

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR OCTOBER 2020

Greetings Friends!

October is here!



October is one my favorite months of the year. As a kid I would always look forward to the end of the month when my Birthday happens and a few days after is Halloween! Now I look forward to it because the weather gets cooler, we can see God at work in the changing of the leaves and it means we are getting that much closer to the holiday season.

Saturday October 31 is also Reformation Sunday the day that we remember the work of Martin Luther putting 95 theses on the door of the Catholic church. It is the day we celebrate the work of the reformers who helped shape our Presbyterian heritage into what it is today. On this day, a common phrase is “Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbi dei, which translates, “the church reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God.”

It is apparent now more than ever that our church is reforming and changing. Due to circumstances beyond our control the church has had to adapt. Worship has taken place on Facebook and the church lawn. Fellowship has been in the parking lot. Committees are meeting over Zoom.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted with our outdoor worship services. We have had a great turnout and it has been wonderful to gather with our church family. Thanks to our worship team- Gayle and Dan Kaufeld, Arlin Brigham, Sheryl Scholer, and Paul Riggs. Thanks to Jane and Don Hesel for cleaning and make sure we could safely worship. Thanks to Ann Driver for printing bulletins, uploading the services to the Facebook page, and providing support. Thanks to Ally Holtz and Amy Borgstrom for providing children's Sunday school during the outdoor service.

As the weather gets colder, we will again have to adapt our worship services. We will go back on Facebook for worship. We will call our church family and check in on them. We will carry on the work of the early church reformers who embraced the changes that developed. There will be some grief as we mourn the “way things used to be” but I hope that with prayer and thanksgiving we can learn to live in this new normal for the time being.

My verse for us this month comes from Hebrews 10:23. “Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who has promised is faithful.”

Let our hope not waver, for we know that we serve a God who is faithful and will fulfill what He has promised.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Amanda

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Oct. 1	Isaac Manitz, Wayne Trom, Jack Hesierman
Oct. 2	Hannah Boukal
Oct. 3	Bill Kase, Aubrey Abbott, Carl Grosse
Oct. 4	Alden Kaufeld
Oct. 5	Lanna Gransee
Oct. 7	Jessica Morgan, Christa Schwen, Rudy Hrtanek
Oct. 10	Tami Hanson, Jeanne Dunbar
Oct. 14	Nicolle Wilke, Sebastian Pedersen. Ann Riggs
Oct. 15	Roma Stromme
Oct. 17	Clay Gransee
Oct. 19	Jim Stucky
Oct. 22	Ian Hellickson
Oct. 25	Temperance Gransee
Oct. 26	Diane Krejci
Oct. 27	Brent Carlsen
Oct. 28	Pastor Amanda Boss
Oct. 29	Hannah Scherger



Oct 8	Derek & Amanda Frodermann
Oct. 19	Shay & Brandon Berg
Oct 29	Nathan & Heather Gransee

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

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

Please keep our church family in our prayers.



August Session Meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm.



**Worship
Committee**

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

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Pastor Office Hours M 10am—2pm,

W 9am—noon, and by appointment.

Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 8am—noon

Worship 10:00 am

PW CORNER

Hello again all PW's,

Fall is here, leaves are slowly turning colors, a slight chill is in the air at times, this is truly a pretty time of year and hopefully it will last for quite some time. Thinking back over the years, I always enjoyed the smell of burning leaves in the fall as people were cleaning their yards in preparation for the advent of winter. Of course that was before the quality of the air we breathe became an issue, but the smell of burning leaves was always very pleasant for me – a real sign of autumn.



The next event on the PW calendar was planned to be a Holiday Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale, which of course, will not be taking place. Perhaps we can think of something unique to replace the event with some type of money raiser, so if anyone has an idea of how to replace the usual event, please contact Carol or Sue, and remember, there are no dumb ideas!!!

While you are having some quiet time and contemplating the world we now live in, please include in your prayers all who are in public service in local, state, and federal positions. Also include all health care workers, everyone in law enforcement, public safety, and also please pray for those who seem to feel a need to participate in destructive protests – those are the people who may need our prayers most of all. As always, keep those in our church who are dealing with health issues or the loss of loved ones.

