



PRESBYTIDINGS



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What's New at First Presbyterian Church?

- Communion Sunday - Sept. 4
- Friendship Home and Individual home communions - Sept. 4 - 1:00PM
- Choir Practice begins - Sept. 7 - 6:30 PM
- Church School Begins - Sept. 11 - 9:00 AM
- First Choir Performance - Sept. 11 - 10:30
- Adult Bible Study Begins - Sept. 13 - 4:30 PM
- Dartball at Ebenezer - Sept. 15 - 7:30 PM
- Session - Sept. 21 - 7:30 PM

Pastor Kelley's Korner . . .

Rally Day and Beyond

As we get in the groove for our fall schedule, I am reminded of an illustration that will help us remember the three dimensions of the church that I believe are important for our community of faith. These three areas are essential for our growth as we continue to seek God's desire for our ministry here in this place and beyond.

Imagine with me if you will, a three-legged milk stool that keeps the stool level for the farmer to be productive in his milking operation in the early years of farming. Those three legs were important to keep the stool level, and enable the work to be done in an effective manner. But if those legs were uneven or one was completely missing the work would be compromised, and the work would be harder to achieve.

As the body of Jesus Christ, the three areas that the church is established on is worship/Bible study, fellowship, and service. These three areas of ministry are vital for any church to be effective for the sake of the gospel. We must always be in the

process of reevaluating and strengthening those dimensions, so we will be effective in reaching out into our community and world in the 21st century.

Worship/Bible Study

As we begin this fall, I look forward to our choir starting that will again give depth to our worship service, and enhance our praise and thanksgiving to our gracious and loving God. Music is generally 40 percent of our worship service, and it gives us an opportunity to express our faith and commitment in a wonderful and gifted way. Also, may we continue to grow in hearing God's Word, and applying it to our lives as we share it with others through its proclamation each week. The word is central to our worship as it is stated in Psalm 95: 6-7, "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are his people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

Fellowship

Fellowship within the church and community are of great value as we come together as the body of Jesus Christ, and enjoy the fellowship and conversation. Connecting with each other in the community of faith is important as we care and embrace one another in heart-felt communication and prayer as we journey together through our daily lives. We need the support and encouragement of each other as we move forward in faith. This is done through a variety of ways like women's Bible studies, men's dartball, home visitations with our nursing home and shut-ins, etc. May we continue to strengthen and uplift these opportunities as we continue to enhance this area of our church.

Service

Service is a vital ingredient as we reach out and embrace the various needs of our community and world. I immediately think of our Louisiana brothers and sisters who need our prayers and possible financial assistance at this present time. God calls us to care and reach out in a variety of ways to be the true church in this time and place. May we continue to serve with the true compassion of Christ, and remember Christ's compassion embraced the

needs of all people. Christ always was there to help his neighbor in need.

May we be excited as we continue to be the true church journeying together in faith and love.

Pastor Kelley L. Pedersen, Interim

Worship Service

As a service to our parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday worship, it is now possible to check out a copy of the service.

Please leave Sylvia a message at 563-3475 and she will make arrangements so that you may watch the service at your convenience on your CD player.

Our Mission

Please remember your food donations on Communion Sunday. These food pantry donations in September go to the Family Development Center. Place your donations in the tubs on the mission table in the Fellowship Room. The last Sunday of every month is designated as Dimes for Deacons day.

Here's Something We Can All Do!

Our local grocery store, Foodland, is offering a terrific, painless way to generate a little cash for the "extras" our church may want to help fund.

Best Choice brand products will give us \$.03 per label. Doesn't sound like much? Well, let's try collecting just 5 labels per week for 6 months -- that's \$3.90 --- still doesn't sound like much, but let's multiply that one family collecting the 5 labels per week times 10 families --- Now we have \$39.00. See how fast the number goes up?

This is something we all can do and there are so many organizations, groups such as the Back to School Supply Drive, Lydia House, Open Door Mission, maybe a family who had a house fire. . . This could be a part of Church School, Bible Study, Life Savers, etc.

Just bring the labels (clipped or whole) and put them in the box in Fellowship Room.

For more details, please see the Best Choice flier in the Fellowship Room.

Broken Bread

In the Fellowship Room you will find a few copies of "Broken Bread". This is a newsletter

printed by the Des Moines Presbytery promoting compassion, peace, and justice.

Go ahead and take a copy home and let the messages it has to offer into your mind and soul. Share it with a friend or return it to the Fellowship Room for someone else to read.

Church Choir Resumes



With Summer coming to a close, it's back to work for many groups and organizations including the Choir.

Choir rehearsals will begin for the year at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 7, with the first performance to be on, September 11. Practices will be weekly here at the church with Gary Keller directing.

We thank all of our dedicated, talented singers for sharing their gifts to help us glorify God. **If you have always wanted to be a part of the Choir, now is a great time to join!** Talk to any Choir member -- it's not all work -- it's FUN!

CROP WALK

Save the Date! The Annual CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 9, beginning at 2:00 PM. at Albert the Bull Park. You may begin recruiting walkers/donators any time.

