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Jennifer Mittelstadt, Treasurer

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Randy Carlsen-Clerk of Session

Thelma Givan– Membership, Mission, Personnel

Robert Gransee– Property

Tami Hanson-Christian Ed, Personnel, Worship

Gayle Kaufeld– Christian Ed, Nominating, Worship

Jennifer Mittelstadt– Christian Ed, Membership, Personnel, Stewardship

Mike Prenzlöw-Property

Paulette Riedel-Nominating, Membership, Missions

Sheryl Scholer– Christian Ed, Worship

Deacons & Committees

Sue Alberts– Stewardship, Worship, Nominating

Steve Johnson-

Paul Riggs– Membership, Stewardship

Roma Stromme—

Wayne Trom– Property

Michelle Willert– Mission, Property

PASTOR'S LETTER

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Greetings Friends!

I hope that you are doing well and have been enjoying summer.

We are still in the middle of the pandemic. The Coronavirus Committee has met several times and has been hard at work reviewing the current research and making recommendations to Session. I want to thank this committee for all their hard work in combing through all the information put out by the Presbytery Twin Cities Area, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Minnesota Department of Health. Members of this committee include me; Gayle Kaufeld, Elder; Sue Alberts, Deacon; Amanda Frodermann, Parish Nurse; and Jane Heser, Custodian.

Please continue to pray for your church leadership as we navigate what church will look like in the coming months. The health and safety of our church members remains most important. Thank you for your patience and your prayers as we discern the best measures to take during this time.

I said this last month, but it is my continued hope that you are enjoying the worship services on our Facebook page and on the DVD's. I am so grateful to Dick Hewitt, Paul Riggs, Sheryl Scholer, Arlin Brigham, Ann Driver, Gayle, and Dan Kaufeld for making our services happen each week!

I am still offering socially distant driveway visits. I will bring my own lawn chair, wear a mask, and sit on the edge of your driveway for a short visit. This will give me a chance to get to know you and you get to know me, while keeping everyone safe. If you would like to schedule a visit please call the church office or email me at presbypastor@kmtel.com.

My verse for us this month comes from Psalm 31:24. "Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord."

May our hearts have courage as we think about the fall. There is so much unknown during this season. I am praying for all of those who are going back to school, those who work in schools, teachers, administrators, parents, and kids. As we face the unknown, I am reminded of a quote from Corrie Ten Boom, "Never be afraid to trust and unknown future to a known God."

We will walk this unknown future together as a church family.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda

[September Newsletter](#)

[Deadline August 26th -
8 AM](#)



Aug. 3 ***Alexis Gransee***
Aug. 5 ***Bev Livingston***
Aug. 6 ***Sharon Law***
Aug. 7 ***Randy Carlsen,***
 Jackson Wilke

Aug. 13 ***Ally Holtz***
Aug. 14 ***Hayden Prenzlow***
Aug. 18 ***Quinton Kase***
Aug. 20 ***Mitchell Morgan***
Aug. 22 ***Wendy Flynn***
Aug. 23 ***MacKenzie Alberts***
Aug. 25 ***Kristin Overson,***
 Buster Meyer

Aug. 26 ***Jane Carlsen***
Aug 28 ***Jennifer Erwin***



Aug. 1 ***Carl & Jennifer Mittelstadt***
Aug. 2 ***Dan & Gayle Kaufeld***
Aug. 11 ***Pastor Carl and Denise Grosse***
Aug. 18 ***Dan & Ann Driver***
Aug. 26 ***Joe & Judy Jones***
Aug. 27 ***Tom & Jerri Fogal***
Aug. 31 ***Clint & Judy Patterson***



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, HI.

Pray for those in the care center: Jean Weinknecht..

John Schwen, passed away on Wednesday, July 22nd. Please pray for his family and friends.

Rev. Dr. Joe Jones has asked for prayers as his wife, Judy Jones, passed away on July 15th.



August Session Meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 pm using Zoom. Members will receive an invitation to the meeting in their email.

Church Information

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Pastor Phone -	651-214-4174
Pastor Office Hours	M 10am—2pm,
	W 9am—noon, and by appointment.
Secretary office hours	
	Wednesday & Friday 8am—noon
Worship	10:00 am

Pastor Amanda Mackey

Remote Communion

Dear Friends,

We will have remote communion for everyone on Sunday, August 2, 2020 . Please have available some form of bread and wine/grape juice. After the sermon, we have the liturgy and the Works of Institution, after which you will take part in the sacrament in your own home. It will be a meaningful time of worship together as we say the words together, partake and then pray after communion. Christ comes to meet each of us in our own homes during this sacrament, and we will be united by the Holy Spirit as if we were all in the sanctuary together.

