

# **PASTOR'S LETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Greetings Friends!**

**I cannot believe fall is here!**

**I hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to relax.**

**We are gearing up for all of the exciting things fall brings Sunday school returns, changing leaves, and the much-needed cooler weather.**

**We will go back to our regular worship schedule starting on Sunday September 12. Worship will be at 10:00am.**

**Sunday school for kids and adults will resume on Sunday September 19 at 9:00am.**

**Thank you to everyone who attending the Berne Wood Fired Pizza Night in August. We had a great group. It was fun to eat and fellowship with our church family. Be on the lookout for more fellowship events in the future.**

**Nominating committee is hard at work thinking about the new classes of deacons and elders that will be starting in January. We are distributing nomination forms to the congregation this year. More information about this process is in this newsletter. Read on for more info!**

**Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul Riggs, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of August: Larry Pedersen, Sue Alberts, Ann Driver, and Bill Kase. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship. Thank you to Quinita Kase for providing us with beautiful music while Dan was out of town.**

**My verse for us this month comes from the book of James, "You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.**

**May we live this month with more kindness, patience, and love as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ to all those we meet.**

**I am so grateful to be your pastor.**

**Grace and Peace,**

**Pastor Amanda**





# Happy September Birthdays



Sept 8	Judy Gransee
Sept 11	Ron Carlsen
	Joan Springsted
Sept 13	Chris Brogan
Sept 15	Coy Borgstrom
	Dusty Heiserman
Sept 18	Jane Heser
	Jared Johnson
Sept 19	Larry Pedersen
Sept 20	Ian Frodermann
	Zachary Kase
Sept 24	Michael Brigham
	Chris Castner
Sept 26	Al Riedel
Sept 27	Bjorn Hellickson
	Dick Wolff
Sept 28	Carol Prenzlowl
	
Sept 5	Amanda & Josh Boss
Sept 23	Chris & Ally Holtz

Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.  
 \*Please keep Diane Krejci and her loved ones in our prayers.  
 \*Please keep Dusty Heiserman in our thoughts and prayers.  
 \*Carol Prenzlowl - recovering and continuing rehabilitation  
 \*Joyce Olson - recovering from back surgery  
 \*Dick Hewitt - recovering from a fall  
 \*Helen Leque - recovering from a fall  
 \*Karen Tracy - back pain  
 \*Donna Dutton and Bev Livingston - pray for their continued health and well being.



**September Session Meeting on September 13th**

**SESSION MEETING**  
 Worship Committee Meeting in September on September 7th at 7 PM at the church.



## Church Information

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 Worship 9:00 am



## PW CORNER

Hello Ladies,

Another month is gone, summer is slowly leaving and soon it will be time to rake leaves since fall is fast approaching. It can be a beautiful time of year when the leaves turn to their fall colors which hopefully will happen again this year. We still are much in need of a significant amount of rain, which mother nature will hopefully soon provide for our lawns and crops.

As I mentioned last month, September is the time for the PW retreat at Jane Carlsen's cabin; however, due to the current COVID situation it sadly has been decided to cancel that event. Hopefully next year there will be no issues that prevent us from having the retreat because it is always very enjoyable.

Our church will be delivering Meals On Wheels August 30 – September 3 and the next date is November 11 – 15. A big THANK YOU to Sharon Law for scheduling the people who deliver the meals; that is a big job especially since we seem to be running short of enough people to take on that task. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Sharon. THANK YOU so much to all who have and will be participating in this worthy program.

Now that we are able to have a regular church service and a regular fellowship time on Sunday, another big THANK YOU to everyone who has and will be serving the coffee and goodies, it is very much appreciated. Also, thank you to the women in charge of scheduling the people that do the serving.

Our sympathies and prayers go out to Diane Krejci and her family for their recent loss of husband and father, may God be with them now and in the future. Prayers and thoughts continue to be needed for Carol Prenzlowl as she continues on her road to recovery. As always continue your prayers for this country as we do battle with COVID; and continue with prayers for our country leaders, health care workers, emergency and safety personnel, religious leaders and all who are in service to our nation, both here and in other countries.