NOW, HERE IS A GREAT RECIPE FROM THE PAST. This is in the oldest recipe book I have that was created by the women of our church. It was printed in 1960 and the recipe is from Shirley Chalmers who was the wife of the then pastor in our church. It is really good!!



APPLE BROWNIE DESSERT

¼ cup shortening	1 cup white sugar	1 beaten egg
1 cup flour	1 teaspoon soda	½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon	½ cup chopped nuts	2 cups peeled, chopped apples

Cream shortening and sugar, add beaten egg, mix well. Add flour, soda, nutmeg, cinnamon, mix well and add chopped nuts and raw apples. Pour into greased 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350 F for 35 – 40 minutes. Serve warm with the following sauce:

SAUCE: ½ cup ½ and ½ cream	½ cup white sugar
½ cup brown sugar	¼ cup butter

Cook slowly for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Serve warm over the apple dessert. ENJOY

BEAR HUGS

The joy of being friends is just a simple code of faith and trust,
A homey comradeship that stays the threatened fear of darker days;
The kind of faith that brings to light the good, the beautiful, and bright;
And best and blest, and true and rare ---- Is having friends who love and care!

Take care all, stay well, and enjoy all the beauty of the fall season.

Blessings all,

Sue and Carol, PW co-chairs

Erdman's Tape Program Ends

Because Erdman's Country Market will become Hy-Vee on October 1st, the Erdman's Tape Program has ended.

Since it began in 1984, this program has distributed more than \$650,000.00 locally. The Erdman's Charitable Board has given a portion of these funds to those less fortunate in our community. Elaine Gransee and Carol Prenzlowl have served on the board since its inception, providing input to the need assessment and local distribution. Thank you for your service and thank you to Erdman's Country Market.

In addition, our church has received over \$11,600.00 by participating in this very worthwhile program. Over the years many of you have saved your Erdman's receipts. Others have tallied the receipts twice a year. To all a big "Thank You!" for your participation and support.



Video Interviews needed for upcoming sermon series!

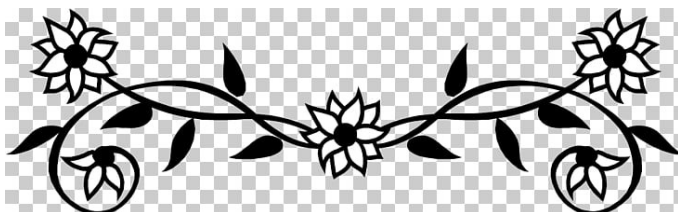
Pastor Amanda needs your help! She is in need of congregation members to be interviewed on video. Members are invited to answer four short questions. The videos will be used during November and December worship services. She will come to your house in a mask to record the video socially distanced, you can meet up at the church, or you can submit a video via email. If you would like to participate please contact Pastor Amanda for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS and BLESSINGS

On your Marriage, Josh and Amanda Boss

Pastor Amanda and Josh were joined in marriage on Saturday, September 5, 2020. We thank you for the video posted on Facebook. It was a glorious never to be forgotten day.



**Thanks to all
those who helped
with the painting
of our church.**



Dear Church Members,

Every year our church is responsible to pay its per capita tax to the Presbyterian Church Office of the General Assembly. At the beginning of this year, each member received a notice concerning the per capita that was due in the amount of \$36.50 per member. We have received several payments, however, not all. For those of you who haven't sent in your 2020 per capita yet, please get it to the church by the middle of October.

We understand that this year has been a challenging one. We thank you for all of your contributions to our church through gifts, weekly offerings, prayers and many more.

Thank you,
Jennifer Mittelstadt
Church Treasurer





**Sunday,
September 20th
First Outdoor
Service
Beautiful (but
Windy) Morning**

**Wonderful to Be
with our Church
Family**

**Thank You to All
that helped Make
This Happen**

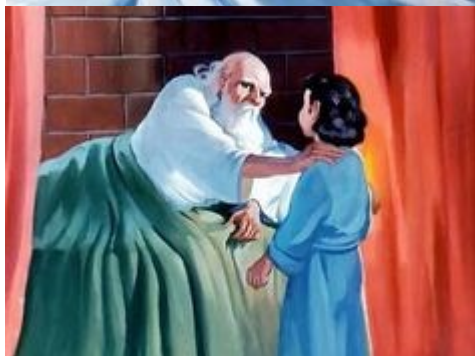


Samuel Listens To The Lord



The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli., whose eyesight was fading into blindness.