If you are not able to acquire the communion elements you will be invited to listen and receive the blessings in that moment. I'm looking forward to this special time together next Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda.



Session Update on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

The Session met on Monday July 27 and approved the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for our church. This plan is being administered by Rev. Amanda Mackey and Amanda Frodermann, Parish Nurse.

A copy of this plan will be sent out via email and postal mail to all non-email church members. The plan lays out the phases for re-entering the church property including indoor and outdoor worship. Phase 3 is outdoor worship.

We have tentatively scheduled an outdoor worship service on Sunday September 20 if the COVID-19 cases in our area have decreased. The rain date will be on Sunday September 27.

If we have to cancel the service we will use all forms of communication to let the congregation know. The worship services will continue to remain on Facebook and on the DVDs.

We are saddened by the passing of our longtime member and friend, John Schwen. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Noreen, and children, Christa and Anthony and the rest of his family.



John H. Schwen, 76, of Kasson, Minnesota passed away on July 22, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born to parents Russell and Verlie Schwen on October 12, 1943 in Blue Earth, Minnesota. John graduated from Albert Lea High School and received degrees in English and Music from Mankato State University in 1967, where he was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

John's passions were music and teaching. He directed band, taught general music and gave music lessons to countless students over his 32 year career. After retiring from teaching in 2000, he continued to play in the Notochords of Rochester.



In addition to music, John was known for his love of the game of golf, which he played until just recently. He also enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins, Vikings and Gophers. He was an avid reader, movie buff, muscle car enthusiast, skilled woodworker and gardener.

While John's achievements and talents were numerous, he was humble and is best remembered for his kindness, generosity and dedication to his family and friends as well as his endless gift of music to all.

John is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Noreen; daughter Christa Schwen (Jeff) of Plymouth, MN; son Anthony Schwen of Kasson, MN; brothers George Schwen of Montesano, WA and Todd Schwen of Desert

Hot Springs, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents Russell and Verlie Schwen; brother Charles Schwen and sister Claudia Schwen.

No services are planned at this time.

Dibble Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Kasson assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.dibblefuneralhome.com.



PW COMMUNICATION



Greetings Presbyterian Women,

Summer is rolling along and with the nice weather we are all able to venture outside for some fresh air and maybe a little stroll around the neighborhood. Since we are not yet able to physically meet together, hopefully we keep each other in our thoughts and prayers and perhaps communicate with each other on the phone or by text's or emails.

The next event on the PW schedule would be an outing of some kind planned by Carol and Sue but that will not be happening due to the COVID 19 restrictions. The September meeting, as mentioned before, is to be the retreat at Jane Carlsen's cabin in Lake City and the possibility of that taking place will be determined as the time draws nearer.

Please keep those members of our church who are having health issues in your prayers. Health issues are difficult at any time, but even more so during this difficult time of having to deal with COVID 19. Needing to stay in our homes and not having much contact with family, friends, or just being out in public is trying to say the least. Pray also for our country and all political leaders, our nation needs all the help God can hopefully give it.

Now for something fun, here is a recipe from Paulette's mom. It is really easy, simple, and does not need to be baked which will save heating up the kitchen.

LEMON CHEESECAKE

1 – 2 oz. lemon jello 2 tsp. vanilla 1 – 8 oz. package cream cheese
1 – 13 oz. carnation evaporated milk (very cold) 1 cup sugar

Dissolve jello in 1 cup boiling water, let stand at room temperature. Mix the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until creamy, set aside. Whip milk in a large mixing bowl until it looks like whipped cream, beat in the jello and then the cheese mixture.

CRUST: ½ cup sugar 20 graham crackers crushed to fine crumbs ¼ cup melted butter

Mix all together well and press into a 9 x 13 pan saving some for topping or chopped nuts may be used instead. Pour cream cheese/jello mixture on top and chill for several hours. ENJOY!

AND NOW – The peace of God be in your heart; The grace of God be in your words; The love of God be in your hands; The joy of God be in your soul and in the song that your life sings.

Blessings from

Carol and Sue, PW co-chairs

"Something that IS happening at church."