Now for some Labor Day information:

Labour Day (Labor Day in the United States) is an annual holiday to celebrate achievements of workers. Labor Day has its origins in the labour union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed S.730 into law declaring Labor Day a national holiday. Labor Day is also known as May Day and is a public holiday in many countries across the world. The holiday is a celebration of workers worldwide but is also associated with the beginning of spring in many countries.

### **BEAR HUGS**

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.  
May you find friends wherever you go, And happily live while here below.  
May you prove faithful, kind, and true To all your friends and they to you.

Minnie Sidders

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven;  
A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

May God bless you all and hold you in His loving arms.

Have a good September, stay healthy and happy.

Many blessings from

Sue and Carol,

PW co-chairs





# “PIE IN THE PARK”

Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 pm

Veterans memorial Park

West Pavilion - Kasson



Inviting all choir members interested in getting together to sing for Worship.

We will meet at the park and enjoy a delicious assortment of Country Pleasures pies served picnic-style, share planning ideas, and most of all, have fun seeing each other.

Please come; all are welcome!

RSVP to [gkaufeld@gmail.com](mailto:gkaufeld@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

## Adult Christian Education

Pastor Amanda is offering two different ways to participate in Bible Study this fall.

**Adult Sunday School** will meet in the church library starting Sunday September 19 at 9:00am.

**Zoom Bible Study** will meet virtually on Zoom starting on Tuesday September 21 at 7:00pm

Both groups will have the same Bible study. We will begin our study with a three-part series on Wisdom from the Bible Project.

Here's what we are studying in September:

**Sunday September 19 at 9am and Tuesday September 21 at 7pm-**

### **Wisdom Series- Proverbs**

For this week's Bible Project study we will study the book of Proverbs. In the book of Proverbs, we are given the perspective of a brilliant teacher, who offers her insights on a wide range of subjects from relationships to wealth to spirituality. Proverbs shows us that God's wisdom can guide us through our lives—anyone can access his wisdom and enjoy the gifts that it freely offers.

**Sunday September 26 at 9am and Tuesday September 28 at 7pm -**

### **Wisdom Series- Ecclesiastes**

For this week's Bible Project study we will study the book of Ecclesiastes, we meet the critic, who explores three different themes, all of which attempt to show that life on Earth is meaningless. What the critic has said is true, but that doesn't mean life can't be enjoyed. When we recognize how little of life we control, we can truly appreciate what we have—good food, friends, and community. And we can trust that one day, God will restore the broken cycle of human life. He will come to clear the vapor—the hevel—and make all things right.



## **Berne Wood Fired Pizza Night**

**A good time was had by all at  
the Berne pizza fellowship  
event on August 18.**

**Good Food!**

**Good Live Music!**

**And Great Fellowship!!!!**

## **Our Memorial Funds at Work**

You may have noticed a few new things at the church since we've gotten back into the building for Worship and Fellowship. You also may be wondering how we were able to make these improvements while our congregation was not meeting in person for worship.

Some committees worked remotely through the pandemic, and the gifts listed below are the results of those efforts. Feedback received from various members of our congregation prompted some of the changes. All of the recommended improvements to our church were prayerfully considered by the members of the committees and by the Session and were paid for with special memorial donations; neither general offerings nor budgeted funds were used.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the new Glory to God hymnal that is now at home in our pews was a purchase made using funds designated for music by the Delores Himle Memorial account. The new air filtration systems seen at the rear of the sanctuary and in the Golden Room were purchased to provide a healthier environment for our congregation while in the building, again, a gift from the Delores Himle Memorial account.

The new blue pew cushions, the church's redesigned website by a professional company, and the updated sound and camera equipment for recording our services were donated by the Dan & Marie Kaufeld Memorial account. The sound and camera equipment was also funded by a memorial gift for John Schwen.

