)
- 25 Tom and Sue Rasmussen (41)

Who's serving our church in October?

- 2 Liturgist TBA
- Greeters/ Ushers Ed Andersen, Ivan Andersen, Jordan Jensen
- Videographer Mary Klever
- Coffee Hosts TBA
- 9 Liturgist TBA
- Greeters/ Ushers Ed Andersen, Ivan Andersen, Jordan Jensen
- Videographer Vickie Andersen
- Coffee Hosts TBA
- 16 Liturgist TBA
- Greeters/ Ushers David Jensen, Earl Blohm,

- Videographer Charles Griffith
- Coffee Hosts Ed Andersen
TBA
- 23 Liturgist TBA
- Greeters/ Ushers David Jensen, Earl Blohm,
Charles Griffith
- Videographer Vickie Andersen
- Coffee Hosts TBA
- 30 Liturgist TBA
- Greeters/Ushers David & Deb Jensen, Charles
Griffith
- Videographer Larry Klever
- Coffee Hosts TBA

Please make note of when you serve. If you cannot serve, please find someone to serve in your place. Thanks!

2016/17 IOWA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel, and type of housing. For more information, contact New Opportunities, 109 Tracy St., Audubon, IA 50025 or (712) 563-2777.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF

To help support the people you know and serve that have experienced the death of a loved one, Myrtue Medical Center, Harlan, Iowa, will be offering a six week program for adults to learn about and understand the grief process. Information is on the Fellowship Room bulletin board or call (712) 755-4308 by Oct. 4 to register.

MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD IN A NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP

Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn, IA, is sponsoring a presentation by Steen Metz from Odense, Denmark, who was imprisoned in 1943 at the age of 8. This will be held in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church sanctuary on Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:00 PM with reception following.

Please check to see if your name is listed on more than one list - To be successful, we need everyone's help!

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER & COUNTRY STORE

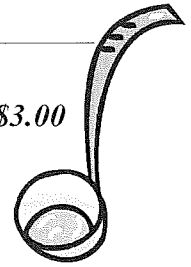
Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Morning Coffee 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 Bazaar/Country Store 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Prices: Adults - \$8.00
 Children under 12 - \$3.00
 Preschool - Free

Take Out Available

General Chairmen: Carma Hutchins, Jolene DuVall, Becky Marten
 Cashiers: Kelley Pedersen, Sue Barnes



Preparation

Monday, Oct. 24 Put Tablecloths on (J. DuVall, B. Marten)
 Tuesday, Oct. 25 8:00 a.m. Kitchen workers at church (J. Olson, B. Marten,
 C. Hutchins, J. DuVall, C. Blohm, L. Petersen)
 8:00 a.m. Cleaned vegetables at church
 Anytime Decorate tables (V. Andersen, D. Jensen)
 Wed., Oct. 26 8:00 a.m. Kitchen workers (N. Owen, C. Hutchins, B. Marten, J. DuVall)
 8:30 a.m. Make/serve coffee (B. Owen, M. Lebeck, C. Lawshe)

Bazaar/Country Store 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. (S. Barnes, D. Hansen)
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (G. Richardson)

Soup Supper 4:00 p.m. Cut pies (M. Miller, J. Davis, M. Evans, *someone stay till closing*)
 4:00 p.m. Make evening coffee (P. Wood)
 4:30 – closing Kitchen workers (B. Marten, N. Owen, C. Hutchins, J. DuVall, C. Blohm)
 Filling jars (M. Lebeck)
 Soup Dippers: 4:45 – 6:00 p.m. J. Owen, J. Olson
 6:00 – closing B. Barnes, V. Andersen
 DR Assistants 4:45 – 6:00 p.m. T. McLaughlin, N. Wanninger
 M. Klever, C. Jacobsen, J. Fancher
 6:00 – closing D. Jensen, M.J. Krauel, S. Rasmussen, J. Fastert, Marge Andersen
 Dish Scrapers 5:00 – 6:15 L. Petersen
 6:15 – closing Megan Andersen
 Cleanup Crew 6:00 – closing P. Wood, G. Klever, D. Grabill, B. King, C. Zinke,
 E. Andersen, Dave Jensen, V. Gardner, D. Smith, D. Olson,
 T. Rasmussen, L. Klever, I. Andersen

If you cannot work at your scheduled time or your name was inadvertently omitted from the list, please notify Jolene DuVall (563-2977, home, or 304-4407, cell), Carma Hutchins (563-2516), or Becky Marten (563-4141) by Friday, Oct. 21. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you as we all work together to make our Soup & Sandwich Supper and Bazaar/Country Store a memorable one. We welcome all men and women to help anywhere.

You will be contacted to donate food/money to help this be a success!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND HELP!!!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------|----------------------|
| 2 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee 1:00 PM Home Communion | 3 | 4 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study | 5 2:30 PM Ebenezer Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir Pract. 7:30 Building & Grounds | 6 2:00 PM - PW General Meeting | 7 | 1 8 |
| 9 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee 2:00 PM CROP Walk | 10 7 PM Boy Scouts | 11 | 12 2:30 PM Ebenezer Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir Pract. | 13 WIC Clinic 2:00 PM Priscilla Circle-Jolene DuVall, hostess | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee | 17 | 18 | 19 2:30 PM Ebenezer Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir Pract. 7:30 Session | 20 Dartball | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee | 24 7 PM Boy Scouts | 25 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study | 26 9:30 AM Country Store & Bazaar 2:30 PM Ebenezer Confirmation 5:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee 4:00 PM Vespers at Friendship Home Dimes for Deacons | 31 |  <p> October <i>First Presbyterian Church</i> <i>Audubon, Iowa</i> </p>  | | | | |