Our Weekly Production Crew

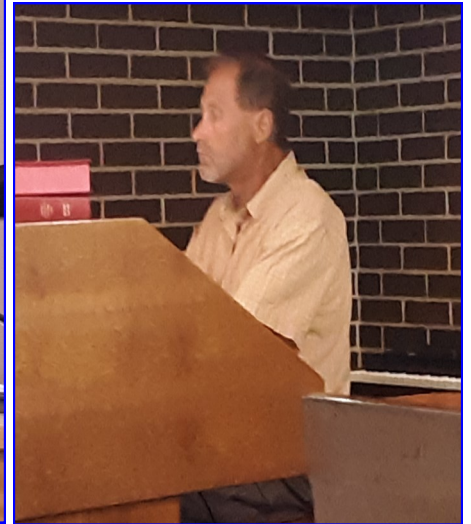
To Put Together our church service.



Audio/Visual Team
Dick Hewitt and Paul Riggs



Pastor Amanda



Our Music Master
Dan Kaufeld

It takes a group to put together our weekly services. The message and music are planned before taping. Audio visual team prep the equipment, record and reproduce the videos for our non-computer members. The office puts the bulletin and music together and posts the service to Facebook and our website. Amy delivers the packets to our non-computer friends.



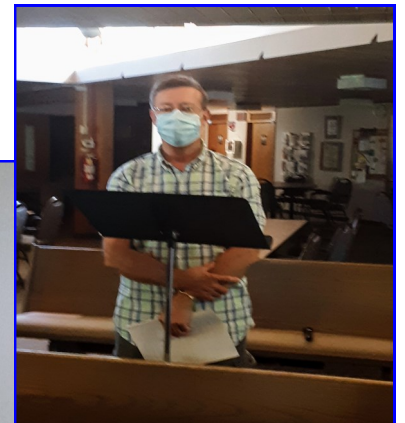
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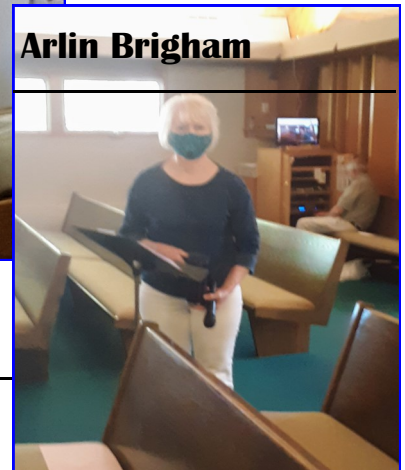
Amy Borgstrom



Our Heavenly Choir
Gayle Kaufeld



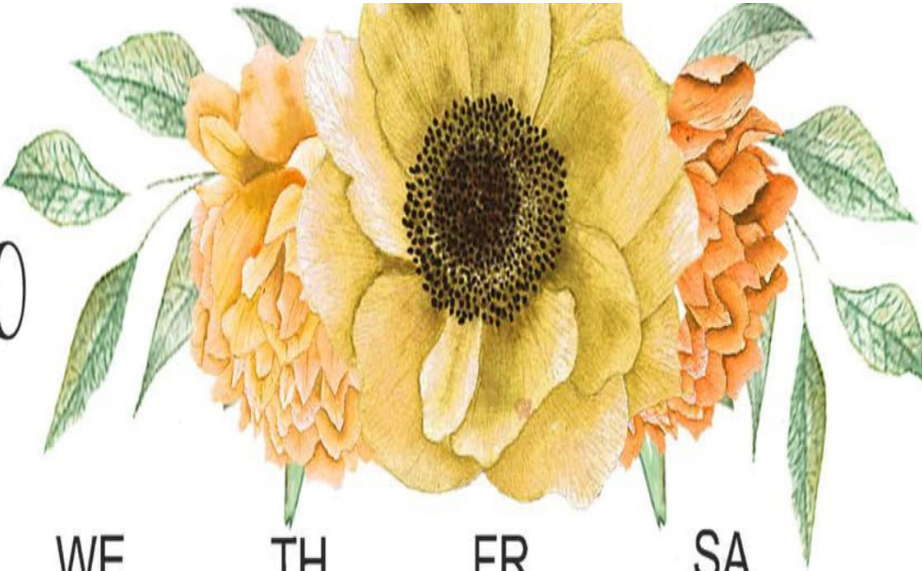
Arlin Brigham



Sheryl Scholer

NO PW Meeting this month

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion		Worship Comm. @ 7 PM by Zoom				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Session Mtg 5:30 pm					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Meals on Wheels -----					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Deadline for Newsletter			
30	31					