One night when Samuel was sleeping in his bed, the Lord called to him. Samuel answered, "Here I am."



And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

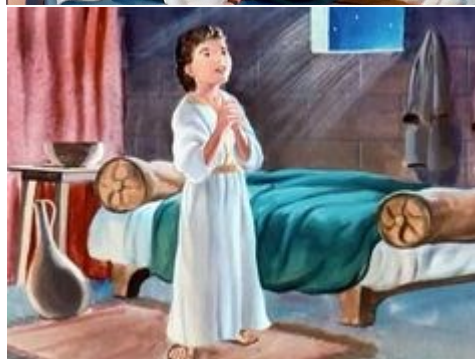
But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." This happened 3 times

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"



So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

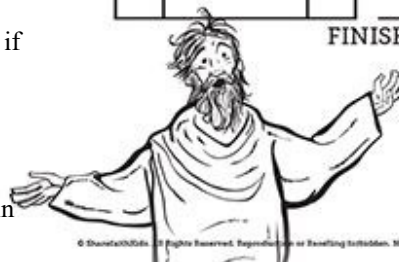
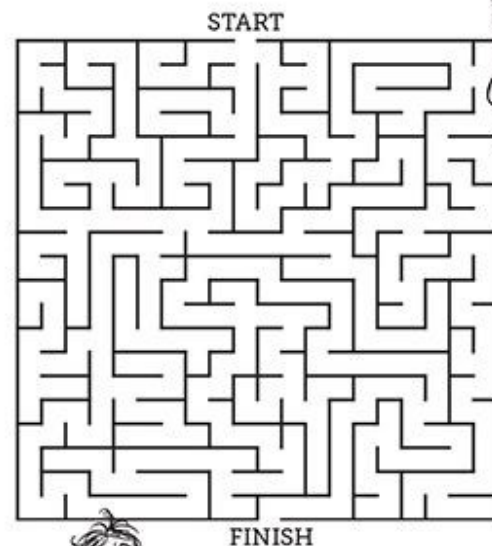
The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"



Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

SAMUEL

Guide young Samuel to become a great prophet.



Samuel Served in God's House Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



I	T	N	I	H	E	N	I	S	M	O	S
P	R	O	M	I	S	E	H	E	M	V	A
L	A	I	Q	N	O	N	A	R	C	T	M
T	M	E	D	O	N	D	N	V	I	Q	U
Z	O	U	F	P	U	G	N	E	E	V	E
L	T	A	B	E	R	N	A	C	L	E	L
S	H	M	I	L	R	I	H	A	I	V	E
L	E	S	I	K	L	A	E	A	C	I	D
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L	O	R	E	N	T	E	M	D	T	T	O
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N	O	N	S	H	I	L	O	H	L	A	N

ELI
ELKANAH
HANNAH
MOTHER

PRIEST
PROMISE
ROBE
SAMUEL

SERVE
SHILOH
SON
TABERNACLE

MEMORY VERSE

"Speak, Lord; for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:9 (NIV)

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Amanda Frodermann Parish Nurse

Jennifer Mittelstadt, Treasurer

Elders & Committees

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 Prenzlow-Property

Paulette Riedel-Nominating, Membership, Missions

Sheryl Scholer– Christian Ed, Worship

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Steve Johnson-

Paul Riggs– Membership, Stewardship

Roma Stromme—

Wayne Trom– Property

Michelle Willert– Mission, Property



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Meals on Wheels ———		
4	5	6	7 Worship Comm. @ 7 PM by Zoom	8	9	10
Communion	Pastor Amanda will be doing a Continuing Education Class this week. If needed for an emergency, please call or email.					
11	12 Columbus Day Session Mtg	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Deadline for Newsletter			
25	26	27	28 Pastor Amanda's Birthday	29	30	31 Reformation Day

Notes

Outdoor Worship At 10:00 am on Sundays (Weather Permitting) Will notify congregation of any changes.