We have new Celebration of Life banners that were donated by the Thomas & Helen Ferry Memorial account.

We have also received two grants that Pastor Amanda applied for through our presbytery that will be used to improve our technology systems at the church. One was for \$200 and the other was for \$2,500.

To recognize these generous gifts purchased to glorify God, we will have a special Dedication Service to receive them on Sunday, September 19th. It will be a day of celebration with Sunday School once again being in session and the choir singing joyfully for worship. Please mark your calendars and come celebrate the day that the Lord has made!

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder

# **We need new deacons, ruling elders, and nominating committee members and we need your help!**

This year the nominating committee is distributing nomination forms for officers. We want the congregation to think about who has gifts to serve and could be a great leader as a deacon or ruling elder or nominating committee member next year.

Below are the requirements and job description. Nomination forms will be on the back table of the fellowship hall. Please turn them into the church office.

## **First Presbyterian Church Nomination for Officers**

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the next class of church officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination form directly to the church office, to a Nominating Committee member or via email to [presbykasson@kmtel.com](mailto:presbykasson@kmtel.com). The Nomination Forms will be available through the month of September.

**Consider the following qualifications before completing the form:**

### **Church Involvement**

- regular attendance at Sunday worship and participation in church activities
- areas of service in church ministries
- demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission

### **Christian Living**

- love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior
- strong faith
- demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work, community)
- spiritual maturity
- acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's work in the world and guide for Christian living

### **Personal Characteristics and Skills**

- cooperativeness; willingness to learn and listen
- ability to follow through on assignments
- openness to new ideas

## **FAQ's about serving on church leadership:**

### **Deacon**

#### **What is a deacon?**

A deacon is a servant of the church, they participate in the caring for church members. It is the duty of deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.

#### **What gifts are required?**

A heart for people. The gifts of sympathy, compassion, and sound judgment in ministry to others.

#### **What is the time commitment of a deacon?**

Deacons meet at least four times per year. (September, November, February, May) If deacons are helping with special church events, other meetings may be needed. Deacons serve for three years.

### **Ruling Elder**

#### **What is a ruling elder?**

A ruling elder is a member of Session. Ruling elders, together with ministers of word and sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church.

**What gifts are required?**

The gifts of good judgment and fair-mindedness. They need to be a spiritual leader with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the congregation. They need to care about Christian education and worship. Ruling elders are responsible for ensuring that worship happens each Sunday morning.

**What is the time commitment to be a Ruling Elder?**

Ruling elders are expected to attend monthly Session meetings. Session currently meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Ruling elders are also expected to serve on at least one church committee. Depending on the committee that could be a monthly, quarterly, or twice a year commitment. Ruling elders are asked to attend one Presbytery meeting during their time on Session. Ruling elders serve for three years on Session.

**What else do Ruling Elders need to do?**

They are expected to read the monthly documents in preparation of the Session meeting. Ruling elders need to attend all stated and special Session meeting. Ruling elders are expected to support the decisions of Session

**I served on Session years ago. Has anything changed?**

Pastor Amanda does her best to keep Session meetings to an hour and tries to give advance notice if the meeting will go longer. We have adopted a consent agenda which means that committees do not read their meeting minutes during the Session meeting. This has saved us time and has given us the opportunity to focus on other church needs.

**Nominating Committee Member****What does a nominating committee member do?**

Nominating committee members are expected to find new candidates for church leadership- deacons and ruling elders. This is done with input from the congregation.

**What gifts do I need to serve on nominating committee?**

Members are encouraged to have the gifts of spiritual discernment. They need a wide knowledge of members of the congregation and to seek God's will for the leadership of the congregation.