Remember, 25% of the money donated in Audubon County stays in Audubon County. Typically, the money has been divided between Caring and Sharing, Community Opportunities, and the Ministerial Assistance program.

Meals on Wheels

We did it! We delivered Meals on Wheels the first two weeks in August.

Our community is so fortunate to have a senior Meals on Wheels program. For a small cost, any qualifying individual may have a meal delivered to their home knowing each meal is nutritional and made that morning.

The only way this program can be successful is with the community's support -- our support was

delivering meals for two weeks. For that, all volunteers need a BIG THANKS for their time, patience, fuel, etc.

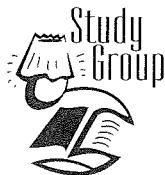
Reminder: meals can be purchased as gifts for holidays, birthdays, etc., or are handy to slip into a Get Well card.

Let's Start Studying!

Sunday morning class will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 AM in the parlor.

The bible study class that has been meeting on Tuesday afternoons will continue to meet beginning September 13 at 4:30 PM.

If you have been thinking you'd like to try this low-key, informal Bible study, why don't you give it a try? Perfect attendance is not mandatory, but a willing heart and a desire to learn more about your Bible and life is.



By the Numbers

Treasurer's Report

<u>June</u>	
Receipts:	\$3,464.90
Expenses:	\$2,686.45
<u>July</u>	
Receipts:	\$5,053.40
Expenses:	\$5,669.29

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

Session Notes

The Session met for their regular meeting in July and August. Highlights included:

- Office air conditioner to be repaired
- New office chair & mat purchased
- Basement lights to be replaced

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2016, 7:30 PM, Fellowship Room.

Church Attendance

July 3	25	August 7	24
July 10	24	August 14	29
July 17	19	August 21	25
July 24	23	August 28	
July 31	25		

In Our Prayers

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

Lavaun Fancher	Donna Kessler
Norma Petersen	Virgil Klever
Lila Jean Jensen	Delores Klever



If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church.

Death: Marie Jensen passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. A service of witness to resurrection was held at Kessler Funeral Home, Audubon, on Saturday, July 16, 2016, with Rev. Kelley Pedersen officiating. Interment was at Maple Grove Cemetery, Audubon, Iowa.

Death: Minnie Fancher passed away on August 8, 2016. A service of witness to resurrection was held in the sanctuary on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, with Rev. Kelley Pedersen officiating. Interment was at the Cameron Township Cemetery.

Presbyterian Women



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Presbyterian Women will hold their first Gathering for the year at 2:00 PM on Sept. 1. Introduction of the new Study Book for 2016-17 will be conducted as a group. New Study Books are available in the Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$8.00 each. New PW program booklets are available as well.

Kitchen Planning – Nancy Owen



Dart Ball

Guys, it's time to get the dart ball season rolling. Here's the chance to enjoy a little healthy rivalry and fellowship and show off your talent at the same time!

Dart Ball season will begin on September 15 at 7:30 PM here at Ebenezer. Come and catch up on the latest! Join the fun! New players and cheerleaders always welcome!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Worship Helpers are listed on back of Calendar.

September Birthdays

- 7 Ed Andersen
 11 Sue Barnes
 23 Roger Merk
 24 Lila Jean Jensen
 Denise England

 25 Charles Griffith
 Randy Klever
 26 Mitch Zinke
 Keith King
 27 DeEtte Grabill
 28 Virgil Klever
 Larry Klever
 29 Bernice Johansen



Birthdays

September Anniversaries



- 2 Mark and Teresa
 McLaughlin (15)
 11 Ivan and Marjorie Andersen
 (51)
 29 Gerald and Loretta Petersen
 (59)

Who's serving our church in

September?

- 4 Liturgist TBA
 Greeters/ Ushers Larry Klever, Earl Blohm,
 David Jensen
 Videographer Jordan Jensen
 Coffee Hosts TBA

 11 Liturgist TBA
 Greeters/ Ushers Larry Klever, Earl Blohm,
 David Jensen
 Videographer Ed Andersen
 Coffee Hosts TBA

 18 Liturgist TBA
 Greeters/ Ushers Mary Klever, Teresa
 McLaughlin, Charles Griffith
 Videographer Vickie Andersen
 Coffee Hosts TBA

 25 Liturgist TBA
 Greeters/ Ushers Mary Klever, Teresa
 McLaughlin, 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!

Deacon – Mavis Lebeck

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>September 2016</h1> 				1 2:00 PM PW General Meeting	2	3
4 10:30 AM Worship Service & Fellowship Coffee	5	6	7 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting	8	9	10
11 Communion 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service & Fellowship Coffee	12 7 PM Boy Scouts	13 4:30 PM Adult Bible Study	14 2:30 PM Ebenezer Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir Practice	15 WIC Clinic 7:30 PM Dartball at Ebenezer	16	17
18 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service & Fellowship Coffee 3:30 Vespers at Exira Care Center	19	20 4:30 PM Adult Bible Study	21 2:30 PM Ebenezer Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Session	22	23	24
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