**What is the time commitment to serve on Nominating committee?**

Members are expected to attend three meetings- August, September, and October. Nominating committee members-at-large only serve for one year

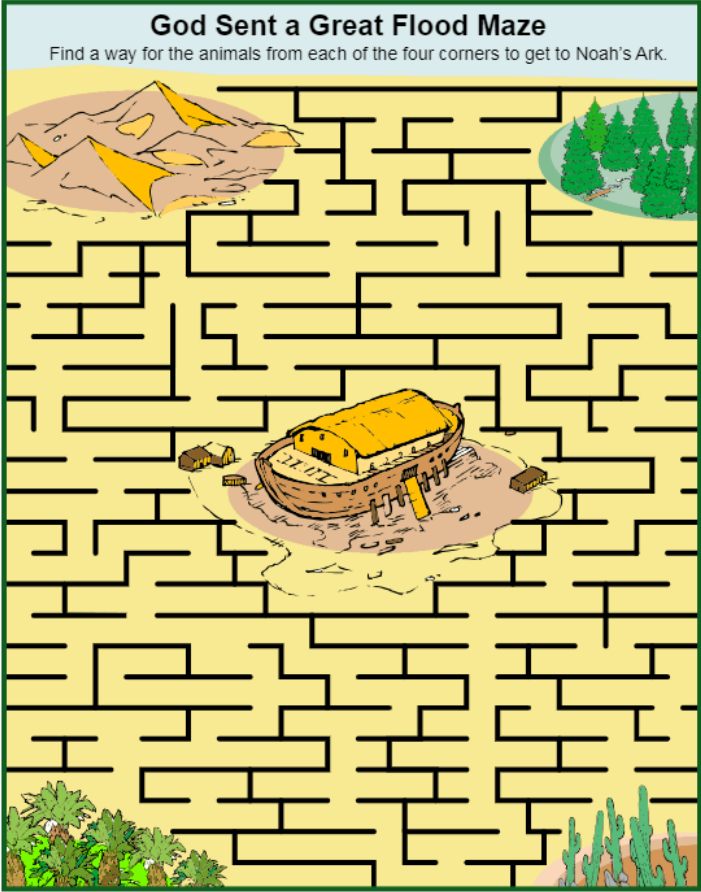
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**\*\*\* HELP WANTED \*\*\***

Help wanted! We are looking for people interested in helping run the updated AV system we use to record church services. With the new camera, there is no need to physically adjust it, all you need to do is press a button to have the camera automatically switch between views for various parts of the service. Talk to Paul Riggs or Dan Kaufeld if you'd like to do this, we'll give you guidance and a "cheat sheet" with instructions.



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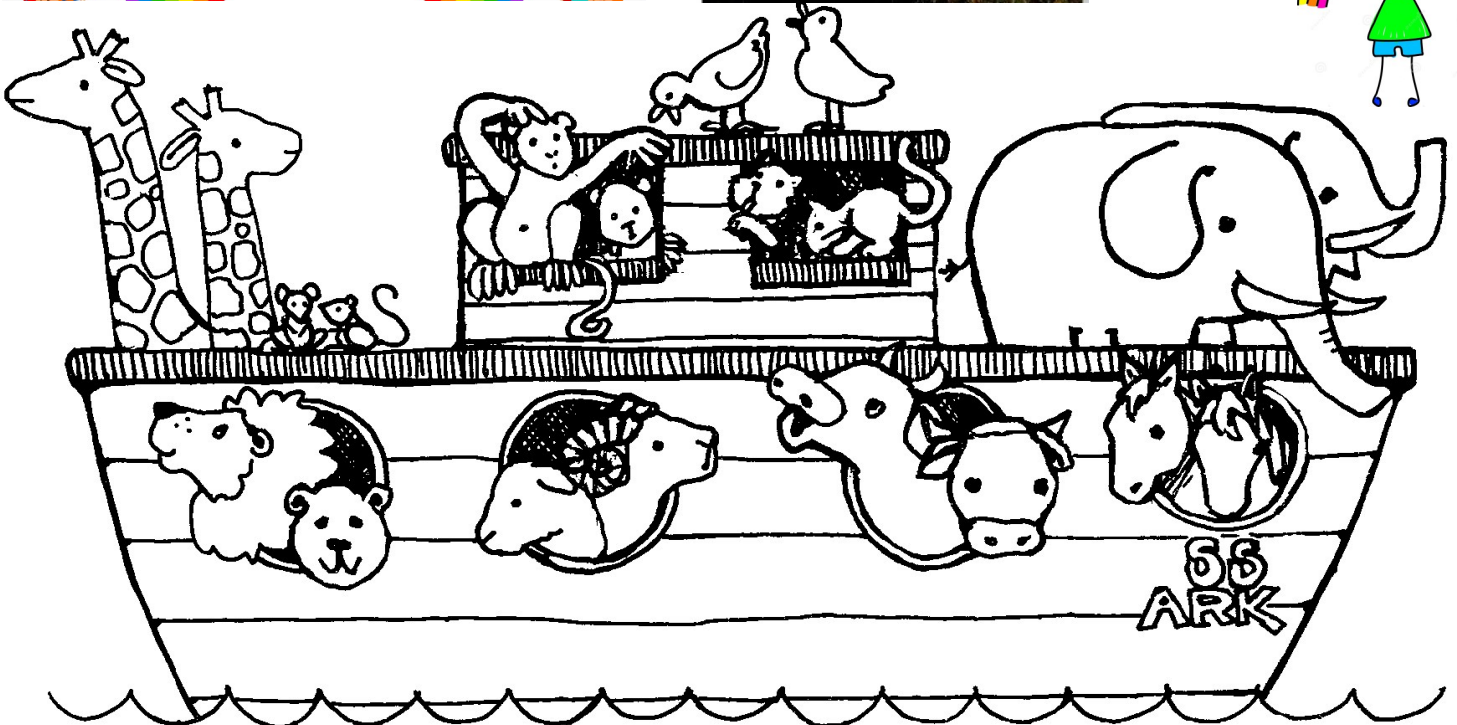
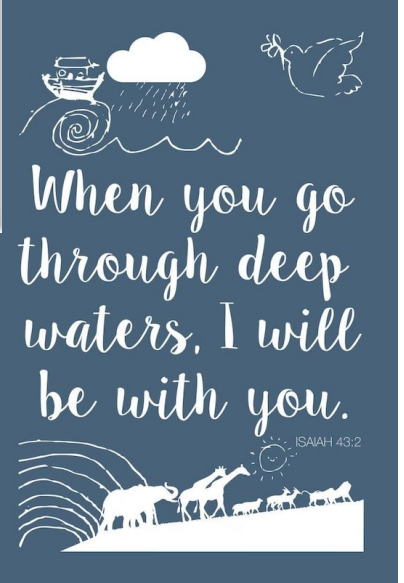
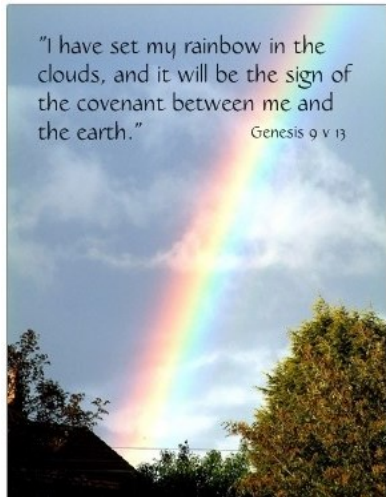
One day God said to Noah, "There are many bad things in the world and I will wash them all away with a great flood."

## Genesis 6:19



Bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."  
Genesis 9 v 13







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2 Membership Comm. mtg @ 7 PM at church	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7  Worship Comm mtg 7 PM at church	8  “Pie in the Park” Event 6:30 PM Veterans Mem Park - West Pavilion	9	10  Marigold Days In Mantorville →	11
12  Worship starts @ 10 AM  Marigold Days In Mantorville	13  Session Mtg 7 PM at church	14	15	16	17	18
19  Sunday School Starts	20	21	22  Deadline for Newsletter	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Notes